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RESCUE AT SEA



COURTESY

County firefighters pick up 5 from boat ablaze in Gulf

Craft was 50-plus miles from shore when fire began.

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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Even 42 miles out into the Gulf of Mexico, firefighters David Bickel and Michael Hudson couldn't escape the job.

Bickel and Hudson, from the Columbia County Fire Rescue Fort White Station, were enjoying a group fishing expedition with several friends and family members on Saturday afternoon, not expecting to soon embark on a rescue mission.

On the side, Bickel and his fiancée run Big Bend Adventures, a boat chartering service based out of the Town of Suwannee in Dixie County. Hudson's 32nd birthday was coming up, so his family booked the trip to celebrate the occasion.

"We were catching fish, having a good time," Bickel said.

Radio chatter from the Coast Guard interrupted the fun around 12:50 p.m.

Five people had been stranded on a raft after their 74-foot boat caught



CARL MCKINNEY/Lake City Reporter

From left: David Bickel, Danielle Gainey and Michael Hudson. Bickel, a Columbia County firefighter who owns a boat chartering service on the side, brought coworker Hudson on a fishing expedition when they responded to an unexpected emergency off the coast.

fire more than 50 miles off the coast.

The incident happened about 28 miles south of the group's location.

"We packed up and left in a hurry, Bickel said.

The Coast Guard provided GPS coordinates, but they weren't necessary. Smoke was already rising over the horizon, marking the spot.

As the party's boat

approached the life raft, Bickel's fiancée, Danielle Gainey, noticed the overpowering stench of diesel.

The survivors were still processing what had happened, Gainey said.

"I don't think it really hit them yet," she said.

The Coast Guard was already working on the scene when Bickel pulled his boat up to the raft and got to work getting the sur-

vivors onboard.

The whole fishing party started helping them get onto the vessel, Gainey said.

"You don't even think about what you're doing," she said. "It's just a gut reaction. We'd want somebody to do the same for us."

Bickel, Gainey and Hudson declined to share details about the survivors, out of respect for their privacy.

The boat was headed toward the coast when Bickel realized he had no plan to help the survivors once they reached shore.

"I'm thinking on my way in, 'what am I going to do when I get there?'" he said.

Bickel talked to a young girl from the life raft, asking her about the biggest fish she'd ever caught.

He decided to take a detour to help her beat that record.

"Just trying to brighten up her day a bit," he said.

The fishing expedition's role in the rescue was only a small part of the big picture, Gainey said.

One couple in the Town of Suwannee allowed the survivors to stay in their

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CCSO: Odor of pot leads to drug bust

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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A Columbia County deputy discovered a marijuana grow house on Saturday night while patrolling Fort White with his windows rolled down, according to reports.

Shaun Lee Miller, 27, and Lewis John Padgett, 38, both from Southwest Yulan Street, were arrested after the drug task force found roughly 80 marijuana plants, 17 one-gallon bags of marijuana and more than four pounds of dried marijuana scattered elsewhere in the house, delivery envelopes and grow equipment, the



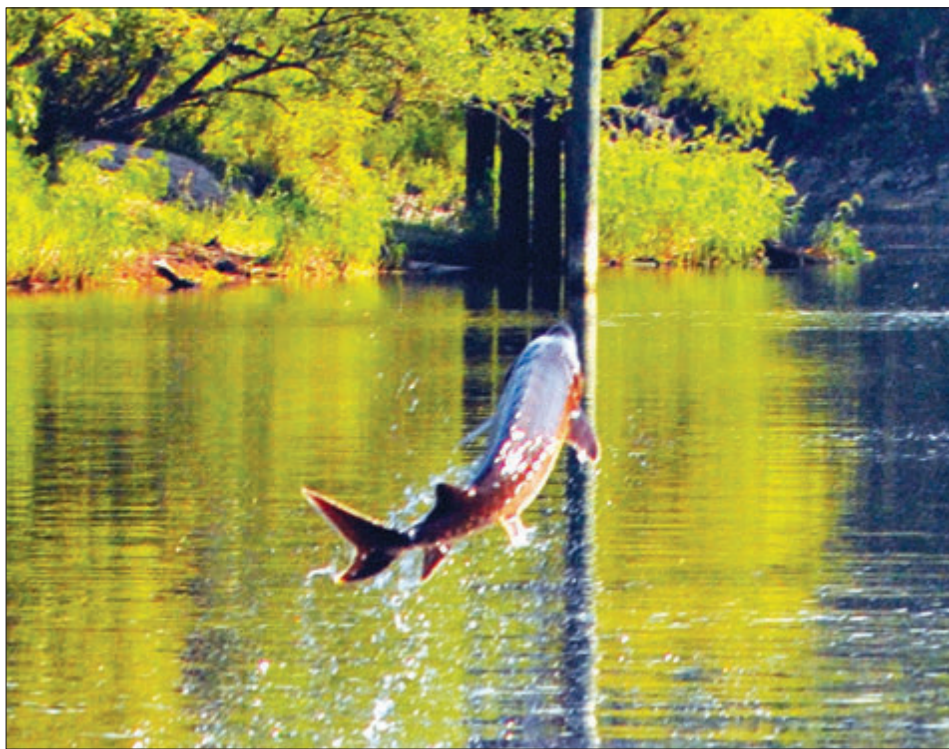
Miller



Padgett

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STURGEON MAKE THEIR RETURN



COURTESY

A sturgeon leaps into the air, the species' signature move. Gulf sturgeon have begun their annual migration back to the Suwannee River, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. FWC is asking boaters to take precautions, as the fish can be dangerous to boaters and deaths have resulted.

Injuries from crash prove fatal

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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The Dunnellon woman who was hospitalized following a one-vehicle collision in Suwannee County on Friday evening was pronounced dead early Saturday morning, according to The Florida Highway Patrol.

Melinda Quigley, 53, died around 4:34 a.m. after she was taken to UF Health Shands, according to FHP.

Quigley was the passenger in a 2001 Ford pickup truck driven by Jesse James Bowman, male, of O'Brien.

Bowman was taken to Shands Live Oak after sustaining serious injuries, according to FHP.

The vehicle was traveling south on U.S. Highway 129 and struck a fence and then a tree.

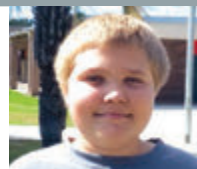


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Man faces molestation charges

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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A local man was arrested on Friday afternoon for sexually battering a teenage girl, according to sheriff's reports.

Donald Richard Kramer, 65, from Southwest Woodview Way, faces a charge of lewd and lascivious behavior with a victim between 12 and 16, the report states.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office responded to the Lake City VA Medical Center on March 8 after a complaint was filed regarding the case.



Kramer

It was alleged that Kramer began inappropriately touching the victim

when she was in the sixth grade, according to the report, and the most recent occurrence was on March 5.

CCSO filed a report with the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Investigators gathered testimony from multiple subjects.

As of March 10, Kramer had been involuntarily admitted to a mental

health ward at the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville.

A CCSO deputy spoke with Kramer at the facility, but details from the interview are redacted in the report.

A child protection team in Gainesville was contacted and scheduled a forensic interview on March 13.

An arrest affidavit was later filed.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
— Hebrews 12:2 KJV.

Thought for Today

Courage is knowing what not to fear.
— Plato, 427 BC - 347 BC, Greek philosopher.

Winning Lottery Numbers

Pick 3: (Sunday p.m.) **0-8-8**
Pick 4: (Sunday p.m.) **7-3-6-0**
Fantasy 5: (Sunday) **6-8-16-25-34**

See an error?

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Birthday wishes at United Way

Florida Gateway College Spokesperson Mike McKee puts the spotlight on United Way Executive Director Rita Dopp, encouraging the crowd to sing "Happy Birthday" to Dopp. Dopp's birthday coincided with United Way's recent annual meeting, when the charity organization celebrates its accomplishments over the previous year.

