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## WHISTLEBLOWER SUIT

# Haven to pay \$5M in claims



Photos by CARL MCKINNEY/Lake City Reporter

## Hospice settles Medicare fraud case

It's not clear which alleged improprieties occurred locally.

By CARL MCKINNEY  
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Haven Hospice, which operates the Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City and four other facilities in North Florida, has agreed to pay the federal government more than \$5 million to settle a lawsuit over alleged Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced the agreement Thursday.

The no-fault settlement does not implicate Haven



**TOP:** The Suwannee Valley Care Center on West U.S. 90 in Lake City. **ABOVE:** The local branch is one of five the company operates.

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## Congress acts to avoid shutdown

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led Congress narrowly passed a temporary spending bill to avert a government shutdown Thursday, doing the bare minimum in a sprint toward the holidays and punting disputes on immigration, health care and the budget to next year.



Trump

The measure passed the House on a 231-188 vote over Democratic

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CARL MCKINNEY/Lake City Reporter

## Lap time

Ty Riendeau, 4, whispers his Christmas wish to Santa at the Lake City Mall Thursday afternoon. Ty said Santa considers Christmas his favorite holiday, despite having to work.

## ADMIN BUILDING

# County may be looking to buy

Current plans call for new construction, but board may consider existing structures.

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As the county considers spending \$8 million or more to build a new headquarters on Lake Jeffery Road, one official says there are potentially cheaper options worth considering.



Murphy

A 24,000 square-foot building downtown would cost the county less than \$1 million, and there are other properties on the market that could offer additional space, County Commission Chairman Tim Murphy suggested during a meeting Thursday.

"I'm not saying this is the way to go, but ... it's something we as a government board need to explore," Murphy said.

Built in 1968, the former Bank of America building downtown has more than 100 parking spots and can accommodate the Tax

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## Woman badly hurt in 2-vehicle accident

By CARL MCKINNEY  
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A Fort White woman suffered serious injuries in a two-vehicle crash late Thursday morning near County Road 138 and Southwest Don Cook Way, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Lauren Woodall, 19, was airlifted to UF Health Shands after the collision occurred around 10:42 a.m.

Woodall was driving south in a 2009 Chevrolet on Don Cook Way when she failed to stop at a sign at the intersection with CR 138, according to FHP.

Julia Trowbridge, 24, also of Fort White, was driving west on CR 138 in a 1995 Mitsubishi and couldn't avoid Woodall's Chevrolet.

The Mitsubishi struck the left

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### Today

#### 'Baby & Me'

"Baby & Me," a library program for parents and babies, is held on Fridays at 11 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more information about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

#### No dinner and dancing

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center's Friday night dances are postponed until Friday, Jan. 5.

### Saturday

#### Farmers market

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday in the parking lot at Marion Avenue and Duval Street, across from the Courthouse Annex. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors will find vegetables, dairy products, eggs and baked goods. In most cases, produce is locally grown in small gardens with no pesticides or chemical fertilizers. The farmers market is a project of the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency. For more information, call 386-719-5766 or visit market.lcfla.com.

#### Christmas open house

The Lake City-Columbia County Historical Museum (157 SE Hernando Ave., Lake City) will hold a Christmas open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet a Victorian-style Santa Claus and enjoy cookies and cocoa.

#### Potluck dinner

A potluck dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. occurs each Saturday at either Lake Butler Elementary School or Lake Butler Social Club. Dress code is casual dressy and special occasion. Admission is \$10 for club members or \$12 for guests. To confirm dancing location or for more information, call Sharon Davis at 813-679-5390.

### Sunday

#### Bingo games

Bingo games are offered every Sunday, Monday and Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd. in Lake City. There are three \$250 jackpots each night. Quarter games are played at 3 p.m. For more, call 752-7776.

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MURPHY

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Collector and Property Appraiser offices, Murphy told the Lake City Reporter after the meeting.

"My goal is to determine whether these are feasible buildings to consider for the county's future space needs," Murphy said.

Tom Eagle, one of the building's owners, originally put it on the market for \$1.6 million, but is offering it to the county for \$950,000.

"I'd like the county to be able to get it, rather than an investor," Eagle said.

Murphy's idea encountered resis-

tance from Commissioner Bucky Nash during the meeting.

Nash said the county has traveled down that road before.

Every time the commission gets close to a solution for its administrative space needs, it ends up backing off to research other options, Nash said.

"When we get to this point, we keep going back to look at these buildings," he said. "...It's getting old."

The county is holding a special meeting Jan. 25, where commissioners will weigh their options for administrative space, pick a plan and hash out the details, Murphy said.

The current proposal is to borrow \$8 million for the construction of a

50,000 square-foot facility.

Faced with proposals from six different banks, the commission on Dec. 7 favored a 15-year fixed rate loan with a 2.28 percent interest rate from Chase Bank.

The county currently spends about \$280,000 per year in rent to house various departments, County Manager Ben Scott previously said.

The bulk of that money, around \$180,000, goes toward the facility housing the Supervisor of Elections.

Nash, during a Dec. 7 meeting, said the \$8 million loan would be paid off with cash the county was using for rent and additional revenue expected after the local Target distribution center's tax exemption expires in 2018.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." — James 1:19 (KJV)

Thought for Today

Sometimes you will never know the value of something, until it becomes a memory. — Dr. Seuss

Winning Lottery Numbers

Pick 3: (Thursday midday) 6-9-6
Pick 4: (Thursday midday) 6-4-6-9
Pick 5: (Thursday midday) 2-3-6-4-2

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CONGRESS

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opposition and then cleared the Senate, 66-32, with Democrats from Republican-leaning states providing just enough votes. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the measure.

The stopgap legislation would keep the government from closing down at midnight today. It has traversed a tortured path, encountering resistance from the GOP's most ardent allies of the military, as well as opposition from Democrats who demanded but were denied a vote on giving immigrants brought to the country as children and in the country illegally an opportunity to become citizens.

The wrap-up measure allows Republicans controlling Washington to savor their win on this week's \$1.5 trillion tax package — even as they kick a full lineup of leftover work into the new year. Congress will return in January facing enormous challenges on immigration, the federal budget, health care and national security along with legislation to increase the government's authority to borrow money.

Each of those items is sure to test the unity that

Republicans are enjoying now.

"Now it gets down to some very difficult decisions on how we move forward in the first and second quarter of next year," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of a powerful faction of hard-right Republicans. "There is a lot to do next month. I'm not worried today. I'll wait until January to be worried, OK?"

Democrats had initially pressed for adding their priorities to the measure, but once rebuffed on immigration they worked to keep the bill mostly free of additions, figuring that they'll hold greater leverage next month.

Among the items left behind was \$81 billion worth of disaster aid, which passed the House on a bipartisan 251-169 tally but stalled in the Senate. The measure would have brought this year's tally for aid to hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean, as well as fire-ravaged California, to more than \$130 billion. But both Republicans and Democrats in the Senate want changes, and it was among the items Democrats sought to hold onto for leverage next year.

"Democrats want to make

sure that we have equal bargaining, and we're not going to allow things like disaster relief go forward without discussing some of the other issues we care about," said powerful Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Immigration is among the most difficult issues confronting lawmakers in January.

President Donald Trump rescinded a Barack Obama order giving these so-called Dreamers protection against deportation, kicking the issue to Congress with a March deadline.

"They embody the best in our nation: patriotism, hard work, perseverance," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California told the chamber's Rules Committee on Thursday. "We should not leave them to celebrate the holidays in fear."

Trump and Republicans are pushing for additional border security and other immigration steps in exchange.

"The vast majority of Republicans want to see a DACA solution. They just want to see a DACA solution that's balanced," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., referring to the program's name, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Also left unfinished were bipartisan efforts to smash budget limits that are imposing a freeze on the Pentagon and domestic agencies, a long-term extension of the popular Children's Health Insurance Program for 9 million low-income kids and Senate legislation aimed at stabilizing health insurance markets.

Instead, lawmakers struggled to achieve the must-do: a \$2.1 billion fix for an expiring program that pays for veterans to seek care outside the Department of Veterans Affairs system; a temporary fix to ensure states facing shortfalls from the Children's Health Insurance Program won't have to purge children from the program; and a short-term extension for an expiring overseas wiretapping program aimed at tracking terrorists.

Trump weighed in on Twitter on Thursday morning to offer a boost — and a slap at Democrats.

"House Democrats want a SHUTDOWN for the holidays in order to distract from the very popular, just passed, Tax Cuts. House Republicans, don't let this happen. Pass the C.R. TODAY and keep our Government OPEN!" Trump tweeted.

