Ballot questions continue

By HANNAH O. BROWN

Early voting totals were released when the polls closed at 7 p.m., Saturday.

On Friday, 22 additional instances where voter addresses did not match the appropriate voting district were identified by county officials since the initial 118 were found on Thursday. Of the new instances found, three voters cast incorrect ballots. All totals, 140 voter addresses were categorized in the wrong district and 21 ballots were cast incorrectly.

“We went back and we looked over them and we found these and that can all tell you,” Supervisor of Elections Lisa Horne said.

The mismatched ballots were identified for Dist. 1 and Dist. 5 in the county commission race as well as Dist. 2 and 5 in the school board race.

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Ballots continued on 6A

School bell tolls

Teachers start Monday, students return to classes on Aug. 20.

By LAURA HAMPSHIRE

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Improvements, new look launch new year

By BRIAN BAKST and TODD RICHMOND

Chris Colquoper (left) and his brother, Brad Colquoper, both of Athletic Resources, sip a cup of iced tea under a shade tree design as they work on the floor of the Columbia High School gymnasium Thursday. The school will be getting about 1,200 new square feet of new flooring after flood waters from Tropical Storm Debby ran the old floor. The project is expected to be completed a few weeks into the school year.

The Lake Shore Hospital Authority is proposing to raise its property tax millage rate from 1.5 mills to 2.00 in 2012. TRIM (Truth In Millage) notices TRIM notices were sent out to all property owners in the Columbia County property owners will notice two proposed property tax millage rates on their 2012 TRIM (Truth In Millage) notices. TRIM notices were also sent out to all property owners in the county. The increases are expected to spread the word to support the hospital authority’s millage rate to its normal operating level of 1.5 mills.

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The gathering at the 40-acre Loxahatchee park is expected to gather tubs and Friday night drum circles. The Florida Young Naturists bash aimed at attracting nudists ages 18 to 30. The Florida Young Naturists attempt to damage the facility’s reputation for attracting older So does an appearance by survivor Dolly Parton says water/recordings or released any additional details. The department confirmed 36 of nearly 500 allegations of abuse at the 238-bed hospital extending back to 2005, according to Florida's Department of Children and Families — with two other state agencies in part is forbidden without the permission of the Florida Department of Children and Families. The group had advocated for a carload of nudes or released any additional details. DCF declined to comment on whether the number of abuse allegations was misleading or false in comparison to other facilities. The hospital takes patients from all over the county and gives them unmonitored access to the above-mentioned, which results in a high number of frivolous reports, said hospital CEO and owner Joseph Bencivenga.

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**Celebrity birthdays**

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- Singer Beyonce performs and will take part in a show that will include performances of 30 British hit singles from the past five decades. The Pet Shop Boys, Annie Lennox and Fatboy Slim will also be on hand to lend their support.
- Tips and photons have emerged from a recent memorial service, an old car paint in east London.
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Convention to bring permanent changes to region

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TAMPA — Improved Internet service, new cell- phone towers and new palm trees downtown are some of the improvements made for the Republican National Convention that will become permanent after the delegates are long gone from Tampa. Organizers say some of these are the perks for residents who will have to endure traffic ties-ups, protests and other inconveniences.

The majority of Americans who watch Mitt Romney’s convention nomination on TV won’t know how much planning and work behind the scenes across the nation will see this pomp and circumstance on TV, when the convention is fully organized in prime time from Aug. 27-30. By Sept. 1, they may be wondering why the convention in Charlotte, N.C., was held in the fall.

Some changes are just for show. Banners depicting palm trees again will be unfurled and hung of red and blue, anchored against the convention’s palette of “rich, deep hues depicting palm trees” downtown. The new state budget supports the full organizing of 100,000 square feet of electrical capacity to the venue.

Improvements at the convention hall can hear the sound of hockey games, but officials say acoustics have much effect on the venue home — and the Bay Lightning — the convention’s host team. It has also added over 300 layers of frequency to cell sites to enhance internet capacity.

The new palm trees and landscaping in downtown Tampa were purchased with part of the $2.7 million the city is spending in preparation for the Republican National Convention, which will be held Aug. 27-30.

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The Joint Legislative Budget Commission in bag across the city. Fiberglass elephants have been decorated by artists and mounted on walls so protesters can pose with them.

