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## Dale Williams era underway at LSHA

### Former longtime county manager takes reins at hospital authority

# 3A

## Woman pleads guilty in child sex case

### Her mother wants a third party charged.

By **COREY ARWOOD**  
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The mother of a Lake City woman who pleaded guilty to child sexual abuse charges pleaded with prosecutors at her daughter's sentencing to pursue the man she said blackmailed an autistic woman into sexually exploiting her autistic son.

On Monday, Crystal Jean Laughlin, 28, pleaded guilty to a lesser count of a child sexual abuse charge.

She was sentenced to 10 years in prison for attempted lewd and lascivious molestation of a child under 12 and a second count of sexual performance by a child stemming from a 2017 arrest and investigation.

She will also be labeled a sexual predator and placed on sex offender probation for 15 years.

Both counts carry maximum 15-year sentences.

The pink hair Laughlin appeared with in her initial booking photos had nearly grown out after 489 days behind bars.

After she was escorted into the courtroom she sat slumped in her chair and picked at her hands and legs, gazing downward and occasionally around the courtroom.

She glanced at her mother momentarily after she entered, but she returned her attention to her handcuffed wrist and hands.

Assistant State Attorney General John

**GUILTY** continued on 6A

## Man faces sex abuse allegations

By **CARL MCKINNEY**  
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After his sister confronted him about a young child's accusation of sexual abuse, a Gainesville man threatened to kill himself, then claimed the situation

was a misunderstanding and eventually said he suffered from sex addiction and couldn't control himself, according to a Columbia County Sheriff's Office report.

Joseph Leroy Piper, 24, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a charge of lewd and lascivious molestation of a child under 12.

Deputies responded to a reported disturbance on Southwest Sisters Welcome Road around 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

**PIPER** continued on 3A

## READY FOR THE RAIN



Photos by **CARL MCKINNEY**/Lake City Reporter

## They'll be prepared for the next Debby

Officials hope to stave off future floods in the Callahan Avenue area.

By **CARL MCKINNEY**  
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Crews are moving dirt on Southwest Callahan Avenue to widen and resurface the road, add sidewalks and install drainage improvements to mitigate flooding.

Over the past month, the workers and heavy machinery on Callahan Avenue have generated significant interest from residents of the neighborhood off State Road 247.

With a price tag of \$1.44 million, the project, which includes a retention pond, is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter, County Engineer Chad Williams wrote in an email.

The county started planning a resurfacing project in 2014, but the Florida Department of Transportation reached out about additional improvements, Williams wrote.

**DRAINAGE** continued on 6A



**TOP:** Crews install drainage components on Callahan Avenue on Monday. The area was hit hard by Tropical Storm Debby in 2012. **ABOVE:** A retention pond will prevent a recurrence of the disastrous flooding from Debby, it is hoped. **LEFT:** Neatly stacked drainage pipes await installation.

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**Lunch is on LCMS**  
Celebrating in Fort White, 2A.

# Belmont hosts local leaders



COURTESY PHOTOS

Local elected officials visited Belmont for its Local Leaders program to share with 7th and 8th graders about their jobs as an enrichment of the Civics curriculum. Officials who visited were Liz Horne, supervisor of elections, and her assistant, Tomi Brown; Stephanie Finnell, school board member; Circuit Judge Leandra Johnson (pictured at center left); and Elizabeth Porter, state representative (center right). Students learned about the voting process, the judicial system, politics, recent issues and other topics.



**ABOVE:** Third Circuit Judge Leandra Johnson discusses the legal system with 7th and 8th graders at Belmont Academy recently. **RIGHT:** Columbia County Supervisor of Elections Liz Horne, right, and Assistant Supervisor Tomi Brown speak to the students about the U.S. voting system.



## QUICK HITS

### Scripture of the Day

“O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.”  
— Psalm 140:7 (KJV)

### Thought for Today

Half a truth is often a great lie.  
— Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790, U.S. statesman, writer, inventor

### Winning Lottery Numbers

**Pick 3:** (Sunday p.m.) 4-7-0  
**Pick 4:** (Sunday p.m.) 6-3-0-9  
**Fantasy 5:** (Sunday) 3-21-29-31-36

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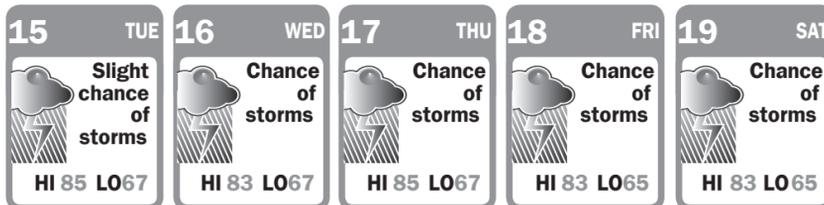
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## THE WEATHER



### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Tuesday, May 15



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### Lunch is on LCMS

Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, Lake City Medical Center provided lunch to everyone at Fort White Elementary and brought extra treats for the teachers. First grade teacher Corieann Menolasino won the drawing for gift cards to provide the Menolasinos with an evening out for dinner and a movie. Pictured from left are Danny Thorn, RN, Clinical Manager of ER at LCMC; Tim Atkinson, Director of ER; Menolasino holding her prize; and FWES Principal Tom Lashley.

### Take Stock In Children needs volunteers

From staff reports

Take Stock in Children, a statewide nonprofit mentoring program with a scholarship incentive, needs volunteers to serve as mentors to high school students. Mentors in the “Change a Life Over Lunch” pro-

gram are paired with deserving, low-income, at-risk students to provide guidance and support as they work to conquer the odds stacked against them. The students pledge to stay out of trouble, keep their grades up and stay

in school. Those who successfully complete the program earn a two-year pre-paid scholarship to Florida Gateway College. To volunteer, contact Antonia Robinson at 754-4392 or [antonia.robinson@fgc.edu](mailto:antonia.robinson@fgc.edu).

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Low Monday	71
Normal high	87
Normal low	62
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Record low	45 in 1917
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Monday	0.66"
Month total	0.28"
Year total	5.53"
Normal month-to-date	0.89"
Normal year-to-date	14.40"
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Moonset today	8:39 p.m.
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Moonset tom.	9:45 p.m.
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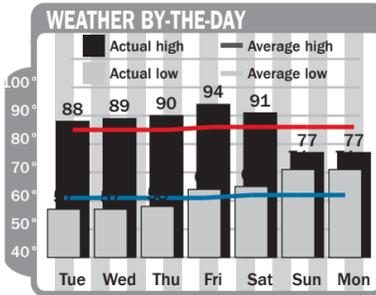
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### WEATHER HISTORY

When you think of tornadoes, Alaska usually does not pop into mind. The only recorded Alaskan tornado to touch down on this date in 1968 near Anchorage. Meanwhile, in the lower forty-eight states, another tornado at Jonesboro, Ark. killed 34 people.

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# Williams takes reins at LSHA

Part-time post pays \$49 per hour for up to 56 hours every 2 weeks.

By **TONY BRITT**  
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Dale Williams is the new Lake Shore Hospital Authority's executive director after the board unanimously voted to sign a part-time employment agreement Monday afternoon.

Williams, 60, becomes LSHA's second executive director, replacing Jack Berry who had served in the post from 2010-2018.

Williams' salary, which was based on Berry's annual salary, calls for Williams to make \$49 per hour, roughly \$71,344 annually. In no event will Williams be paid less than the initial compensation provided for in the employment agreement. He will be a part-time employee, able to work no more than 56 hours every two weeks without the chairperson's approval and he will not be compensated for overtime pay without the chairperson's approval.

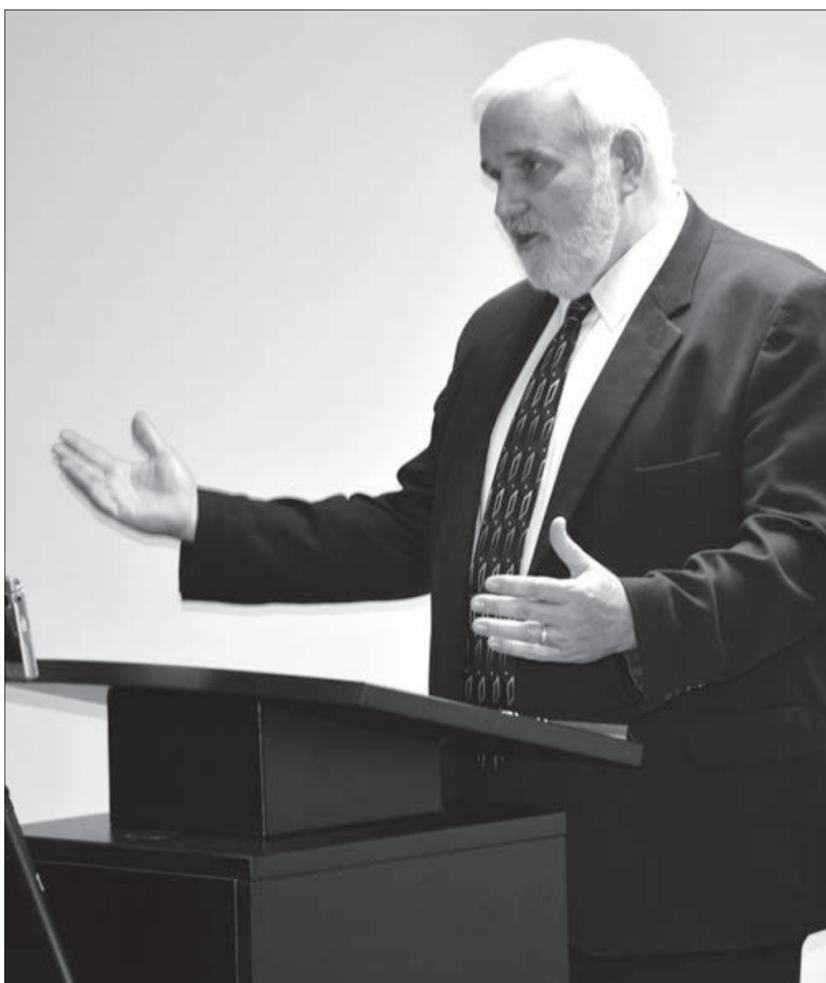
Berry, who was a full time employee, had an annual base salary of \$102,129. Berry, as a full time employee, qualified for benefits such as sick leave, vacation and he qualified for the Florida Retirement System.