21 more cases are taken from anti-death-penalty prosecutor

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's governor on Monday took 21 more first-degree murder cases away from a Democratic prosecutor who has said she will no longer seek the death penalty.

Gov. Rick Scott gave the cases being handled by Orlando-area State Attorney Aramis Ayala to neighboring judicial circuit State Attorney Brad King.

Ayala has come under fire recently after announcing she wouldn't seek the death penalty against Markeith Loyd or any other

defendant. Loyd is charged with killing an Orlando police lieutenant and his pregnant ex-girlfriend earlier this year. Scott took the Loyd case away from Ayala last month and reassigned it to King.

"The families who tragically lost someone deserve a state attorney who will take the time to review every individual fact and circumstance before making such an impactful decision," Scott said in a news release.

"State Attorney Ayala's complete refusal to consider capital punishment for the entirety of her term sends an unaccept-

able message that she is not interested in considering every available option in the fight for justice."

Ayala's spokeswoman said Scott never notified her office about his order and instead learned about it through the media.

"Ms. Ayala remains steadfast in her position the Governor is abusing his authority and has compromised the independence and integrity of the criminal justice system," said Eryka Washington.

Ayala has said she plans to ask the Supreme Court to overturn the governor's decision to strip her of the Loyd case.

BUST

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report states.

The deputy was driving through the area of Yulan Street and Bryant Avenue when the heavy odor of cannabis seeped into the patrol vehicle, leading to the arrest of Shauen Lee Miller, 27, and Lewis John Padgett, 38, the report states.

An older woman was sitting on the porch and told the deputy she was there to drop off a pizza for her sons, Miller and Padgett.

Miller came outside and was asked whether anyone else was in the house.

He claimed there was nobody else home and he was smoking a little bit of marijuana and only had a small amount left, according to the report.

The smell, however, was that of fresh, un-burnt cannabis, the report states.

The deputy heard someone else moving about in the house and had Miller open the door.

According to the report, the deputy performed a security sweep for his own

safety and noticed several marijuana plants in multiple rooms.

The drug task force was notified and conducted a full search after obtaining a warrant.

Miller and Padgett, who were also wanted for burglary in Alachua County, were taken to the Columbia County Detention Facility on charges of possession of marijuana, production of marijuana, possession or use of drug paraphernalia and the manufacturing or delivery of drug paraphernalia.

RESCUE

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extra home for the night, while the Suwannee Baptist Church got them new clothes and bought them dinner.

"It really hit home," Gainey said. "Pretty emotional for everyone."

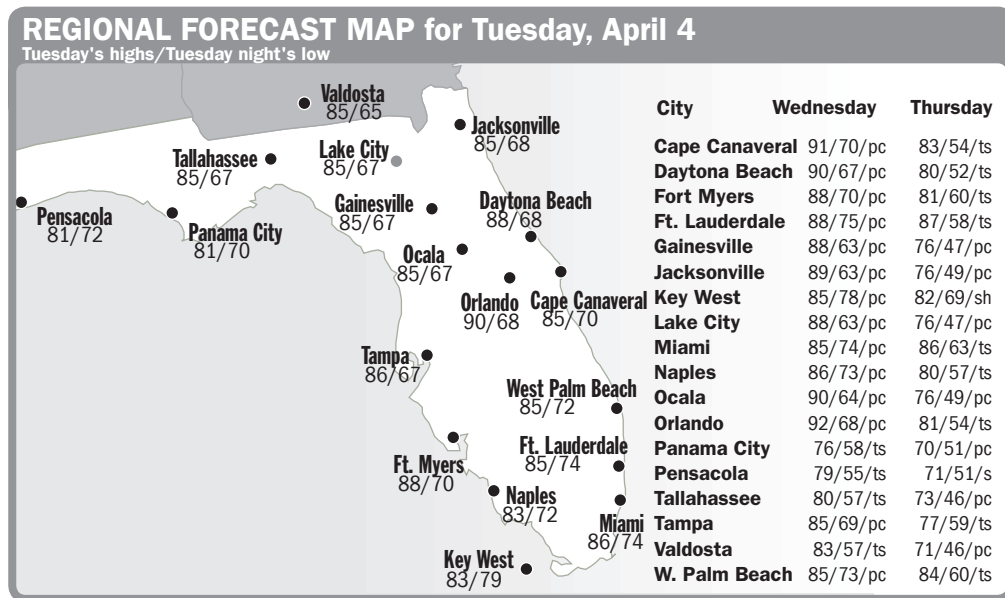
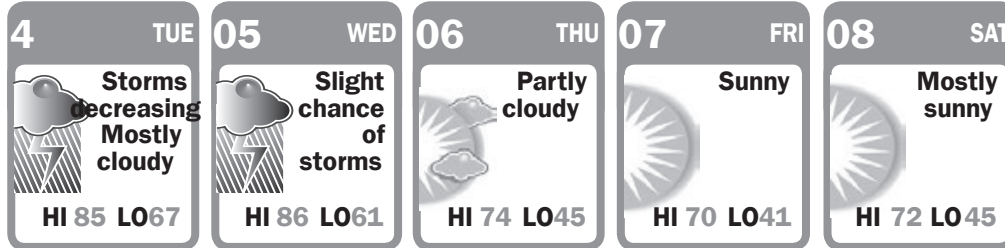
Bickel said his company would try to make it up to Hudson and his group, since their fishing trip was cut short.

The incident has also

made him re-evaluate the safety equipment on his boats, he said, and the company is doubling up on items such as radios and satellite phones.

"It really made me reflect on things," he said.

THE WEATHER



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TEMPERATURES

High Monday	91
Low Monday	71
Normal high	78
Normal low	53
Record high	91 in 1974
Record low	34 in 1962

PRECIPITATION

Monday	0.00"
Month total	0.86"
Year total	10.06"
Normal month-to-date	0.31"
Normal year-to-date	11.15"

SUN

Sunrise today	7:15 a.m.
Sunset today	7:51 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	7:13 a.m.
Sunset tom.	7:52 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today	1:52 p.m.
Moonset today	2:53 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	2:51 p.m.
Moonset tom.	3:43 a.m.

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High
20 mins to burn
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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WEATHER BY-THE-DAY

Day	Actual high	Average high	Actual low	Average low
Tue	87	89	89	85
Wed	89	89	85	88
Thu	89	89	85	88
Fri	85	88	85	88
Sat	88	88	85	88
Sun	91	91	85	88
Mon	91	91	85	88

WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1990, parts of New York were covered in snow after a strong storm moved through the area. A record snowfall of 5.8 inches was reported in Buffalo, while nearly a foot of snow fell in Warsaw and 9.5 inches fell in Rochester.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, stop by the Reporter or email Justin Caudell at jcaudell@lakecityreporter.com.

Today

Mixed media art class

Gateway Art Gallery, located at 168 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City (next to Ward's Jewelry), will present a mixed media art class by Jeanne Van Arsdall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The class is \$30, which includes supplies. Call 752-5229 for more information or to register.

Spring Love and Remembrance ceremony

Haven Hospice invites residents to join them for a butterfly release memorial service at 6 p.m. at 6037 W US Highway 90, Lake City. Residents are encouraged to bring pictures and mementos to place on a table of memories. Haven Hospice provides the service annually at no charge. Anyone in the community who has experienced grief is welcome.

Republican women meet

The Columbia Federated Republican Women will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia County West Branch Library, 435 NW Hall of Fame Drive, Lake City. The organization will discuss the current legislative session and upcoming elections. For more information, call Lynn Hackett at 961-5767.

Plant clinic

Bring your plant questions to the University of Florida Master Gardeners every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbia County Extension Office, 971 W. Duval St. (U.S. 90), Suite 170. Call 752-5384.

Club registration

The Boys and Girls Club of Columbia County is now accepting applications for the spring session, which will run through May 31. Bus transportation from all elementary and middle schools is provided and a variety of activities are offered. Fees are \$200. For more information, call 752-4184 or visit the club on Jones Way in Lake City.