Budget Commission on Aug. 16 will vote on whether to give the clerks up to $250 each for cell phones that could be used to cover the trial. Derek Smith has said he has already donated his phone to the cut by laying off employees, closing branch offices and cutting other hours.

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That’s Mister Joyce Kilmer

James Montgomery gave a splendid public reading of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees" to open the 2012 Arbor Day ceremony.

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Women's cancer support
The Women's Cancer Support Group will meet at Bayu Restaurant East, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13. The meeting will be held at the Christ Church Fellowship Hall, 973 S. Marion Ave.

Aug. 14
Medicare seminar
There will be a free Medicare educational seminar from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Lifestyle

Enrichment Center. The seminar will cover what medicare does and what medicare does not. The seminar is free. For more information call (800) 705-4749 ext. 107.

Aug. 15
divorce through a Divorce
Moderated by Reverend C. W. Crowe, C.C., and Associates
This seminar will offer an overview of loss through a Divorce. The workshop, facilitated by Reverend Crowe, will offer an overview of loss through a Divorce.

Aug. 16
LOMS orientation and tour
Orientation meetings for Okeechobee’s LOMS, or long-range orientation for all grade levels will be Thursday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Five points open house
Five Points Elementary School will have a Meet the Teacher Day on Aug. 15. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. first through fifth grade parents and students will be invited to meet their teachers and tour the school. For more information call 380-754-4392.

Aug. 18
Scholarship bake sale
A bake sale to benefit Take Stock in Children. Take Stock in Children is a non-profit organization in Florida that provides deserving, low income students the opportunity to earn a twoday associate’s degree. The Foundation for Florida Gateway College serves as the lead agency for Take Stock in Children as Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union counties. The scholarships are available in the spring for eligible eighth grade students. For more information on Take Stock in Children, please call 380-754-4392.

Back to school bash
A bake sale to benefit the Nature Coast Methodist Church, 697 SW Bay Ave., will invite all children returning to school. From 2 to 4 p.m Saturday, Aug. 18, the Fellowship Hall. The event will be fun day as kids can play carosal games to win school supplies. For more information call 752-6070.

Sept. 6
Girl Scout Recruit
Girl Scouts will be at the Lake City Mall on Saturday, Aug. 18, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Do your girls like to play games, sing, make crafts, and make new friends? Are your girls more interested in being environmental stewards, talking tips, and bringing them to the community? Then come join us to learn more about being a Girl Scout! There’s something for everyone! Many leaders will be there to answer your questions. Girls will have a chance to make a craft to take home. Girl Scouting is for girls in Kindergarten – 12th grade. For more information please call Sandra Casado at (808) 806-6107.

OBITUARIES

Philip Lawrence Amerson was born in Lake City, FL on August 17, 1934 and passed away unexpectedly on August 8, 2012. He was surrounded by his loving family, friends, and many members of the community who adored and loved him. He was the son of the late George and Henrietta Sophie Amerson.

He attended Central High School in Lake City and played on the football team. He graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1956. He served in the army during the Vietnam era and was stationed in Asia. He was a member of the Christ’s Anglican Fellowship in Lake City, FL. He married Margaret Ann (Ware) Amerson on December 23, 1959 and they were the parents of the following children: Phillip, Randy, Kim, Ken, Kelly and Kelly. The family always thought of Phillip as the ‘family gofer’.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lake City, FL and had served as an elder. He was also a member of the Patriot Guard. He will be remembered by his family, friends and all who knew him for his love of hunting and fishing, reading and volunteer work.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene, his children Phillip, Randy, Kim, Ken, Kelly and Kelly; his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many other dear friends. The family plans a private ceremony and will have a celebration of life at a later date.

Phillip was born in Lake City, FL on November 5, 1958, to James Henry and Dorothy (Haggard) Myers. He was preceded in death by his brother James Henry Myers and his mother, Dorothy Haggard.

He was a graduate of C.R. Knowles High School and attended the University of Florida. He was a member of the United States Air Force and served in the Vietnam War. He worked for the City of Jacksonville, and was an ironworker for the Ironworkers Union. He was also active in the community and a member of the Masons.