Under terms of Williams' employment agreement, he does not get vacation, sick leave, no insurance and no retirement.

The employment agreement can be terminated by either the LSHA or Williams without cause, upon the terminating party giving 30 days written notice to the other party. Williams will not receive severance pay upon termination of the agreement.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as the LSHA executive director," Williams said after the meeting. "I'm looking forward to working with the Authority members and finding out what their goals and wishes are for the Authority and helping them

**WILLIAMS** continued on 6A



Former county manager Dale Williams fields questions from the LSHA board during candidate interviews in April. Williams was the top-rated applicant among three contenders.

## PIPER

Continued From 1A

Around 15 minutes prior, the sister said the child told her "Uncle Joe" had touched them in an inappropriate place, according to the report.

The sister immediately confronted Piper in the living room.

He became defensive and wrapped a phone cord around his neck, saying he would kill himself, the sister said.

She immediately ordered Piper to leave the house. He refused at first, but eventually left with a family friend, she said.

The child had made similar accusations against Piper about a year ago, the sister told deputies, prompting her to make sure they were never left alone until that day.

The sister contacted the friend Piper left with, who agreed to drive back to the scene.

Piper arrived about 20 minutes later, and deputies immediately placed him in handcuffs, according to the report.

At first, Piper said the situation was a misunderstanding and that he accidentally touched the child while picking them up, the report states.

But the story changed during the course of the interview, until Piper eventually admitted to touching the child over the underwear on the couch, according to the report.

Piper maintained the previous allegations were false and it was the "first time anything like this has happened," the report states.

Piper went on to say he suffers from sex addiction and "could not control his urges," according to the report.

Deputies notified the Florida Department of Children and Families about the case.

## 'Dead' tribute, Simpson coming to Spirit

From staff reports

A big weekend is coming up at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak. Albert Simpson, a well-known Alabama solo artist who often gathers friends for his show at the SOSMP will be there Friday and Saturday. On Saturday, it's the Grateful Dead Tribute Show you don't want to miss.

Simpson is coming to the SOSMP Friday night. Simpson plays guitar, tambourine, percussion instruments and a porchboard that sounds like a kick drum. He is known as one of the best solo acts on the music scene with his Southern fried folk funk flavor. He's performed all over for more

than 20 years. Albert has worked with Highly Kind (who's album Don't Wake Albert stands as a landmark work for Allman Brothers and Widespread Panic producer Johnny Sandlin), as a member of Mobile's Dead and guesting with (San Francisco Giant) Jake Peavy and The Outsiders for the "Can't Stop the Train: A Tribute to Jerry Garcia" benefit concert that featured Grateful Dead legend Phil Lesh at the legendary Fillmore West.

He's played many festivals at the SOSMP, delighting his audience at the buffet breakfast each morning. Ya'll come listen to this good old, long-haired, bearded boy sing and play some of the best music you will ever hear. Oh, yeah, bring

those dancing shoes, he loves to see folks dancing to his music.

The Grateful Dead Tribute Show by Uncle John's Band has been keeping the memories of the Grateful Dead on fire since 1989.

With three generations of fans across the US, this tribute show has provided thousands of deadheads with their renewing dose of authentic live Dead music! With regular weekly shows in Florida travels all over the nation keeping the Dead alive, this band is set to knock your socks off Saturday night in the Music Hall. This tribute band consistently captures the essence and groove of the Dead's engine firing on all cylinders. Come with friends and

enjoy these lifetime memories you will make together at the SOSMP Saturday, May 19. Doors open to the Music Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner at all Tribute Shows, show starts at 9 p.m. Albert Simpson will be in the house to provide entertainment from 7:30 - 9 p.m. to get you ready for the Grateful Dead Tribute! Admission is \$15 per person at the door, Advance tickets on sale thru Friday, May 18, at 5 p.m. Folks may call the office at 386-364-1683 for reservations.

The SOSMP is located 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 at the beautiful Suwannee River off US 129 at 3076 95th Drive in Live Oak, Fla. Stop in and say hello!

## OBITUARIES

**CMSGT Charlton L Ivester**  
CMSGT Charlton L Ivester, USAF retired, 90, of Lake City, FL, was called by the Big Chief in heaven on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at his residence surrounded by his family.

He was born December 8, 1927 in Carrollton, Georgia to the late Joseph Lewis Ivester and Ora Lee Leach Ivester. He served in the United States Navy during WWII aboard the USS Minivet, Auxiliary Minesweeper 371, which sank in 1945 after being hit by a Japanese contact mine off the coast of Tsushima Island. Many of the sailors perished or were missing in action. Chief Ivester was the only gunners mate that survived. He also



served aboard the USS General H.W. Butner, P-113. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam earning 3 Battle Stars and 2 Purple Hearts, and completed over 31 years in the military. He retired from the Air Force in Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany in 1976 and went to work for Boeing Aircraft International in Zaragoza, Spain as the Material Facilities Officer at Zaragoza Air Force Base. After completing his contract, he moved to Lake City, FL, and built a home in 1978, he was a member of Southside Baptist Church, a Master Mason and a 32nd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Alice Elizabeth Mintz Ivester; daughter, Pamela Savannah Ivester; son Charlton (Bud) Ivester; 5 grandchildren, Chris Glemser, Amanda Hatfield, David Ivester, Tommy Ivester, Pam Marie Ivester; 5 great grandchildren, Cimone

Hatfield, Ondria Glemser, Alexis Glemser, Cody Glemser, Lily Asher Glemser, also numerous family members survive.

Funeral services will be conducted for Chief Ivester at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Rev. Hermon Hampton officiating. Visitation with the family and friends will be from 6-8:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the funeral home. Interment for Chief Ivester will be at 2:30 P.M. Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Jacksonville National Cemetery in Jacksonville, FL. Arrangements are under the direction of **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL, 32025, (386) 752-1954. Please leave words of love

and comfort for the family at [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com)

### Q.A. "Sax" Saxon

Q.A. "Sax" Saxon, 70 of Lake City, passed away on Saturday, May 12, 2018. He was born in Milan, Georgia to the late Henry and Virginia Dickey Saxon. He had made his home in Lake City since 1984 having moved here from North Dakota.

Mr. Saxon was a veteran of the United States Air Force and he enjoyed karaoke, golfing and fishing on the Ocklawaha River. He was a man who loved God, family and country. Mr. Saxon was a loving husband and father to his children. He was preceded



in death by one brother, Henry Howard Saxon, in 2003.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Verna Stout Saxon, Lake City; one son, Jesse Vernon Reeser (Angelia), Panama City Beach, FL; one daughter, Michelle Stokes (Otto, Jr.), McKinney, TX; two brothers, Donald Saxon (Angie), Linden, NC and Ronald Saxon (Kim), Dunn, NC; one sister, Mary Frances Keyton (Ray), Fayetteville, NC; sister in law, Mary Ann Saxon, Fayetteville, NC; loving Momma Judi, grandchild; Cody Christian Garbett of McKinney, Tx., sisters and families; Marylou, Jesse and Family, Cindy, Skip and Family, Val and The Girls, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Graveside services for Mr.

Saxon will be conducted at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens with Ronnie Saxon officiating. Interment will follow in the cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL, 32025. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at [www.gateway-forestlawn.com](http://www.gateway-forestlawn.com)

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OUR OPINION

## Good luck, anglers

In case you haven't yet seen today's Sports section, two members of the fishing team at Columbia High are going to nationals.

It's just as big a deal as it sounds.

Seth Slanker and Jackson Swisher are a dynamic fishing duo at CHS.

Both are only sophomores, yet together they won four national and local tournaments last season

Their strong season qualified the two-man team for nationals in August at Kentucky Lake (sponsored by B.A.S.S./ESPN).

These are humble young men who absolutely love fishing, and it shows.

We salute you, gentlemen, and wish you all the best come summer.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1776, Virginia authorized its delegation to the Continental Congress to support independence from Britain.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture.

In 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil Co. was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and ordered its breakup.

In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines).

In 1940, DuPont began selling its nylon stockings nationally. The original McDonald's restaurant was opened in San Bernardino, California, by Richard and Maurice McDonald.

In 1955, the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France signed the Austrian State Treaty, which re-established Austria's independence.

In 1963, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard Faith 7 on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.

In 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

In 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed by Arthur H. Bremer while campaigning for president in Laurel, Maryland. (Bremer served 35 years for attempted murder.)