CRASH

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side of the Chevrolet, which then rotated counter clockwise and came to a final rest on the south side of CR 138.

The Mitsubishi traveled off the north side of CR 138 and came to a final rest facing northwest.

Century EMS treated Trowbridge and took her passenger, Eli Kohn, to UF Health Shands for treatment after they suffered minor injuries, according to FHP.

HAVEN

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in any wrongdoing, a company spokesperson said.

The United States government had accused Haven of submitting false claims for medically unnecessary hospice care, according to the lawsuit.

Federal health programs typically only cover hospice care for patients with a life expectancy of less than six months, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Since June 2011, Haven submitted claims for at least 63 patients with stays longer than three years, the federal government alleged.

Some stayed for nearly six years.

Haven did not adequately support its diagnoses or maintained inconsistent data, according to the allegations, and many patients failed to show signs of decline throughout their time in the company's care.

"Haven either knowingly or recklessly failed to document a valid basis for the initial start of hospice care and/or subsequent hospice coverage," the U.S. Attorney's Office wrote in a statement.

In 2013, the company had a gross revenue of about \$63 million, according to the lawsuit, of which most of the benefits came from Medicare.

"Unfortunately, some health care providers seek to defraud Medicare by billing for unnecessary hospice services. Left unchecked, this misconduct would deplete funds available for terminally ill patients desperately in need of the relief that hospice care provides."

— Acting U.S. Attorney W. Stephen Muldrow

A Haven spokesperson said it was not clear which alleged improprieties occurred at the Suwannee Valley Care Center. The total cost of the settlement was \$5,085,024.

A former Haven staff physician, John Simons, filed the lawsuit through a whistleblower provision in the False Claims Act, which allows private citizens to sue on behalf of the federal government and receive a share of the recovered money.

Simons will get roughly \$900,000 of the proceeds from the Haven settlement.

Acting U.S. Attorney W. Stephen Muldrow said the costly settlement should serve as a warning to those involved in similar practices, according to a written statement.

"Unfortunately, some health care providers seek to defraud Medicare by billing for unnecessary hospice services," Muldrow said. "Left unchecked, this misconduct would deplete funds available for termi-

nally ill patients desperately in need of the relief that hospice care provides."

Shimon R. Richmond, an agent with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, said officials will not tolerate false claims for unnecessary medial services, according to a written statement.

"Working closely with our law enforcement partners, we will vigorously protect the integrity of our federal health care programs and hold health care companies accountable," Richmond said.

Haven Hospice President Gayle Mattson said the company is pleased with the amicable resolution to the case, instead of having to spend resources on expensive litigation, according to a written statement.

"So that we can focus on providing the highest quality of care for our patients and support for their families," Mattson said.

THE WEATHER

Weather forecast grid showing conditions for FRI, SAT, SUN, MON, TUE with icons and temperature ranges (HI LO).

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Friday, Dec. 22

Regional forecast map showing Friday's highs/Friday night's lows for various Florida cities and a forecast table for Saturday and Sunday.

Lake City Almanac section containing temperature statistics, precipitation, moon phase, and UV index information.

Weather by-the-day bar chart, weather history text, and sponsored by 'Get Connected' advertisement.





BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

## Rotarians donate toys

Members of the Lake City Rotary Club donated toys this week to the annual Elks Club Christmas Toy Drive that has been going on in Lake City for at least 75 years and is one of Columbia County's oldest Christmas efforts helping those less fortunate. Rotarians John Medina (from left), George Brannon and Mike Tatem hold a few of the toys donated. Brannon is also one of the toy drive's organizers for the Elk's Club.



COURTESY

## Chase collects coats for children

Eastside Elementary thanks Gaven Chase for including the school in his Eagle Scout project. Chase collected 31 coats for girls and 31 coats for boys in need of winter clothing. The coats were donated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from the following wards: Price Creek, Cannon Creek, Branford, Macclenny and Live Oak.

## Trump administration halts independent study of offshore oil inspections

The Trump administration has halted an independent scientific study of offshore oil inspections by the federal safety agency created after the 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine was told to cease review of the inspec-

tion program conducted by the federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. Established following the massive BP spill, the bureau was assigned the role of improving offshore safety inspections and federal oversight.

The order marks the second time

in four months that the Trump administration has halted a study by the National Academies. In August, the Interior Department suspended a National Academies study of potential health risks for people living near Appalachian surface coal mines.

Associated Press

# 9M sign up for Obamacare in strong display of confidence

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a remarkably strong show of consumer demand, nearly 9 million people signed up for "Obamacare" next year, as government numbers out Thursday proved predictions of its collapse wrong yet again.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said more than 8.8 million people have signed up in the 39 states served by the federal HealthCare.gov website.

That compares to 9.2 million last year in the same states — or 96 percent of the previous total.

The level exceeds what experts thought was possible after another year of political battles over the Affordable Care Act, not to mention market problems like rising premiums and insurer exits. On top of that, the Trump administration cut enrollment season in half, slashed the ad budget, terminated major payments to insurers, and scaled back grants for consumer counselors.

"This level of enrollment is truly remarkable, especially given the headwinds faced by the program," said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

President Donald Trump insistently predicted "Obamacare" would implode as he pursued unsuccessful efforts to repeal it in Congress. This week he incorrectly declared the GOP tax bill had essentially repealed it.

Despite all that, more than 1 million new customers signed up last week, ahead of a Dec. 15 deadline for HealthCare.gov. That's a sign of solid interest in the program, which offers subsidized private health insurance to people who don't have access to job-based coverage.

It's possible that final HealthCare.gov numbers

could end up somewhat higher than reported Thursday, partly because late sign-ups in the Midwest and the West have yet to be added in.

The nationwide enrollment total won't be known for weeks, since some states running their own health insurance markets — or exchanges — continue signing up customers through January.

Total national enrollment could wind up near last year's final number of 12.2 million.

"We know anecdotally that many state exchanges are running ahead of last year, (and) we could actually make up the national enrollment deficit with higher state-run exchange enrollment," said Chris Sloan of the consulting firm Avalere Health.

Among the HealthCare.gov states, Florida led in enrollments, with 1.7 million people so far. Texas was next, with 1.1 million. Sign-ups for those states could rise, since a deadline extension is available for people in hurricane-affected areas.

In Austin, Texas, a non-profit group that helps low-income working people surpassed its enrollments for last year, and then some. Foundation Communities signed up 5,323 people this year, or about 20 percent more than last year.

Health insurance program director Elizabeth Colvin credited squads of volunteers who helped steer consumers through a sign-up process that includes having to estimate their income for next year and other challenges.

"The number that came out today proves that Obamacare is working," said Colvin.

Lori Lodes, a former Obama administration official who once helped direct the enrollment campaign, said it's likely that last week saw the biggest number of sign-ups in the program's history.

## OBITUARIES

### Coretha Austin

Mrs. Coretha Austin, age 72 resident of Lake City, FL passed away December 19, 2017 at Haven Hospice terminating an illness. Born in Lake City, FL she was the daughter of the late Mr. Charlie & Mrs. Leola Hawkins. She received her education in the public schools of Columbia County. She was a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. She was employed at the Holiday Inn and the Sands Hotel until her health failed.

Survivors include 2 sons, Tony Austin, and Wilbert Austin; 3 daughters, Denise Powell, Thereasa Powell and Noche Powell, all of Lake City, FL, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Coretha Austin will be 2:00 pm Saturday, December 23, 2017 at New Day Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Lantz Mills, pastor; Rev. Nathaniel Williams,

officiating. Interment will follow in Watertown Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, December 22, 2017 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Arrangements entrusted to: **COOPER FUNERAL HOME**, 251 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D.

### Mary Elizabeth Wilcutts

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Wilcutts, 89, passed away early Monday morning at her home following an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late Eldred E and Elma Pusey Rogers. She is the widow of the late Walter Edward Wilcutts, Sr. and is preceded in death by one grand-

son Daniel Aaron Wilcutts. She had made Lake City her home for the past twenty one years after moving here from Hollywood, FL; she was a member of Snow Hill Christian Church in Snow Hill, MD. She enjoyed planting flowers but, most of all she loved being a grandmother.

She is survived by two sons Walter Edward Wilcutts, Jr. (Pricilla) Macclenny, FL; and Thomas Wilcutts, Lake City, FL; three daughters Geraldine Fronius (Michael Edward, Sr.) Hollywood, FL; Kathryn Honeycutt (Joel) Hollywood, FL; and Hope Carroll (Evison) Lake City, FL; one sister Gloria Nock (Charles Edward Nock, Sr.) Snow Hill, MD, eight grandchildren and

eleven great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and extended family also survive.