Phillip Lawrence Amerson

George Waldo “George” Jackson was born in Sebring, FL on July 28, 1950, to George and Christy Jackson. He was the husband of the late Christy Jackson, and is survived by his children Steve Jackson, (Elae) Jason Jackson, (Rachel) Jeremy Jackson, (Arch) Angelica Gosnell, (Jeff) John Amerson, (Melissa) Jonathan Amerson, (Christy) Sonja Echols, (Cheryl) Donald Enochs, (Sherry) William Amerson, (Fern) William Amerson, and (Charles) Karen Amerson. He is also survived by several other family members as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Christy Jackson of Sebring, FL. George passed away in Detroit, MI. He is survived by his fiancé, plate, sexual and seminal fluids when it was intentionally obtained by the medical examiner or her/supervisors were considered to be family only. George worked as a supervisor at Philips. He was a very dear family member of ours who always was very loving and caring. We will miss him dearly.

George Waldo “George” Jackson

Wyatt Myers
Wyatt Myers, 35, died Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at his sister’s residence in Okeechobee, FL. Wyatt was born on December 7, 1976, in Fort Myers, FL to George and Elaine Myers. Wyatt was a resident of Okeechobee, FL. He attended Everglades Elementary School and Everglades Middle School and Everglades High School.

Wyatt Myers will be laid to rest at a private interment at the Dorn Family Cemetery in Lake City, FL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Catherine P. Harry
Catherine P. Harry, 80, of Lake City, passed away on February 23, 2012, at her residence in Lake City. Mrs. Harry was born on October 20, 1931, in Lake City to John and Attie Pardoe.

Catherine was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lake City, FL. She was a graduate of South Florida Junior College in 1997. In 1997, Phillip and Catherine Cassie married at Abbeville Baptist Church, and resided at Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office and married on March 31, 1961, in Lake City. Phillip is survived by his wife, Catherine P. Harry, and their three children: Phillip, Randy, Kim and Kelly.

Phillip was born on November 13, 1956, in Lake City to James Henry and Dorothy (Haggard) Myers. He was the husband of the late Margaret Ann (Ware) Amerson and the father of five children. Phillip passed away at his residence in Lake City on July 2, 2012.

Phillip was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a past member of the Masons. He was also a member of the American Legion. Phillip was a member of the Florida Peace Officers Association and was a past member of the Boys and Girls Club in Lake City. He was also a member of the Florida Peace Officers Association.

Phillip Lawrence Amerson

George Waldo “George” Jackson

Wyatt Myers

Catherine P. Harry
By TONY BRITT

Tax notices detailing the proposed tax levies for local governmental authorities must be mailed to residents within the next two weeks. Last week, the Columbia County Property Appraiser Office held a public meeting to mail the 2012 proposed TRIM (Truth In Millage) notices to the residents of Columbia County property owners. The meeting was held at the Columbia County Administration Building. 1291 SE Baya Dr, Lake City • WilsonsOutfitters@comcast.net

The taxing authorities then take their budgets, divide it by the total assessed value and come up with a millage rate. The taxing authorities determine the total millage rate against the assessed value to figure a 1.4% rate.

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, Suwannee River Water Management District, City of Lake City, Lake Shore Hospital Authority and the Columbia County School Board, are raising their rates this year. Their rate increases have been proposed by two local taxing authorities.

The Lake Shore Hospital Authority’s mill rate is projected to raise its millage rate from $3.926 to $4.16 in 2012, roughly a 4% increase. The Suwannee River Water Management District is also proposing to keep its millage rate at the same level from the previous year, at 0.414 mills.

Jeff Hampton, assistant property appraiser, said this year’s total tax millage rate is expected to generate approximately $43 million.

The 4.16 mill rate is a decrease from last year’s total tax millage rate. The 3.981 mill rate was proposed based on a 4.9 percent decrease in market value and 3.75 percent decrease in assessed values.

Hampton said county tax rolls are down.

Our current roll is based on 2011 sales, which was still in a slow market. (Sales of homes and sales short sales),” he said. “The 2011 sales were still in the decline, but it seems they have stabilized in 2012.”

Residents who notice a mistake in their personal information or feel their value assessment is incorrect, may set up a conference with Crews or a member of his staff.

However, the county has taken to place before Sept. 7. Sept. is the last day a property owner can go to the property appraiser offices to file for a petition with the Value Adjustment Board.