In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and captured the American merchant ship Mayaguez, which had been seized by the Khmer Rouge. (All 39 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in connection with the operation.)

■ Associated Press



## The line-of-succession problem

The political stars have aligned for something really good to happen. Will Republicans do it? Here are the ingredients:

Democrats now are at least narrow favorites to win a House majority in the November elections. Many Republicans are absolutely convinced that Democrats will move ahead with what they see as an unjustified impeachment should they have the majority. Republican nemesis Nancy Pelosi may well become speaker of the House — and therefore second in line for the presidency after Vice President Mike Pence.

If there's one thing Republicans love to do, it's change the rules of the game in their favor (Democrats do it, too, but it's rarely a Democratic priority). And Republicans have basically no legislative agenda remaining before Election Day. Now is the time to finally fix the presidential order of succession.

The order of succession outside of the vice president is determined by legislation, not the Constitution, and it's changed several times over the years. The current law has several problems. By inserting the speaker and the Senate president pro tempore into the line of succession, the law raises the possibility of a partisan incentive to remove the elected officials, at least during times of divided government. That's a terrible idea. The president pro tempore of the Senate, regard-



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less of party, has no business being involved with this at all — they get that distinction by having the most seniority, which means that half the time it's someone long past their prime. And there has been more than one recent senator with the job who wasn't remotely capable of handling normal Senate duties, let alone the presidency.

So cutting both of those positions out of the line of succession would be a constitutionally sound move, which would, at least in the short run, also protect Republicans from any threat of losing the presidency.

The next problem is that minor cabinet officials also have no business being involved. Of course, the whole "designated survivor" idea is never very likely to become real, but the rules should be set up so that someone more qualified than, say, Ben Carson or Ronny Jackson would wind up in the Oval Office. (Yes, I realize Jackson is gone, but he certainly could have wound up getting confirmed.)

The solution the post-9/11 Continuity of Government Commission recommended is sensible. Keep (after the vice president) the secretaries of State, Treasury and Defense, and the attorney general, in that order. All of these are usually experienced government leaders, and their responsibilities require wide knowledge of critical economic and national security information. After that, eliminate the remainder of the cabinet. Instead, appoint four or five well-known and well-respected leaders who live outside Washington. They would be regularly briefed on national security matters and be available in case of catastrophe. Former high-ranking government officials would be naturals for the job; they would at least have a fighting chance of seeming legitimate were they ever called upon to actually serve.

This is one of my hobbyhorses, but it's really a shame that the commission's work was ignored. This is a very easy fix for a real, if unlikely, problem. Solving it would give Congress something to do that would be a genuine service to the nation — and it would also serve Republicans' short-term self-interest.

Maybe Sean Hannity could do a segment on it.

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## Problems with police drones and privacy

Drones are a wonder to behold. Speedy, mobile and inexpensive, they open up all sorts of promising uses, from delivering packages to finding lost children to inspecting damage from natural disasters. But there's a potential downside. The same technology that can be so useful carries the risk of eroding privacy to the vanishing point — particularly when government agencies are flying the drones.

A bill moving through the Illinois General Assembly, and supported by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, would allow police to use drones to monitor large groups of people, whether they're watching a football game, attending a concert, or, well, protesting police abuses. But a bill that raises concerns isn't necessarily a bill lawmakers should reject. Let us explain.

Chicagoans have some experience with illegitimate spying on citizens for political reasons. For decades, the Chicago Police Department operated a unit that monitored radicals and other dissidents, violent or not. It compiled files on hundreds of thousands of people and thousands of organizations, including the NAACP. It's scary to think what it could have done with the help of drones.

That said, bill sponsor Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Cicero, thinks drones could be invaluable in protecting public safety. "I don't want Chicago to be the next Vegas-style outdoor terrorist attack," he says. This sort of surveillance could deter not only terrorism and mass shootings but identify individuals who commit those or other crimes. And,

in contrast to police officers and helicopters, drones can be deployed routinely without much expense.

If the bill becomes law, consequences would be mixed. Drones probably wouldn't keep people away from the Fourth of July fireworks or Taste of Chicago. But they might discourage uninhibited partying at Lollapalooza. And they could intimidate citizens — or people living in the country illegally — from taking part in rallies for political causes that might offend authorities. Karen Sheley, director of

As facial recognition software improves, it might make sense, instead, to limit when and where cops can use that capability.

police practices for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, argues that "if there are drones hovering above First Amendment activities in Chicago, people will stay home." Would-be participants could be especially nervous if the drones were equipped with advanced facial recognition technology.

Those who turn out for marches understand that they may be recognized by passersby or police or caught on the many surveillance cameras operating in the city. But there is a certain anonymity in being part of a crowd — something drones equipped with video equipment could eliminate. Imagine police departments having such

recordings available, with the capacity to identify every individual by name. The bill would, though, require police to destroy footage after 30 days unless a recording includes information relevant to a criminal trial or investigation.

The ACLU wants lawmakers to exclude First Amendment activities from this sort of surveillance. If police want to use drones to watch a protest they fear will turn violent, Sheley argues, they should be required to persuade a judge to issue a search warrant to do so.

The challenge in regulating new gadgets is finding the right balance. Requiring probable cause that a specific crime will be committed could make it overly difficult for police to use drones for gatherings by extremists (of the right or the left) that carry a significant chance of bloodshed. As facial recognition software improves, it might make sense, instead, to limit when and where cops can use that capability.

The bill in Springfield, which was approved by the Senate and could clear the House as well, is an effort to balance existing technology with law enforcement priorities. We would vote for it. But we would do so with the realization that other legislation may have to follow if new technologies enable drones to aggressively pry or intimidate.

This bill, lawmakers, should be merely the start of your debate on how technology can enhance public safety without chilling freedom of speech and assembly.

■ Chicago Tribune

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your calendar item, stop by the Reporter office or email Steve Wilson at [swilson@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:swilson@lakecityreporter.com)

## Today

### Volunteers needed

Lake City Medical Center Auxiliary needs volunteers who have a heart to serve. The auxiliary need volunteers for all positions. Those interested in participating in the program may pick up an application at the Lake City Medical Center Gift Shop or the H2U office. For more, call 386-719-7713.

### Club registration

The Boys' Club of Columbia County is accepting registration for the fall session. All children ages 6-14 are eligible to attend. There are bus pickups from all elementary and middle schools. Fees for the session are \$200. For more, call 386-752-4184 or visit the club on Jones Way in Lake City.

### Seed Lending Library

The Columbia Seed Lending Library is available at the main library branch in downtown Lake City on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. The CSLL meets at the Fort White Branch from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, and volunteers will also be on hand on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the West branch library, 435 NW Hall of Fame Drive (off U.S. Highway 90 just past Interstate 75). Patrons can select a wide variety of seeds and receive advice from seasoned gardeners.

### GeriActors

Residents are invited to join the Reader's Theater Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court.

## Wednesday

### Club registration

Girls Club Summer Camp and Boys Club @ Teen Town Summer Camp will be holding their General Public registration beginning May 16 at 8:00 am at the Girls Club Facility. We will take registration until our summer camp is full. Spots are limited and on a first come first served basis. The cost for the 9 week summer camp is \$275.00. Boys and Girls must be 6 years of age and completed the first grade through 12 years of age to attend. If you have any questions please contact Tara Kriehauser at 386-719-5840 for information on the Girls Club Program or Heyward Christie at 386-754-3607 for information on the Boys Club at Teen Town Program.

### Volunteers needed

Community Hospice and Palliative Care recently opened a new office at 163 SW Stonegate Terrace, Suite 105, Lake City. We are looking for volunteers to serve in several different



COURTESY

## Publix ponies up \$64K for UWSV

Publix Supermarket management presented the company's corporate contribution to United Way of Suwannee Valley. Darren Steffy, left, district manager, and Terri Brown, right, store manager, Lake City presented the check to Chris Dampier, 2017-2018 United Way of Suwannee Valley Board President. The company's corporate contribution to the local United Way totaled \$27,100. This was in addition to the employee pledges of \$37,309 for a combined total of \$64,409. Not pictured is Live Oak Publix Store Manager Reggie Ford.

capacities including: relief visits for our patient's families, pet therapy, veteran pinning and clerical help. Visit our web site, Volunteer. CommunityHospice.com to learn more about our volunteer on-boarding process and to complete a volunteer application.

### 'Terrific Twos'

"Terrific Twos," a library program for toddlers, is offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 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.

### Al-Anon meeting

An Al-Anon group meets at First Christian Church (403 W. Duval St., Lake City) at 6 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Newcomers group meets on Mondays at 5 p.m.

### Volunteers needed

The Christian Service Center (421 NW Washington St., Lake City) is in search of volunteers. The center's mission is to serve those in need in Columbia County through Christian faith and resources. For more, call 386-755-1770.

### Duplicate Bridge Club

Lake City Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Country Club at Lake City. All bridge enthusiasts are welcome. For more, call Dottie Rogers at 386-758-8606.

### Volunteer at Haven

Haven Hospice is currently seeking volunteers for many tasks including office assistance, reception, family greeters and patient support visitors at the Lake City Care Center, at home for respite and socialization, pet visitors, photographers for our Legacy Program and resale store volunteers for the Haven Attic thrift shop. No experience necessary. To apply online visit [www.beyourhaven.org/volunteer](http://www.beyourhaven.org/volunteer), stop by the office or an application can be mailed to you.