School zoning applications

The Columbia County School District will accept zoning applications for the 2017-18 school year through April 19. Visit www.columbiak12.com for "Controlled Open Enrollment" information, including Columbia County schools that are open for enrollment.

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

bring a sample to the office during regular business hours. For more information, call 752-5384.

group share information, encourage each other and hold each other accountable during their weight-loss journey. For more informa-

tion, call 752-7776.

Christian Motorcyclists

Christian Motorcyclists

local songwriters Hannah Roberts, Ayerlyn and Victoria Longoria beginning at 8 p.m. There is no cover for the event, but tips for performers are suggested. Doors open for coffee and refreshments at 7:30 p.m. The room is located in the Downtown Arts Center, 537 N. Marion Avenue, Lake City.

'Lend Me A Tenor' begins

Opening night for "Lend Me a Tenor," a side-splitting comedic farce set in two acts at the High Springs Playhouse, will feature a wine and cheese reception. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. with the performance beginning at 8. Regular Friday and Saturday performances, through April 21, are at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. with doors opening at 1:30. Tickets are \$15 for adults; students and Seniors on Sundays are \$10. Tickets may be purchased online at www.highspringplayhouse.com and at the door. The theater is located at 130 NE 1st Ave., High Springs.

Dinner and dancing

Dances are held each Friday night from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court, behind Baya Pharmacy. \$7 admission includes pot luck dinner and music by Shirley McMannus. Feb. 10 will be a special Valentine's Day dance. Call 755-0235 for more information.

Saturday

Alligator Lake Spring Festival

Fun, free community event celebrating nature from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alligator Lake Park. Activities will include walking workshops, including bird walks (loaner binoculars available), butterfly walks and photography contest. A live eagle program will take place at noon. Vendors will feature native plants and other nature-related items. Many free kids activities and food and music.

Association, Iron Shepherds Chapter 826, meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Gateway Baptist Church, 3252 SW State Road 247, in Lake City. For more information, call Gary Poucher at 292-6640.

Friday

Friends of Music concert

The brass quintet Garnet and Brass of Florida State University will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. at Covenant First Presbyterian Church, 421 White Ave., Live Oak. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. For more information, call 365-4941.

Music showcase

The Emerald Thread Listening Room in downtown Lake City will feature

tion, call Dori at 658-2767 or Barbara at 362-5933. The first meeting is free.

Thursday

Acrylics class

Gateway Art Gallery, located at 168 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City (next to Ward's Jewelry), will present an acrylics class by Dottie List from 4 to 6 p.m. The class is \$30, which includes supplies. Call 752-5229 for more information or to register.

'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, call 758-2101.

Bingo games at American 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 informa-



TAYLOR GAINES/Lake City Reporter

Reading with Dad

Richard Huntzberry reads a book called "The Easter Cub" with his 2nd-grade son, Brent, at Westside Elementary School on Monday afternoon. Families go to school to read with their children every Monday at Westside as part of the Accelerated Reading program. Students read books and take tests on the books to earn points as the school's top readers. On Friday, around 200 Westside students will be honored on a red carpet in the cafeteria. "We believe that the more students read, the more successful they'll be in other areas," said Principal April Vinson.

Allison Court.

Wednesday

Lake City Newcomers

A friendship luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Phish Heads, 1445 SW Main Blvd., Lake City. Call Joan Wilson at 755-9897 for more information. The club's regular luncheon meeting will be at 11 a.m. April 12 at Eastside Village Clubhouse off of Baya Avenue. The program will feature Kimberly Rivers of Steven Foster State Park, who will provide a general overview of park visiting. Call 755-9897 for more information.

'Art of Etiquette' class

Gateway Art Gallery, located at 168 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City (next to Ward's Jewelry), will present a class entitled "Art of Etiquette" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The class is \$30, which includes supplies. Call 752-5229 for more information or to register.

Free soil testing

Free soil pH tests are available every Wednesday morning at the Columbia County Extension Office, 971 W. Duval St., Suite 170, in Lake City. Residents may

'Terrific Twos'

"Terrific Twos," a library program for toddlers, is offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more information about the library's children's programs, call 758-2101.

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 10 a.m. to noon at the West branch, 435 NW Hall of Fame Drive (off U.S. 90 just past Interstate 75). Come and select a wide variety of seeds and receive advice from seasoned gardeners.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Chapter #798 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays at Live Oak Community Church of God, 10639 U.S. 129, in Live Oak. Members of the support

Saturday

Santa Fe Zoo @ 9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.; Battle of the Brains practice @ The Fort, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

FORT WHITE MIDDLE/HIGH - Grad Bash at Universal Studios

N I B L A C K ELEMENTARY - Medical Center Lunch @ 10:30

P I N E M O U N T ELEMENTARY - Panther Pack Testing @ cafeteria, 8:45 and 9:30 a.m.; 100 point AR walk @ cafeteria, 1:00 p.m.

W E S T S I D E ELEMENTARY - Positive Post It Note Day, AR Walk @ Cafe, 1:30 p.m.

FORT WHITE MIDDLE/HIGH- Track @ Chiles City

LAKE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL- Selected 8th Graders to FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - Saturday Math Tutoring Grade 6 @ Fowler & Diaz's rooms, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Geometry Tutoring Grade 8 @ Nelson's room, 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.; Chorus Carwash @ Tractor Supply, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS

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Friday

COLUMBIA CITY ELEMENTARY - Gr. 1 Field Trip to MOSH Jacksonville - 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL - Color Guard Tryouts in Gym 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Lady Tiger Tennis vs GHS @ home 3:45 p.m.

FORT WHITE ELEMENTARY - Brag Tag Day for March perfect attendance; Kg field trip to

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ANOTHER VIEW

Let locals regulate rentals

A person's home is his castle. Tell that to Tallahassee. Two bills moving through the Florida Legislature would give a pass to nuisance homes in some neighborhoods and violate home-rule powers of local governments to make their own decisions. State lawmakers should reject these measures, and local governments and property owners should find common ground on how to deal with Airbnb and other vacation rentals.

A House subcommittee passed a bill (HB 425) last week that bars cities and counties from passing new ordinances that restrict vacation rentals of private homes. Despite opposition from a group of beach communities across the state, the House panel backed the measure as supporters described the bill as a response to an attack on tourism and private property rights.

This is no attack on tourism, and property rights are a two-way street. Many residents in popular neighborhoods are fed up with all-night parties, excessive noise, cars blocking the streets and other impacts from some vacation rentals. With services such as Airbnb making vacation rentals of private homes more popular, residents in these same communities are suffering from mega-homes that operate as mini-hotels but masquerade as single-family homes. Some sleep more than a dozen, with people arriving at all times of the day. Not surprisingly, this has created tension and eroded the quality of life for many full-time residents, especially in beach communities in the bay area and across the state.

