**Ethics bill sent to Gov. Scott**

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The Florida Commission on Ethics has more authority to collect fines and lawmakers would be banned from lobbying any state agency for two years after leaving office under a wide-ranging ethics bill that was sent to Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday.

The bill also would prohibit law enforcement from using any seized drugs that could directly affect the personal finances and it would keep them from taking government jobs while in office.

“This bill will raise the ethical standard for all elected officials in the state of Florida,” House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, said after the House unanimously approved it.

The bill (SB 65) was a priority for Senate President Don Gaetz and was the only bill passed by the Senate during the legislative session’s opening day last month. The House made changes Wednesday and sent it back to the Senate, which unanimously approved it.

Gaetz said it was his proudest moment as a senator.

The Commission on Ethics currently has little power to collect fines against elected officials. It has written off $1 million in fines over the past decade, calling them essentially uncollectible.

Under the bill, the commission could garnish wages. The legislation would also extend from four years to 20 years the amount of time the commission to collect fines following an offense. The commission also could take complaints from the governor,

**Intermodal park development plans updated**

By MARYBETH WEATHERBY
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**Student abuse charges rejected**

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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Richardson Middle School Assistant Principal William Murphy has been reassigned to the Technology Center pending resolution of the district’s investigation into a paddling incident that occurred in May.

Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmister said Wednesday that he will not file any criminal charges against Murphy, and intends to officially close his investigation by week’s end.

According to Siegmister, the Department of Children and Families reported the incident to the agency.

“Nothing has changed in how we handle reports," Siegmister said. "Our office has shifted its focus to investigation of the substance abuse case against the school at that time.

Murphy paddled a child at the middle school for misbehaving after he obtained permission from the student’s mother. However, when the student’s mother saw the report of the paddling, she felt the punishment had been too severe and filed a report with the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office.

A medical report from Shands Lake Shore said there were two welts across the buttocks and right upper thigh.

When the incident first occurred, Siegmister said he did not believe the case would result in criminal charges.

“During an investigation, you want to remove the person being investigated from the school, so the investigating parties can do their job,” County School Superintendent Terry Huddleston said.

**City police, sheriff’s staff to operate drop-off sites for unwanted medication**

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"For you know that it was not with perishing things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

— 1 Peter 1:18-19

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**CORRECTION**

The Lake City Reporter corrects errors of fact in news items. If you have a concern, question or suggestion, please call the executive editor. Corrections and clarifications will run in the next issue. And thanks for reading.

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**LEON COUNTY**

**A company press release**

**TALLAHASSEE —**

The motion to bring 30-1222 on to the Senate floor was rejected Tuesday by a vote of 39-0. The Senate passed the bill (SB 1222) on a 39-0 vote.

The state would make up the lost money between $20 million and $200 million — by clamping down on state vendors and local government.

The Senate approved the $2.2 billion package of tax increases to patch the $2.2 billion budget gap, part of a three-year, $6 billion package of tax increases.

The Senate bill, which passed unanimously, includes $20 to $48. The Senate chamber will have to vote on whether to pay the driver's license increased cost and an extra $12 for each ton of a car's weight.

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"Rollin' on the Thunder," the 40-year-old actress' top single of the year, was announced on Wednesday.Commenting on her selection, Michelle says: "I'm in jeans and a T-shirt. I don't really wear makeup.

She credits her workout routine for keeping her body in shape and feeling strong.

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City man caught after trying to elude deputy

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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A Lake City man was arrested after he allegedly attempted to flee from a Columbia County Sheriff's deputy who was trying to make a traffic stop.

Deputy Pete Spurluck, Jr. spotted John Harris, 20, of US SW Joyal Loop, driving a car on US Highway 441. According to the arrest report, Spurluck knew Harris's driving license was suspended, so he attempted to make a traffic stop.

Harris turned onto Corazon Lane, the report states Spurluck followed and found Harris's vehicle sitting abandoned in a vacant lot.

Spurluck said Harris ran across US 441, the report said. Spurluck caught Harris after a short chase. Harris told Spurluck the search of the car uncovered a plastic bag with two pieces of what the officer believed was crack cocaine, the report said.