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### Free soil testing

Free soil pH tests are available every Wednesday

morning at the Columbia County Extension Office, 971 W. Duval St., Suite 170, in Lake City. Residents may bring a sample to the office during regular business hours. For more, call 752-5384.

### 'Catholics Come Home'

A "Catholics Come Home" and Adult Catholic Education Inquiry Program will be presented at San Juan Catholic Mission each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:15 p.m.

## Thursday

### RSGA play

A year-end play, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," will be staged at Richardson Sixth Grade Center auditorium on May 17 at 6 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door for the RSGA Chorus.

### Bingo at Amer. Legion

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. Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices. For more information, call 752-7776.

### 'Preschool Storytime'

"Preschool Storytime," a library program for families with preschoolers, is held on Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, at 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more information about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

## Friday

### Dinner and dancing

Dances are held each Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court (behind Baya Pharmacy). \$7 admission. Bring a dish or dessert to share. All proceeds benefit the center. Call 386-755-0235 for more.

### '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 about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

## 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. For more, call 386-719-5766 or visit [market.lcfla.com](http://market.lcfla.com).

### 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. For more, call 813-679-5390.

## Monday

### Amateur Radio Society

The Columbia Amateur Radio Society meets the third Monday of each month to discuss ham radio technologies, training, communications and community events. Hams provide emergency communications during disasters and public events. Members provide training and support for the required FCC license and how to get started. Meets at American Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd at 7 p.m. For more, call 386-752-0987.

## Sunday

### Register reunion

The Register family reunion will be held the 3rd Saturday in May, (May 19, 2018). Registration will begin @ 10:00. Program @ 11:00. Bring a covered dish and join us for dinner on the ground following meeting @ 12:00. Reunion will be held at: Wayfare Primitive Baptist Church, US 129, 6 miles south of Stockton, Ga. or 10 miles north of Statenville, Ga. on US Hwy 129.

### Bingo games

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## Garnet & Gold has new local member

From staff reports

Florida State University welcomed a record-setting 289 new inductees into its prestigious Garnet & Gold Scholar Society this spring. Among them are Delanie Remond, a nursing student from Lake City.

Established in 2010, the Garnet & Gold Scholar Society facilitates student involvement and recognizes undergraduate students who excel within and beyond the classroom in

at least three of five areas: international experience, internship, leadership, research and service.

"We are proud to welcome this new group of inductees to the Garnet & Gold Scholar Society," said Amy Hecht, vice president for Student Affairs. "They are a wonderful representation of the university, and we are pleased to give them recognition for their involvement bettering the campus and community."

To become an inductee of the Garnet & Gold Scholar Society, students must meet the engagement area criteria and submit a synthesis reflection project in their final semester before graduation. Participants are recognized during graduation and receive a designation on their official university transcript, both of which make the students more marketable to potential employers or graduate programs.

### RONNIE BRANNON TAX COLLECTOR

Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.402(2) all unpaid 2017 Personal Property taxes became delinquent on April 1, 2018. These unpaid taxes are accruing interest at a rate of 18 percent per year. If the amounts set opposite of same are not paid before May 31, 2018, warrants will be issued thereon and the Tax Collector will apply to the Circuit Court for an Order directing levy upon and seizure of the personal property of the taxpayer for the unpaid taxes. The list of unpaid personal property for Columbia County is as follows:

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# GUILTY

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Durrett asked Circuit Judge Leandra Johnson to accept the plea agreed upon by Laughlin and her legal counsel, Public Defender Sean Manson.

The sentencing was the result of a five-month investigation into acts that had occurred over three years reportedly at the instruction of an online boyfriend who allegedly threatened Laughlin to make her perform them on her then five-year-old son.

Laughlin's mother, Karen Roberson, was allowed to speak at the sentencing.

"I would like to, on behalf of the defendant, implore the court to continue and law enforcement to continue the efforts to apprehend the person who threatened her life, my life and her son's life if she did not comply with what he was asking her to do," said Roberson.

Sheriff's reports upon Laughlin's arrest made no mention of death threats but indicated the man had threatened to send nude photos of Laughlin to her mother if she did not comply.

Roberson said officials had told her the suspect, who was unnamed, was outside their jurisdiction.

Initial reports of the incident indicate he used the online webcam website Skype to view the acts and allegedly extort Laughlin.

"This person is a manipulator and Crystal being autistic was manipulated and she was afraid. My biggest concern for her son, who I have adopted, is that she be available in his later years. In 10 years he'll be 17, 18 so she can explain to him why what they did was bad because right now he doesn't understand. He just wants his mommy back and I would love

for him to not grow up with a negative view of law enforcement and the consequences of having to pay for [a] law infraction."

She said both being autistic shared a special bond and communication.

Laughlin's mental competency and ability to stand trial was raised during the sentencing.

Johnson said Laughlin had been committed by the state during her initial jail time and was given psychological evaluations that determined she was competent to stand before the court.

At the sentencing Johnson asked Laughlin how far she progressed in school and she replied she had graduated.

Johnson said she was limited in her ability to respond to Roberson's requests.

However, she said any future contact between Laughlin and her son would have to meet stipulations determined by numerous parties and primarily the victim.

"I hope I really hope that that child is in therapy ... because he needs to be," said Johnson.

She said a therapist would be heavily relied on for any future advice.

Another high profile local case appeared before Johnson Monday.

Steven Matthew Moot, 32, was sentenced to a minimum of 25 years in prison for the August 2017 shooting of his wife.

He was recently found guilty of premeditated attempted murder after shooting her in the face in front of their four children.

At the sentencing he said it was an accident.

His defense, Manson, said they would appeal the ruling.

# WILLIAMS

Continued From 3A

implement those."

Brandon Beil, LSHA chairman, said the board is happy to finally have filled the position.

"We're very excited to finally get the executive director position filled so we can continue moving along in the right direction and serving the people of Columbia County," he said.

In other business, the board discussed professional services in its attempt to replace the hospital's roof.

The board heard a presentation from

George Lebo of Moses and Associates and from Tony Robinson from Gale Associates pertaining to water intrusion and leaks at the hospital building. The board has an agreement with Moses and Associates, but not with Gale Associates. Gale Associates would like to do a new study on the leak issue and present the board with proposal for the repair costs. The initial cost of the roof repair was \$89,958. However the estimate only encompassed replacing the roof and not the issues of water entering the building through walls or windows. The board will review its purchasing policy to determine its next step.



**ABOVE:** Travel was hampered by the construction on Callahan Avenue. **LEFT:** New curbs will also be installed as part of the project. **BELOW:** Another view of the retention pond it is hoped will save homes in the event of a future catastrophe of the magnitude of Tropical Storm Debby in 2012.



# DRAINAGE

Continued From 1A

The design, permitting and property acquisition phase spanned from 2015 to 2017.

The contract was awarded

in November to Anderson City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce,

In 2012, the 30-plus inches of rain brought by Tropical Storm Debby damaged 10 homes in the area, Williams wrote.

Dennille Decker, executive director of the Lake

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, saw her home was submerged in nearly five feet of water at the height of Debby. "Our house was completely destroyed," Decker said.



COURTESY

## Bellamy sighting

Bellamy Beaver visited with kindergarten friends at Eastside Elementary recently and reminded them to Turn Off The Tap when brushing their teeth. Pictured from left are Kellen Keen, Harper Hosford and Jackson Chastain.

- BOUNCE HOUSES
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Section B

PGA TOUR

## Belly-putter ban lifts game for Players winner

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

— PONTE VEDRA BEACH — Webb Simpson credited everyone around him for winning The Players Championship, his fifth career victory and in some respects his most important. And he didn't stop with those he considers to be part of his team.

Thank-you notes also are in order for the USGA and the R&A.

Golf's governing bodies outlawed the anchored stroke that Simpson had used with his belly putter since he was a teenager. Simpson won the 2012 U.S. Open at Olympic Club, one of three major champions in an 11-month span to use a belly putter.

Simpson struggled mightily when forced to learn an entirely different way to putt.

That's no longer the case.

He led the field in putting during his four-shot victory at The Players Championship, and that wasn't just one great week. Simpson was 10th on the PGA Tour going into the TPC Sawgrass. Now he is at No. 5 in the key putting statistic.

"It's funny how those things happen," Simpson said. "This is probably the first time I can say I'm glad they banned it because I wouldn't have ever probably swayed away from the belly putter."

SEE PLAYERS on 6B



Webb Simpson pictured as he completes a big win at The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass. Webb is greeted by his wife, Taylor, following the final hole.

SPORTS BETTING

## Supreme Court rules in favor of sports gambling

By JESSICA GRESKO  
Associated Press

— WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday gave its go-ahead for states to allow gambling on sports across the nation, striking down a federal law that barred betting on football, basketball, baseball and other sports in most states.

The justices voted 6-3 to strike down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, a 1992 law that forbade state-authorized sports gambling with some exceptions. It made Nevada the only state where a person could wager on the results of a single game.

Many states have hoped

their cut of legalized sports gambling could help solve budget problems. Stock prices for casino operators and equipment makers surged after the ruling was announced.

The ruling, in a case from New Jersey, creates an opening to bring an activity out of the shadows that many Americans already see as a mainstream hobby. The American Gaming Association estimates that Americans illegally wager about \$150 billion on sports each year, and one research firm estimated before the ruling that if the Supreme Court were to strike down the law, 32 states would likely offer sports betting within five

SEE GAMBLING on 5B

OUTDOORS



By ERIC JACKSON  
ejackson@lakecityreporter.com

Reeling in fish together since seventh grade, Seth Slanker and Jackson Swisher couldn't have imagined where their rods would take them less than five years later.

