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Murder suspect nabbed



Gutierrez

Wellborn woman was buried
in shallow grave, reports say

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**SUV VS.
MOTORCYCLE**

Biker clings to life after crash

Cops: Still critical,
but some better.

By COREY ARWOOD
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A motorcyclist remains in critical but stable condition after a Monday night collision while the status of the police investigation remains to be determined as investigators continue looking into the crash, LCPD said.

Lake City Police Public Information Officer Mike Lee said there is no final determination of fault as an investigation continues into the motorcycle and SUV crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 100.

"The status of the motorcycle driver has improved but we're not quite to the point yet where we're ready to declare there's no longer a traffic homicide investigation," said Lee. "Hopefully over the next couple of days if he continues to improve we can downgrade the case status."

However, he said if the

CRASH continued on 2A

Blueberry fest is Sat.

From staff reports

Wellborn is getting ready to celebrate the blues — blueberries, that is.

The 25th annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival is right around the corner.

The event will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Andrew's Square, 1340 Eighth Ave.

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WWII 'Rosie' calls LC home



COREY ARWOOD/Lake City Reporter

Machinist Edna Crostic helped to keep the home fires burning.

By COREY ARWOOD
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With crystal clarity, a local WWII Navy veteran recounted the orange groves of her childhood, a pre boot-camp trip to the Statue of Liberty and watching war planes do the Banana River Bounce in 1944.

A week from Saturday, Edna Irma Crostic will be 99 years old.

Crostic said she's looking forward to another day of doing whatever she wants to do, whether that's a car ride around Alligator Lake, watching the world from her front porch or watching the news on television.

Crostic was born in 1919, when WWI had just ended and the face of the modern world was being forged.

Little did Crostic know her own future was being shaped by events across the Atlantic while she was at home in the orange groves of St. Lucie County.

Two decades later, World War II exploded and Edna joined the Navy to work on aircraft at a base on the Banana River.

"I was in the Navy and I was an aviation machinist second class," she said. "We worked on airplanes. We repaired airplanes that had been in the ocean. It was World War Two and they were falling in the ocean and everywhere."

She called the rough landing that amphibious aircraft made on the river where her base was located the Banana River Bounce.

"They bounced when they landed on that river," she said.

Crostic was stationed at the Banana River Naval Air Station, now known as Patrick AFB, assisting with work on patrol bomber flying boat engines or PBMs.

She said when they were in the water they dropped their landing gear and rolled up a ramp where they would soon be repaired and readied once more for flight.

"It was interesting to watch," she said.

She said she enjoyed learning about the aircraft and she talked about them in encyclopedic detail.

"My shop worked on the engines of the plane and we just went to work like everybody else does," she said. "But we had



TOP: Edna Irma Crostic, 98, poses with a souvenir T-shirt bearing the name of the air base at which she was stationed during World War II. **ABOVE:** A PBM, or patrol bomber flying boat, is moored for maintenance at the base during the war. **LEFT:** Crostic was an aviation machinist at what is now known as Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County.

COURTESY PHOTOS



WWII continued on 2A

Murder suspect caught

Captured in Alachua County after call to cops from his sister.

By CARL MCKINNEY
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The manhunt started with a panicked call from a woman who locked herself in a gas station bathroom for fear of her own brother, then led authorities to a shallow grave in Suwannee County and ended with an arrest in a small town south of Gainesville.

Authorities on Wednesday morning arrested 35-year-old Rueben Portillo Gutierrez on suspicion of murdering 32-year-old Delia Cruz near Wellborn.

Cruz's family reported her missing around 11 a.m. Monday, said Suwannee County Sheriff Sam St. John.

Cruz and Gutierrez lived

together near 41st Road.

Deputies questioned Gutierrez and Cruz's sister at the house on Monday and brought in a K9 unit to investigate, St. John said.

On Tuesday, investigators were getting ready to visit the house again and conduct another search when Gutierrez's sister



Gutierrez

called SCSO from a Chevron station near Miccosukee in Alachua County.

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herself in a bathroom after Gutierrez reportedly confessed to her that he killed Cruz, St. John said.

"She was scared of him," St. John said.

By the time authorities got there, Gutierrez had fled on foot.

Around 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, investigators found a suspicious spot on the ground near a stand of pines about a quarter of a mile from Cruz's home.

"The dirt was disturbed," St. John said. "Looked like he put some leaves on it for camouflage."

After obtaining a search warrant, investigators started digging and found a body around 7 p.m.

The body matched Cruz's description and was taken to the medical examiner in Tallahassee for a positive identification and to determine the cause of death.

Multiple agencies assisted in the search for Gutierrez, but it was a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office K9 team that ultimately found him Wednesday morning.

Gutierrez was booked into the Alachua County jail.

St. John said Gutierrez

had been trying to hide in abandoned houses.

"So they started just going door to door," St. John said. "Went to one abandoned house, found him hiding inside."

St. John theorized that Gutierrez and Cruz were in the process of splitting up.

"I think she may have been wanting to see someone else," he said.

Gutierrez faced a similar situation with a previous girlfriend, whom he sexually assaulted, stabbed and left for dead, St. John said. The woman in that case survived.

In 2007, Gutierrez received a 10-year prison sentence Marion County for sexual battery and a 15-year sentence for attempted murder, according to the Florida Department of Corrections.

He was released in December 2017.

FESTIVAL

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Guests can start the day with a blueberry pancake breakfast, available from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, before checking out the Christmas in June Parade at 10 a.m.

The Country Store will offer a variety of blueberry pies, cobblers, jams, jellies, syrups and more.

More than 100 vendors will display an assortment of festival foods, crafts and activities for all ages.

Hot-rod aficionados can check out a classic car and truck show, while animal lovers can head to the Scales and Tails live animal show at 11 a.m.

Live bands will provide the tunes, with DJ Road Dogg Russell Howard and Starlight Sound as hosts.



A scene from a previous Blueberry Festival.

WWII

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to make sure that engine was exactly right. Oh, I did all kinds of things."

At the time her husband, Earl Edward Crostic, was a machinist first class and worked in the same shop.

After joining the Navy on July 8, 1943 she was taken from her home in the orange groves to upstate New York.

"They sent me to New York and that's where I was in boot camp," Crostic said.

She told stories from that time.

"I met this sailor going up to New York and he kept in touch with us."

He took Edna and a few of her friends on his boat to the Statue of Liberty where she said they had a laugh at the signs that read "363 steps to the head," in reference to the term's slang usage as a restroom.

After a brief stint in Memphis and Oklahoma the Navy stationed her back home where she remained throughout the

rest of her military career ending in 1945.

"I enjoyed it they sent me to school and I found out all about airplanes."

She later married, had a son and they lived in Orlando for some time. Then she said she they moved to Utah where she worked keeping genealogy records that were kept in the arid mountain climate to aid in their preservation.

Keeping up with world affairs is a habit she still keeps. She said one of her favorite activities is watching the news.

"That's where I get my information and that keeps me going," she said.

Her days start early with only black coffee and no sugar and breakfast of a fried egg, toast and a bowl of corn flakes.

Her independence is afforded through a compatriot she met during her 14-year stay at "The Dom" or Lake City VA's Veteran's Domiciliary.

William "Flat Top" Davis, from Pittsburgh, lived at the domicile for four years and now the two share a

rental home in downtown Lake City.

He was an aviation electrician in the Navy and Air Force during the Vietnam War.

The two developed a plan for their independence and carried it out while in the domicile.

It is paramount in their living arrangement. Davis helps care for Crostic, and Crostic tells him her stories of which he's become an archivist of sorts.

At almost 99, though, she said she'd been given a clean bill of health from VA doctors.

She said she likes the local VA services.