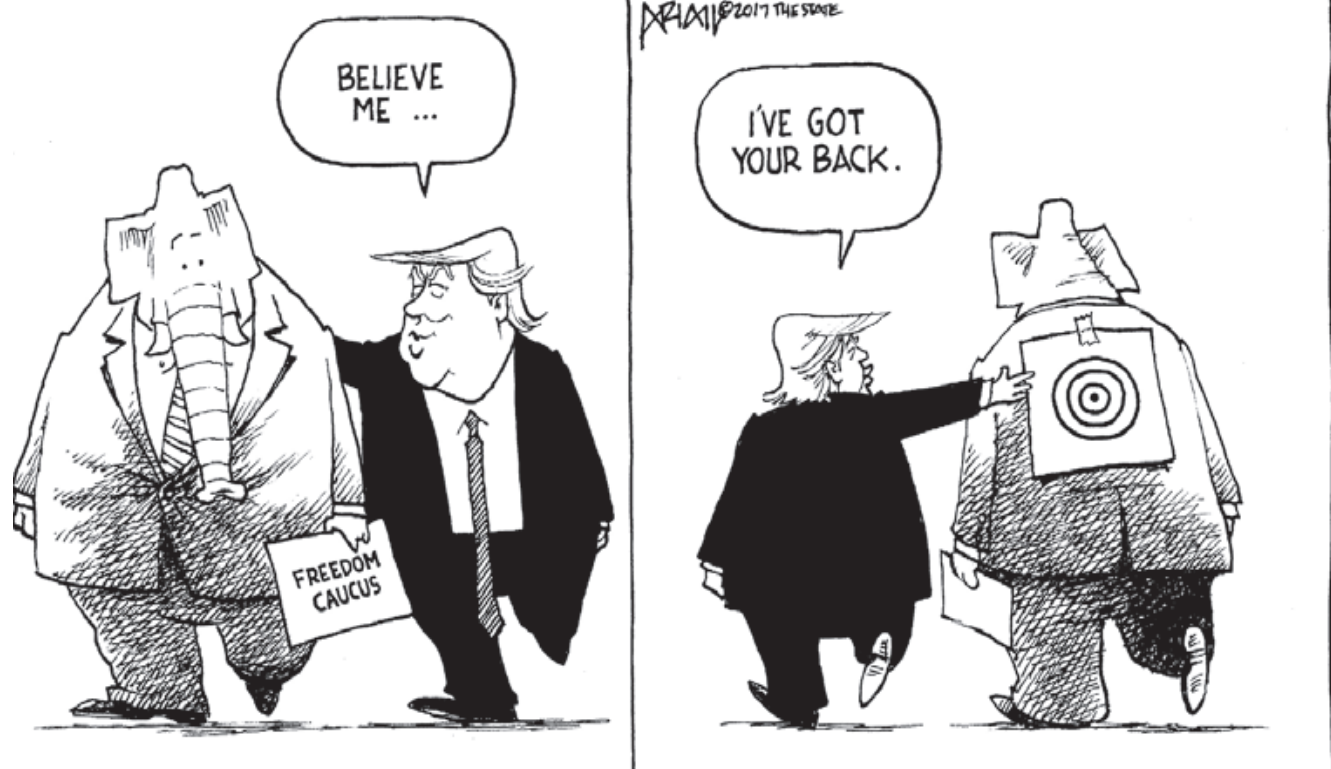
The Legislature pre-empted local vacation rental regulations in 2011 but narrowed the law in 2014. This bill, and a similar one (SB 188) sponsored by Sen. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, would return to the broader ban from 2011, preventing local governments from treating vacation rentals differently than any other home. A grandfather provision currently in place for ordinances enacted by June 2011 would remain.

This is an unreasonable, one-size-fits-all response to a specific problem. It is usually better to regulate businesses across the state in a uniform manner. But cities also have historically played a role by using their land-use powers to ensure that property uses in the same areas complement rather than conflict with each other. That's why communities don't allow gas stations, for example, next to single-family homes. By striking this balance, cities are protecting the property rights of both neighbors. The cities are uniquely suited to make these calls, and they have a public process for bringing all parties to the table — residents, Realtors, landlords — to fashion rules that all can tolerate.

The impacts being felt in many of these communities will not be solved by simply calling the police or code enforcement. The heavy use of these mega-homes is wholly incompatible with the neighborhoods in which many are crammed. Rather than resolve these conflicts, the bills moving forward would exacerbate them by turning a blind eye to abusive tenants and indifferent landlords and a cold shoulder to residents who have invested their time and money in their properties.

Local governments are best positioned to deal with Airbnb and other rental issues, and state legislators should quit trying to micromanage everything from Tallahassee.

■ Tampa Bay Times



Special commission or not?

To commission or not to commission? That is the question facing Congress and the White House regarding how best to investigate Russia's meddling in the 2016 elections.

Actually, let me rephrase that: That is the question that should be facing Congress and the White House.

There is no indication, however, that the independent commission question is receiving any serious attention on either end of Pennsylvania Avenue since Republicans control both ends of that famed thoroughfare (although "control" is too strong a word for the mastery Republicans are able to exert on anything these days).

On the other hand, two-thirds of the American people support an "independent commission investigating the potential links between some of Donald Trump's campaign advisors and the Russian government," according to a recent Quinnipiac Poll. And Democrats in Congress want a commission or a special prosecutor. It is still an open issue.

Democrats might want to be careful what they wish for because the history of independent commissions — there are several types — is mixed. Republicans might want to reconsider their knee-jerk rejection of committing to a commission for the same reasons. The partisan fallout of commissions and inquiries is not always predictable. Nor is their usefulness in explaining or investigating their assigned topics.

The most compelling reason to form an independent commission is decidedly not to investigate whether Trump or any Trump associates or staff colluded with Russian meddling. In the end, that is a criminal or prosecutorial matter. Congressional committees and independent commissions don't indict evildoers but they can surely muck up cases against them. The criminal part should be left to the prosecutorial pros — the FBI and the Justice Department. In my mind, it is obvious the Justice Department ought to appoint a special prosecutor to oversee that investigation; both the attorney general and the director of the FBI



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already are tarnished and conflicted.

The case for some kind of commission will be stronger if a special prosecutor is not appointed, which seems likely. Commissions and prosecutors, however, have different missions that aren't always compatible. A prosecutor is not a substitute for oversight.

In the Russian affair, there are obviously urgent questions far beyond the purview of a criminal investigation, whether FBI Director James Comey or a special prosecutor leads it. They include: Were Comey's various public pronouncements about the investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails improper or unethical? Should the Obama administration have made public more of what it knew about Russia's operations in the U.S. before the election? Did the intelligence community do a competent job of detecting and rebutting Russia's attempts to undermine the elections? Are the intelligence community and election oversight organizations prepared for the next elections in 2018 and 2020?

Now, isn't it the job of the House and Senate intelligence committees to answer precisely those kinds of questions? Indeed it is.

The question then is whether those committees have enough credibility within Congress and with the public to give trusted answers. The answer for the House Intelligence Committee is absolutely not. The answer for the Senate Intelligence Committee is probably not.

Together, these threads tie up the case for an independent commission fairly well. A criminal investigation, unless led by a special prosecutor, will be tainted and it can't address policy questions. The standing con-

gressional committees already are locked in partisan combat at a time when Congress is held in public contempt anyway. The question of Russian interference in American elections is obviously commission-worthy.

So what kind of commission? There are three different set-ups we refer to as independent commissions: presidential commissions, obviously are appointed by the president (the Warren Commission on the JFK assassination, the Rogers Commission on the Challenger disaster); "joint" commissions are created by Congress (the 9/11 Commission led by Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton); and special committees of Congress like the Senate Watergate Committee and the Iran-Contra committees.

The record of commissions isn't so strong that it is a slam-dunk case that we need one now. Some have been shallow, partisan or interfered with criminal prosecutions. Others met pressing national needs.

Philip Shenon, who has written histories of the Warren Commission and the 9/11 Commission, recently wrote that history doesn't offer "much hope that an independent commission would accomplish the Democrats' goals, at least not if those goals include getting to the bottom of this mess in a timely fashion and holding individuals accountable for their wrongdoing."

In the real world, Trump will not appoint a presidential commission and the Republican Congress won't sanction either a joint commission or a special committee of Congress — not unless a stash of smoking guns turns up that gives them absolutely no choice.

The upside of this partisanship is the country might be spared a long political circus. The downside is that we may never know the full story of the Russian escapades of 2016 — and we'll still have to endure a long political circus.

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Russian protests have a strong history

Russians demonstrated last week in Moscow, and 98 other cities across the country, against corruption in the government of Vladimir Putin. There is a risk of Washington taking the protests less seriously than it should.

At the moment, when Americans hear the word "Russia," they are more likely to think of the threat to the practice of our democracy represented by whatever interference in the 2016 elections Putin's government may have undertaken. He is on something of a roll in international diplomacy. The Syrian war and his support of President Bashar Assad seem to be paying off. French presidential front-runner Marine Le Pen just paid him a very visible visit.