Slanker and Swisher continue to carve out a reputation as one of the best two-man tandems around. The dynamic fishing duo has put the state on notice — winning first place in a handful of tournaments this season — while representing Columbia every step of the way. With not much fanfare like the varsity sports, these two Tigers are quietly making the case as the strongest squad at school. Both young anglers are relaxed, reserved in demeanor — they prefer to let their work do the talking.

"I am extremely proud of Jackson and Seth," Columbia principal Trey Hosford said. "They have worked hard to get to this point and are very deserving. What makes me most proud is not only are they great fishermen, but also are great young men."

Nearly everyday Slanker and Swisher are on the water, trying their hand. You can find the boys all over local spots, including their favorite, Lake Sampson in Starke.

"That's where we've had the best of luck," Swisher said. "And you can do any

type of fishing there."

Competing together at the tournament level since last year, the boys' hard work has truly paid off. Jackson and Swisher took home first place honors in two national and two regional qualifier tournaments, enough points to earn a spot in the High School National Championships presented by B.A.S.S. Nation at Kentucky Lake in Paris, Tenn.

The junior championships will be held in August, giving the boys plenty of time to prepare for the big tournament. Slanker and Swisher like their chances on the top stage, and plan continue to put in the hours necessary to perform at a high level.

"You got to put the time in," Slanker said. "And we put a bunch of time into fishing. You can't just go out there expecting to win."

Columbia's duo, in fact, double-qualified for nationals winning two different series, notching the most points in the 'northwest/northeast' region and Florida Bassmaster High School.

Slanker and Swisher — both whom have professional dreams — got the national berth by placing first at the Harris Chain, St.Johns/Palatka and Lake Talquin, along with second-place finishes at Talquin and the Suwannee River.

After loads of success at the regional level this year, Slanker and Swisher are

SEE REEL on 6B



ERIC JACKSON/Lake City Reporter

Columbia fishing duo Seth Slanker (left) and Jackson Swisher both show off their catches on the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. TOP: Slanker and Swisher pose with plaques after another successful season together.

BRIEFS

Boys and Girls Club

The Girls Club Summer Camp and Boys Club @ Teen Town Summer Camp will be holding their general public registration beginning May 16 at 8 a.m. at the Girls Club Facility. Registration will be taken until the summer camp is full. The cost for the nine-week camp is \$275.00. Boys and Girls must be six years of age and completed the first grade through 12 years of age to attend. If you have any questions please contact Tara Kriegerhauser at 386-719-5840 for information on the Girls Club Program or Heyward Christie at 386-754-3607 for the Boys Club.

Coach's Corner

The 'Iron Sharpens Iron' mens and boys event will be held on May 21 at Live Oak Church of God at 9828 US Hwy 129 South in Live Oak. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. Doors opens at 6 :00 p.m. with guest speaker former Florida Gator quarterback and Valdosta State head coach Kerwin Bell. For more information please call 362-2483 or 842-5494.

Youth Basketball

The Columbia County Recreation Department and the RCCAMN will soon begin registration for the upcoming youth basketball league. The league is co-ed and will have two divisions (6-8) and (9-12). Registration will be Monday May 14- Friday June 1, 2018 at the Richardson Community Center from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost of the league will be \$40 and players need to provide a birth certificate to participate. Each paid registrant will also receive a free t-shirt just for participating. Flyer and registration forms available online at <http://ccrd-lc.weebly.com>. For questions contact Mario Coppock or Nicole Callum at 386-754-7095.

Summer Camp

The Richardson Community Center/ Annie Mattox Park North, Inc. began registration for its youth summer camp on May 7. Signups will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The deadline is June 9th or until full (50 students). The camp is open to boys and girls ages 7-12. Spots are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. Cost of the 8-week camp is \$250.00. For additional information, contact 386-754-7095.



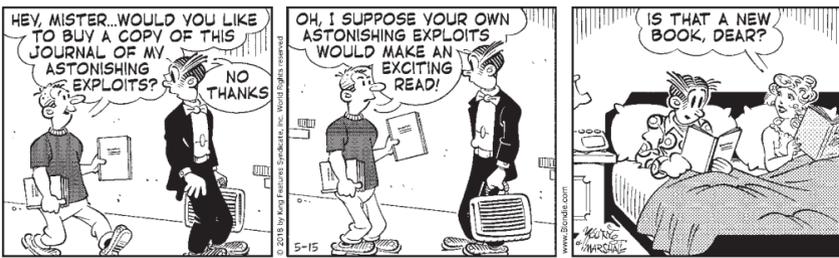
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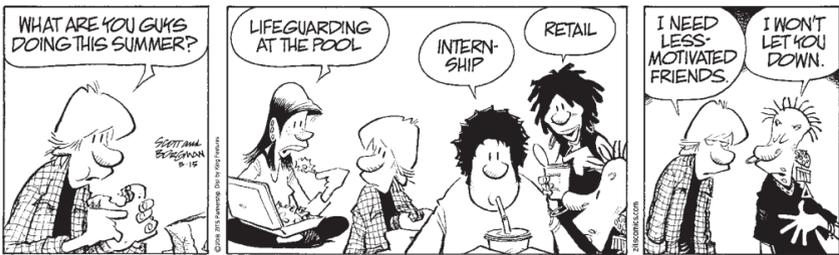
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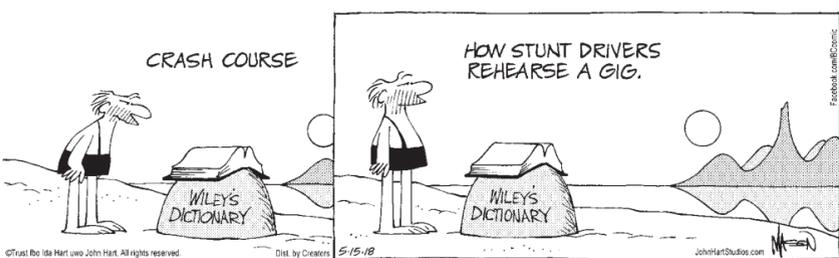
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**DEAR ABBY**

**Mom is desperate to stop teen's violent outbursts**



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

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a mother of two boys, 13 and 12. My oldest son has become very abusive, both physically and emotionally. He has been arrested for hitting me and hitting his little brother. He was recently kicked off the bus for hitting another student and has also been locked out of school.

I have tried therapy and medications for him, but he hasn't changed. I'm at my wits' end, ready to give up and hand him over to the court. He has both parents and a loving home. I don't know what to do anymore. I love my son, but can no longer do this. Please tell me how to help him! -- **LOVING MOTHER IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR LOVING MOTHER:**

Much information is missing from your letter. What triggers your son's violent episodes? Could he have a learning disability? Is he being teased or bullied, which might explain why he hit another student? Has he been ill, or could he have sensory integration difficulties? At 13, it's too soon to throw up your hands and give up. Because therapy and medication haven't helped your son, I would have to ask what kind of therapist has been seeing

him. When treatment doesn't work, a patient may need a more comprehensive assessment -- a second opinion or even a third. My suggestion would be to take him to a teaching hospital. And while you're there, please consider asking about some support for yourself because you have a lot on your shoulders. \*\*

**DEAR ABBY:**

I'm in my late 30s and moved away from my parents when I was 17. My husband doesn't make a lot of money, but he gives me his whole paycheck for the household expenses every week. Because we live paycheck to paycheck, we rarely have much money left at the end of the month. But we make it.

The issue is my parents. They are retired now and received a nice inheritance when my grandparents passed. They used the money to pay off every debt they had, and now they won't stop telling me

how to save money or how to spend it. Now that they're financially stable, they seem to have forgotten they lived paycheck to paycheck when they were my age. I rarely speak to them anymore because of it.

How can I get them to back off without starting a war? They're retired and bored, and they love drama. The slightest thing starts a battle they drag other family into. -- **PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK IN OHIO**

**DEAR PAYCHECK:**

That your parents feel the need to enlist the support of other relatives in their arguments with you is wrong. All they have managed to accomplish is to put you on the defensive. However, has it not occurred to you that they're dispensing financial advice because they are hoping to help you avoid some of the mistakes THEY made before they received that windfall?

Listen politely, thank them for caring, discuss it with your husband, and decide if some of it applies in your situation. Then keep what you can use and discard the rest.