"I have never been treated any better than the VA here. I'm Ms. Edna over there."

As for her birthday, Crostic said she's looking forward to another day of independence, another drive, another view from her porch and maybe some TV in her down time.

"We have the nicest place to live," she said. "I never even thought about it but we do have a nice place to live."

From staff reports

The June Gathering of

the SongFarmers of the Suwannee River Valley will be Saturday, June 2, from 7-9 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW

Bascom Norris Drive.

Acoustic jam style format. Musicians, friends and families welcome. All ages and skill levels welcome. No charge.

For more, contact Skip

Johns at 386-344-2906 or visit the Suwannee Valley SongFarmers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/songfarmersofthesuwanneerivervalley/>

and have a determination of fault in a matter of days.

The parties' identities have been withheld by police during the investigation.

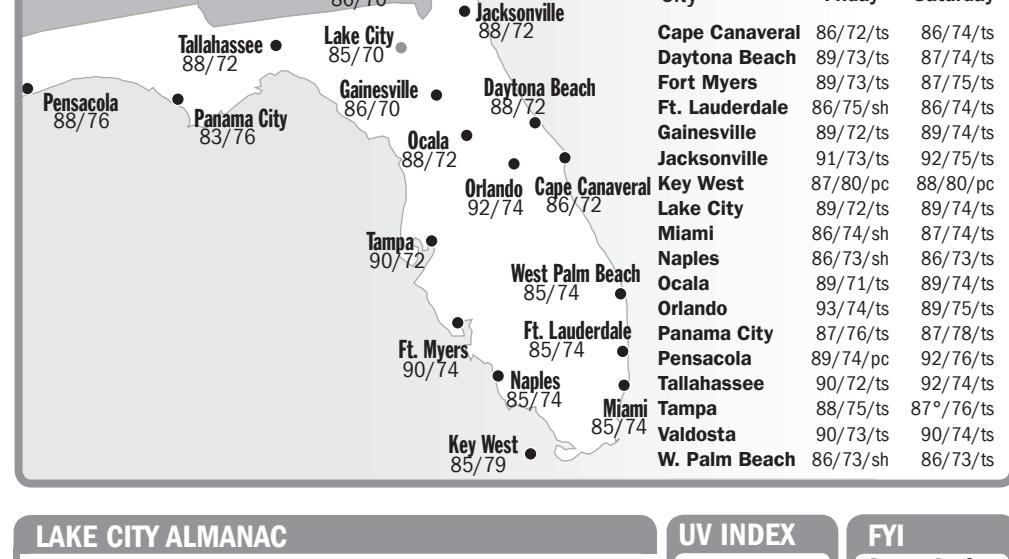
The biker was flown

to UF Shands for emergency care Monday night after a collision with a Nissan Xterra, LCPD reported.

THE WEATHER

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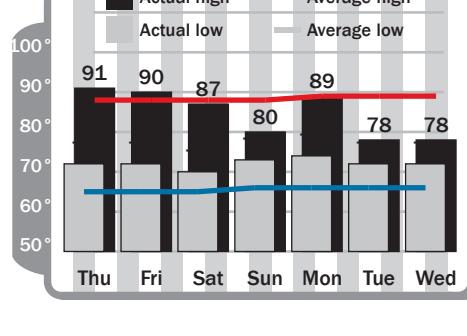
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Low Wednesday	72	Sunset today	8:27 p.m.						
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Normal low	66	Sunset tom.	8:27 p.m.						
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Record low	55 in 1971								
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Month total	4.45"	Moonrise tom.	11:08 p.m.						
Year total	9.70"	Moonset tom.	8:58 a.m.						
Normal month-to-date	2.36"								
Normal year-to-date	15.87"								

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WEATHER HISTORY
The Johnstown disaster occurred on this date in 1889 in Pennsylvania, marking the worst flood tragedy in United States history. The South Fork Dam gave way due to heavy rain, causing a thirty foot wall of water to rush downstream through the Conemaugh Valley. This disaster took 2,100 lives.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today

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.

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.

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 Friends!



MARLEY ANDRETT/Special to the Reporter

Zecher is in the Artist Corner

The Artist Corner in the Fort White Branch Library is Lake City artist Shirley Zecher. "I love the arts and appreciate all the talent we have among us right here in Columbia County," Zecher said. "I am an interior decorator by trade. I'm thankful; for the talent given me that has served me well in this vocation. The paintings and crafts you see today are all a part of what I do in my spare time for pleasure. I am thankful for this opportunity to show my art at the Fort White Branch Library. Hopefully those of you who enjoy my art will get some pleasure from them." Shirley will be in the Artist Corner until July 31.

children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

Dare to Dream

Lake City Dance Arts will present their 23rd annual recital "Dare to Dream" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1, 2 and 3 at the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Center.

The Friday show is a benefit performance for the "Friends of the Columbia County Public Library" featuring our older dancers in Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Modern. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Come out and support your library Friends!

The Saturday and Sunday recitals feature all of our students in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Hip Hop with showtime at 3 p.m. both days. Tickets are available online until midnight Thursday, May 31st @ www.TuTuTix.com/Lake City Dance Arts.

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

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.

Sunday

Bingo games

Bingo every Sunday, Monday and Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at the American

Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd. For more, call 386-752-7776. There are three \$250 jackpots each night. Quarter games are played at 3 p.m. For more, call 386-752-7776.

Nesmith Family Reunion

Sunday, June 3. 1 to 3 p.m. Providence Village Community Center; Providence Village, Florida South of SR 238 on SW 45th Ct and SW 86th Street.

Bring your favorite potluck food dishes and desserts and enjoy fellowship with kinfolks and guests.

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, stop by the Reporter office or email Steve Wilson at swilson@lakecityreporter.com.

Tuesday 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.

Ongoing

Volunteers needed

Shands Lakeshore Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is seeking volunteer golf cart drivers. 4 hours per week.

For more information, please call 386-292-8000, ext. 21216.

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 information, call 386-719-7713.

OBITUARIES

Louvenia Kettles

Louvenia Kettles, age 84, resident of Lake City, FL passed away peacefully May 24, 2018. She was the daughter of the late Mr. James and Mrs.

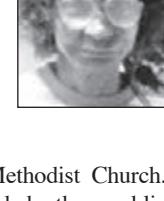
Annie Mae Jerry Kettles.

She received Christ at an early age at Falling Creek Baptist Church and later joined New Hope United Methodist Church.

She attended the public Schools of Columbia County.

Preceded her in death were her son Eddie Kettles, her siblings; Mrs. Clars Bell McClain, Leroy Bush and Louis Kettles.

She leaves to cherish her memories; her devoted children; Aileen (William) Fudge and David Kettle; granddaughter Sophia Fudge, great grands, Victoria and Celina Anderson, Sister Mrs. Corine Mickler; sister-in-law Hattie Bell Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.



Funeral services for Louvenia Kettles will be 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at New Hope United Methodist Church, 4140 NW Falling Creek Road, Lake City, FL. Rev. Theo Jackson, Pastor/Eulogist. Interment will follow in the Falling Creek Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 5 - 6 p.m., Friday, June 1, 2018 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are entrusted to: COOPER FUNERAL HOME, 251 NE Washington Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D.

Pastor McCray is preceded by his parents, Harry McCray and Evelyn Knight McCray, brothers, Harold McCray, Keith McCray and Glenn McCray and daughter Teresa Karen McCray. Pastor McCray is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ernestine Harrington McCray, two sisters, Frances McCray Sellers and Iris McCray Skeen, two sons, Harry F. McCray, Jr., and Ronald McCray, one grandson, Kevin McCray. A funeral service will be held for Pastor McCray at 11 a.m., June 1, 2018 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Fort White, FL. Services will be officiated by Pastor Stephen



Shinholser. Interment will be in Alton Church of God Cemetery. Arrangements by EVANS CARTER FUNERAL HOME, High Springs, (386) 454-2444

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Fort White Church of God, P.O. Box 1030, Fort White, FL 32038.