Residents also need to apply for any 2013 exemptions they may have forgotten to file. For more information, contact this office, or contact the county appraiser’s website at www.columbiacountyfl.org or call (904) 755-6093.
Commissioners discuss budget for next year

By Hannah G. Brown
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County commissioners discussed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year tentative budget and heard requests for additional funding from outside agencies at a budget work- shop Friday.

Tentative revenues for the fiscal year expected are up to $42,022,146 with approx- imately $11,526,501, approximately 1 million more than last year. Out of Florida’s 57 com- munities, Columbia County had the 5th highest reduction in Ad Valorem taxes at $4,827 per cent and the 5th lowest per capita Ad Valorem impact at $53 per mill, according to County Manager Dale Williams.

Williams gave commis- sioners the option of closing the West Branch Library for a savings of $5,522.

“That library is in my district and I certainly don’t want it to close,” Commissioner Judy DuPree said.

DuPree suggested asking the city to contribute money to library funds so the West Branch Library does not have to be closed.

“At the end of the day, the real issue is the amount of money you collect in Ad Valorem taxes which is shared in part with the city. We don’t have anywhere near the collection that money in Ad Valorem taxes to pay what we’re supposed to pay,” DuPree said. “My question would be can we ask the City of Lake City to participate and help us with the library before we just decide to close one?”

Williams said the city can willingly participate, but cannot be forced services if they refuse.

DuPree asked that a letter be drafted to the city to ask for participation to help the county avoid closing the West Branch Library.

Commissioner Williams agreed with DuPree on the library.

"Whatever means that we need to do to make sure that we have wholesome, decent, breathing, free libraries in Columbia County, we need to make that adjustment somewhere else,” Williams said.

Approximately 96 mil- lion was budgeted for road construction projects in the tentative budget. One mil- lion dollars of non-recur- ring funds was budgeted for countywide road main- tenance. DuPree said not enough money was allocated for the project.

"One million is like noth- ing. We’re nerve gas to get ahead, we’re so far behind,” DuPree said. “Streets, roads and transportation maintenance has got to move up the list.

DuPree said a crew designated to manage maintenance issues in the county.

The county manager said he would talk with public works director Kerby Harby and come up with a plan.

The Columbia County Sheriff’s Office, the least outside budget for the county, requested $150,000 for overtime expenses. CCSO said that amount was not available in recurring funds this year, but the amount could be funded from the county’s yearend money.

“We’re going to try to make this a recurring line item for future years,” Williams said. “We do it for our own depart- ment and we can do it for those that have built up overtime also.”

Outside agencies such as Meridian Behavioral Health, Care Network or Advocates for Citizens have been assigned to the Eagles Wings Mentorship Program, Columbia County Senior Services and a group proposing an African American History and Culture program proposed requests for additional fund- ing from the board.

“We just decided to close one”

Williams told the board to prepare for requests for additional funding from Lake City Bamae Society and Catholic Charities by the first budget hearing on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. and have ready to look over the budget and spending informa-

tion presented at workshop the next day.

However, a few key issues were addressed before the meeting adjourned.

Baility informed the county to allocate an addi-
tional amount, $51,935, for employee health insurance.

Bailey made a second motion in line an additional IT position for the county also as promoting the current Building Official position, building and zoning Coordinator.

Both motions passed.

Voting precincts for Tuesday’s primary

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Allen pleased with Tigers first week of practice.

By TIM KIRBY
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Starting strong

Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber drops back to pass during practice on Thursday.

The Columbia County Quarterback Club hosted a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings Saturday morning at Parkview Baptist Church. An estimated 175 players, parents, coaches and boosters made it through the serving line. Judge Vernon Douglas was the keynote speaker for the event. Mid-Saturday was taken up with team, position and playbook meetings.

Both have accepted the task of taking their school and programs to great heights individually and collectively. Both have accepted the challenge.

A system to support

Starting strong

Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber drops back to pass during practice on Thursday.

It was one of the best days I have seen,” Allen said about the Tigers first week of practice. “They really competed well on Thursday. It was one of our best eye-openers. The kids are mature and they understand the concept. The things we did over the summer put us ahead of where we were a year ago.”

The Tigers were technically off on Saturday, but Allen was pleased with his team’s progress.

“I was fortunate to report on the high school careers of both head coaches. They graduated from Columbia and played football for the highly successful programs at Florida and Florida State, respectively.