Harris is on probation for possession of a controlled substance and was prohibited from driving. He was charged with probation violation, driving a vehicle with a suspended license, resisting an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

The commission would also post officials' financial disclosure forms online. People will not even have to get out of their vehicles and market them to manage officials' assets so they can avoid conflicts.

Pills: Drug take-back set for Sat.
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The sheriff's staff will be set up at the Park-n-Ride lot on US 441 W. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. People will not even have to get out of their vehicles to turn in the medications.

“The city will have a drug drop-off box at the Public Safety Building at 225 NW Main St. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For those visiting the Public Safety Building, the drop-off box will be inside, and items must be taken in by the owner.

The collection event is free and anonymous. With both law enforcement and pharmacy agencies working the “Prescription Drug Take Back,” people living on both east and west sides of town have a nearby place to drop off any old medications.

“Even though we aren’t going to be here in hand, we are doing this as a joint effort,” Scott said. “We’re not competing. We want to collect as much as possible.

According to the LCPD news release, turning in unwanted prescription drugs can prevent pill abuse and home theft.

“Just because government is not the right fit that will allow development,” he said. “Police and fire have to be hard to attract companies looking for a site ready for development.

Because of the location, near interstates 75 and 10, the proximity to Tallahassee, Gainesville and south Georgia and the port of Jacksonville, Petricola said, there are a number of development opportunities.

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 Kindergarten orientation being held

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Exemption would erode Sunshine Law

A mid all the chaos in this year's legislative session, a seemingly innocuous sentence may have slipped by without notice in this year's budget. The amendment, if passed, could result in an exemption from the state's public records law, which is supposed to ensure transparency by any measure in recent history.

Lawmakers seem not to care. But you should. This one sentence would make it far more difficult to know what's going on at all levels of government. It's an insult to Florida's tradition of open government.

How could this happen?

Legislators are considering a bill that would include email addresses on the state's voter-registry initiative. Legislators could request acquitted ballots by email, and supervisors of election could send email to registered voters through their email addresses.

By legislators is playing the “step dad” card (sound familiar?) by trying to exempt from public disclosure the email addresses of all registered voters. The corporate-sounding “voter registration application or voter” is confidential and exempt from the public-records law.

If the bill (CS/BBR 249) was to become law, voter registration emails would be confidential as well as they're registered voter.

And the next time you ask for emails related to any government agency, whether it's the Department of Health or whether it's a request for a water-permit application, prepare not only to wait longer but to pay a fee.

That's because every request will require government agencies to first determine if the email belongs to a registered voter and, if so, redact those addresses. Because every request will require government agencies to first determine if the email belongs to a registered voter and, if so, redact those addresses.

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I'm not sure exactly how that would work, but my children had a great stepdad. They will hear countless stories of what my stepdad did, all the ways they are like him. They will know how much they love him.

But they will never play catch with him, or beat him at hoops, or ask him to buy them a car.

For them, the next time Randy and Papa Mark were sitting on the floor playing with model cars.

I believe that absolutely.

Sharon Randall can be contacted at 777394, Henderson, NV 89077.
April 25
Preschool screening
Free preschool screening will be offered to children ages 3 years to age 5 on April 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Columbia County Developmental Disabilities Department, 5056 SW State Road 47 in Lake City.

Medicare seminar
Columbia County’s Veterans Administration Agency is conducting a free Medicare Advantage seminar at 10 a.m. at the Park’s Johnson Agency office, 4498 W U.S. 90. Call 755-7225.

Senior driver course
Driver’s education, not driving. Several classes are available for Seniors who wish to continue driving creditably and safely. Seating is limited and reservations are required by calling (352) 333-1016.

Veterans of the Navajo Nation
The United States Navy of the veterans from the Navajo Nation will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Administration Center in the JC Price Main Office. Join us for a recognition of Navajo veterans who are currently serving in our armed forces. Calling all veterans! Remember, Navy, Air Force, Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Reserves. The Navy of the Navajo Nation will host this event.