Angela Yvette Wilson

Angela Yvette Wilson, daughter of the late Frank and Gloria Shaw was born September 27, 1959, in Lake City, Florida. She passed away, May 26, 2018, at her residence. Angela was gifted with many talents which she shared with others. She enjoyed helping people and making them laugh, often providing comfort with nothing more than her beautiful smile. Angela was always quick to volunteer her

time and home and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Left to cherish precious memories: Son, Ar-dell Holmes; grandchildren, Tangala Gray and Ahmari Holmes; brother, Marvin Shaw; sisters, Jewell Shaw, Katina Bryant, Sadie Johnson, and their families; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Angelas favorite color was purple, to all that would like to dress in her honor.

Funeral services for Angela Y.



Wilson will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, 541 NE Davis Ave, Lake City, FL.

Visitation with the family will be from 6 - 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2018, at the funeral home.

Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington St., Lake City, FL, (386) 752-4366, Marq Combs Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"

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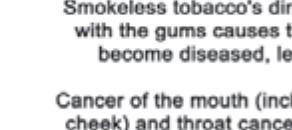
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OUR OPINION

Blueberry fest sure to please

If you're out and about on Saturday, don't miss the 25th annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival. You can see all the details in a story on today's front page.

The big draw, as always, is blueberries. Blueberries in every form imaginable. Pancakes, pies and everything in between.

But there's lots more to do than just eat. More than 100 vendors will offer up arts and crafts of all kinds.

An automotive show, featuring classic cars and trucks, is planned.

An animal show.

And all the entertainment you can stand in the form of live bands.

The festival is always great, but this one, the silver one, promises to be something really special.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1935, movie studio 20th Century Fox was created through a merger of the Fox Film Corp. and Twentieth Century Pictures.

In 1949, former State Department official and accused spy Alger Hiss went on trial in New York, charged with perjury (the jury deadlocked, but Hiss was convicted in a second trial).

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later; today the pipeline carries an average of 1.8 million barrels of oil a day, according to the Alaska Public Lands Information Centers website.)

In 1985, 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an 8-hour period.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

In 2005, breaking a silence of 30 years, former FBI official W. Mark Felt stepped forward as "Deep Throat," the secret Washington Post source during the Watergate scandal.

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Cute internet tranquilizers



Marc Weingarten

The internet so rarely surprises anymore. Recently when I tried to view my Amazon wish list, a Jack Russell terrier appeared, along with the message, "Sorry, something went wrong on our end." When I tried to log in anew, two collies named Butters and Marge showed up with the same message. My Chromebook has a similarly quirky way of telling me things aren't working: It displays a dinosaur that looks like it was DOS coded, its beady eye winking at me until it reconnects to WiFi. Google offers a cheeky "Aw Snap!" message when pages won't load.

Cute. It disarms. It mollifies. And it's all over the web.

Handsome couples roughhouse with their chocolate lab on your bank's home page. Adorable freckled children being tended to by kind doctors pop up on your healthcare portal.

There's a good reason for this; even as the internet has become faster and more functional, our patience for errors or slowdowns has thinned. But it's hard to get mad at cute.

In the dial-up days of the early '90s, the internet was a narrative of failure: perpetually dropped cellphone calls, a dial tone that failed to squawk its way into connectivity, multiple daily mainframe reboots, lost data. No one sent pictures of Weimaraners to quell our frayed nerves.

But as we skitter toward the Singularity, innovation apathy has crept in. Even though we carry in our pockets smartphones that eclipse the processing power of the NASA mainframe that put a man on the moon, we silently curse the

Amazon and Google play the role of avuncular tech giants, reassuringly patting our hand and showing us cute puppies.

fact that calls are still dropped, texts go undelivered, and that voice transcription mistakenly auto-corrects our expletives.

According to a recent study by Pew Research Center, 25 percent

of all U.S. adults are "constantly online" and 77 percent of all Americans go online multiple times a day. With this kind of immersive mind-meld in full effect, our attention spans dry up and the glitches become harder to bear. In his bestselling book "The Shallows," Nicholas Carr posits that as technology provides ever-more stimulation, we find ourselves panicked by "dead air." A 404 Error page isn't a comforting notification or a useful alert. It's a crisis. There's nothing for us to click or read or buy, and we don't know how to handle it.

We have become impatient children online, and so companies treat us that way. Amazon and Google play the role of avuncular tech giants, reassuringly patting our hand and showing us cute puppies.

There are far more serious things for us to worry about, of course — Cambridge Analytica's Facebook swipe, for one. But no one is thinking about massive data theft when they are trying and failing to "one-click" dog food on Amazon. At some point we all confront road rage on the information superhighway, and although I wish the web would be more adult about it, I'll concede that the fault lies with our own twitchy, grasping fingers.

■ Marc Weingarten is the author of "Thirsty: William Mulholland, California Water and the Real Chinatown."

Don't squash our Junior Mints

We are trying to imagine the outrage that gripped Paige Stemm when she opened a box of Junior Mints and found that it was not filled to the brim with the luscious peppermint-filled dark chocolate buttons.

Oh, the soul-crushing disappointment!

Did Ms. Stemm complain to the management at Walgreens, where she paid about \$1 for the box?

Did she fire off an angry tweet or email to the company, shaming its owners with her discovery of the too-empty (in her opinion) box?

Did she reflect that perhaps it was just as well that the box wasn't full, since she'd likely wolf down the Junior Mints and imagine how many more calories she'd have to regret later?

We don't know.

What did happen: Stemm took her grievance to court. Her lawyers claim that the Junior Mint box is "misleading, deceptive and unlawful conduct" of the mint-maker, Chicago-based Tootsie Roll Industries. "They have created this oversized theater box, and it misleads consumers because consumers believe they're getting more candy when they purchase a box of Junior Mints than they're actually getting," says attorney Christopher

Moon, who seeks undisclosed damages and an order that Tootsie Roll either fill the box more or reduce the size of the packaging. The case is scheduled for an initial hearing Thursday.

Yes, some lawyers have discovered a tasty line of business. Federal class-action lawsuits related to what's called "slack fill" in food packaging — air space in layman's terms — have surged, according

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to a post on americanbar.org. And it's not just Junior Mints and other candy in the crosshairs. These suits challenge other manufacturers, including pharmaceutical, food and consumer products companies.

Many companies respond tartly that allowing air space in packages can protect the product, preventing, for instance, a potato chip demolition derby in a jostled bag.

Junior Mints lawyers argue that breathing room in the box protects the candy. Moon asserts that too

much space "actually can increase the chances that the candies will be damaged because they move around quite a bit inside the hard cardboard box."

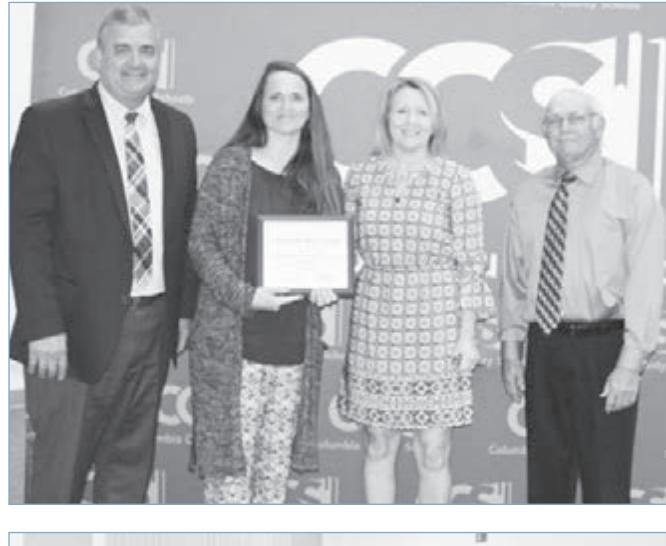
We'll leave the legal merits of these arguments to a judge.