Distance learning has been with us for schools in 150 years. It is an integral and important to education as the three Rs. If state funding is down for things we consider important, we have to pick up the slack. Write a check to the program. Join a booster club. Buy an ad, a cap, a T-shirt. Raise a millage rate. Allen and Jackson are the most high-profile graduates in the community. It is a system set up to fail, and that could be the most distressing thing at the parent meetings was the keynote speaker for the event.

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Week 1 practice

Fort White High quarterback Andrew Baker calls a play during football practice on Thursday.

Fort White High’s Kenny McClary (left) wraps up Tavaris Williams for a tackle during practice on Thursday.

Columbia High running back Braxton Stockton breaks a tackle at practice on Thursday.

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High’s Reggie Williams carries the ball at practice.

Columbia High’s Alex Milton is chased by defenders as he runs with the ball.

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

CHS: 2 weeks to classic

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single-player pictures for the football program and individual purchases. Allen said the team would practice at the regular 3:30 p.m. time starting on Monday.

Allen did not like the cutbacks in practice time, but agreed it was better they began in his second year.

“Two-a-days help with bonding,” Allen said. “There is nothing like being with them all night and all day. It puts them out of the comfort of normalcy, and that was taken away this year. We have our system in place and it should be able to run itself. That is the goal.”

Spring practice was followed by what Allen said were three phases of summer workouts.

“We split time learning technique and learning positions,” Allen said. “We slowly walked through on offense and defense and allowed them to open up and ask any question they had about what was being done this year. When we put on pads for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) camp we were way ahead of the game.”

The countdown is two weeks to the kickoff classic game against Santa Fe High.

“We see the kids getting better and the leaders are stepping up,” Allen said. “We are pleased with where we are.”
Associated Press

LONDON — David Boudia ended the United States with a dramatic last

dive that scored the most points of the 10-meter platform competition

at the Olympics on Saturday.

Boudia’s victory by 1.08 points over Qiu Bo of China gave the U.S.

its first gold in diving since 2000, and was the first by an

American man since the late Mark Lenzi won the 3-meter springboard at the

1992 Barcelona Games.

“Oh, my God, I don’t have

words for it,” said Greg

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Montoya wins second straight pole with Watkins Glen record

By JOHN KEKIS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Juan Pablo Montoya proved he’s in a groove, and it shows on when he hits the track.

For the second straight week, he has a chance to beat himself up going into the Chase.

Montoya shattered the track record in securing his second pole position with a win at Watkins Glen International Saturday.

He won the pole for today’s Finger Lakes 355 with a lap of 126.421 mph in a field of 43 drivers.

“We had a car to shock, a car to win,” Montoya said after noting that the pole position was in the series and ninth of his career. The last couple of years have been relatively frustrating.”

Qualifying ended with a series of rain delays.

Qualifying leader Montoya had a lap of 126.421 mph going into the final session, leading 37 drivers.

Robert Hight won the pole for the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series race at the track. Come ready to win a car. There is a parent/runner meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the track.

For details, call coach, Brooke Solowski at (315) 438-7732.

CHS CROSS COUNTRY Practice Monday, meeting Tuesday

The Chiefland Middle School cross country team has its first practice and meet Monday. The Chiefland Middle School cross country team will have conditioning from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Practices must have current physicals and passing grades in order to participate. Tryouts are 3:30-4:30 p.m., Aug. 25.

For details, call Leigh Armstong at (352) 588-5839.

GATOR Gator Club plans ‘kickoff’ social

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Homeowners, builders wary of permit release form

By HANNAH O. BROWN
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County: Form not intended to waive past rights

Columbia county builders and homeowners are expressing concern with a resolution recently passed by county officials for issuance of building permits to properties flooded by Tropical Storm Debby.

County officials say the intent of the agreement has been misunderstood. “They feel like they are being held hostage or blackmailed,” Roger Whiddon of Whiddon Construction Company said of several local homeowners. “They don’t see the need to have to sign this form to get a building permit.”

Whiddon said homeowners are refusing to sign the permit, stalling their ability to get to work rebuilding their homes.

Before issuance of a building permit, homeowners whose homes were affected by Tropical Storm Debby but are not included in the current FEMA flood zone are required to sign the agreement and release form.