Funeral services for her will be conducted Friday December 22, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Eddie Blalock officiating. Visitation with the family will be held one hour prior to service. **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME** is in charge of all arrangements, 458 South Marion Avenue Lake City, FL. 32025. Please sign online guestbook at [www.parrishfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrishfuneralhome.com)

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ANOTHER VIEW

## Latvala's fall sends a clear message

Listen up, lawmakers: We Floridians are not sending you to Tallahassee to cheat on your wife, step out on your husband, make your children cry, spew racial slurs, grope an aide or put your hand up a lobbyist's skirt — especially when it's on our dime. Especially when each resignation leaves some of us without representation. Especially when we have to pay for contentious special elections to replace the shamed.

We are neither pruders nor nannies, and we are realistic enough to know that not everyone is a saint or an angel. We know that you, like the rest of us, are human and can err. But we have high expectations, and this year, they have been dashed left and right.

The latest to fall is Jack Latvala, a long-time Tampa Bay leader who was angling to become the next governor.

Latvala had vowed to fight the allegations, but gave up after the number of women alleging sexual misconduct grew. The final twist of the knife came with a retired judge's determination that Latvala appeared to have agreed to support a lobbyist's agenda if she had sex with him or let him touch her in a sexual way.

Latvala, a protégé of drug store giant Jack Eckerd, was a political fixture in Tallahassee. He was known for a volatile temperament and intimidating manner that at one time or another offended practically everybody.

Latvala's resignation removes the dark cloud under which the Legislature was going to operate when the session starts in early January. But jarring as it is, will it be enough to force a true shift in the culture of sexual misconduct, infidelity and many women's impression — likely not mistaken — that their sexual favors, their acquiescence to inappropriate touching, can move legislative mountains?

Aggrieved women must insist that's not the case. The lobbying firms for which they work must insist on their behalf. Legislative aides must find their voices and say No. If fired for rejecting advances, they should speak up about that, too.

Latvala's resignation is the third in the 40-member Senate this year. Frank Artiles, a Miami Republican, resigned in April after other senators rightly complained about his use of racial slurs; and Lake Worth Democrat Jeff Clemens resigned in late October after he acknowledged an affair with a lobbyist. These dramas were fueled by late-night drinking at local bars, a "Woo-hoo we're away from home" mentality and an overblown sense of power.

Allegations of sexual misconduct should not, alone, be a career-ender. In Latvala's case, retired Judge Ronald Swanson delivered a special master's report to the Senate Rules Committee, which concluded there was probable cause to launch a criminal investigation.

And Latvala brought up the very real specter of political backstabbing: "My political adversaries have latched onto this effort to rid our country of sexual harassment to try to rid the Florida Senate of me," he wrote in his resignation letter.

Could be. However, the judge concluded that Latvala likely played the title role in his own political suicide.

Negron has indicated he wants to clean up, saying: "State government should lead by example in instituting policies that ensure employees feel safe when they come to work and comfortable to confidentially report inappropriate behavior by any person."

That includes you, lawmakers. It's imperative to remember whom you really serve. You should act accordingly.

■ Miami Herald



## Make it a Merry Christmas!

Have you had a wonderful year? Or have you had more than your share of tragedy or loss? We usually anticipate joy and happiness for the holiday season. But life continues as usual; and it hands us some pleasant surprises, as well as some possible disappointments, and some not-so-pleasant surprises. But, by using a little positive psychology, you can make your Christmas season the best it can be, by the way you think, and by what you do. How do we do that?

The way we think: Look for the positive side of whatever happens. Focus on the doughnut, not the hole! If it rains out your plans, sit home by the fire and tell stories of happy Christmases past. If your turkey burns in your oven, load up the car and take them to your friendly local restaurant. And it will save you some work in the kitchen! Take a drive, with friends or family, and enjoy those Christmas lights spar-



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care about. What you think, and what you do, powerfully influence your attitude, and elevate your feelings.

Also, your environment: Your surroundings can help bring you up. Do you have favorite places that you like to visit? Your home, office, community center, or church, are all places that can offer you opportunities to help decorate a tree, a mantle, or to put up lights outside.

And, most important, may be your contacts with people you care about. Take time to call friends or relatives. Can you arrange to get together and celebrate? Reach out. There's so much happiness available, when you reach out with love. Christmas is what you make it. Try to make it your best Christmas ever. You deserve it.

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## Tax bill needn't be popular to succeed

With the passage of the Republican tax bill, we're now getting a debate over whether it will become more popular in time for the 2018 midterm elections. The answer? All that matters is its effect on the economy.

The bill is incredibly unpopular right now. Indeed, it's rare for Congress to pass anything this unpopular. Harry Enten documents it: This tax cut is more unpopular than tax hikes were during the presidencies of Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush.

It's not likely that will change a lot. The bill does give tax cuts to most people, at least for a few years. And conservative groups say they will spend millions to alert taxpayers to that. However, to the extent that people notice it — and it's unclear how many will — for most people the change will be small.

Polling suggests that taxpayers are fairly cynical about all of this, and believe (with good reason, in this case) that the wealthy and corporations will benefit most. That perception won't change even if they realize that they, too, have received some benefit. Meantime, after experts have fully absorbed what's in the bill, we can expect another round of reporting about all the goodies for rich folks and Republican-aligned interest groups.

Republicans have been selling this as a tax simplification to ease the burden of filing taxes. Remember when we were going to be able to file taxes on a postcard? That didn't happen. Don't forget, too, that people generally care more about losses than gains. Many households will be able to take a larger standard deduction, and fewer will itemize deductions. But I strongly suspect that quite a few taxpayers will be more upset about losing deductions even if they wind up doing slightly better. It sounds bizarre, but people can be irrationally loss-averse.

However, the tax bill may be polling badly for reasons that have little to do with the details of the bill.



Jonathan Bernstein  
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This is a tax bill being pushed by Donald Trump, who is very unpopular, and Republican congressional leaders, who are also very unpopular.

The good news for Republicans is that none of that matters much. Right now, they plan to run on these tax cuts, and Democrats plan to run against them. But the midterm elec-

The economic effects of the tax bill could still be very important, however. Economic performance isn't the only factor that matters in elections.

tions are almost a year away, and there's no way to predict what will be on voters' minds then. There's a very good chance that after the tax bill fades from the headlines, it will be mostly forgotten.

Obamacare was the major issue raised by Republicans in 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016, long after the original bill had passed. That attests in part to unusual discipline among Republican politicians and the Republican-aligned media. It was also probably a consequence of a Republican Party that wasn't generating a lot of policy ideas to run on. Also, the Affordable Care Act turned out to be very good at generating news: court cases, state battles over Medicaid expansion,

the botched roll-out of marketplaces and yearly reports on premiums and enrollments. None of those conditions is likely to apply here.

But even the extraordinarily contentious Obamacare probably didn't drive that many votes. People aren't single-issue voters, for the most part. They typically choose who to vote for, and then find reasons to justify their decisions. So, yes, it's possible that partisan Republicans will say that they're voting for Republican congressional candidates in 2018 because of the tax bill, and partisan Democrats will say the opposite. But those voters would vote the same way, tax cuts or no tax cuts. There is some evidence that Obamacare directly influenced the 2010 election (although I remain skeptical), but most of the time, most congressional action doesn't produce a direct effect in the voting booth.

The economic effects of the tax bill could still be very important, however. Economic performance isn't the only factor that matters in elections. We can see that in the GOP's poor 2017 outcomes, in which Trump's unpopularity took precedence over a fairly strong economy.

That doesn't mean the economy no longer matters. If Republicans are correct and the economy booms as a result of slashing corporate tax rates, that can overcome much of what's making Trump unpopular. Their party could emerge relatively unscathed in 2018 and be on solid ground in 2020. If, however, mainstream economists are correct and the tax bill has marginal effects at best, then Republicans will probably continue to suffer at the polls, just as they did in Virginia, New Jersey, Alabama and pretty much everywhere else people voted this year.

That's a lot more important than whether people tell pollsters they like the tax bill or not.

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## Have we forgotten about anyone?

Another holiday season is upon us and many are absorbed with Christmas shopping and looking for that gift that is just right for each one on our list. As one grows older the list seems to grow longer.