But is there anyone in America who doesn't know that their boxes of candy, cereal and other products aren't necessarily filled to the brim? Or that you could jiggle the candy box to determine how much is inside? Or that you could read the contents weight on the label? Or that you could reflect that you've bought Junior Mints (or whatever your favorite candy) for years now, so where's the surprise?

Beyond that, our sympathies lie squarely with ... the mints. As dedicated candy aficionados, we indignantly oppose any packaging change that could damage them. So shake the box, candy neophytes, if you feel compelled to determine how full it is.

But gently, gently. When the green-and-white box opens, when the scent of chocolate mingled with mint wafts up, Junior Mint devotees want to pluck out perfect pearls — not a congealed mass of bruised, squashed disks.

■ Chicago Tribune



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pictured, from top row, left to right: **Eastside Elementary:** Superintendent Lex Carswell, Tabatha Hudson, Jessie Gerhart, Julie Wade, Chairman Keith Hudson, Principal Roger Little; **Five Points Elementary:** Carswell, Principal Lisa Lee, Hannah Parks and Hudson; **Fort White Elementary:** Carswell, Marah Miler, Hudson and Principal Tom Lashley; **Fort White Middle School:** Carswell, Mary Jones, Hudson and Assistant Principal Andy Giddens; **Lake City Middle School:** Carswell, Tamara Garrett, Joy Thomas, Angela Witt, Svetlana Exum, Principal Robert Cooper and Hudson; **Melrose Park Elementary:** Carswell, Kimberly Taylor, Principal Syreeta Jackson-Lee, Roderica Jones and Hudson; **Niblack Elementary:** Carswell, Thayla Mullins, Principal Nakitha Ivery, Alwillie Mullins, and Hudson; **Richardson Sixth Grade Academy:** Carswell, Mary Cason, Principal Sonya Judkins and Hudson; **Westside Elementary:** Carswell, Principal Dennis Dotson, Amy Smith, Marjorie Pollock, Patricia Giddens, Michelle Mann, Judith Johnson, Hudson. **Columbia City Elementary:** Carswell, Alisa Keen, Principal Hope Jernigan and Hudson. **Summers Elementary:** Carswell, Tami Stevens, Julie Cannon, Cindy Caley, Principal Jennifer Saucer, Hudson, and **Pinemount Elementary:** Carswell, Tammy Nessmith, Jody Lee, Chairman Keith Hudson, Principal Donna Darby (not pictured, Tracy Hickman).

Area teachers make a 'High Impact'

From staff reports

Recently, The Florida Department of Education released a list of "high impact teachers" chosen based on students' performance on state standardized assessments during the 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 school years. The teachers recognized must have taught English Language Arts (grades 4-10), mathematics (grades 4-8) or algebra (grades 8-9). We know about the positive impact teaching has on student outcomes.

With this knowledge comes the opportunity to celebrate successes and to support all educators in their journey to become more effective in the classroom. That starts by recognizing our Columbia County School's High Impact teachers.

"Each of these teachers is to be commended for having a positive impact on student learning and growth. All of us recognize that teaching is exceptionally hard work, and it is yielding positive results as our students continue to make progress,"

said Volunteer/Marketing Coordinator Dianna Swisher.

Superintendent Lex Carswell also spoke to the role these educators play.

"We are truly fortunate to have so many exceptional teachers within our district," he said. "Our teach-

ers expand minds, inspire greatness, and make a positive impact every day. We are very proud to have 28 of our teachers recognized as high-impact by the state."

Congratulations and thank you to all of our high-impact teachers."

Local talent sought for upcoming art show June 20 - Aug. 3

From staff reports

The Art League of North Florida and the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library will hold their Thirteenth Annual Juried Art Show from June 20 through Aug. 3.

Co-sponsored by the Art League of North Florida and the Friends of the Library, the Art Show will be held at the Columbia County Public Library's West Branch at 435 NW Hall of Fame Drive in Lake City. Judges for the event will be community leaders.

Area artists are invited to

compete for a total of \$1000 in cash awards, divided among several categories of art. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor, and painting mixed media)
2. Drawing (pastel, charcoal, pen and ink, pencil, and colored pencil)
3. Photography (film or digital, altered images must be indicated)
4. Sculpture/Creative Arts (plant materials, wood, stone, metal, pottery, fabric, glass, and other non-specified)

Register early as space is limited.

Participants in the art show must be 18 years or older and be a member of either the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library (individual membership, \$5.00) or the Art League of North Florida (individual membership, \$25.00). Applications containing all of the rules and details of the art show are now available at all locations of the Columbia County Public Library (Main Library, Fort White Branch Library, and West Branch Library), the Fabric Art Shop, and the Frame Shop and Gallery in Live Oak.

Art must be submitted at

the West Branch Library on Saturday, June 9, between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. If you do not have an entry form, one will be provided for you when you submit your art work.

The highlight of the Art Show is a reception and awards ceremony at the West Branch Library on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. The entire community is invited to drop in for

art, refreshments, awards and good fellowship. Winners will be announced and cash prizes will be awarded at approximately 6:00 pm. Patrons of the Library are also encouraged to vote for their choice for the best art work in the

show. That prize will be awarded at the end of the Art Show.

For questions about the Thirteenth Annual Juried Art Show, please contact Gateway Art Gallery at 386-752-5229.



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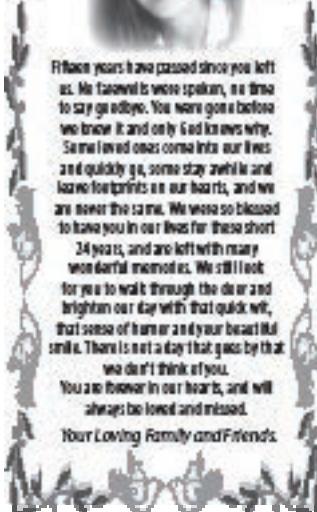
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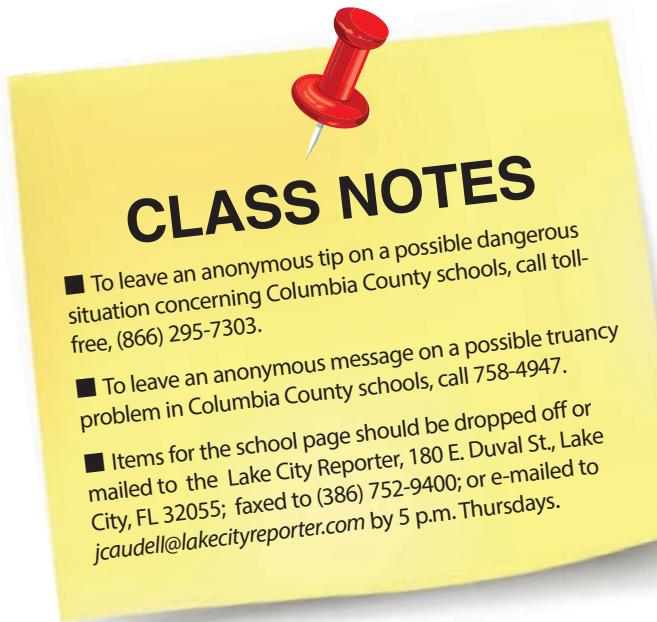
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NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS



Richardson archers make a bullseye

Archery in the Schools Academic Archer certificates were presented to three Richardson Sixth Grade Academy students at their awards ceremonies this week. The award recognizes academic excellence among 2.23 million NASP® student archers in 2018. Pictured with coach Robbins are Emma Croft, Lillian Martin and Hanna Orsini.