The form currently states: “Owner releases Columbia County, Florida and Columbia County shall not be liable to Owner or any other parties as a result of flooding which have or may occur on Owner’s property or damage to improvements on Owner’s property.”

Callaway homeowner Sid Thompson said the agreement makes him uncomfortable because the wording seems to pertain to the past as well as the future. “I’m not going to sign it the way it’s worded,” Thompson said. “I don’t know if they are liable or not and I am not going to sign away any chance to hold them liable.”

Thompson said he would be willing to sign the release if it pertained to future flooding only. “I just don’t like to release Columbia County for anything that has happened in the past,” he said. County attorney Marlin Feagle said the agreement was not intended to waive rights that homeowners may have for what happened in the past. “That certainly wouldn’t be fair in order to get a permit to give up a claim they may already have.”

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Fair Value

Starting Economic Numbers

At Bedoy, Morgan Housel breaks down the concept of “fair economic value” in a few simple steps. He does so in order to illustrate the notion that even small firms can be compared in a way that is equivalent to larger firms. "How to know that you’re getting a fair price for a stock? Well, it’s easy: You just have to compare it with firms of similar size and industry. And you can do this using simple financial ratios, such as price-to-earnings (P/E), price-to-sales (P/S), and price-to-book (P/B)." (More details can be found in Chapters 12 and 13 of the Motley Fool’s book, "The Motley Fool’s Guide to Investing")

Name That Company

Based in Virginia, I’m a top federal contractor and defense/aerospace/aviation company operating on extraordinary scale, specializing in global security, among other things, and known for offering such things as smart, suave, and suave to the fullest extent. I’m the product of multiple mergers, acquisitions and spinoffs of companies, and their histories feature building the military’s fighter jet that carries the King of England around the globe. Carrying Charles Lindbergh across the Atlantic, these companies have included Westinghouse, Raytheon, and General Electric. And in 2011 it spun off its shipbuilding business, forming Huntington Ingalls Industries. Say my ticker symbol by mouth and I’ll tell you where to find me.

Ask the Fool

Revive Your Nest Egg

Dear The Fool,
I have a 401k, and have worked at the same company for about 9 years. My current employer has a 401k match of 5% if I contribute 5%. How can I maximize my 401k contributions so I can achieve my goal of $1 million by retirement at age 65?

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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Divest Into This Damper

Waste Management (NYSE: WM) – for investors with a deep sense of duty – is the country’s leading provider of municipal waste and recycling services. In 2011, the company reported revenue of $11.6 billion, a decline of 5% from 2010, as the operations of its revenue-generating waste management units fell short of expectations. In the fourth quarter of 2011, revenue was $2.8 billion, a decline of 9% from the year-earlier period. That year, Waste Management reported an 8% year-over-year decline in adjusted earnings per share (EPS), to $0.73 per share, also missing Wall Street estimates of $0.75 per share. As a result, the share price of Waste Management has fallen substantially since the beginning of the year. The stock has dropped from $42.68 to $28.50, for a peak to trough loss of 33% over the past 12 months. However, the company’s stock is highly dividend-yielding, with a dividend yield of 4.6%.

Fragile said that one way to improve the stock’s performance is to divest the company’s less-profitable or slower-growing units. “Management is considering the sale of certain underperforming businesses. These could include county waste management operations, recycling businesses, or businesses in less-profitable markets.”

"In the meantime, investors are likely to focus on the company’s other segments, with the potential for higher returns.”

Waste Management is scheduled to report fourth-quarter earnings on February 7th. Analysts are expecting the company to report EPS of $0.74 per share, on revenues of $3.0 billion. The stock will be watched closely for any indication of a change in the company’s earnings outlook. Any positive news could help to lift the share price and reverse the recent decline.

For more information on Waste Management’s earnings conference call, visit Fool.com/earnings.

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Retirement Advice

Fragile said that the best way to address the problem of a shrinking nest egg is by making changes to the portfolio. He recommended that investors focus on companies that offer dividends and have a history of increasing those dividends over time. “Dividend-paying stocks have historically outperformed the market, and have been a good source of income for retirement savings.”

Fragile added that investors should also consider companies that have a history of strong earnings growth. “Strong earnings growth can help to offset the impact of inflation and provide a better return on investment.”