Each year I am reminded of how the hustle and bustle of shopping can cause our attention to focus more on things than on people. It is very easy to allow our focus to shift from what the real meaning of Christmas is to things that are far less important.

Most of you probably do not know who Hugh Haynie is, or should I say was; he died in 1999. Hugh was a political cartoonist. His cartoons could be seen in the Louisville Courier-Journal on the editorial page. But his work was

### CHRISTIAN CONCEPTS



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often published in the newspapers of America because Hugh had a way of making his point very clearly in the cartoons he drew.

I grew up in Jacksonville, reading the Florida Times-Union. Every year at Christmastime one of Hugh's cartoons ran in the paper that even as a boy touched my heart with its simple truth. I

The nature of Christ has not changed in over two millennia, He did not force His way into the inn then and He does not force His way into our thoughts and hearts today.

think it was published in the Christmas Eve edition, but I began to look for it every year.

The cartoon pictures a man going over what must be his Christmas list sitting at the bottom of a small hill of wrapped presents. In the top left portion of the cartoon is an artistic rendering of the face of Christ superimposed on the scene. The caption reads, "Now let's see. Have I forgotten anyone?"

It is a poignant reminder that during this time of the year that we celebrate the birth of our

Savior Jesus Christ. Our busy shopping schedule and hectic preparations for the big day can cause us to lose sight of the "Reason for the season."

That first Christmas was not celebrated then as it is now, nor attended with the same attention it receives today. In the grand scheme of things the birth of Christ went relatively unnoticed. The nature of Christ has not changed in over two millennia, He did not force His way into the inn then and He does

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## Jesus brings four emotions to us

This Sunday you may find yourself in a Christmas candlelight service in one of our many local churches celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. I want to encourage you to please attend one of these services as we celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise in the birth of Jesus Christ and watch for his second coming to make all things new.

In Jesus Christ we have hope, peace, joy and love. You can have a hope that is real because Jesus is the "Hope of Israel." You can have peace that is real because Jesus gives you his peace that is different from what the world offers. The peace that the world offers is replaced with fear when the circumstances change. Jesus gave his peace to his disciples the night before he was to be crucified the next day for the sins of the world.

Today Jesus gives his peace to those who believe in him. The reason why a person can have peace with God is because Jesus died for our sins according to Scripture, was buried (in a sealed tomb remind you) and raised on the third day. According to Scripture, he then appeared to the disciples and over 500 people. The Bible gives us this promise, "You keep him in perfect peace who mind is stayed on you because he trust in you," Isaiah 26:3.

Jesus gives us joy. The Bible often defines joy as an outward expression of excitement. This can be seen in the Old Testament when the people were celebrating the feast that the Lord had commanded to be kept. There was an outward expression of joy because God had



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provided for their needs that year. Joy is more than an outward expression of excitement, it is a work of the Holy Spirit producing his fruit through the life of a person who is in Christ Jesus. Joy is not defined by outward circumstances because Jesus had joy when he was on his way to the cross. We can have joy in our lives as we apply words of the psalmist to our lives: "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you your hearts desires," Psalm 37:4.

Not only does a believer have hope, peace and joy, they also have the love of God expressed in and through their lives. John writes, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers," 1 John 3:16. God demonstrates his love for us through Jesus Christ his Son. God's gift to you is his Son. If you are tired of having no hope, peace, joy or love in your life, then ask Jesus to come into your heart this Christmas. The best part about opening your heart to Jesus is that he is able to give you a clean heart no matter what sin you have committed.

Go ahead, open God's gift today!

■ Robert Bass is pastor of First Baptist Church of Lake City.

## Now is great time for true treasures

My husband and I went to the elementary school where our kindergarten and pre-K grandkids started in a Christmas program last week. Let me say thanks to every teacher and school staff who makes things like this program happen.

I can imagine the practices resemble herding cats, but wow is it worth it! We loved watching our grandson wearing reindeer antlers and doing the "Reindeer Hokey Pokey" (and accidentally falling off the step) while our granddaughter had every word and motion down from many hours of practice, at the top of her lungs. (Her brother was not a fan). Every parent and grandparent there no doubt left with a smile. It's

### HEART MATTERS



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one of those fun memories we can treasure in our hearts in the years to come.

Webster's dictionary defines the word treasure as a "cherished possession." The Bible says it this way: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures

Treasures then, are not things that can be stolen, destroyed or eventually belong to someone else. Surely, we have all figured out by now that "you can't take it with you."

in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," Matthew 6:19-21.

Treasures then, are not things that can be stolen, destroyed or eventually belong to someone else. Surely, we have all figured out by now that "you can't take it with you." The picture painted by this verse is that in order to protect our hearts, our treasure must be an investment in the things that can't be stolen, destroyed or left behind. The things we experience that leave us filled with joy or our mouths hanging

open in wonder qualify! As we celebrate Christmas this week, we can know that Mary certainly had plenty to treasure even though she placed God's newborn son in a feed trough and sacrificed the most basic of comforts.

"And there were shepherd living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

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# Church Directory

### BAPTIST

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Sunday Bible Study .....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Luncheon ..... 12 pm

Downtown Lake City • 386-752-5422  
Pastor: Robert C. Bass

#### Lantern Park Baptist Church

(Independent Baptist)

239 SE Llewellyn Ave • 386-752-5140  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ..... 6:30 pm  
Wed. Kids-A-Flame ..... 6:30 pm  
Pastor: Joshua Haney

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Wed. Mid-Week Worship ..... 6:30 pm  
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Pastor: Ron Thompson

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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Eve ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 pm  
Pastor: Mike Norman

### CATHOLIC

#### Epiphany Catholic Church

1905 SW Epiphany Court • 386-752-4470

Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 5 pm  
Sunday Mass ..... 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
Spanish Sunday Mass ..... 12:30 pm  
Sunday School/  
Religious Education... 9:15 am - 10:15 am

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### Lake City Church of Christ

656 SW State Rd. 47 • 386-752-6010

Sunday Bible Study ..... 9 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Minister: Brandon Britton  
www.lakecitychurchofchrist.org

### Northside Church of Christ

378 NW Gibson Lane • 386-755-0393

Sunday Bible Study ..... 9 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Minister: Philip J. Mobley Sr.  
www.thenorthsidecoc.com

### CHURCH OF GOD

#### Evangel Church of God

370 SW Monitor Glen • 386-755-1939

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
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Wed. Spiritual Enrichment ..... 7 pm  
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Pastor: John R. Hathaway

#### Lake City Church Of God

173 SE Ermine Ave. • 386-752-5965

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Morning Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 6:30 pm  
Pastor: Carroll Lee

### LUTHERAN

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Christian Education Hour (all ages)... 11:30 am  
Pastor: Stephen Fair

#### Grace Lutheran Church (CLC)

9989 CR 136 Live Oak • 386-364-1851

Sun School, Bible Class ..... 9:30 am  
Worship ..... 10:30 am  
The Church of the Lutheran Confession

#### Spirit of Christ (ELCA)

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Pastor: Rev. Joy Bolander

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Wed. Night Service ..... 7 pm  
Pastor: Randy Ogburn • 386-288-6143

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Youth Services - Wed ..... 7 pm  
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Pastor: Rev. Stan Ellis

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Sun. School ..... 9:15 am  
Sun. Worship ..... 10:30 am  
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Music Director/Worship Coordinator:  
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Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
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Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
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DEAR ABBY

# European vacation plans are tripped up by broken ankle, refund issues

**DEAR ABBY:** I had planned a trip to Europe with my friend "Elizabeth," a friend of hers and Elizabeth's daughter. The plan was I would share rooms with Elizabeth. We paid for the hotels in advance.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
www.dearabby.com

Shortly before our scheduled departure I fell, broke my ankle and couldn't go. We tried unsuccessfully to obtain some kind of refunds, and travel insurance paid only if the accident happened while we were actually traveling.

I was out \$2,000. Elizabeth's friend offered me \$500. Elizabeth, feeling some obligation, also offered me \$500. I feel guilty taking Elizabeth's money because she paid for herself and her daughter. I think the other woman should give me at least half — not just \$500 — because she derived 100 percent of the benefit. Also, she has never reached out to me directly at all.

No money has been received at this point. Should I just write it off? Or am I wrong to expect some of the money back?  
— MONEY WOES IN THE EAST

**DEAR MONEY WOES:** Yes, you are wrong. Nobody owes you anything. Accidents happen, but the broken ankle was your bad luck. It was generous of Elizabeth and her friend to offer you any money at all. My advice is to accept it graciously, write the rest off, and stop looking for someone to be mad at.