A high-five for Eastside

We are very proud of the hard work that all our third grade students demonstrated on the FSA tests that they took in April and May!

We would like to congratulate the third grade students who scored a Level 5 on the ELA FSA end of the year test! These students received a HIGH FIVE sign to display in their front yard! This was quite an accomplishment, and they deserve a HIGH FIVE shout out!

Names in random order: Delvy Bedenbaugh, Thomas Craver, Maddison Espenship, Jarod Hancock, Destin Hosford, Stella Jennings, Cade Swanson, Taylor Tash, Chloe Tedder, and Lauren Wagner!



COURTESY

Eastside wins 'The Battle of the Brains'

Eastside Elementary received 1st place in the Kiwanis Battle of the Brains. Pictured: Back row: Assistant Superintendent Cherie Hill, Principal Roger Little, Superintendent Lex Carswell. Front row: Cody Bass, Francesca Welborn, Sponsor Jessie Gerhart, Riley Everett, Bailey Ring.



COURTESY PHOTOS

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Section B

SPORTS

GAME 1
Today
at Golden State
9 p.m.

GAME 2
Sunday
at Golden State
8 p.m.

GAME 3
Wed, June 5
at Cleveland
9 p.m.

GAME 4
Friday, Jun 8
at Cleveland
9 p.m.

GAME 5*
Monday, June 11
at Golden State
9 p.m.

GAME 6*
Thursday, June 14
at Cleveland
9 p.m.

GAME 7*
Sunday, June 17
at Golden State
8 p.m.

*If necessary; all games on ABC

NBA FINALS Cavaliers vs. Warriors

Earning it the hard way



NHAT V. MEYER/Bay Area News Group/TNS

The Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) and Kevin Durant (35) high-five against the Cleveland Cavaliers in the second quarter of Game 5 of the 2017 NBA Finals.

Cavs-Warriors rematch exhausting but always entertaining in the NBA Finals.

Oh, come on! Again! Only in a two-team league does this happen, Cleveland and Golden State meeting for a fourth straight year. Sheesh. Not the ideal series for me, and many others, but I must say, there's something fulfilling about The Series That Won't Die. Many of us predicted this eventual meeting, and most agree, we're equally disappointed and happy to see it happen.

Another Cleveland-Golden State championship series reminds of my mom's homemade spaghetti – routine, painfully predictable, yet always delivers instant gratification. It just never gets old, no matter how many times.

So basically LeBron James is the Barilla sauce, Stephen Curry is the buttery Angel Hair pasta while Kevin Durant (meatballs) and Klay Thompson (parmesan cheese) complement the savory flavor beautifully.

It's the series of this generation. The annual clash between these two champion teams has been made redundant, but nonetheless it's always a classic – just like mom's spaghetti.

So who wins the series? You guessed it, Golden State. Chef Curry will continue to dish out his three-



Eric Jackson

The road to Round 4 for the Cavaliers and Warriors was anything but easy.

By JANIE McCUALEY
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Cleveland and Golden State were stressed and stretched to their limits in the conference finals this time around, leaving little time to recuperate and prepare for their latest showdown in the NBA Finals.

"Splintered" is how Stephen Curry described what he feared could happen in the second quarter of Game 7 at Houston, with the Warriors pushed to the brink by the Rockets.

So, Golden State held a serious team chat and got it together at last. LeBron James willed his Cavaliers back to the big stage with another spectacular performance against Boston.

"It was a special moment for us. And I think one that we'll look back, if we get the job done over these next two weeks, where, again, as an appreciation of all that goes into winning a championship," Curry said Wednesday, "and doing it by committee and making sure every guy, whether you're playing well or not, or things are going your way or not, that we all bring something to the fold that have gotten us to four straight Finals."

"And we've done it by appreciating everybody that's a part of that group. I think that two and a half minutes was

LeBron James' run to his eighth straight NBA Finals has been one of the greatest.

What LeBron James has done this postseason is nothing short of miraculous.

Somehow, with a mediocre cast, James has taken the Cleveland Cavaliers back to the NBA Finals for Round 4 with the Golden State Warriors. And he did it no less with a roster that was overhauled at the trade deadline, despite getting little to no help from the newcomers throughout the Cavaliers' playoff run.

James is averaging 34 points per game this postseason. The next highest on the team? Kevin Love at 13.9, who's been on the team since 2015.

No other Cavalier is even averaging double digits, despite Cleveland trading for George Hill, Jordan Clarkson, Larry Nance and Rodney Hood at the deadline. The quartet is only averaging 24.1 points per game combined in the playoffs, only inflated because of Hill's 9.8.

Meanwhile, Cleveland traded away a promising piece in Isaiah Thomas and a future Hall of Famer in Dwyane Wade, who still showed in these same playoffs that he can summon greatness on any given night.

Seriously, can you remember a team that blew up its roster halfway through the season, arguably for the



Jordan Kroeger

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Ovechkin helps Capitals even series

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Alex Ovechkin scored and blocked a shot in the second period and Braden Holtby made spectacular saves, lifting the Washington Capitals to a series-tying 3-2 win over the Vegas Golden Knights in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday night.

Lars Eller had a goal and two assists as the Capitals

secured the first win in the Final in franchise history. Washington was swept by Detroit in the 1998 Final.

Brooks Orpik scored Washington's third goal midway through the second period, ending a 220-game drought.

James Neal gave the Golden Knights a 1-0 lead 7:58 into the game and Shea Theodore pulled them within a goal late in the second.

Game 3 is Saturday night.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES



COURTESY OF OU ATHLETICS

The Oklahoma Sooners celebrate after defeating Arkansas in the NCAA Norman Super Regional.

Oklahoma seeks third straight national title

Sooners knocked off UF in last year's championship.

By CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The two-time defending national softball champion Oklahoma Sooners might be better than ever.

The Sooners blew through the competition

to post a 55-3 record and return to the Women's College World Series. The offense, led by freshman power hitter Jocelyn Alo and junior infielder Sydney Romero, led the nation in scoring. Star pitchers Paige Parker and Paige Lowary were exceptional again, helping the Sooners rank second nationally in ERA. Oklahoma backs up its