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** An unexpected change should not be handled poorly. You may not like what's offered, but making a fuss will not help you maintain respect or buy you the time you need to plan your next move. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Share your feelings; be blunt about what you'd like to see happen. Speaking up will help you impress upon others how much the changes you want to make mean to you. Don't hold back; you will gain support and satisfaction. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take a look at how you relate to others as well as how you respond and deal with situations that involve personal matters. Question if there are things you can do to improve your life and your relationships. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Work hard, play hard and resolve unfinished business. Handle matters without hesitation; move on to the people and the things you enjoy most. If someone needs a helping hand, do what you can, but not at your expense. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't make matters difficult or let someone else complicate your life. Do what needs to be done and live within your means. Too much of anything will cause emotional or financial problems. Use common sense when working in conjunction with others. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keep moving forward regardless of what others do. Make changes that suit your needs and that will position you for future gains. Network, collaborate and be willing to try something new and exciting. A partnership will stimulate your imagination. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Personal change will be the most satisfying. If you try to change someone else, you will end up fighting a losing battle. Do what works best for you, and stop worrying about what you have no control over. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Gravitate toward

what interests you most. Learning something new, as long as it doesn't cost you emotionally, physically or financially, will serve you well. Getting together with a friend, relative or lover offering support or guidance will pay off. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** How you deal with relationships will determine your success. Getting along with your peers or someone close to you will be necessary if you want to get ahead. Love and romance are featured and will improve your personal life. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Think big but live within your means. If you can look at the big picture and size it down to fit your needs, you will be successful. A change at home will boost your morale and encourage you to spend more time there. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't take on too much or make unnecessary trips. Keep life simple; do not make changes that will affect others. Focus on updating your look and improving your skills. A romantic gesture will improve your attitude and lead to positive lifestyle changes. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of your health. Someone will mislead you regarding his or her intent. If you aren't certain, ask questions. Look for an investment or financial opportunity that will raise your standard of living. Reconnect with someone from your past. ★★★★★

**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS**

**May 15:** Counterculture icon Wavy Gravy is 81. Singer Trini Lopez is 80. Actress-singer Lainie Kazan is 75. Country singer K.T. Oslin is 75. Musician Brian Eno is 69. Actor Chazz Palminteri is 65. Musician Mike Oldfield is 64. Actor Lee Horsley is 62. Actor David Charvet ("Melrose Place") is 45. Actor Russell Hornsby ("Grimm") is 43. Actor David Krumholtz ("Numb3rs") is 39. Actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler ("The Sopranos") is 36.

**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
by Luis Campos

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

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— G C S S C W F K W M W D Y

Previous Solution: "Our national security depends on the... military forces as a deterrent to any possible aggressor." — Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson

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vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LEROY WILSON, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LEROY WILSON, DECEASED.

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before June 12, 2018/(30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Columbia County, Florida, this 8th day of May, 2018.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: /s/ S. Weeks  
DEPUTY CLERK

427855  
May 15, 22, 2018

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

The Department of Environmental Protection gives Notice of its Intent to issue a renewal operation permit for the Winfield Solid Waste Facility located on Oosterhoudt Ln, west of Highway 41, approximately 5 miles northwest of Lake City, in Columbia County, Florida. This facility has been in operation since 1992 and has a total area of approximately 243 acres. This renewal permit is for the continued operation of the current Class I landfill, which has an approximate total disposal area of 43 acres. The Class I landfill consists of Cells 1 through 4, which have been constructed and are in operation. This renewal permit also includes continued operation of the current Class III landfill, which has an approximate disposal area of 21 acres. The Class III landfill consists of four

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phases (Phases I, II, III and IV), which have been constructed and are in operation. In addition, this renewal permit includes continued operation of a Waste Tire Collection Center, where 1,500 waste tires are allowed to be stored in a designated area up to 90 days before removal from the facility for processing, recycling or disposal. The Department has assigned File Numbers 0009862-017-SO-01, 0126302-008-SO-T3 and 0133040-004-WT-05 to this project.

The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Solid Waste Section, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32317, phone 850-245-8856. Documents are also available at the following link: [https://fddeploc.dep.state.fl.us/WWW\\_WACS/REPORTS/SW\\_Facility\\_Docs.asp?wacsid=31495](https://fddeploc.dep.state.fl.us/WWW_WACS/REPORTS/SW_Facility_Docs.asp?wacsid=31495)

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the above proposed agency action may petition for an administrative determination nation (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Department Office of General Counsel, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes must be filed within 14 days of publication of this notice or receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes, or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner, the applicant's name and address, the Department File Number and the county in which the project is proposed; (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action or proposed action; (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action or proposed action; (d) A statement of all material facts disputed by petitioner or a statement that there are no disputed facts; (e) A statement of facts which the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the

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Department's action or proposed action; (f.) A statement of which rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and (g.) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action or proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by rule 28-106.301 of the Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

In accordance with Section 120.573, F.S., the Department advises that mediation is not available in this case as an alternative to filing a petition for an administrative determination.

427800  
May 15, 2018

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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## JUMBLE

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

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Yesterday's Jumbles: SINGE RUGBY PLEDGE LONGER Answer: When they found a bag of peanuts at the Grand Canyon, the squirrels — GORGED

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Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS10002 \$289,800 2/2 on Suwannee River, dock w/boat shelter

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100045 \$267,900 Executive home w/Lake Jeffrey access, lg kit, oversized master w/ French doors to sunroom

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100057 \$175,000 Spacious home on 10 ac, lg porches on front & back, split plan, lg kit w/center island.

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100151 \$194,500 Fantastic home in Wise Estates, lg great rm w/sliding glass door to covered porch.

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100188 \$39,900 Cannon Creek Airport lot, runway license will convey with lot. Great price for runway lot.

Poole Realty Ronnie Poole 208-3175 MLS100208 4/3 LR & fam rm w/FP's, office, flia rm, 2 car garage w/safe rm/base-ment, fish pond. \$385,000

Remax, Pam Beauchamp 303-2505 MLS100286 \$574,900 3/2 home & 4/2 DWMH, 45 ac, 3 stall barn, 60x80 metal shop w/3 bay doors, power & water.

Country Rivers Realty, LLC 497-3305 MLS100362 1997 mfg home w/open floor plan on 8ac, approx 1ac fenced, lg covered porch \$87,500

Country Rivers Realty, LLC 497-3305 MLS100366 2/2, huge great rm, & front porch, on 2 lots back yard overlooking Sante Fe River. \$129,300

Poole Realty Anita Handy 208-5877 MLS100403 \$94,500 3/1 2 mi from Live Oak, new HVAC, move in ready & has awesome Oak trees for shade.

Jackie Taylor & Associates Realty 752-4663 MLS100413 2/2 w/3rd started by closing in garage, carport, partially fenced w/nice trees, great location.

Poole Realty Mindy Wilkson 209-7658 MLS100430 3/2 in Jennings, LR w/vaulted ceiling & FP, lg laundry rm, bonus room upstairs. \$179,900

Hallmark Real Estate Janet Creel 719-0382 MLS100460 4/3 home on Suwannee River. Floating 2-story dock w/screened upper deck.

Hallmark Real Estate Jay Nash 269-2581 MLS100490 3/2 in established neighborhood, close to everything you need in Lake City! \$112,000

Poole Realty Anita Handy 208-5877 MLS100536 \$244,900 4/2 custom brick on 22.79ac, fenced back yard as well as the entire property.

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100593 \$285,000 Custom brick in southern end of county, lg great rm, open kit, oversized master to Fla rm.

Remax, Pam Beauchamp 303-2505 MLS100640 \$155,000 2/2 loft style home on 5.3ac, wraparound porch, 2 car carport, workshop, 2 sheds

Jackie Taylor & Associates Realty 752-4663 MLS100654 3/2 brick on 1+ac, new appliances, HVAC, 10x20 deck, 2 sheds, chain link fenced backyard

Coldwell Banker-Bishop Elaine Tolar 365-1548 MLS100685 \$143,900 4/2 freshly painted & new carpet, private backyard, wired for sec system.

Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS94089 \$669,000 Colonial on 5ac, 4/3 & 2 partial BA, 3 HVAC units

**805-HOMES FOR SALE**

Coldwell Banker-Bishop Elaine Tolar 365-1548 MLS96726 3/2, FL rm, screened patio & covered deck great for entertaining. \$149,900

Jackie Taylor & Associates Realty 752-4663 MLS97880 3/2 w/cook's dream kit, new stove, upscale master BA, sec system, 4+car garage. \$239,900

Daniel Crapps Agency 755-5110 MLS97936 \$149,000 2 homes, conc block w/ceramic tiled flooring thru-out & move in ready plus 1828 sf mfg home.

Coldwell Banker-Bishop Elaine Tolar 365-1548 MLS98034 4/3 on 17th Green alongside the 18th Fairway in Country Club, brick FP, \$249,900

Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS98482 4BR/3BA 2198hsf \$298,200

Jackie Taylor & Associates Realty 752-4663 MLS98649 New-ly remodeled 2/2 in Eastside Village, move-in ready, inside laundry rm,

Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS99455 \$189,440 Reserve at Jewel Lake, community dock.

Poole Realty Ronnie Poole 208-3175 MLS99570 \$146,500 Home located in bend of river, spacious deck to water.

Poole Realty Amanda Senea 249-1640 MLS99595 \$94,900 Brick home in great nghbd, fenced back yard, metal roof, carport, hardwood floors.

Coldwell Banker-Bishop Elaine Tolar 365-1548 MLS99605 Country home & 3/2 SWMH, 5.01ac, enclosed in-ground pool \$224,000

United Country, Dicks Realty 752-8585 MLS99612 3/2 in town, fenced backyard & 2 car garage. \$167,777

Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS99616 \$298,900 2/2 river house on Suwannee, wraparound porch

Daniel Crapps Agency 397-3002 MLS99858 \$189,500 3/2.5 brick w/formal LR, fam rm, fenced back yard on 6.9ac west of Lake City on SR-247

Daniel Crapps Agency 397-3002 MLS99893 \$777,500 gorgeous setting for this 2518 sqft home w/73 ac plus 1800sf guest qtrs, 45ac lake & more!