**DEAR ABBY:** One of my relatives has bipolar disorder, and as far as I know he takes medicine for it. However, at our

times after his death. Almost two years have passed now, and it appears getting the marker might not happen. Should I inquire about this with my cousins, offer to assist them in getting and placing the marker or let it go? I did place a small flag on his grave later in the day.  
— MILITARY SERVICE MARKER

**DEAR M.S.M.:** Discuss this with your cousins once more and ask if they would like you to pursue getting the marker for your uncle. There may be reasons why it hasn't happened — including that they may not be able to afford the expense. You will never know unless you inquire.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 18 years old and I have a son who's 3. I'm still in school and live with my parents. My parents treat me like I'm a nobody and always bring up how I got pregnant. They barely allow me to take my son anywhere. I still have to ask them if I can go to certain places.

**DEAR HOPING:** You have a point. A solution might be to talk directly with your relative and explain that if he's taking his medication — which means there will be no unpredictable outbursts — he is welcome to be your guest for Christmas. If not, however, he should make other plans.

**DEAR ABBY:** On Veterans' Day I visited my family's cemetery plot and noticed my closest uncle does not have a military service marker like his two older brothers do. "Uncle Claude" had frequently mentioned to me how important a service marker was to him. I discussed it with his two out-of-state children several

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support yourself and your child.

It is important for your future that you quit looking to your father for approval. He's wrong to take his frustrations out on you. You may have disappointed him, but you are not a failure. If there are other relatives with whom you and your child can live while you complete your education, please look into it.

**DEAR ABBY:** So often we learn from your column what a good marriage is NOT — how not to treat someone we love. Could you please describe for my granddaughter just what a strong, loving marriage IS? Paint a picture of what to look for in a husband and how to create a marriage that will last while bringing joy to both parties. Your experience can help me explain this to her.  
— PONDERING STILL IN HONOLULU

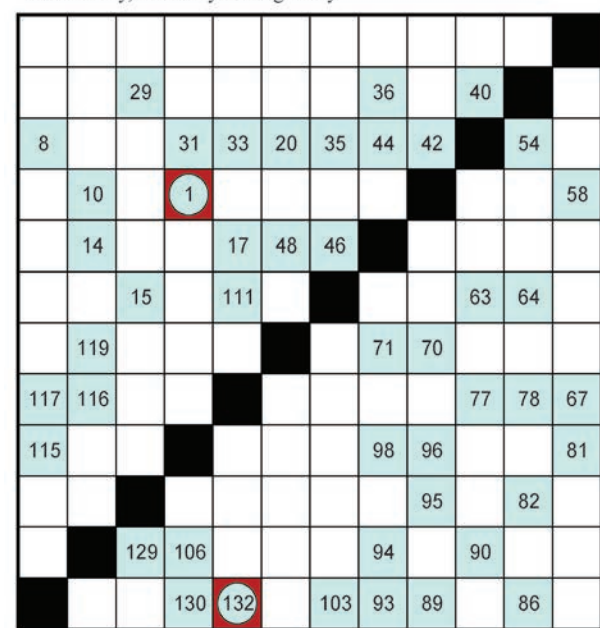
**DEAR PONDERING:** I can try. But before I do, I should mention that a good marriage may mean different things to different couples. To me, a good marriage is a solid partnership between two people who respect each other, care about each other and are mutually attracted. It helps if both have similar goals and values, and are willing to support each other in good times AND IN BAD. Like anything that's worthwhile, marriage takes work, patience and willingness to compromise. And of course, communication — which includes listening — is key.

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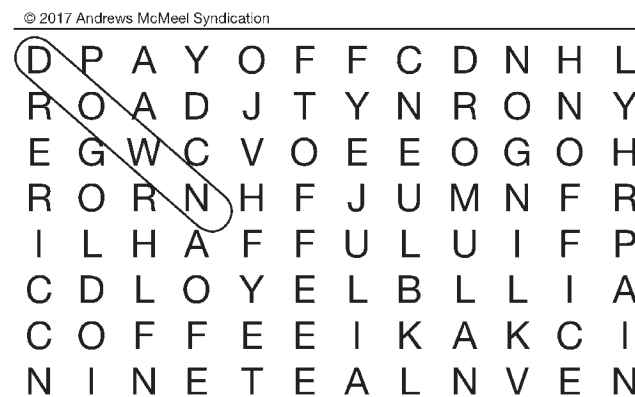


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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keep your life simple and use your intelligence and skills to help you maneuver through any situation or dilemma you face. Getting along with friends and relatives will require patience. Focus on what's important to you. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be taken advantage of if you give in to unreasonable demands. Concentrate on what you need to clear up before the year comes to a close. Set a course that will put pending finances, contracts or settlements to rest. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Strive to gain complete control over the matters that mean the most to you. Getting together with others and discussing your plans will help you gain support. Use your imagination and you'll come up with innovative solutions that will protect your status and reputation. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be careful how you approach relatives who may not share your opinions. It may be best to remain quiet and enjoy the festivities going on around you. Youngsters will bring you great pleasure. A personal relationship will

take an unusual turn. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Relationships should be your top priority. Taking care of loose ends and preparing to close the year on a high note are encouraged. Love and romance will give way to positive plans for the future. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Personal gains will be yours once you take care of the small but important details that are blocking you from following through with your plans. Discipline and hard work will pay off and make you look good. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't let people from your past disrupt your life and your future. Emotions will be stirred up if you attend a reunion or frequent some of the places you used to hang out. Personal changes will evolve if you do some soul-searching. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Financial matters will have to be dealt with carefully. An unrealistic expectation that doesn't materialize will leave you questioning what you should do next. Prudence should be your plan for now. Offer hands-on help, not money. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make positive changes at home. Sprucing up your surroundings or updating your image will give you the confidence to take part in the festivities happening at work or in your community. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Take charge and forge ahead with enthusiasm and determination. Refuse to let emotions take over. Know what you want and set your sights on reaching your destination regardless of what others do. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Tidy up loose ends at work or at home. Clear your calendar so you can enjoy the festivities going on around you. Refrain from overspending or trying to buy someone's love and affection. Personal change is encouraged. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Know exactly how much disposable cash you have on hand and don't spend a penny more. Use your imagination when it comes to updating the way you look or how you present what you want to do. ★★

## CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

**Dec. 22:** Actor Hector Elizondo is 81. Country singer Red Steagall is 79. TV anchor Diane Sawyer is 72. Guitarist Rick Nielsen of Cheap Trick is 69. Actress BernNadette Stanis ("Good Times") is 64. Rapper Luther Campbell (2 Live Crew) is 57. Guitarist Chuck Mead (BR549) is 57. Actor Ralph Fiennes is 55. Actress Lauralee Bell ("The Young and the Restless") is 49. Country singer Lori McKenna is 49. Actress Heather Donahue ("The Blair Witch Project") is 44. Actor Chris Carmack ("The O.C.") is 37. Singer Jordin Sparks ("American Idol") is 28. Singer Meghan Trainor is 24.

**Dec. 23:** Actor Ronnie Schell ("Gomer Pyle, USMC") is 86. Actor Frederic Forrest ("Lonesome Dove") is 81. Guitarist Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane, Hot Tuna) is 77. Drummer Ron Bushy of Iron Butterfly is 76. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer ("The Simpsons") is 74. Actress Susan Lucci ("All My Children") is 71. Guitarist Dave Murray of Iron Maiden is 61. Singer Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam is 53. Jazz trumpeter Irvin Mayfield is 40. Actress Anna Maria Perez de Tagle ("Hannah Montana," "Camp Rock") is 27. Actor Spencer Daniels ("Mom") is 25.