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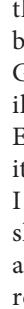
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ESPN — NCAA World Series, Game 2, Washington vs. Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City	7 p.m.	New York	35	17 .673 2
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GOLF — PGA Tour, The Memorial Tournament, first round, at Dublin, Ohio	3 p.m.	Central Division		
FS1 — USGA, U.S. Women's Open, first round, at Shoal Creek, Ala.	4:30 a.m. (Friday)	Cleveland	29	25 .537 —
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Italian Open, second round, at Brescia, Italy	1 p.m.	Detroit	25	30 .455 4½
MLB — Regional coverage, L.A. Angels at Detroit OR Tampa Bay at Oakland	7:30 p.m.	Minnesota	22	29 .431 5½
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ABC — NBA Finals, Game 1, Cleveland at Golden State	SPECIALS	West Division		
10 a.m.		Houston	35	22 .614 —
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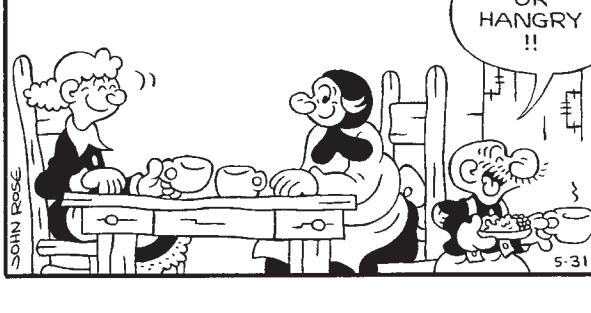
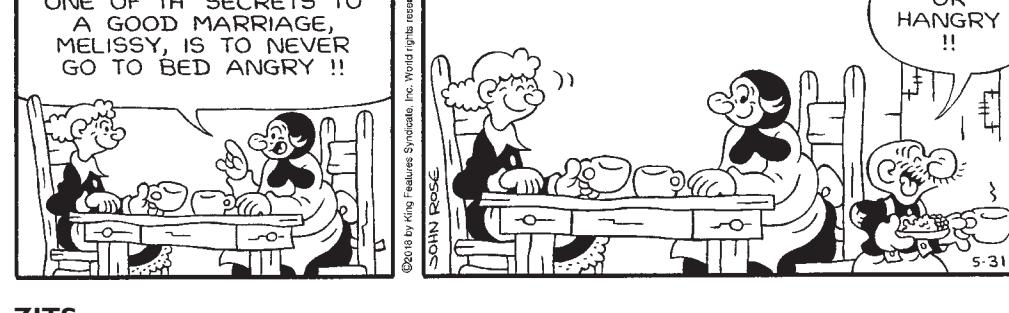
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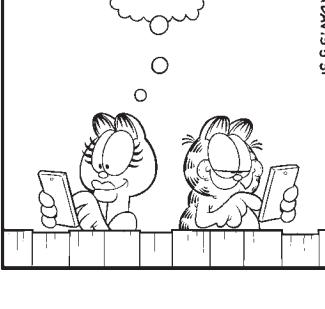
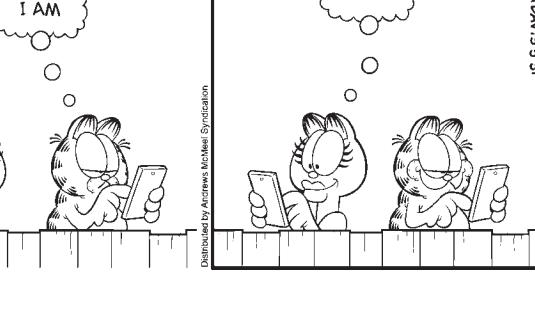
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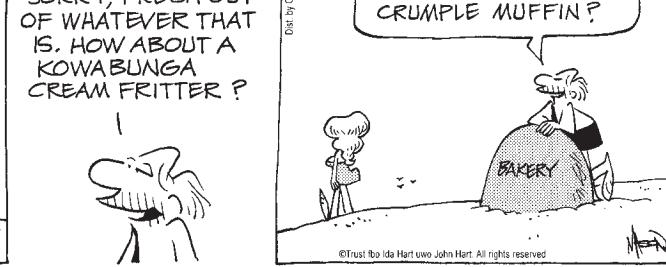
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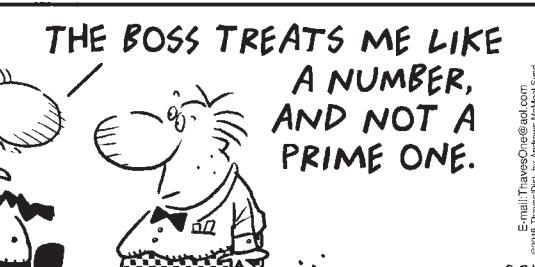
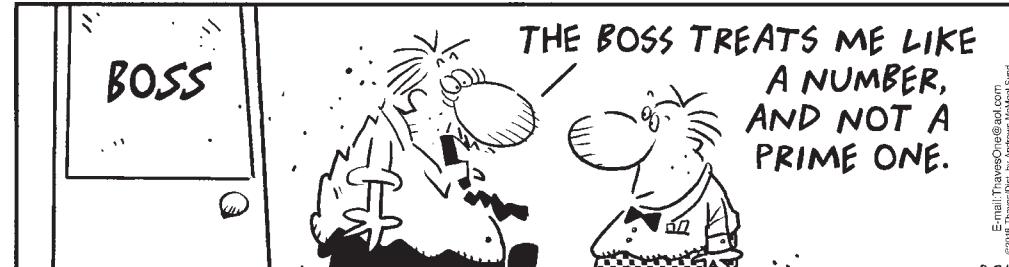
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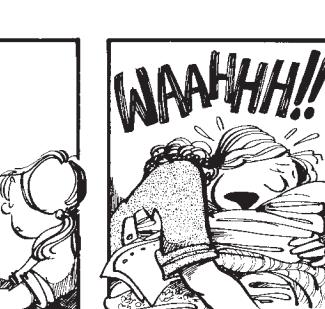
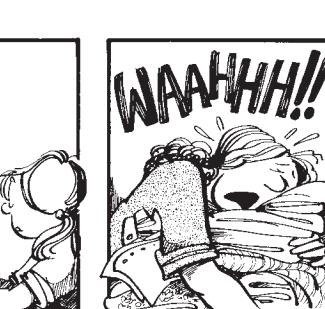
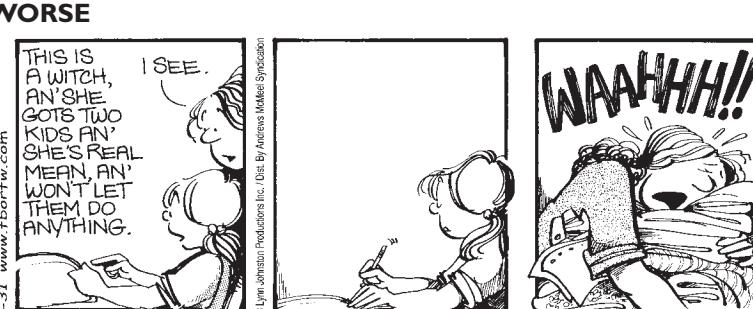
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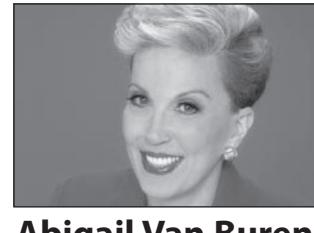


FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Grandma reluctant to share her title with boyfriend's mom



DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter, "Emily," is 13. I have been very involved with her all her life. My daughter, "Ginger," is divorced and has had a boyfriend, "Greg," for about three years, but there has been no talk of marriage. Greg's mother has told Emily to call her "Grandma." Emily is OK with that, but it hurt my feelings, Abby. I feel that Greg's mother should realize she's using a title that's not hers. I realize she's trying to make Emily feel like part of their family, but to me, this is MY title, not hers. She has known Emily for three years, and while she's nice to her, I'm the one who has been doing grandma duties for 12 years -- not her. To me, she should be called something special but not "Grandma."

How do I cope with this? Shouldn't the other "grandma" have realized she's pushing herself into the position of the real grandma? -- HURT GRANDMA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HURT: You are taking this too personally. If

invited themselves to our home in Florida. They hate me. One's husband sexually assaulted me five years ago. When I had her come and get him (he was drunk), she accused me of making it up! (Abby, she saw it happen.)

The other sister has never invited us over for dinners or special events. She's extremely obese and will break our furniture if she sits on it.

We are in our 70s, live modestly and can't afford this selfish intrusion. My husband says, "But they're my sisters!" Please help me get out of this. -- LOOKING FOR PEACE

DEAR LOOKING: I'll try. You and your husband are not joined at the hip. No law says you must be there. Yes, they are his sisters, so he can visit them in THEIR homes, without you. 'Nuff said?