Washington is somewhat agog in wanting to know what contacts Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser, had with Russian officials, including the head of Putin's pet financial institution, the state development bank, prior to the inauguration. For Putin — and it is certain

that, as a former KGB officer and former head of the Federal Security Service, he is wide awake on this one — the highest priority right now is the widespread demonstration against his government by many thousands of people last week. His approval rating, for what it is worth in a very dishonest political system, still stands above 80 percent. He also retains full control of the security services, police, military and intelligence agencies, and exerts strong control over media, especially television.

At the same time, in Russia, remember that what happens in the streets can be very important. History would note the dates of 1905, 1917 and 1991, when Putin's predecessor, Boris N. Yeltsin, came to power, bringing the 73-year-old seemingly indestructible Soviet Union to an end. In each case the head of state apparently had the support of the security forces. (Remember the Cossacks, charging workers who were led by a priest in St. Petersburg in 1905.) But the peo-

ple turned on the government and brought it down.

This time for the Russian people, and particularly the youth who predominated among Sunday's crowds, the issue is corruption, and the opulence of the lifestyle of the ruling Russian business and political elite, an issue referred to in the United States more simply as "economic inequality." The depth of feeling lying under the actions of the people in the streets is truly hard to estimate in a society like Russia's. On Sunday the protests focused on the actions of Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev as a safer proxy for Putin. Medvedev reacted in the spirit of Marie Antoinette: He went skiing and posted on Instagram a picture of himself on the slopes.

But it is certain that Putin didn't miss the message. Last time, he grabbed Crimea to distract the population with a nationalist cause. That tendency makes him especially dangerous right now, and not to be trifled with.

■ Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

CLASS NOTES

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL - Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball vs Palatka @ home 4:00 p.m.; Color Guard Tryouts in Gym 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Wrestling Banquet in Auditorium/Multi-Purpose Room 5:00 p.m.

EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY - Music in the Afternoon, 2:15 p.m.

FORT WHITE ELEMENTARY - Honor Roll Party @ lawn outside cafeteria during lunch; Family Reading Night @ Media Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

FORT WHITE MIDDLE/HIGH - Junior Varsity / Varsity Baseball vs Newberry @ FWHS 4:30/7:00p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Union @ FWHS 7:00 p.m.

NIBLACK ELEMENTARY - Yearbook Meeting, 2:30 p.m.

PATHWAYS ACADEMY - Phoenix Success Meeting @ I-Time Room, 1:15 p.m., FSA Gr 10 Reading Retake @ Secondary Side @ 7:30 a.m.

PINEMOUNT ELEMENTARY - Archery Practice @ PE shed, 2:30-4:00 p.m.; 5th grade math tutoring @ Mrs. NesSmith's room, 2:15-3:00 p.m.

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - FSA Writing Makeups; Before School Tutoring in Language Arts, Grades 6 - 8 @ Morgan & Weaver's rooms, Geometry, Gr. 8 in Mr. Nelson's room, 8:00 a.m.; After School Tutoring in Language Arts, Grades 6 - 8 @ Morgan & Weaver's classrooms, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.; After School Math Tutoring, Gr. 6 - 8 @ Fowler, Diaz, & Lily's rooms 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SUMMERS ELEMENTARY - Chorus Practice @ Music Room, 7:15-7:50 a.m.; Chorus Practice @ Music Room, 2:30-3:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY - Chorus Practice @ Music Room, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Family Reading Night @ Cafe, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Chicken Pilau Fundraiser for Archery Team @ Cafe, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Author Meet and Greet with Denise Duren during day and Family Reading Night

Wednesday

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL - Lady Tiger Tennis vs Ridgeview HS @ home 4:00 p.m.; Color Guard Tryouts in Gym 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY - Music in the Morning @ 7:15 a.m.

FORT WHITE ELEMENTARY - Battle of the Brains practice @ The Fort, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

FORT WHITE MIDDLE/HIGH - HOSA State Trip through 4/9; Middle School Baseball @ PK Yonge 4:00 p.m.

NIBLACK ELEMENTARY - Fire Drill; Munch and Mingle

PINEMOUNT ELEMENTARY - 2nd grade play @ cafeteria, 9:00 a.m.

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - Before School Tutoring in Language Arts, Grades 6 - 8 @ Morgan & Weaver's rooms, 8:00 a.m.; RMS Student Council Meeting @ Deliford's room, 8:05 a.m.; Professional Learning Communities @ 6th grade Conference Room during planning; RMS STEM Club Meeting 2 Deliford's room, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; After School Tutoring in Language Arts, Grades 6 - 8 @ Morgan & Weaver's classrooms, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.; After School Math Tutoring, Gr. 6 @ Fowler & Diaz's rooms 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY - First Grade Awards @ Cafe, 8:00 a.m., 3-5 Awards @Cafe during lunches, FSA Lab @ Tech Lab, 2:15- 3:45 p.m.

Thursday

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL - Lady Tiger Softball Kissimmee Classic @ Osceola (Thursday - Sunday); Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball vs Santa Fe @ home 4:00 p.m.; Color Guard Tryouts in Gym 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY - Music in the Afternoon @ 2:15 p.m.

FORT WHITE ELEMENTARY - Coaching Cycle meetings @ planning periods, Data Room; Fitness Boot camp @ exercise room, 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

FORT WHITE MIDDLE/HIGH - Junior Varsity/Varsity Baseball @ Williston 4:00/7:00 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Hamilton @ FWHS 7:00 p.m.

LAKE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL - Chorus Spring Musical Rehearsal 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Room 217

PATHWAYS ACADEMY - Phoenix Success Meeting @ I-Time Room, 1:15 p.m.

PINEMOUNT ELEMENTARY - Archery Practice @ PE shed, 2:30-4:00 p.m.; 5th grade math tutoring @ Mrs. NesSmith's room, 2:15-3:00 p.m.

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - Before School Tutoring in Language Arts, Grades 6 - 8 @ Morgan & Weaver's rooms, 8:00 a.m.; Geometry, Gr. 8 in Mr. Nelson's room; After School Tutoring in Language Arts, Grades 6 & 7 @ Morgan & Weaver's classrooms, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.; After School Math Tutoring, Gr. 6 - 8 @ Fowler, Diaz, & Lily's rooms 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; RMS Baseball Boys/ Girls vs. Baker AWAY, 4:00 p.m.

SUMMERS ELEMENTARY - Honor Choir practice @ Music Room, 2:15-3:30; Summers Showcase, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY - 2nd Grade Awards @ Cafe, 8:00 a.m., Tech Club @ Tech Lab, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS continued on 3A

Bulletin Board

NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

Westside Young Writers of the month



COURTESY

Lilla Chapman, grade 3 (front row from left); Ethan Swanson, grade 2; Yuna Kim, grade 1; Curriculum Resource Teacher April Noll (back row); Christin Taylor, grade 5; Joseph Ford, grade 4; Kennedy Maxwell, grade 4.

STUDENT FOCUS

John A. Layer III

Age: 13

Parents: John and Monica Layer

School: Richardson Middle School, 8th grade

Principal's name: Angela Coppock

What clubs or organizations, both in and out of school, do you belong to? National Junior Honor Society, RMS STEM Club. I attend Pine Grove Baptist Church

What would you like to do when you get out of school? I enjoy making videos for my You Tube Channel. I would like to go into Video Game Design as a career.

Achievements: Perfect Attendance for 7 years, 6th grade RMS Student of the Year, A-B Honor Roll, Civics Academic Excellence Award, Science Academic Achievement Award, Wolf Spirit Award, STEM Club Future Engineering Award, CHAMPS Excellence in Behavior.

What do you like best about school? I like that there are lot of electives we can learn about. In my Exploring IT Careers class, we are designing video games using GameMaker.