## JUMBLE

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

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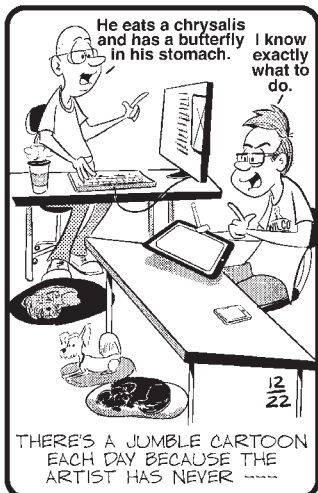
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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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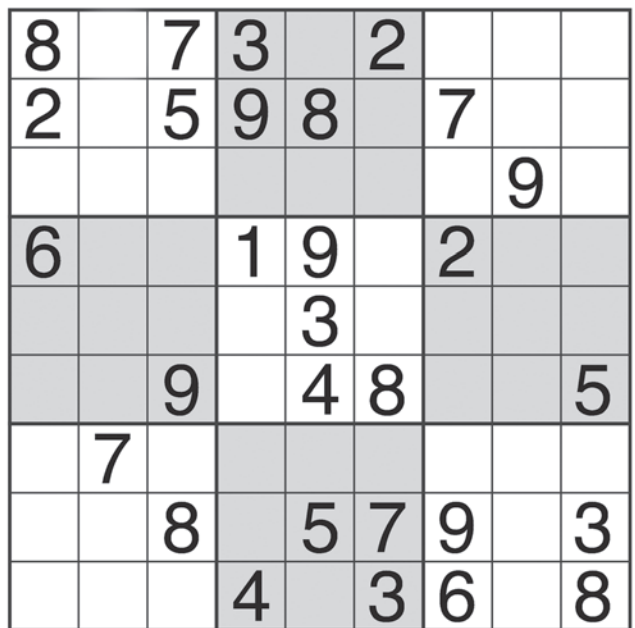


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: INEPT KNELT IMPACTED NOTARY  
Answer: The marsupial couple vacated together to get some — "KOALA-TY" TIME

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

## PLAY4

Actor Astin

Donkey + horse result

Globes

Buck, doe or kid

Smoke + fog

Continental monetary unit

Actress Jessica

(Hornet's [?] egg)

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**DILBERT**



**SNUFFY SMITH**



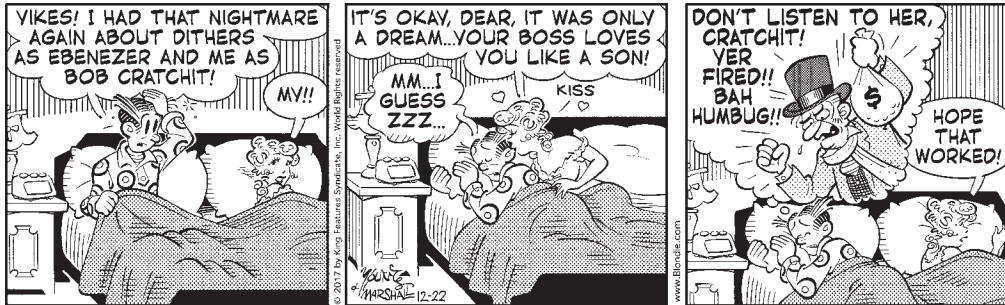
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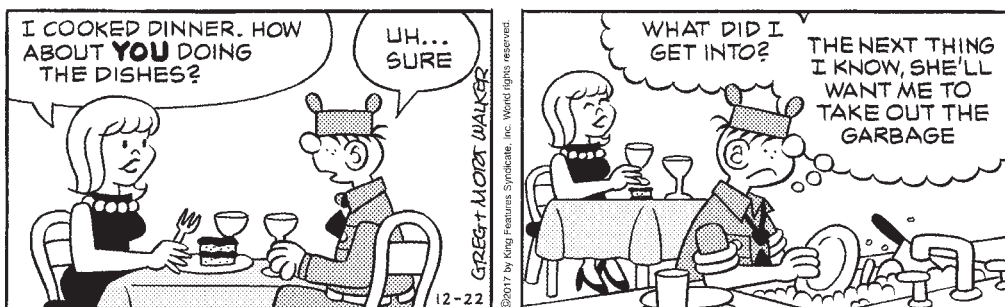
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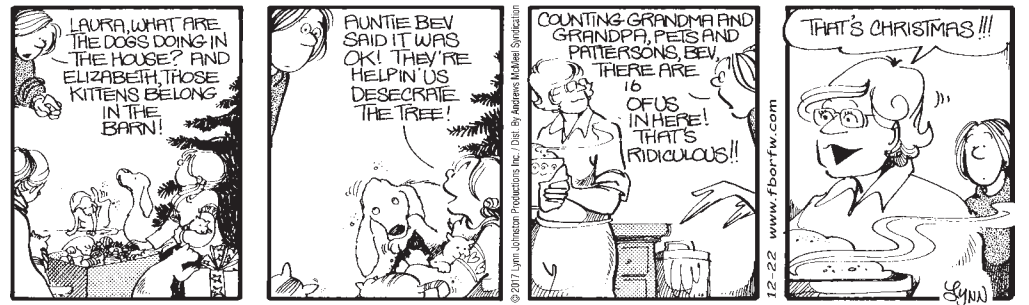
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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
by Luis Campos

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

“(ZENST GBATPBERD) CGT PVU ERZF  
ANTSMSGRCVE ULUB ZSLUY, CVE  
MGR'P KU BUJZGMUY KF TEAUERU.”  
— KSRD MBETKF

Previous Solution: “We’re born alone. We do need each other ... anyone you can get help from or give help to; that’s part of your obligation.” — Bill Murray

TODAY'S CLUE: *r equals f*

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**ACROSS**

- 1 On the ocean
- 5 Minor falsehood
- 8 Vat
- 11 Bamboo eater
- 13 Crack pilot
- 14 Word of inquiry
- 15 — salts
- 16 Vehicle for Ben-Hur
- 18 Pajama coverer
- 20 Flexible
- 21 Deed holder
- 23 Koppel of the news
- 24 Form 1040 expert
- 25 Make a tunnel
- 27 Touche provoker
- 31 NBA official
- 32 Like
- 33 Depend (on)
- 34 Locale
- 36 To be, to Brutus
- 38 “Norma —”

**DOWN**

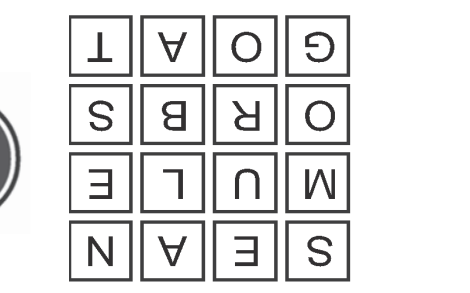
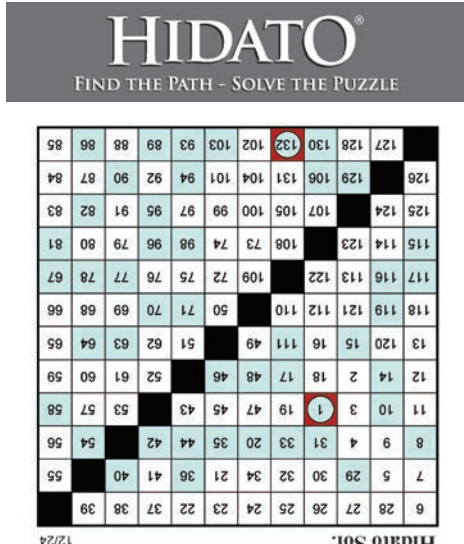
- 39 Painter — Chagall
- 40 Luau instruments
- 41 Gary's st.
- 42 Pants problem
- 44 Burn with steam
- 46 — on (incited)
- 49 Iffy attempt
- 50 Prom-night must
- 52 Prodded along
- 56 Shogun's yes
- 57 Chinese dynasty
- 58 Each one
- 59 Hall-of-Famer Mel —
- 60 Passe
- 61 Rochester's Jane