Coldwell Banker-Bishop Elaine Tolar 365-1548 MLS99913 Country home on 3.5 ac, fam rm w/FP, XLg utility/storage rm, newer A/C \$99,900

Country Rivers Realty, LLC 497-3305 MLS99962 \$110,000 Currently used as residence w/office & workshop detached from home, Ft White

Coldwell Banker-Bishop Elaine Tolar 365-1548 Now underway in Mayfair, split plan 3/2, open kitchen to living area \$194,900

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Country Rivers Realty, LLC 497-3305 MLS100669 \$30,000 Camping lot on Sante Fe, walking dist to public boat ramp, Fort White.

Hallmark Real Estate Vic Lantrop 623-6401 MLS98861 2.5 ac deep in Cannon Creek Airpark, corner lot & dead end street. \$44,500

Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS99218 \$83,900 7.5ac lot in Rose Creek Plantation.

Hallmark Real Estate Lacie Lantrop 697-1681 MLS99513 \$29,500 parcel at end of cul-de-sac minutes from town, beautiful lake at entrance.

Daniel Crapps Agency 397-3002 MLS99767 24.8 ac w/paved rd frontage just east of Ft White HS. Owner financing avail. \$198,400

Daniel Crapps Agency 397-3002 MLS99868 \$55,110 Wooded corner lot 10 square ac, offers easy access to Lake City, Ft White & Gainesville

**830-COMMERCIAL FOR SALE**

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100629 \$399,000 Great location, convenient to Hwy 90, I75 & I10. 5000ft warehouse, office space w/reception

Daniel Crapps Agency 397-3002 MLS98342 \$1,100,000 21+ac tract west of Lake City on US90, 4027sf bldg & 6461sf bldg

Hallmark Real Estate Paula Lawrence 623-1973 MLS99619 well-known establishment in Suwannee Co w/full liquor license. Call for details

**1005-MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE WITH LAND**

Jackie Taylor & Associates Realty Jackie Taylor 397-3479 MLS97359 \$139,900 4/2 on fenced 4.78ac, wkshp w/roll-up doors, fenced & cross fenced.

United Country, Dicks Realty 752-8585 MLS100394 \$99,000 4/2 DWMH on 5ac in White Springs within walking dist of Stephen Foster State Park.

Remax, Pam Beauchamp 303-2505 MLS100442 \$94,900 4/2 DWMH w/covered front porch & back decks, 45x19 garage, stocked pond w/boat ramp.

United Country, Dicks Realty 752-8585 MLS100668 73.52 ac of raw land in Lake City, planted pines & oaks.

Hallmark Real Estate Anita Tonetti 697-3780 MLS91217 Mobile Home park w/5 units on 2.5ac 3/2 DW to live in while collecting rental income.

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**NHL CONFERENCE FINALS**

**Lightning desperate to fix problems down 0-2 to Caps**

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Jon Cooper walked into the locker room and didn't get the sense Lightning players were down in the dumps about losing the first two games of the Eastern Conference final.

"It was more kind of like an anger of like we want to get back — like let's get Game 3 going here," Tampa Bay's coach said.

Game 3 on Tuesday night in Washington can't come soon enough for the Lightning, who are in a historically difficult spot after losing twice at home to open the series. Of the 41 previous times a team lost the first two games in the conference finals, 39 went on to lose the series — including every team that lost its first two at home.

"For us, it's all about resetting everything," defenseman Victor Hedman said Monday. "There's no panic. We're obviously not happy with losing two games on home ice, but that is not something that goes into our locker room. We've got the experience. We've got the guys that are in the playoffs for the first time, guys have been through this, and we're capable of handling that."

The Lightning under Cooper haven't lost the first two games of a series since 2014, when they were swept in the first round by Montreal. That was a learning experience players could point to when they went to the Stanley Cup Final in 2015, but right now it's just an ugly deficit.

After not allowing Boston to score an even-strength goal in the final three games during the second round, Tampa Bay has been outscored 7-1 by Washington at even strength and 10-4 overall. Asked what the Lightning needed to do better, three-time Cup-winning defenseman Ken Daneyko responded, "Where do we begin?"

"They were so responsible defensively, making good puck decisions and through the first two rounds they didn't give up a whole lot. All of a sudden, you're seeing outnumbered situations," said Daneyko, now an NHL Network analyst. "Just mental breakdowns, mental mistakes by Tampa Bay. You never know why it turns so drastically like that when they were so sound against the Bruins. That can't happen."

Mistakes are happening in abundance, most notably passing up shots that lead to opportunities the other way. And ill-timed penalties late in periods have led directly to Capitals power-play goals, which



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Washington Capitals center Lars Eller cuts around Tampa Bay Lightning center Anthony Cirelli during Game 2.

definitely can't continue happening if the Lightning want to make this a series.

"We need to do a better job of not getting in that situation, not letting two games in a row, 7, 8 seconds left on the power play and they get one," defenseman Dan Girardi said. "That's something we can definitely control ourselves."

As clinically as Tampa Bay eliminated New Jersey and Boston in five games apiece, Washington is rolling behind the scoring of Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov and the goaltending of Braden Holtby, who has stopped 52 of 56 shots through two games. The Capitals are feeling confident right now, but after falling behind 0-2 on home ice in the first round and roaring back to beat Columbus, they understand how fast things can swing.

For the Lightning to win one or two games, they'll need to get better production out of captain Steven Stamkos, who has one even-strength point, and better play out of goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy, who hasn't been at his best.

"Regardless who's in the net, you're going to give up these chances, it makes it hard on your goaltender," Cooper said. "And believe me, he's the last guy we're pointing fingers at."

If the Lightning can't figure out how to fix many of their problems from the net out, it'll be a short series. Cooper sounded confident of a turnaround.

"There's a really good group of guys there," Cooper said. "They've got a ton of experience and when their backs have been against the wall, they've shown a propensity to fight back. This is a tough one. We lost two at home and it's definitely not an ideal situation. But we're not done. It's not over."

**GAMBLING**

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years.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote for the court, "The legalization of sports gambling requires an important policy choice, but the choice is not ours to make. Congress can regulate sports gambling directly, but if it elects not to do so, each state is free to act on its own. Our job is to interpret the law Congress has enacted and decide whether it is consistent with the Constitution. PASPA is not."

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor dissented. Ginsburg wrote for the three that when a portion of a law violates the Constitution, the court "ordinarily engages in a salvage rather than a demolition operation," preserving what it can. She said that instead of using a "scalpel to trim the statute" her colleagues used "an axe" to cut the remainder down. Breyer agreed with the majority of the court that part of the law must be struck down but said that should not have doomed the rest of the law.

The federal government and all four major U.S. professional sports leagues and the NCAA had urged the court to uphold the federal law, with the leagues saying a gambling expansion would hurt the integrity of their games. Those concerns are rooted in past gambling scandals. The leagues don't want anyone thinking the outcome of their games could be altered by someone with money on a certain result, and they argued that with legal sports betting in the United States they'd have to spend a lot more money

monitoring betting patterns and investigating suspicious activity.

Sports gambling proponents argue that the leagues already do that work and that legal sports betting will make enforcement easier than it is now, when most bets in the U.S. are made illegally. They say state regulators are capable of monitoring suspicious bets, as is done in Nevada.

On Monday, Major League Baseball issued a statement saying the Supreme Court ruling would have "profound effects" on the league and that it would "continue to seek the proper protections for our sport."

NBA commissioner Adam Silver says the pro basketball league remains in favor "of a federal framework that would provide a uniform approach to sports gambling in states that choose to permit it." He said that "regardless of the particulars of any future sports betting law, the integrity of our game remains our highest priority."

Representatives of the National Hockey League and National Football League had no immediate comment on the ruling, saying they were analyzing it. The NCAA's chief legal officer said the organization is still reviewing the court's decision but added that it "will adjust sports wagering and championship policies to align with the direction from the court."

The court's decision came in a case from New Jersey, which has fought for years to legalize gambling on sports at casinos and racetracks. Former Gov. Chris Christie said after arguments in the case in December that if justices sided with the state, bets could be taken "within two

weeks" of a decision.

After the ruling was announced, the former Republican governor tweeted that it was a "great day for the rights of states and their people to make their own decisions." The state's current governor, Democrat Phil Murphy, also cheered the ruling, saying he was "thrilled" to see the high court strike down the "arbitrary ban." He said he looked forward to working with the Legislature to "enact a law authorizing and regulating sports betting in the very near future."

Monmouth Park, a racetrack at the Jersey Shore, has already set up a sports book operation and has previously estimated it could take bets within two weeks of a favorable ruling.

Tony Rodio, president of Tropicana Entertainment, said his Atlantic City casino will "absolutely" offer sports betting once it can get it up and running. "It's been a long time coming," he said.

New Jersey has spent years and millions of dollars in legal fees trying to legalize sports betting. In 2012, with voters' support, New Jersey lawmakers passed a law allowing sports betting, directly challenging the 1992 federal law. The four major professional sports leagues and the NCAA sued, and the state lost in court.

In 2014, New Jersey tried a different tactic by repealing laws prohibiting sports gambling at casinos and racetracks. It argued that taking its laws off the books was different from authorizing sports gambling. The state lost again and then took the case to the Supreme Court.

More than a dozen states had supported New Jersey in urging the Supreme Court to overturn the law.

## NBA

# Ray Allen says LeBron James doing what he does in playoffs

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Ray Allen has enjoyed watching former teammate LeBron James lead Cleveland through the NBA playoffs. And it's not much different than what Allen saw almost daily when the two were part of the Miami Heat's run to a NBA title in 2013.