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

HOROSCOPES | THE LAST WORD BY EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's up to you to bring about change or to make things happen. Figure out a logical plan and take physical action. Don't let negative people deter you from making your dreams come true. Follow your heart and get started. ★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make choices based on your needs. Refuse to let what others do or how others react change your plans. Stand strong and do your own thing. Personal physical alterations are in your best interest, even if someone disagrees. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can talk your way in or out of any situation, but remember to be truthful or someone will call your bluff. Travel, business meetings, pursuing information and socializing with knowledgeable people are favored. Negotiate on your own behalf. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rely on your insight and intuition to guide you in matters concerning colleagues, business decisions and partnerships. It's important to understand what others want before you make a decision to bring about change. Networking and personal improvements are encouraged. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Before making a change or jumping from one position to another, you should consider your motives and how your choices will affect others. Focus on how you can make a positive difference in your community. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The less time you spend trying to persuade others to do things your way, the less likely it is you will gain support. Take physical action, and do whatever it takes to put your plans in motion. Your actions will draw backing. ★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look out for your interests. Speak up and refuse to let anyone take you out of your comfort zone by making unrealistic demands or toying with your feelings to guilt you into something you don't want to do. Rely on yourself. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting together with people who share your beliefs or interests or finding out more about your family background will help you understand your strengths and weaknesses. Don't settle for less when you can have so much more.

CIPHER

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.

P C L A F B S E H H Z H P W S G Y L A F Y V
X S A D P F S P F A R B E N P V S A A . F G S B S P A
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S J R P F S U S V F . — K E P H R Y H H P V A

Previous Solution: "My version of 'Georgia' became the state song... That was a big thing for me, man. It really touched me." — Ray Charles

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305-GENERAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 18-162-CA BAR D RANCH PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIFER E. HOLMES, Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Jennifer E. Holmes

2333 SW 130th Terrace

Miramar, Florida 33027

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to real property on the following described property in Columbia County, Florida:

Parcel No.: 09617-113

Section 6, Township 6S, Range 17

Lot 13, Meadowlands Subdivision, Phase 1

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on BONNIE S. GREEN, DARBY PEELE & GREEN, PLLC Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 1241 S. Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32025, on or before June 25, 2018 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2018.

P. DEWITT CASON, Clerk of Circuit Court

By: /s/ S. Weeks

Deputy Clerk

431429

May 31, 2018

June 7, 2018

cree in the Plaintiffs interest which will be binding upon you. DATED: May 21, 2018. P. DEWITT CASON Clerk of the Third Judicial Circuit Court COLUMBIA County, Florida By: /s/ S. Weeks Deputy Clerk

430576

May 24, 31, 2018

June 7, 14, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 2018-CA-000046 MADISON HECM VI LLC, A DELAWARE LLC, Plaintiff,

-vs.-

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST NETTIE DAVIS a/k/a NETTE DAVIS, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST NETTIE DAVIS a/k/a NETTE DAVIS, DECEASED

Whose Residences are: Unknown

Whose last Known Mailing Addresses are: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Columbia County, Florida:

A part of the NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 16 East, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the said NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run South 7°55'21" West, 40.39 feet to the South right-of-way line of Kings Road; thence South 89°56'36" West along said right-of-way 554.04 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 89°56'36" West along said right-of-way 105.00 feet; thence South 0°03'24" East, 414.86 feet; thence North 89°56'36" East 0°03'24" West, 414.86 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being located in Columbia County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jeffrey C. Hakanson, Esquire, of McIntrye Thanasides Bringgold Elliott Grimaldi & Guita, P.A., 500 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33602, within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or, on or before June 20, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In addition, please be advised that an Order to Show Cause was entered in the above-referenced matter on February 23, 2018 scheduling a hearing for May 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Andrew Decker located at the Columbia County Courthouse, 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055.

If you are a person with a dis-

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

DATED this 18th day of May, 2018.

P. DEWITT CASON

CLERK OF COURT

By: /s/ S. Weeks

Deputy Clerk

430080

May 24, 31, 2018

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, P. DeWitt Carson, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell the property situate in Columbia County, Florida, described as:

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P. DEWITT CASON

CLERK OF COURT

By: /s/ S. Weeks

Deputy Clerk

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May 24, 31, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 16000016CAAXMX CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

Plaintiff,

-vs.-

HILLIARY M. ARNOLD, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of

foreclosure dated May 17, 2018, and entered in Case No.

16000016CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial

Circuit in and for COLUMBIA

County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., is Plaintiff, and HILLIARY M. ARNOLD, et al are Defendants, the clerk, P. Dewitt Cason, will sell to the highest bid best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM Columbia County Courthouse 173 NE Hernando Avenue, 3rd Floor, Lake City, FL 32055, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 25th day of July, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 2, CANNON CREEK

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that,

pursuant to a Final Judgment of

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DATED this 18th day of May, 2018.

P. DEWITT CASON

CLERK OF COURT

By: /s/ S. Weeks

Deputy Clerk

430132

May 24, 31, 2018

ACRES, according to the plat

thereof, as recorded in Plat

Book 4, Page 56, of the Public

Records of Columbia County,

Florida.

Any person claiming an interest

in the surplus funds from the

305-GENERAL

NCGA and its farmer members are currently recruiting 31 Temporary farm laborers to plant, cultivate, and harvest tobacco/diversified crops in various NC counties statewide. Contact the local Employment Service for the name, location, and farm specific crop information/full disclosure for each NCGA farmer member. Work will begin 07/20/18 and will end 11/10/18. The wage offer is the highest of \$11.46 per hour or applicable piece rates depending on crop activity. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. Free housing provided for non-commuting worker. Conditional transportation/subsistence reimbursed at 50% of the contract, or sooner if appropriate, for eligible workers. Work tools/equipment/supplies provided at no cost. NCGA members are equal opportunity employers. To apply, contact the nearest Employment Service office (10880111).

Now hiring one position for Warehouse manager. Must have experience in inventory management, receiving, pulling product and shipping. Full time position 40-50 hours a week subsidized health insurance, holiday pay, vacation pay and safety bonus. Must have computer skills. Please apply in person 3631 E US Hwy 90, Lake City FL 32055 or email to Quality831@qagroup.com

315-MEDICAL**C.N.A.'s Needed - \$10.50 to \$11.75/hr**

Avalon Healthcare is seeking CNA's. All candidates must pass a drug screen and background check, as well as possess an active license. Please apply in person @ Avalon Healthcare, 1270 SW Main Blvd. Lake City, FL

325-EDUCATION

- Certified Middle School Science teacher
- Certified Middle School Math teacher

Anyone interested should send a cover letter and resume to rklken@eclsc.org and contact Epiphany Catholic School at 752-2320 for an application.

340-BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**FUMC PIANIST NEEDED**

Pianist needed for Sunday Service. Please inquire @ (386) 752-4488

405-YARD SALES

PUBLISHER'S NOTE
All Yard Sale Ads
Must be Pre-Paid.

605-PETS & ANIMALS FOR SALE

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

705-HOMES FOR RENT

3/2 brick w/carport, lg pantry, fenced backyard, \$975/mo 1st+last+sec 386-288-8401

3BR/2.5 BA Pool 2 story Country Home 6 miles So of Columbia City. \$1500/mo, First and last plus \$500 dep Smoke free No pets. 386-365-1171

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Spacious 2/1 w/garage first, last and sec, no pets, smoke free. \$725/mo 386-867-9231

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735-MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

3BR/2BA MH in town w/CH/A, great location, remodeled, no pets, \$925/mo 1st, last & dep required 386-984-7899

740-COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

Downtown Ft White 2 different commercial properties, lease 1 or both to fit your needs. Call with your ideas 941-924-5183

745-LOTS FOR RENT

Five Ash Forest, Lake City's premier 55 plus manufactured home community. 752-7207 Lot lease includes water, sewer, garbage & lawn maintenance.