Comments

Teacher's comments: John is a very polite, respectful & knowledgeable young man. He is always eager and ready to learn everyday he enters the classroom. John also respects the academic process, and he displays leadership qualities. He is a joy to have in our classes.

Student's comments about being chosen for a "Student Focus" profile: I think it will be nice to see myself in the newspaper. Everyone will see how good of a student I am.



ReadingPals volunteers

Volunteers are needed for United Way of Suwannee Valley's ReadingPals initiative.

ReadingPals is an early literacy initiative focused on screening, training and engaging volunteer "reading coaches." The program sup-

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Backpack program

From staff reports

On Fridays, Altrusa of Lake City distributes backpacks filled with enough food for breakfast and lunch for two days to participating Columbia County schools, who in turn give them to students in need.

The students who receive the backpacks often depend on free meals from their schools to keep them fed during the week. The backpacks provide sufficient food for the weekend.

The food is nonperishable because many of the students don't have access to a kitchen.

For more, contact Amy Francis at amy@theimperialproductions.com.

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Section B

LOCAL SPORTS

Craft wins breast cancer benefit tournament

Over \$50,000 raised in fishing fundraiser.

By TONY BRITT
tbritt@lakecityreporter.com

BRANFORD — Michael Craft won the 2017 Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness Association's benefit bass tournament by besting more than 126 other

anglers for the title.

Craft, of Lake City, also brought the tournament's biggest fish to the scales, an 8.57-pound largemouth, which solidified his 18.77-pound tournament stringer.

The tournament was held Saturday at Ellie Rays RV Boat Ramp on the Santa Fe River.

Jamie Albritton, co-tournament director for Saturday's event, said it was the best open bass tournament the organiza-

tion has had since it started the benefit tourneys seven years ago.

There were 127 boats that participated in this year's tournament.

"That's the largest field ever," Albritton said. "The final numbers for the proceeds are not in yet, but it's going to exceed \$50,000."

Albritton said Live Oak Pest Control put up a \$500 bonus for the event's big fish as people were trying to raise money for Blayze

Bedenbaugh, a Lake City 13-year-old fighting cancer, and Craft, who fished by himself, donated the his bonus to the youngster.

"I really don't have the words to describe the event," Albritton said. "If people don't believe in something magical — they need to come out and watch this tournament. I saw grown men, manly men, breakdown and cry and donate money to help that little boy."

Albritton said the spirit to eradicate cancer unified the audience and several people who won Yeti coolers in the benefit raffle donated them back to the auction were some got as much as \$800.

"The outpouring from the community was just unreal," he said.

More than 2,000 people attended the event weigh-in.

Harper, a cancer survivor, won the Ruben

Thomas Bounty Bag. The Bounty Bag is a prize given to a random participant who finishes behind the random boat entry number selected by the tournament director.

"It was crazy how people just kept coming and donating hundred dollar bills," added Tracy Harper, an angler who fished in the event. "I loved fishing it. It was fun to be there and

CRAFT continued on 6B

CHS BASEBALL

Cat Fight

Columbia Tigers host Palatka Panthers tonight in non-conference match-up.



Photos by BRENT KURKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia pitcher Cal Gilliam throws the ball against Lincoln on Saturday. The Tigers lost 15-0 against the Trojans and are looking for a win tonight against Palatka at home.



ABOVE: Tigers shortstop Tyson Ellis throws to first base in Saturday's game. BELOW: Columbia's Cole Frier hits against Lincoln. The Tigers will face Palatka at home tonight at 7 p.m.



NBA

OKC's Westbrook proving he is MVP candidate, great teammate

By CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook has seemingly been a one-man wrecking crew, stacking up triple-doubles like no one in half a century and producing late in games like few players in recent memory.

But the historical stats and heroics have somewhat overshadowed one other Westbrook transformation: The national perception he wasn't a good teammate.

He's been that, and then some. "He's making big plays," Thunder forward Enes Kanter said. "That's what a big player does. He's taking a lot of responsibility and doing amazing

things. And he's making everybody better around him."

There were questions Westbrook the teammate when about Kevin Durant left for Golden State in free agency last summer. Then the huge questions about what kind of team would the Thunder have with Westbrook as their unquestioned leader.

Well, he has seized the moment.

He has taken his game to another level and pulled his teammates along. Whatever the team has needed — a big shot, a scoring flurry, a key pass, a defensive play — he has delivered. Even without Durant to pass the ball to — a four-time scoring champion — Westbrook is at the same pace for assists as last year.

"As a team, we all do our part," Westbrook said. "It's not just me. I'm not just playing by myself. These guys do a lot of different things, whether they are screening or making big shots, defensive plays that allow us to get shots that we've been getting to close games. They've been doing it all season."

But it's impossible to ignore what Westbrook has done.

He needs one more triple-double to match Oscar Robertson's single-season record of 41 set during the 1961-62 season. He'll have the chance to tie Tuesday at home against Milwaukee, and he could potentially set a new mark Wednesday in Memphis.

OKC continued on 6B



COURTESY

Battle of the Bats

The Lake City's 8-U Impact Zone baseball team won second place in the Battle of the Bats Showdown in Ormond Beach on April 1-2. The team played in the kid pitch division. Pictured are Bryson Grinstead (front row, from left), Chase Rhude, Tyler Keen, Eli Musted, and Trevor Byrd, Reed McReynolds (middle row, from left), Brady Tetstone, Goose Lord, Weston Thomas, Braxton Dicks, Trenten Houk, and Madden Mann and Coaches Robert Mann (back row, from left) and Steve McReynolds. Not pictured: Coach Tommy Houk

SCOREBOARD

TV LISTINGS

		Central Division			
		W	L	Pct	GB
TODAY					
BOXING					
9 p.m.		z-Cleveland	49	27	.645
		Milwaukee	40	37	.519
		Chicago	38	39	.494
		Indiana	37	40	.481
		Detroit	35	42	.455
					14½

		WESTERN CONFERENCE			
		Southwest Division			
		W	L	Pct	GB
		z-San Antonio	59	17	.776
		x-Houston	52	25	.675
		x-Memphis	42	35	.545
		New Orleans	33	44	.429
		Dallas	32	44	.421
					27

		Northwest Division			
		W	L	Pct	GB
		x-Utah	47	30	.610
		x-Oklahoma City	43	33	.566
		Portland	38	38	.500
		Denver	36	40	.474
		Minnesota	30	45	.400
					16

		Pacific Division			
		W	L	Pct	GB
		z-Golden State	63	14	.818
		x-L.A. Clippers	47	31	.603
		Sacramento	30	47	.390
		L.A. Lakers	22	55	.286
		Phoenix	22	56	.282
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		x-clinched playoff spot			
		z-clinched division			

NASCAR CUP SERIES STANDINGS

- Kyle Larson
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- Martin Truex Jr.
- Brad Keselowski
- Joey Logano
- Kyle Busch
- Ryan Blaney
- Clint Bowyer
- Jamie McMurray
- Kevin Harvick
- Ryan Newman
- Kasey Kahne
- Erik Jones
- Jimmie Johnson
- Trevor Bayne
- Denny Hamlin
- Aric Almirola
- Austin Dillon
- Kurt Busch
- Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

NBA STANDINGS

		EASTERN CONFERENCE			
		Atlantic Division			
		W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston		50	27	.649	—
x-Toronto		47	30	.610	3
New York		29	48	.377	21
Philadelphia		28	49	.364	22
Brooklyn		18	59	.234	32

		Southeast Division			
		W	L	Pct	GB
z-Washington		46	31	.597	—
Atlanta		39	38	.506	7
Miami		37	40	.481	9
Charlotte		36	41	.468	10
Orlando		27	50	.351	19

NFL

Ex-NFL star begins presenting defense in double-murder trial

Associated Press

BOSTON — Lawyers for former NFL star Aaron Hernandez began presenting their defense at his double-murder trial Monday with a fan who said Hernandez was polite and calm the night he is accused of gunning down two men after a brief encounter at a Boston nightclub.