"He's the main cog of what the Cavaliers are doing," Allen said Monday. "I don't see him doing anything outside of his spectrum. He's doing what he's been doing most of his career. When we start talking playoff basketball and about the players who are good, we expect them to do their jobs when it's time to do their jobs."

For the two-time NBA champion in Allen, there's no higher compliment.

Allen spent his stellar, 19-year career well prepared for whatever moment there was. He was a 10-time NBA all-star who helped a trophy-starved Boston to a championship in 2008, then joined James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh with the Heat to capture the 2013 crown.

Allen, the son of an Air Force veteran, starred for Hillcrest High School in Dalzell, South Carolina, about an hour east of Columbia. He returned to the Palmetto State this week to be part of the newest group of inductees into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

"This is my first induction into any hall of fame," Allen said, smiling.

Allen, 42, left the game after the 2014 season as the NBA leader in career 3-pointers made — more than 400 more than Reggie Miller in second place. Allen's also known for several big moments on the court, including his seven 3-pointers in the sixth and final game of the 2008 title series to defeat the Los



Miami Heat basketball players Ray Allen (left) and LeBron James look out into the crowd after a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington where President Barack Obama honored the 2013 Heat.

Angeles Lakers to help the Celtics win their first championship since 1986.

It was Allen's 3-pointer from the right corner for the Heat in game six of the 2013 series with San Antonio that tied things at 95-all, a game Miami would go on to win in overtime before closing out the title run a game later.

Allen, who also played for Milwaukee and Seattle, prefers remembering the smaller moments, ones fans don't see where teammates practice together and commit to let their talent and effort loose in games.

"The moments when the guys counted on me to come through for them," he said. "Just being accountable."

That's what Allen sees from James as much in a first-quarter blocked shot or box out as in a last-second banker to defeat Toronto in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"It's being a good teammate," he said. "The people

see the big shots, but what we see is, 'Man, he was a great teammate. He was always there.'"

As far as the all-time debate, Allen gives the edge to Michael Jordan over James. Playing against both of them, Allen said Jordan "didn't have any weaknesses. There was just no way that you could stop him."

Allen is certain James, especially with more playoff showings like this season, will make a stronger case for the top spot.

Allen missed Boston's opening game conference finals win over Cleveland and James on Sunday as he had just returned from China where he was promoting the NBA. It's a country hungry for more of the game, Allen said. He said he met one fan there who had his signature sneakers from his early days in Milwaukee.

He's not pulling for the Celtics or Cavaliers, just more compelling playoff basketball.

And there should be

plenty of that Tuesday night when Golden State plays at Houston, and when there should be plenty of 3-pointers being tossed up.

Allen, though one of the all-time great long-range shooters in the NBA, doesn't enjoy talking about the role he played in the evolution of game, where 3-pointers are being shot in record numbers. Allen attempted 500 or more 3s just three times in 19 seasons. Steph Curry and Klay Thompson have each done that for the Warriors the past six seasons.

"I just believe I did what I was supposed to do when I had my time," Allen said. "I try never to play those woulda, coulda, shouldas." Allen credited his time in South Carolina for learning to overcome adversity on being a military child mixing with civilian students who knew little about life on an air base.

"This is a place that grew me up as a young person," Allen said. "It's where I got my start."

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He was always determined to play by the rules. He just wasn't successful at the onset.

The ban took effect in 2016. Simpson decided to switch a year earlier, though he started to waver. On his way to Japan for the Dunlop Phoenix in late 2014, he told caddie Paul Tesori he was bringing the belly putter with him for just one more tournament.

Instead, he took a drastic measure.

"I see my bag in the garage, and I see the belly putter, and for whatever reason I had an urge to just break it," Simpson said. "If I break it, I can't take it with me. And so I go over there and snap it over my knee."

Instead of pitching it in the trash, his wife persuaded him to keep it. Both pieces are in his trophy case.

But it wasn't smooth sailing.

Simpson had an average ranking of 36th in putting his first six years on tour with the belly putter. Once he went conventional, he fell to No. 174. He put the broken pieces in the case, but he didn't add any trophies with the regular putter.

The low point was 2016 at the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs, when he started to get short with his caddie, and they sat in the car in the parking lot at Bethpage Black talking about how to move forward.

The low point became



Webb Simpson had an average ranking of 36th in putting his first six years on tour with the belly putter. Simpson won The Players Championship on Sunday.

a turning point. Simpson, stubborn about being a conventional putter, became more open-minded about other ideas. He called other players to see what they tried, and what worked.

"I think I was too closed-minded and just tried to learn a lot about putting and what's important," Simpson said. "Talking to great putters helped. Aaron Baddeley and Brandt Snedeker, had tons of conversations with those guys."

It led him to use a longer putter that runs up the left side of his arm, which Matt Kuchar made popular. And then he found what Simpson calls the "missing link," provided by former Players champion Tim Clark. They were at Sawgrass a year ago when Clark suggested that

Simpson use a claw grip with that style of putter.

Simpson finished last season at No. 88 in the key putting statistic (strokes gained), and he didn't miss a cut the rest of the year after Clark's tip.

And now here he is, ranking among the best putters and feeling like one of them.

He can make room in that trophy case for the crystal from The Players Championship, his first victory since the governing bodies made him change the only putting style he ever knew in college and as a pro.

"To be honest with you guys, I've never putted this well in my life," Simpson said. "And I think if I had stayed with the belly putter, I think I maybe average 35th to 60th every year in putting. So very average."

The weakness became a strength.

Simpson was in the top 10 in the world when the anchoring ban was proposed. He was just inside the top 40 when he abandoned his belly putter for good. He nearly fell out of the top 100 two years ago. Sunday's victory moved him back to No. 20. He is No. 9 in the Ryder Cup standings, with three majors and a World Golf Championship still to play. His outlook, always positive, is stronger than ever.

"It means everything to me," Simpson said. "I feel like it's my first win. To win a major championship and few other tour events and then go over four years without a win ... I never doubted myself. But at the same time, that's a long time."

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

## Gators earn No.2 seed in NCAA tournament

From staff reports

GAINESVILLE — The Florida Gators softball team will host an NCAA Regional for the 14th consecutive season at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. The team found out its placement as the national No. 2 seed during Sunday night's selection show on ESPN2.

Joining Florida in the Gainesville Regional will be Ohio State (34-14), South Florida (38-21) and Bethune-Cookman (31-24).

Florida has hosted an NCAA Regional every year under head coach Tim Walton. The double-elimination regional starts Friday and runs through Sunday.

As the No. 2 seed in this year's tournament, the Gators will have the opportunity to host an NCAA Super Regional should the team prevail out of the Gainesville Regional. The team would then face the winner out of the College Station (Texas) Regional.

### Gators Road to Oklahoma City

*Gainesville Regional* — May 18-20 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium

No. 2 Florida vs. Bethune-Cookman | Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Ohio State vs. South Florida | Friday, May 18 at 5 p.m. | ESPN

*College Station Regional* — May 18-20

McNeese vs. Baylor | Friday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m.

No. 15 Texas A&M vs. Prairie View A&M | Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

*Gainesville Super Regional* — May 25-27

Winner of Gainesville Regional vs. Winner of College Station Regional

*Women's College World Series* — May 31 — June 6  
USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium - OGE Energy Field in Oklahoma City

## 'Noles earn No. 6 national seed in NCAA tournament

From staff reports

TALLAHASSEE — For the third consecutive season and fourth time in the last five years, the Seminoles are a top-eight national seed and No. 6 Florida State (47-10) will begin the 2018 NCAA Softball Championship at home on Friday, May 18 against Jacksonville State (33-23) at 2:30 p.m.

Auburn (40-15) and Kennesaw State (39-15) are the other two teams in the Tallahassee Regional and will begin the day with a game at 12:00 p.m. Every game of the regional will be broadcast on the ESPN family of networks.

The Seminoles have faced a total of 10 teams in the 2018 NCAA Tournament field, posting a combined record of 14-7, including wins over the top two national seeds — No. 1 Oregon and No. 2 Florida.

"Getting a national seed goes back to our body of work," said FSU head coach Lonni Alameda. "We really tried to challenge ourselves with the schedule, so it is good to see that over time we've established a schedule that the committee is recognizing and obviously winning the ACC was a huge boost for us. Really excited about the opportunity against the teams coming in this weekend."

The double elimination regional will conclude on May 20 and the winner of the 2018 NCAA Tallahassee Regional will match up with the winner of the Baton Rouge Regional in the NCAA Super Regional round on May 24-27. If Florida State wins its regional, it will host the Super Regionals.

It marks the 19th consecutive season that the Noles have reached the regional round and they are one of nine schools to make the NCAA tournament every year since 2000.



First-place team Jackson Swisher and Seth Slanker pose with their catches at Lake Talquin.

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on tap to showcase their skills against the best in the country. Catch the two Tigers on ESPN, which is scheduled to film the three-day tournament starting Aug. 2-4.

"Their ultimate goal is to win the national championship," said Columbia fishing club advisor Kevin Swisher. "National champions get an automatic college scholarship to Bethel University (Tenn.). They're the premier college fishing team. LSU is good, Auburn

and Alabama are good... There's nothing like Bethel."

Even if they don't win the whole tournament this year, the sophomore group has made it the primary goal, determined to win the crown sometime in the next two years. Together they welcome the challenge this fall — a golden opportunity to do well in front of college coaches, who potentially could offer a scholarship later on.

"I want to win nationals," Swisher said. "It may not be this year but we're going to try. We got two more years to win nationals."