805-HOMES FOR SALE

Jackie Taylor & Associates Realty 752-4663 MLS90282 Great investment, currently rented at \$900/mo, lg lot in town, detached garage. \$124,900

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

805-HOMES FOR SALE

Remax, Missy Zecher 623-0237 MLS100045 \$267,900 Executive home w/Lake Jeffery 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 Airpark 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, flr 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 Wilkison 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, 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

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 MLS100654 3/2 brick on 1+ac, new appliances, HVAC, 10x20 deck, 2 sheds, chain link fenced backyard

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Rockford Realty Group, Debi Bennefield 288-1208/Scott Stewart 867-3498 MLS98034 4/3 on 17th Green alongside the 18th Fairway in Country Club, brick FP, \$249,900

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.

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PHIL MASTURZO/Akron Beacon Journal/TNS

The Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, defends a shot inside by the Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green during Game 4 of the 2017 NBA Finals.

REMATCH

Continued From 1B

course meals while the Durantula (or the Spatula, as I call him when he's playing poorly) feeds on his cavalier enemies. And Lord bless Cleveland if Thompson finds his stroke from deep, bring out the brooms if the splash brothers get wet.

But there's one lad who won't let Cleveland get swept, the King. The James Gang won't go down without a fight, so expect George Hill or Kyle Korver to be more than a moving body in a couple games

this series. Even if LeBron gives us another epic performance – is 50 points per game far-fetched? – his unmatched talents won't be enough to win more than two meager games against the Bay Area powerhouse.

Because let's be honest, the Warriors have already won the title. They did it on Monday night in Houston, but the championship celebration has been delayed until next week.

So Golden State becomes the league's newest dynasty, joining those throwback title teams in Boston, Chicago, San Antonio and Los Angeles. But will the Warriors latest title run be

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kind of take care of itself. But for me, I understand and I know how much I put into the game. So everything else is OK."

NO REST FOR THE WEARY: With only two days between games after the Warriors eliminated the Rockets 101-92 on Monday night, Draymond Green is happy to have an opponent in Cleveland he knows so well.

"In recent years we've been kind of having a week off, at most, to prepare for the Finals. It's almost a day to prepare this time," he said. "So it definitely helps knowing the opponent, knowing, obviously, everything stops and starts with LeBron, and trying to do what we can to make things tough on him, but also take other guys out of the game."

The Cavs finished their series Sunday at Boston, so James spent a relaxing Memorial Day Monday with family having a barbecue.

INJURY WOES: Both teams face significant injury concerns: Golden State defensive stopper and 2015 Finals MVP Andre Iguodala was ruled out for Game 1 with a bone bruise in his left knee, while Cleveland's Kevin Love remains in the NBA's concussion protocol with his status uncertain.

GOLDEN STATE AMONG GREATEST:

James considers Golden State among the greatest teams ever, and insists each side has earned this. James is ignoring the critics who say this annual matchup might be bad for basketball.

"Teams have had their opportunities to beat the Cavs over the last four years and teams have had opportunities to beat the Warriors over the last four years," James said. "If you want to see somebody else in the postseason then you've got to beat 'em."

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a special moment for us, and it should give us great momentum going into the series."

Now, James and the Cavs and Curry and the defending champions find themselves in familiar territory, facing off in a fourth straight NBA Finals — just with far less prep time after each team played furious Game 7s on the road to get back here.

Cavs-W's, Act IV is a little bit different, indeed. Game 1 is Thursday night at Oracle Arena.

King James stands in the way of a Warriors repeat, just as he did in spoiling that quest for Golden State and leading the Cavs to a championship two years ago with a Game 7 win on the Warriors' home court, where they have currently won 17 of the last 18 postseason games.

James never counted out Golden State.

"Just going against the Warriors in the last three years in the Finals, I kind of figured or thought that they could get it done," he said. "Just because of the 18 of a possible 21 Finals games that I've played against them in the last three years, I figured out that they could make it happen."

Here are some things to watch for heading into the best-of-seven series:

JAMES' SHOT: James isn't ready to make any bold predictions about how great he might be in his eighth straight Finals.

Yet the way he prepares, there's no doubt in his mind he will be ready when the ball tips.

"The level that I can play at is to be seen, but the level that I put into the game and put into my craft is who I am," James said. "So numbers and things like that

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worse, and still made the Finals?

Of course not, because it's never happened.

In fact, I'm convinced at this point James could have taken any roster in the Eastern Conference and made it to the Finals. Yes, even that dumpster fire in Atlanta. He could have made Kent Bazemore look like Jeff Green for a two-month stretch.

James has played out of his mind this postseason, determined to take the Cavaliers back to their fourth straight Finals and his eighth straight personally. It's rather remarkable, if not insane, and his greatness should be appreciated by everyone who loves the game of basketball.

Just look at what he's done during this run to even get the Cavaliers to a fourth date with the Warriors:

—He's hit two buzzer-beaters against Indiana and Toronto, making him only the second player to ever do that in one postseason, joining Robert Horry of all people.

—He's overcome deficits in two series, rallying the Cavaliers from down 2-1 to the beat the Pacers and then from down 3-2 against the Boston Celtics. In Game 7 against the Pacers, James scored 45 points, pulled down nine rebounds, dished out seven assists and four steals in 43 minutes. Then in Game 7 against the Celtics, he nearly put up a triple-double, pouring in 35 points with 15 rebounds and nine assists while playing all 48 minutes.

—James put together one of the all-time great six-game stretches you'll ever see in the Eastern Conference Finals, averaging 37 points on 55 percent shooting — 46 percent from 3-point range — to with nine rebounds and eight assists to take down the Celtics.

—Then there's his historic Game 2 performance against the Raptors where James scored 43 points with 14 assists and eight rebounds. No player in NBA history has ever scored 40 while dishing out 14 assists in the playoffs.

James' numbers have been stu-

pid good. People want to argue that this is his greatest accomplishment, though that might be jumping the gun. Taking the 2007 Cavaliers to the Finals with Larry Hughes as his second-best player was also pretty ridiculous.

Plus, the guy has won three titles. Those all trump what he's done this season.

Nevertheless, James is still as great as he ever was. He's now 14-9 in elimination games in his career, averaging 34 points in those games. (For those that like to argue Michael Jordan is better, his record was 6-7).

The question now is whether he can summon the spectacular to beat the Warriors. He managed to do so in 2016, bringing the Cavaliers back from 3-1 down, the first team to ever accomplish that feat. But it's much different this time as James no longer has Kyrie Irving at his side, traded to Boston in the offseason for Thomas.

Yes, some of the familiar faces are still around, like J.R. Smith, Tristan Thomas and Love. But Smith and Thompson seem to be shells of themselves while Love is stuck in concussion protocol, unsure of when he'll take the floor in the series.

Meanwhile, the Warriors have two MVPs in Kevin Durant and Steph Curry. James couldn't beat them with Irving last season so what makes us think he can do it this year without him?

James trying to dethrone four all-stars seems like an impossible task. It probably is. But if anyone can pull it off, it's him.

You can count James out at your own peril. Plenty of people did so against the Raptors and the Celtics. I wasn't one of them.

Now we get to see if he can pull off his greatest accomplishment yet and this would be it, beating a team that may arguably be the best of all-time. I don't think he can but I sure as heck wouldn't be surprised.

After everything he's done in his career, James can no longer surprise me. He's one of the greatest, maybe even the greatest, and I'm just here for the ride.

Expect James to make this a longer series than you think.

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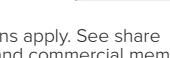
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