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From staff reports

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GARDEN TALK

Nicelle Demorest
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Garden therapy

Horticulture is defined as the art and science of growing plants, especially flowers, fruits, and vegetables. I like to think of growing plants as an "art of living." When we are involved with growing and caring for plants, or when we are simply viewing plants for enjoyment, we benefit personally in so many ways.

Throughout the centuries, horticulture has been used for physical and mental therapy. By definition, horticultural therapy is the practice of engaging people in horticultural activities to improve the body, mind, and spirit. Some proven benefits include the reduction of pain, stress and anger. Memory and concentration can be improved when we are simply viewing plants for enjoyment, we benefit personally in so many ways.

This past six months or so have been the perfect storm for water use issues in Florida," Sulek said. "The area has faced a prolonged drought and extreme food shortages as always. The discussion about water consumption and its responsible use has been the focus of the media. People with water concerns are often preoccupied with the threat of losing their own water supply. Some are speaking about the need to conserve; others are advocating for more widespread water conservation measures. While the concern is valid, the impact on our area's freshwater isn't just a matter of the future. The free event, Our Water, Our Future, will share the beauty of local water resources and issues.

GARDEN continued on D2
**Study tracks rise of feminine pronouns**

By MILLER ITTLE

NEW YORK — In the opening pages of “The Secret Life of Pronouns,” Betty Friedan consciously captured the disarray of so many housewives — and unfortunately anticipated a shift in language that would mirror the revolution that came in women’s lives.

“As she made the beds, shopped for groceries, matched dishover material, ate peanut butter sandwiches with her children, chafed, Club Scout leaders, dressed beside her husband at night,” Friedan wrote in her 1963 book, “she was afraid to ask even of her silent question — to think all.”

The average reader might catch such a “Mad Men” details as “matched slipping down for a whiff? And rose blossom without bend?” But a linguist or psychologist will be keeping score — “She” and “her” such are used twice, “herself” once. Not a single “he,” “him” or “himself.”

The gender of the male a generation ago. According to a study released Thursday the “hers” it goes in books — one that has favored the masculine — has dramatically narrowed since the.

May be giving us a lot more sons and more aggression. Although garden work may help us advance, careers, be more patient and nurturing parents, and age with mental and physical vitality.

Health care facilities often use “sensory gardening” as part of their therapy programs. These gardens are designed to stimulate some or all of the senses in order to provide both soothing and enriching experiences. With a little planning, you can add some different plants and interesting elements to your garden that will help calm the soul and heal the body after a taxing day at work.

A great UF/IFAS public on sensory gardening can be found at http://sensdif.ifas.ufl.edu/EP17. The main concept for this type of garden is personal interaction with your plants. Place plants so that you can reach out and touch them, smell them, and in some cases, taste them. A raised bed can help you get closer to your plants, or large containers can make them more accessible.

Consider some type of seating that puts you right within reach of prevailing foliage and flowers. You probably have been close to plants that you couldn’t touch touching. Some plants that begin to grow include soft and fuzzy, rough and crinkly, and smooth and slippery. How hard is it to walk through certain varieties rose blossom without bending down for a sniff? And when you brush against a rose or rosemary, how often have you added a little leaf to taste on your tongue?

Needless to say, when you get this close and personal with plants, there are some safety issues to consider. Obviously, thorny plants should be planted out of reach in the background. Most weeds or allergenic plants should be avoided altogether. Refrain from using chemicals on plants that may be touched and taste.

Martha Ann Ronsonet, Master Gardener and author, will be giving free presentations on plants for your Florida garden. Join her and other gardeners at the Fort White Library on August 18th at 1:45, and also at the L.C. downtown Library on August 18th at 2:00 pm. For more information, call the Columbia County Extension Office at 725-3384.

Dr. Nichole Demeter is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida and Agriculture Sciences.

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As your commissioner it has been my honor to serve this community. I have fought for this community to protect our water and fought illegal permitted withdrawals from our aquifer. I am a proven fighter for this community who has the experience and record to show. Let my record and commitment work for you on the Columbia County Commission.
Tensions between lobstermen in Maine and Canada’s fishermen boiling mad over Maine lobsters

BY CLAIRE CANTFIELD, Associated Press

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A Superior EDUCATOR

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Superintendent of Schools who has PROVEN Results

HEART OF AN EDUCATOR

My decision to run for Superintendent is a culmination of more than 30 years’ experience as an educator, with experiences ranging from math teacher and athletic coach to drop-out coordinator, assistant principal and administrator in the Columbus County School District.