Corn L. Frey
Cora L. Frey, 60, of Wells, Fl., passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at her residence. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 29, at Williams-Howard-Knox Funeral Home, 1249 W. 25th Street, Jacksonville. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the family plot.

Dreamy Swing Dancing
Diabetes Swing Dancing is the place to be for everyone with diabetes who enjoys the company of others. Please join us for our April 25th Dance at the American Legion Hall at 7750 SW 33rd Street. Swing dancing tuition of $10 for 2 hours. Call (352) 459-2363 or (386) 772-3197 for more information or reservations. For details call Wanda Harnis at 503-2000.

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211 N.W. Washington Street, Lake City.

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May 10
Loving Memory
The Family of Mr. Donald Widlake wishes to express sincere appreciation and thanks to all for the love, concern and support extended during our time of bereavement.

Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, and letters of kindness will forever remain in our hearts. Words cannot express our appreciation for all the kindness shown to our family. With love and gratitude to all.

Thank you

Terry Fuller of 17307-06 and Vernon Lloyd at 4705-08.

Complete obituary information for each one.

Landlord meetings
...will meet tour homes for rental purposes. Appointment required. Please call 352-755-7225.

Chamber mixer
Lake City Community Business Association will host a mixer in the lobby of the Florida Commerical Bank at 5:30 p.m. at the Florida Merchants National Bank.

May 26
Fish dinner
...to help raise money that will help us go on a “High Adventure” Trip.

Lovering, one of our oldest community establishments.

Community Calendar
To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Boll at 352-857-4204 or dboll@lakecityreporter.com.

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CHS in playoffs

Columbia beats Stanton Prep 3-2, in District 6-4A.

By BRANDON FINLEY

Columbia High senior Sam Bass swings at a pitch while playing against Union County earlier this year. Columbia defeated Stanton Prep, 3-2, on Wednesday in Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE — It is said that records don’t count in the postseason and Columbia High proved that on Wednesday by qualifying for the state’s 6A playoffs in the semifinals of the District 4-6A tournament at Atlantic Coast High in Jacksonville.

Columbia defeated defending district champion Stanton Prep 3-2, in order to reach the postseason.

Dallen Mauldin picked up the win for the Tigers after pitching four innings, allowing three hits, striking out three batters and giving up three walks.

"Our pitching was outstanding," Columbia head coach John Ulsh said. "We had a mindset out that we were going to empty the kitchen if we had to make the plays."

Mauldin ran into trouble in the second inning when Stanton Prep’s Jack Ogim reached third base, but the pitcher struck out Ian Smith to end the inning.

The Tigers came back in the bottom half to score their first run.

Mauldin singled and moved over to second with a stolen base before Jason Plyn delivered a double to center field to give Columbia the 1-0 lead.

Columbia would add its second run in the following inning.

Sam Bass reached on an error and Alex Milton had a stolen base before flowing in to score to end the inning.

After Brent Stalter delivered a hit, Maclen Stalter didn’t allow a hit and walked a batter, forcing the runners to third base and the Tigers onto third out and force the runner out while he returned to take home.

Before Brent Stalter delivered an inning and an out on the mound to help the Devils get out of a jam, Hartwell Shubert came in to close the game for the Devils.

Stalter didn’t allow a hit and walked a batter.

Shubert would get the save after pitching 1 1⁄3 innings, allowing one hit, striking out two batters and walking another.

Two more times Stanton Prep would move runners to third base and the Tigers would come up with runs scoring plays in the field to keep the Devils off the board.

This time, however, it was Caleb Vaughn in the sixth inning making two plays on ground balls to force the runners at third out and preserve the Tigers’ 2-0 lead heading into the final inning.

After making a play with his glove in the field, Rendel delivered with his bat in the bottom of the sixth inning.

"I was actually thinking about pinch hitting for him, but wanted his glove in the field," Ulsh said. "When I talked to him about it, he told me that he had this talk to send Columbia into the postseason."

Stanton Prep loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh inning, but the Devils added nothing.