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

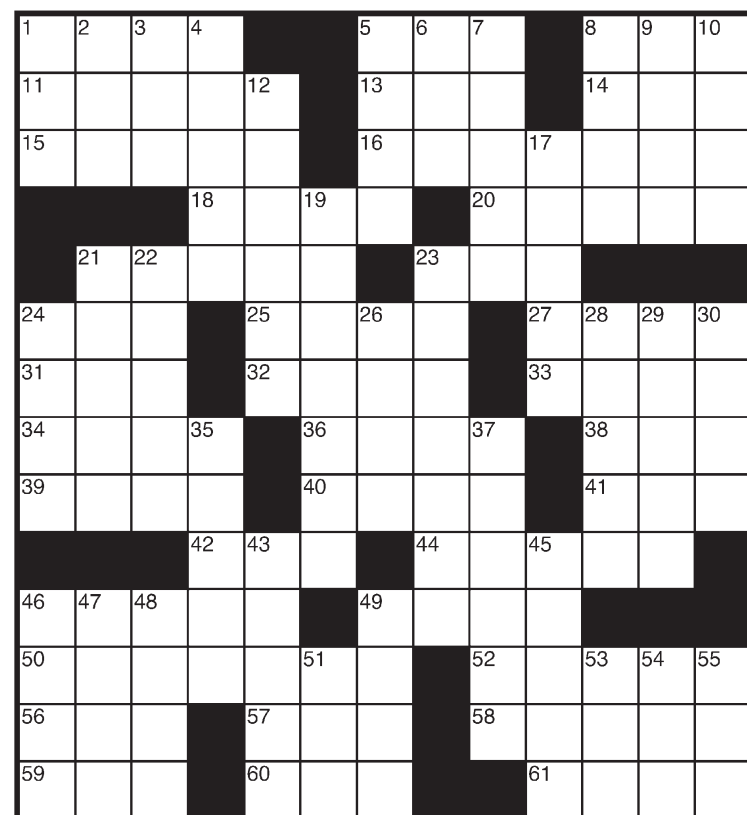


- 5 Visage
- 6 Freud, to himself
- 7 “— Street Blues”
- 8 Bothersome one
- 9 Yikes! (hyph.)
- 10 Memory unit
- 12 Protozoan
- 17 Subway patron
- 19 Split (2 wds.)
- 21 Met production
- 22 Thin cookie
- 23 Most high-strung
- 24 Study hard
- 26 Hazard
- 28 Jeopardy
- 29 Kudu cousin
- 30 Watched
- 35 Farm measure
- 37 Break loose
- 43 Spud state
- 45 Over
- 46 Sound bounce
- 47 Capricorn
- 48 Pluckiness
- 49 Transmit
- 51 Milk qty.
- 53 Essential
- 54 Make a blunder
- 55 Do batik

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**



Answers to Friday's puzzle: DOWN DOOR ROAD PAIN NINE / PAYOFF TOFFEE / OFFICE COFFEE OFFEND / TEAL GOLD GRAY BLUE / KLINGRON ROMULAN / JULIA ERIC





## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Christmas concert

■ First United Methodist Church (973 S. Marion Ave., Lake City) invites residents to experience what Christmas is really about by attending a free Advent music organ and piano concert from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. today. For more information, call Dave Malone at 801-502-4842 or 386-963-3945.

### Christmas services

■ New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church (550 NE Martin Luther King Jr. St., Lake City) will host a Christmas Eve service at 9:39 a.m. Sunday.

■ First Presbyterian Church (697 SW Baya Drive, Lake City) invites residents to join them on Christmas Eve in celebration of Christ's birth. The morning service will be at 10:30 a.m. and a candlelight service will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 386-752-0670 or visit [www.fpcl.org](http://www.fpcl.org).

■ Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (9989 County Road 136, Live Oak) will present candlelight services at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Sunday). Christmas Day worship will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday. For more information, call 386-364-1851.

### GriefShare changes schedule for holidays

First United Methodist Church offers a nondenominational Bible-based support group on Tuesdays for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The group meets from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in the church's

fellowship hall. The group will not meet Dec. 26 or Jan. 2 because of the holidays. Meetings are open to the community, and participants do not have to attend every session. For more information, call 386-752-4488.

### Clothing ministry

The Angels of Mercy, the outreach ministry of San Juan Catholic Mission in Branford, will open its Community Outreach Clothes Closet from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at the church, 304 SE Plant Ave. in Branford. Needy residents are invited to visit the mission to find the clothing, jackets or blankets they need — free of charge. Also, for any residents who would like to contribute to the closet, the mission accepts donations of clean, slightly worn items, including winter jackets, clothes and blankets for children and adults. There is always a great need for baby clothing.

### AWANA program

Gateway Baptist Church's AWANA program is held each Sunday. AWANA is a Bible-based club divided into age appropriate groups so children can learn and interact with other children their age. Children participate in Council Time (Bible story), Handbook Time (memorizing scripture) and Game Time (unique fun and games). AWANA begins each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. Each week there is a light supper and then activities begin. Dismissal is at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 386-755-4447.

## TREASURE

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"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God ..." Luke 2:8-13.

The shepherds then did what any of us would do: they went to check this out and confirm what they had heard! "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it

were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart," Luke 2:17-19.

It seems that maybe that feed trough became a treasure to Mary after all, for it was the sign that the angels gave those shepherds to know for sure that God's Son had been born. Makes you wonder that while they were sharing all they had seen and heard, if Mary wasn't "pondering" her own visit with the angel Gabriel just nine months earlier and seeing all that he had told her come to pass. These were Mary's treasures: God's promises being fulfilled and the blessings that He had provided her. She just had to look past what wasn't there to see them.

What treasures are you storing up? Can they be destroyed, stolen from you or will they be left

for someone else when you leave this earth? Christmas is a great time to think about where your treasure is: count your blessings, dig out past memories and enjoy them and be on the lookout for new ones this holiday. Remember that where your treasure is, there your heart is also ... and your heart matters!

Celebrate and have a Merry Christmas!

■ Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences, and offers biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families.



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## HOLIDAY

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not force His way into our thoughts and hearts today.

If we are not careful, His birth and its significance will go, even amid the lights and festivities, as unnoticed today as it did then. Now let's see. Have we forgotten anyone?

"The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a Light dawned," Matthew 3:16.

■ Gary B. King can be reached at [garybkingcc@gmail.com](mailto:garybkingcc@gmail.com).

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## Christmas Eve Services

December 24th, Sunday

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BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia's Daniel Burns (right) fights for a loose ball against Bishop Kenny Thursday night. Columbia fell 2-1 at home after defeating Suwannee 4-0 on Tuesday night. The Tigers will be back on the field trying to bounce back at Lincoln on Jan.8. More photos from Thursday's non-district match on 4B.

# SLIPPING AWAY

*Ramirez late goal pushes Bishop Kenny past Columbia at home Thursday night*

By ERIC JACKSON  
 ejackson@lakecityreporter.com

The Tigers applied pressure, registering shot after shot. Columbia had its chances, finding high percentages shots throughout the non-district contest, but the Tigers couldn't capitalize against Bishop Kenny's senior goalkeeper Nick Sikorski.

Camilo Ramirez's late goal in the 75th minute, along with Sikorski's 10-save night, helped the Crusaders edge the Tigers 2-1. Columbia goalkeeper Caleb Strickland also starred with 10 saves yet it wasn't enough to avoid a home loss on Thursday night.

The Tigers' solid defensive first half was overshadowed by surrendering a pivotal penalty kick in stoppage time before intermission. Despite scoring a goal in the second half, Columbia boys couldn't force the tie – unraveling in the final minutes.

"We have a tendency to play down to our opponents," said Columbia coach Shayne Edge. "It doesn't matter what we do if we continue to get



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penalties in the box. And then they get the penalty kick – we can't ask Caleb to do that every game. We will lose every game if we continue to do that."

Columbia (7-5-2) didn't back down though in the second half against Bishop Kenny (5-5). Trailing by a point, the Tigers answered when Jacob Cox got loose for a header in the 43rd minute. A goal of relief which came after several near scores.

Columbia's luck wouldn't last though. The injury-riddled Tigers kept scratching – with shots bouncing off the crossbar – yet failed to get another ball past Sikorski.

"He did a great job," Edge said of Sikorski. "Me and coach Trevor [Hickman] talked about it, we should have been closer to 4-1. He did a good job and you have to give them credit... They came in and beat us."

After suffering their second loss of the week, the Tigers look to take advantage of the upcoming three-week long break. Columbia retakes the field against district foe Lincoln on Jan. 8. The Tigers hope to come back recharged, ready for more action.

"We're not in shape," Edge added. "We're not running fast enough. We're wore out. We've played a lot of games. I told them 'hopefully Santa Claus is nice to y'all so we can come out on Wednesday and start getting our legs back'... We need to recharge."

NFL



COURTESY

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles is the NFL's most prolific passer in December.

## Trash? Bortles 'making guys eat those words'

By MARK LONG  
 Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles kicked Jadeveon Clowney's "trash" talk to the curb.

Clearly frustrated following a 45-7 loss at Jacksonville on Sunday, Clowney called Bortles trash after the game. Bortles got his first chance to respond Wednesday and handled the latest insult as well as he has opposing defenses in recent weeks.

"If how we're playing and how I'm playing is trash, then I'm fine with being trash," Bortles said.

Bortles is the NFL's most prolific passer in December. He has thrown for 903 yards, with seven touchdowns and no interceptions in three games in the playoffs-defining month. He completed 21 of

29 passes for 326 yards and three touchdowns against the Texans.

"I've heard a lot of stuff, and I imagine some of the stuff I didn't see somebody told me," Bortles said. "I'm sure there are things out there that I have no idea about, but I could care less."