Serving the citizens of Columbus County has been my career goal for more than 20 years. I want to continue the overall progress of Columbus County Schools that has been made possible by the sustained efforts of students, parents, teachers, support staff, and community volunteers.

I began my teaching career in a small rural community. Within a few years, I was named Principal at Columbus High School, serving there for several years before moving to the post of Principal at Eastern Elementary. The principalship at Eastern Elementary allowed me to further my knowledge of the entire K-12 curriculum.

While at the helm of Eastern Elementary, the school consistently received an “A” rating for the 2006-07 school year. I returned to guide Columbus High School.

Since returning to Columbus High School, the school’s performance has risen steadily each year, going from consecutive “D” grades to consecutive “B” grades during the past two school years under my leadership. Based on preliminary results I am hopeful that Columbus High School will receive an “A” rating this year as a result of the hard work of many dedicated teachers, students, parents and staff members. Please vote for a Lindsey Educator with Proven Results. Terry Huddleston for Superintendent of Schools on August 14th.

Ex-jail cells serve as artist studios in Detroit

By DAVID RUNK, Associated Press

DETROIT — For Hugo Navarro, the city’s jail cell that serves as his studio in southwest Detroit is an admirably crepuscular place to immerse himself in his work.

Unlike jailhouse artists who find creative inspirations behind bars, however, the 56-year-old is there by choice. He paints at 555 Nonprofit Gallery and Studios, a decade-old arts organization that this year moved into its new home in the Detroit Police Department’s former Third Precinct station.

The city closed the building in 2005 as part of a department-wide reorganization, and the former lockup where residents once could walk in to report crimes now is an airy gallery. Detectors’ offices now serve as classroom and studio space. And potentially claustrophobic studio cells — bars still on the windows — are fostering creativity.

“I didn’t really have anything in mind before going to my jail cell,” said Navarro, whose colorful paintings of Detroit landmarks and buildings adorn some of the cells. “I’ve worked for the past few months. I just let myself go and let my mind do the work.”

The Third Precinct renovation is among a handful of projects nationwide converting old police facilities, including one in Chicago that is becoming live-theater venues and one in Philadelphia that is being converted into homes. For Carl Goines, a co-founder of 555, the project is a balancing act between preserving part of the police station’s past and making it a welcoming place for artists.

“This is a space that’s taking on a new life. It’s what’s that’s becoming inspirational,” said Goines, a sculptor.

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Customers are offended when asked to take phones outside.

DEAR ABBY:

This is my first-ever Dear Abby letter. I'm disgusted by the lack of manners shown by cellphone users. I run an antique store in a small tourist town. I cannot tell you how many "insulted and offended" customers I have asked to please leave my shop because they were talking on their cellphones. I have also asked people in church to carry on their conversations outside. A man at my daughter's high school graduation got a call and proceeded to talk on it and on it and finally asked him to leave. This has happened in restaurant, movie theatre and even a Broadway play. It's inconceivable to me that people are unwilling or unable to understand that their VIP conversations are an interruption for those of us who are forced to listen. — PVEEDED NANTUCKET, MASS.

DEAR ABBY: You are right when you're talking with someone and you notice the person has food stuck on his or her teeth. What if the person is part of a group and you don’t want to embarrass him or her? You don’t want to make him or her feel very well—"TEETHFUL IN FLIGHT." 

DEAR TOOTHFUL:

Don’t look as if you would have them do unto you. If you were in the other person’s place, wouldn’t YOU? Even if you know the person only casually, don’t move quickly out of the way. If you’re not comfortable, help another person out of the way and give him or her a better sense of what you can do in the future. Don’t let anyone bully you. Speak the moment. Make your move.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

You may be called upon to exercise restraint. Limitations will change but not eliminate your need to handle situations with great care. Your strength will be rejuvenating. Good fortune will help you make a decision that can change your personality and financial picture. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Put more effort into your personal and family life. A money matter can be resolved and help to stabilize your life. A change in the way you view others will come from the experience you have had with past lovers and colleagues.

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115 The tube that conveys moist air or water 116 “No argument here” 117 “The last word”

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