Hernandez's legal team began calling witnesses after prosecutors rested their case Monday. The first defense witness was Antoine Salvador, a psychology doctoral student who met Hernandez inside the club and asked him to pose with him for a photo.

Salvador said Hernandez initially politely declined his request but agreed after Salvador told him it was his birthday. When one of Hernandez's lawyers asked

Salvador if Hernandez looked angry, Salvador replied, "Not at all."

Salvador said he later saw Hernandez outside the club, about 20 minutes before the shootings. He said he thanked Hernandez for the photo, and Hernandez replied, "No problem. Have a good night."

Prosecutors have said Hernandez killed Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado because he felt disrespected after de Abreu bumped into him and spilled his drink. Salvador said he did not see anyone bump into Hernandez.

Lawyers for the former tight end for the New England Patriots have claimed that Alexander Bradley — a friend who was with Hernandez that night — shot the men in a drug dispute.

NCAA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Staley proud to be 2nd African-American coach to win title

By DOUG FEINBERG

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dawn Staley hopes to pass along a piece of her first championship net to another aspiring African-American coach — the same as Carolyn Peck did for her years ago.

Staley joined Peck as the only African-American coaches to win an NCAA women's basketball championship Sunday night when South Carolina beat Mississippi State 67-55. Peck, who won a title at Purdue in 1999, gave Staley a piece of her net a few years ago when she was a commentator. Staley has held it close ever since.

"I've had it in my wallet for years. She said, 'When you win your national championship, just return it,'" Staley said. "I'm going to have to pass a piece of my net on to somebody else so they can share and hopefully accomplish something as big as this. I do have to give a shout out to Carolyn Peck, and I will return her net, thankfully."

Staley proudly wore the net she cut down around her neck and still had it on hours later when she left the arena.

"I'm going to enjoy it. It's something that I've been coaching for 17 years now. I played college basketball, what, 25 to 28 years ago. It took that long," Staley said. "I also want people to know that just because something takes a long time, I mean, you have to have patience, you have to persevere, stay with it. If something is a goal of yours to accomplish, you don't give up

on it. I never gave up on winning a national championship, no matter how hard it was, no matter what it looked like."

Aja Wilson scored 23 points to help coach Staley get her first title. Staley made the Final Four three times as a player at Virginia but never won. She also led the Gamecocks to the national semifinals two years ago before losing to Notre Dame.

"It means that I can check off one of the things that had been a void in my career," Staley said. "Something I wanted to do. It was one of two opportunities that I saw women play when I was younger: national championship games and Olympics. Those were things that I held dear and near to me growing up. Those were the things I saw and were shooting for."

Wilson, a native South Carolina player who was Staley's biggest recruit ever, was the key. She was thrilled to help Staley get her first title.

"I can't put into words how much it meant to win the game for coach," Wilson said. "She's put in so much time and sweat into this. ... It really means something special to bring this back home for such a great person like coach Staley."

Mississippi State had all the momentum on its side after a shocking win over UConn on Friday night that ended the Huskies' record 111-game winning streak. The Bulldogs couldn't muster the same effort against the Gamecocks. Morgan William, who had become

the face of the tournament with the game-winner against the Huskies after a 41-point performance against Baylor, was held to just 8 points.

South Carolina (33-4) turned a 10-point halftime lead into a 45-31 advantage midway through the third quarter before the Bulldogs rallied. Mississippi State (34-5) slowly cut into its deficit, getting with 54-50 on Jazzmun Holmes' jumper. That brought a huge cheer from the thousands of Mississippi State fans who made the 8-hour trip from Starkville, Mississippi.

But that's as close as the Bulldogs could get.

The victory in front of a sellout crowd came one day after the Gamecocks men's basketball team lost in the Final Four in Glendale, Arizona.

Wilson, who grew up in South Carolina, blocked a shot on one end of the court and then hit a short jumper in the lane that started a 12-2 run to put the game away. Staley emptied her bench with less than a minute left and Wilson left with tears of joy. The junior center sees a repeat in the future for the Gamecocks, who return most of their core players.

"Man, just be with us next year, we're trying to be in this same spot next year, we're going to see how it goes," Wilson said after winning the most outstanding player award for the Final Four.

The Gamecocks won the title without star center Alaina Coates, who hurt her ankle in the SEC Tournament. She didn't even travel with the team

to Dallas.

"Our players never fretted, 'La' we got you a ring. We got you a ring," Staley said of Coates. "Allisha Gray, Kaela Davis they all believed in it. They spent a year getting to know our team, getting to know our system. Got the opportunity to play and we become national champions."

It was the third loss for the Bulldogs against the Gamecocks this season. Mississippi State dropped a game in South Carolina in the regular season as well as the SEC Tournament title game.

"Today doesn't define us," said Mississippi State coach Vic Schaefer, who is 0-9 in his career against South Carolina. "It certainly doesn't define this team or this season. We had a heck of a year. Obviously, we've had some hard times dealing with them. Today was no different."

No team had a tougher road to the championship than the second-seeded Bulldogs. They were trying to become the third team in NCAA history to beat three No. 1 seeds en route to the title. Tennessee did it in 1987 and Louisiana Tech accomplished the same feat a year later. The Bulldogs had already knocked off top-seed Baylor and UConn to get to the championship game.

This was the sixth time in NCAA Tournament history that teams from the same conference played for the national championship, including three by the SEC. Tennessee won both of those matchups, the last coming in 1996 when the Lady Vols beat Georgia.

Piscotty agrees to 6-year deal with Cardinals

By KURT VOIGT

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A day after St. Louis signed a legacy contract with one of its all-time greats, the Cardinals went back to work locking up their young nucleus of talent.

Right fielder Stephen Piscotty became the latest St. Louis youngster to agree to a long-term contract, finalizing a \$33.5 million, six-year deal Monday that includes a team option for a

seventh season.

Piscotty's signing was announced a day after St. Louis signed catcher Yadier Molina to a \$60 million, three-year deal covering 2018-20, and it is in line with the team's pre-arbitration contracts it previously signed with current Cardinals Matt Carpenter and Kolten Wong.

The contract also follows St. Louis' signing of star pitcher Carlos Martinez to a \$51 million, five-year deal in February — ending a brief,

but hectic period of negotiating with homegrown talent for a Cardinals team intent remaining relevant as a mid-market team in an NL Central currently ruled by the World Series champion Chicago Cubs.

"When you look at the climate of baseball right now and the free-agent market, it's not a place that we're going to have a lot of success in if we're going to rely on it," St. Louis general manager John Mozeliak said. "To be able to lock up our young-

er and talented players does mean a lot to our future."

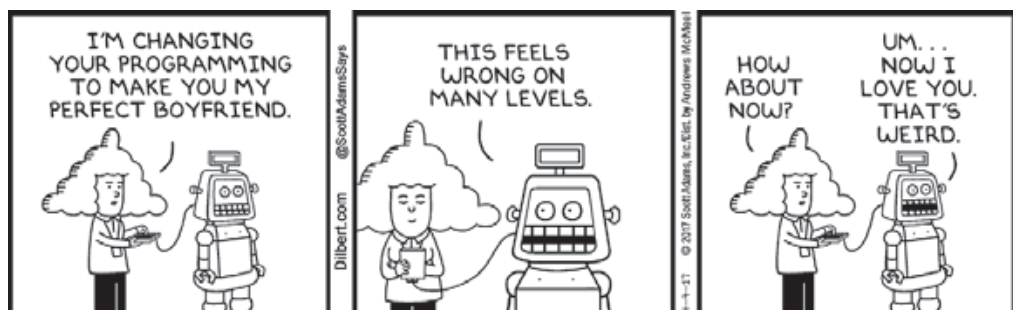
The 26-year-old Piscotty would have been eligible for arbitration following the 2018 season and free agency after the 2021 season. The deal announced Monday calls for a \$2 million signing bonus payable within 30 days of approval by the commissioner's office, salaries of \$1 million each in of the first two years, \$7 million apiece in 2018 and '19 and \$7.25 million in each of the next two years.