Weston Pertmer scored off Collin Connor’s hit and Paul Gehhah delivered a game-winning run.

Rendel’s single in the sixth scored Jordan Culp, who had reached on a single earlier in the inning to give Columbia a 3-0 lead.

The Tigers would need all of their three runs to survive.

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Wesley Permenter scored off Collin Connor’s hit and Paul Gehhah delivered a two-out RBI single to home to make the score 3-2.

Shubert finished the game in style, however, as he retired the final batter to send Columbia into the postseason.

Les Hollingsworth and Alex Milton also had hits for the Tigers, which had eight as a team for the game.

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**Masters**

**Wednesday**

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5. Tim Clark, South Africa (Toms) 72/134 T-3rd

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**Friday**

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**Saturday**

1. Mike Weir, Can (Toms) 72/134 T-3rd
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4. Steve Stricker, USA (Toms) 72/134 T-3rd
5. Tim Clark, South Africa (Toms) 72/134 T-3rd

**Sunday**

1. Phil Mickelson, USA (Toms) 71/134 T-1st
2. Trevor Immelman, South Africa (Toms) 72/134 T-2nd
3. Ernie Els, South Africa (Toms) 72/134 T-2nd
4. Graeme McDowell, N Ireland (Toms) 72/134 T-2nd
5. Tim Clark, South Africa (Toms) 72/134 T-2nd

**NEXT AUGUST**

**2014**

11-14 July, The National, Virginia Beach, Virginia

18-21 July, The Old Blue, Pinehurst, North Carolina

25-28 July, The Olympic Club, San Francisco, California

**2015**

5-8 June, St Andrews, Scotland

9-12 June, Oakmont, Pennsylvania

16-19 June, Chambers Bay, Washington

23-26 June, Royal St George’s, Sandwich, England

**2016**

12-15 July, Royal Birkdale, Southport, England

19-22 July, Erin Hills, Hartford, Wisconsin

26-29 July, Royal Troon, Ayr, Scotland

30 June-3 July, Oakmont, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2017**

12-15 July, Royal Portrush, Portrush, Northern Ireland

19-22 July, Erin Hills, Hartford, Wisconsin

26-29 July, Royal Birkdale, Southport, England

30 June-3 July, Oakmont, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2018**

12-15 July, Carnoustie, Carnoustie, Angus, Scotland

19-22 July, Shinnecock Hills, Southampton, New York

26-29 July, Royal Portrush, Portrush, Northern Ireland

30 June-3 July, Erin Hills, Hartford, Wisconsin

**2020**

12-15 July, Royal St George’s, Sandwich, England

19-22 July, Winged Foot, Mamaroneck, New York

26-29 July, Royal Troon, Ayr, Scotland

30 June-3 July, Oakmont, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**2021**

12-15 July, Carnoustie, Carnoustie, Angus, Scotland

19-22 July, Chambers Bay, University Place, Washington

26-29 July, Royal St George’s, Sandwich, England

30 June-3 July, Erin Hills, Hartford, Wisconsin

**2022**

12-15 July, Winged Foot, Mamaroneck, New York

19-22 July, Royal Portrush, Portrush, Northern Ireland

26-29 July, Carnoustie, Carnoustie, Angus, Scotland

30 June-3 July, Oakmont, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**2023**

12-15 July, Erin Hills, Hartford, Wisconsin

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26-29 July, Winged Foot, Mamaroneck, New York

30 June-3 July, Royal Portrush, Portrush, Northern Ireland
Middle school state qualifiers

The FL/PFA Middle School State Championships is Saturday in Clearwater. Lake City athletes who qualified for the competition are (front row, from left) Bridget Mora and Cassie Piemonte. Back row (from left) are Bernita Brown, Jillian Morse, Rachel Blanton and Kenenna Andre. Emily Wantons and Aynna Johnson also qualified.

Cowboys Stadium to host championship

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — The first championship game in the College Football Playoff will be held at Cowboys Stadium.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press that Arlington, Texas, has been chosen to host the title game in the new playoff system. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because a formal vote by the BCS conference commissioners was scheduled for later Wednesday, and a formal announcement after that.