The Jaguars (10-4) clinched a playoff spot with their seventh victory in eight games and can win the AFC South for the first time since its inception in 2002 with a win at San Francisco (4-10) on Sunday.

Bortles has been a big reason for the franchise's resurgence.

But that hasn't stopped opponents from taking shots at the fourth-year pro who entered this season with a reputation for turning the

QB continued on 4B



CHRISTINA FEAGIN/Special to the Reporter

## Doubleheader action

Fort White's Myles McClain makes a move in the lane. The Indians fell to Newberry 59-49 on Thursday night. The Lady Indians also fell in their matchup 59-44 versus Newberry.



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TV LISTINGS

Table with columns for TV listings including College Basketball, Soccer, and Rugby. Includes details for various games and networks like ESPN, NBCSN, and CBS.

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FRIDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 22, 2017

Large grid table for Friday evening TV listings. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Rows list various shows like Shark Tank, The Dick Van Dyke Show, and The Christmas Cottage.

SATURDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 23, 2017

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CASE NO: 17-125-CA  
SUBBRANDY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.

FLORE ALPHONSE, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FLORE ALPHONSE AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS AND ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, IF ANY Defendants.

AMENDED CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2017 in Case No.: 2017-125-CA of the Circuit Court, of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County, Florida, in which Subbrandy Limited Partnership is Plaintiff and Flore Alphonse, if living and if dead, Unknown Spouse of Flore Alphonse and any and all Unknown Parties Claiming by, through, under and against the herein named Individual Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as Spouses, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants and Any Unknown Tenants in Possession, if any, are Defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Columbia County Courthouse, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Third Floor, in Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on February 7, 2018, the following described property set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

Lot 6, Ashley Acres, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 32-33, Columbia County, Florida, subject to restrictions recorded in Official Records Book 941, Pages 408-409, Columbia County, Florida, and subject to Power Line Easement.

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

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carrianna Cooper, Court Administration at 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055, 386-758-2163 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated: December 20, 2017  
P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Court  
By: /s/ S. Weeks  
Deputy Clerk

394464  
December 22, 29, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2017-285-CP  
Division Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAISY LEE CASON  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Daisy Lee Cason, deceased, whose date of death was June 2, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE

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AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 15, 2017.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ William C. Cason  
15791 SW State Road 47  
Fort White, Florida 32038

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ John J. Kendron  
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393782  
December 15, 22, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 63-2017-DR-0167

Division:  
Gwain Dale Roberts,  
Petitioner  
and  
April Lynn Roberts,  
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: April Lynn Roberts, 364 SE Andrew Dr, Lake City, FL 32025

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Gwain Dale Roberts whose address is 364 SE Andrew Dr, Lake City, FL 32024 on or before January 12, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 55 W Main, Lake Butler, FL 32054 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: Non

Copies of all court documents in the case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNER: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: December 13, 2017  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Crystal Norman  
Deputy Clerk

393888  
December 15, 22, 29, 2017  
January 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 17-566-DR  
Division:  
Jacqueline Bailey,  
Petitioner,  
and  
Gerald Bailey,  
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Gerald Bailey, 8273 Kimberly Diamond Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89139

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jacqueline Bailey whose address is 983 NW Moore Road, Lake City, FL 32055 on or before December 29, 2017, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 173 NE Hernando Ave, Lake City, FL 32055 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: None

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pleadings.  
Dated: November 29, 2017  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ N. Proveaux  
Deputy Clerk

390714  
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

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Lake City 32055

GOFF, ALEX G  
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Columbia County Supervisor of Elections  
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395056  
December 22, 2017

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395421  
December 22, 29, 2017

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The Columbia County Board of County Commission is seeking volunteers for the following position:

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The Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) consists of 9 members (6 citizens, 1 Commissioner, 1 City of Lake City Councilmember and Assistant County Manager of Administration) which provide advice as requested by County staff to help develop any economic development program for recommendation to the Commission. The EDAB may render recommendations relating to activities necessary for implementation of any economic development program, the projected staff required to implement and complete any proposed program, the projected funding required to implement and complete any proposed program, and examination and recommendation of possible funding sources for

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## QB

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ball over at an alarming rate. Bortles began 2017 with the same number of wins (10) as interceptions returned for touchdowns. He also had 15 more passes batted down at the line of scrimmage than any other quarterback during his first three years in the NFL.

He was an easy target for critics.

New Orleans Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan took a shot at Bortles in August while praising Drew Brees. During an appearance on SiriusXM NFL Radio, Jordan said facing Brees in practice "helps the defense. It's not like we're going against Blake Bortles. It's not like Drew is giving picks away."

Winning has done little to silence Bortles' doubters.

Cincinnati Bengals line-backer Vontaze Burfict made headlines early last month by saying he was "not sure Blake can beat us. We want to put it in his hands and have him beat us, if he can." Bortles responded with a touchdown, no interceptions and no sacks in 23-7 victory. He also jabbed back at the often-flagged and previously suspended Burfict afterward.

"I thought we did a good job playing as hard as we possibly can between the whistles and beating the crap out of them," Bortles said.

Two weeks ago, Seattle safety Earl Thomas called Bortles a "subpar quarterback" following a 30-24 loss in Jacksonville in which Bortles threw for 268 yards and two touchdowns.

"Those guys are just frustrated after the game and say whatever," Jaguars receiver Allen Hurns said, adding that Bortles is fighting to overcome perception. "That's what Blake's going to be known for until he accomplishes something big, like if we win the Super Bowl or anything like that."

"Blake has done a great job just tuning some of the things out and continuing to play, have his head down and not worry what everybody else is going to say. If he's was paying attention to what everybody else is saying, it would have crushed him by now."

So Clowney's harsh comment wasn't the first and surely won't be the last.

"It's sad, man, because the teams that are speaking about it, he's just got done shredding them," Jaguars safety Tashaun Gipson said. "What he did to the Houston Texans, they should have arrested him for that, man. Dude was throwing off his back foot and making throws I've never seen before, right? ..."

"At the end of the day, dude's playing good football. ... He's making those guys eat those words and I'm happy for him."

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LAST WEEK - Jaguars beat Texans 45-7; 49ers beat Titans 25-23

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# Crusaders take down Tigers in the Jungle



Photos by BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia's Daniel Burns (left) passes to a teammate during the match against Bishop Kenny. Columbia's Trent Morrison (above) takes a pass Thursday night. The Crusaders knocked off the Tigers 2-1 at home. Columbia's Will Burns (bottom left) dribbles in place during the first half. Columbia's Cameron Widergren (right) gets spun around in the non-district matchup. The Tigers play again on the road Jan. 8.



## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Chatrice White helps No. 13 FSU women beat Creighton

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Chatrice White returned to her home state and had 19 points and 11 rebounds to help No. 13 Florida State beat Creighton 92-82 on Thursday night.

The Seminoles (11-1) bounced back from an 87-72 loss to No. 8 Texas on Sunday. Creighton (6-4) had its three-game win streak snapped despite hitting 17 of 35 (49 percent) from 3-point range.

White, a Shelby-Rising City prep star and the first Nebraska high school female to be named a McDonald's All-American in 2014, scored two

points and had three rebounds as the Seminoles outscored Creighton 18-9 in the third quarter, and opened the fourth on a 5-0 spurt for a 71-60 lead.

Temi Carda made a layup and Audrey Faber a 3-pointer to pull the Bluejays to 71-65 but they didn't get closer.

AJ Alix scored nine of her 17 points in the second half for Florida State. Imani Wright added 16 points and made three 3-pointers as the Seminoles had six players finish in double-figure scoring.

Faber scored 30 points and made seven 3-pointers to lead Creighton.

### Fordham beats Florida A&M 79-69 behind Evans, Tavares

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tre Evans scored 20 points with three 3-pointers and four assists, Will Tavares added 19 points with seven rebounds, and Fordham never trailed in beating Florida A&M 79-69 on Thursday night for the Rattlers' tenth straight loss.

Joseph Chartouny scored 15 with six assists and a season-high five steals and Prokop Slanina added 14 points for the Rams (5-6). Perris Hicks hit three 3-pointers for nine points

and Fordham made 15 from beyond the arc and 15 free throws to the Rattlers' nine.

The Rattlers closed to 56-54 on Nasir Core's 3-pointer with 10:28 to play, but Tavares hit a layup and dunked amid a 9-0 run and the Rams pulled ahead 65-54. Florida A&M trailed 69-66 on Desmond Williams' free throw with 2:15 left, but Evans hit a 3 and two free throws, Tavares made three consecutive layups and three free throws, and Fordham finished on a 15-3 run.

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