The game will be held Jan. 12, 2015.

The final three sites for the semifinals were announced before the BCS championship game and Cotton Bowl. Those sites, with the Rose Bowl and Cotton Bowl organizational commission chairmen, were selected to eventually host a championship game.

State qualifiers

ABOVE: Members of the Bard Gymnastics Gym Achievers team that qualified for state are (front row, from left) Shannon Cargroo, Ashley Williams, Roma Sumrani, Mia Ray and Molly Monco. Back row (from left) are Candice Mina, Courtney Stewart, Tina Bennett, Lindsey Ogbum and Elise Garcia.

LEFT: Members of the Bard Gymnastics Modified Optional team that qualified for state are (front row, from left) Sarah Gabbott and Andrea Cramante. Back row (from left) are Crystal Novits, Eva Kirby and Alanna Anschutz.

Double threat

Abby Colin was the pitcher for the Lake City Civic Association 12-under team in the Columbia County Girls Softball Association spring league. Colin played the field in her team’s last game and turned in two unassisted double plays—one at shortstop and one in left field. Job Stewart was coach of the team.

All the girls were presented a trophy after the season and Colin is holding her trophy.
Jaguars looking for impact player

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville’s rebuilding project is in its key phase.

Under new general manager Dave Caldwell and first-year coach Gus Bradley, the Jaguars already pulled off the roster and signed a few stop-gap free agents.

Now comes the really important part: the NFL draft.

Caldwell and Bradley want to build through the three-day draft, which begins Thursday night. It’s a three-day draft, which seems to be a long shot.

“Told me if we don’t draft second,” Caldwell said Monday.

Offensive tackle, defense line/outside linebacker and cornerback are the team’s most pressing needs. Quarterback and safety are positions expected to be addressed, too.

The Jaguars have their top pick narrowed down to two guys — presumably whichever player Kansas City doesn’t take — but Caldwell and Bradley didn’t offer any clues as to who it will be.

Since the Jaguars have had one of the league’s most inept pass rushes over the last five years, averaging 24 sacks a season since 2007, many believe Oregon’s Dion Jordan or BYU’s Ziggy Ansah could be capable cornerstones. Both would play the ultra-athletic “Leo” position in Bradley’s revamped defense.

But Jordan is coming off surgery to repair a torn labrum in his right shoulder, and Ansah has stamina concerns after playing just one full season as a starter.

While Caldwell and Bradley have no pressure to win right away — the Jaguars are in the first of what is considered a three-year rebuild — some wonder whether they would want to take any risks with the most significant decision of their tenure.

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DEAR ABBY: I was moved by the letter titled “Losing Slowly in Ohio” (Jan. 14). She said that almost daily people would call her and ask heartwarming questions. She had heart failure and went out to her. She was in her 70s once.

With diet and exercise I lost more than 50 pounds, and I’ve kept it off. But I was never really told how she saw on. The contrary, one day I had just eaten a daily meal and was struggling to carry on. I passed by a man who chose his words carefully before saying to me “Keep it up, and one day you’ll be a LIV.” Abby, I can’t tell you what that meant to me. I thought about his encourage-ment for years. I fell hopeful and was thinking about losing weight. I passed by a man who chose his words carefully before saying to me “Keep it up, and one day you’ll be a LIV.”

Abigail Van Buren

I’m sorry that “Losing” has met with only igno-rance so far. It would be honored to pay it for ward and tell her how incredibly brave she is, and how much she deserves to stick with it. Because you can’t possibly know the pain she has been in/exercising in the face of constant adversity. I know without a doubt that she will come out of it.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, have a weight problem, which I am working to resolve. But I can tell you from experience that the worst kind of discrimina- tion is directed against people with weight proble ms. I have been insulted in the workplace, in restau- rants and doctors’ offices. I have not been hired for jobs because I am pre- conized as fat and lazy. I Am NOT Say at any time that could alter your life. That is the one thing that can alter your life.

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