TUESDAY EVENING

APRIL 4, 2017

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3-ABC	3	-	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	Ent. Tonight	Be a Millionaire	The Middle (N)	Am Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	Imaginary Mary	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)		News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live
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5-PBS	5	-	-	DW News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) 66		The Last Days of Jesus (Series Premiere)	The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ (N)			Frontline North Korea's Kim Jong-Un.		BBC World News	Capitol Update
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FX	22	136	248	(5:00) ** "Total Recall" (2012) Colin Farrell. 66				*** "Captain America: The First Avenger" (2011, Action) Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell. 66				The Americans "Lotus 1-2-3" (N) 66		The Americans "Lotus 1-2-3" (N) 66	
CNN	24	200	202	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) 66		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) 66		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) 66			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	
TNT	25	138	245	(5:30) *** "Rudy" (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. 66				** "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman. 66 (DVS)						*** "Rudy" (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. 66	
NIK	26	170	299	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Hunter Street (N)	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Game Shakers	Full House 66	Full House 66	Full House 66	Full House 66	Friends 66	Friends 66
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MY-TV	29	32	-	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	M*A*S*H 66	M*A*S*H 66	The X-Files	The X-Files "Bunghoney" 66			Seinfeld 66	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason 66
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ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter With Michael and Jemele		NBA Countdown (N) Live		NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Oklahoma City Thunder. (N)				NBA Basketball		Timberwolves at Warriors	
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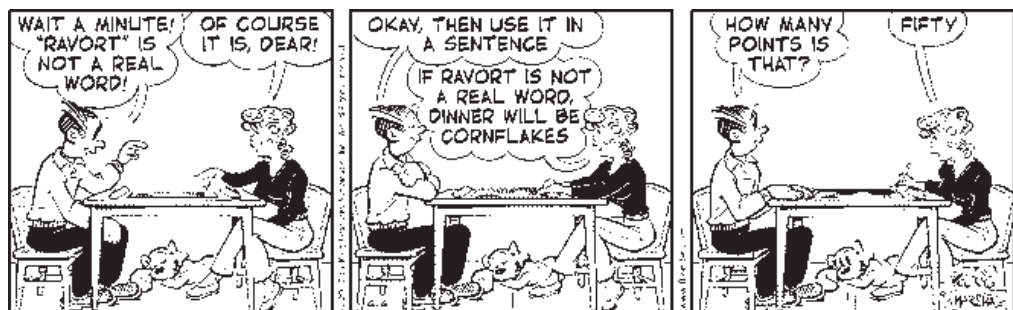
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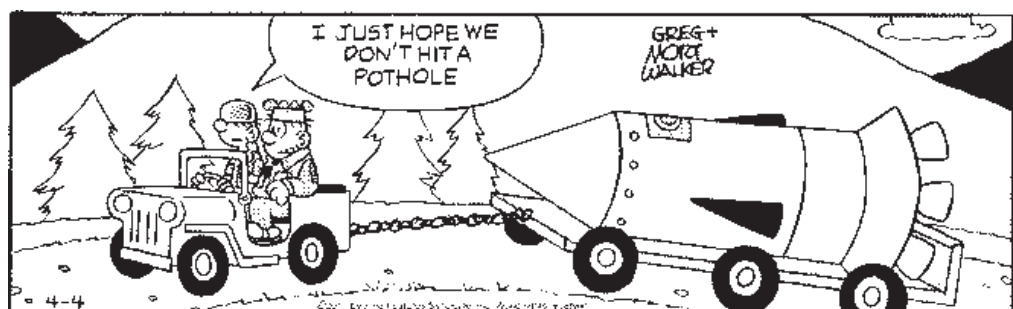
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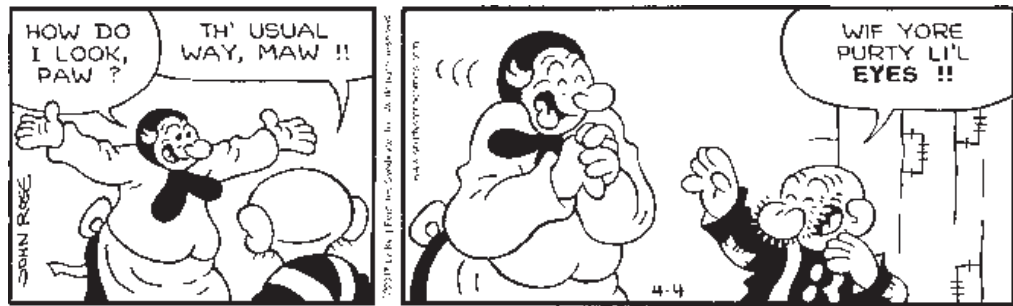
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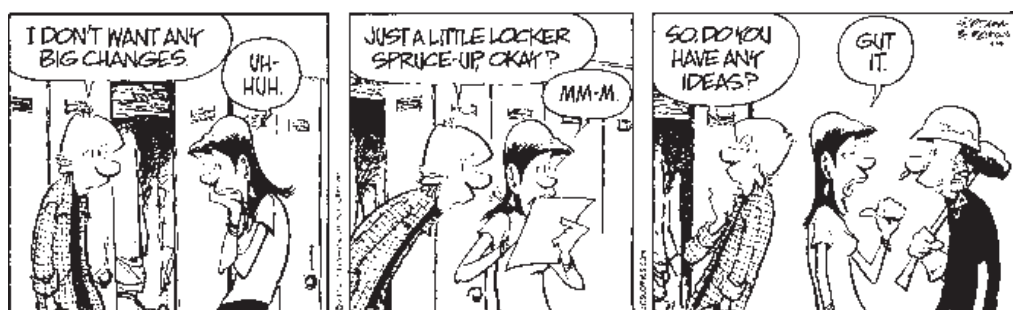
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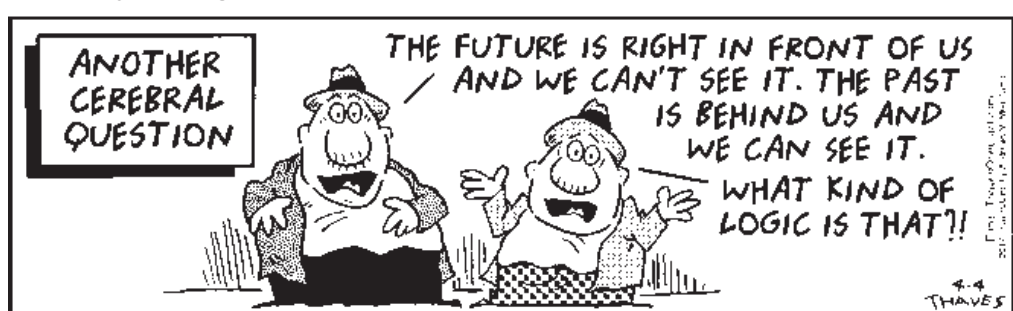
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DEAR ABBY

Grandparents' pink grad gift comes right out of the blue



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is graduating from high school in May. She has been accepted to a prestigious university, entirely due to her own hard work and dedication.

My father-in-law recently informed us that his new wife had selected our daughter's graduation present, and they are excited to give it to her. They chose a pink luggage set. My husband and I are mystified about why they decided this would be the perfect gift for our daughter. We know she will be embarrassed — but gracious — if she receives this gift in front of our family and friends on graduation day. We would like to spare her the awkwardness and having to return an inappropriate gift.

Abby, would it be rude of us to strongly encourage them to rethink their gift? How do we broach the subject so we don't cause hurt feelings or a rift? We are grateful for their generosity, but we know the gift won't suit our grad. — MYSTIFIED MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: I do not advise your becoming involved with this. Warn your daughter in advance

what the gift will be so she isn't caught flat-footed on graduation day. If she chooses to exchange the luggage for something she feels will be more appropriate, she should do so.

DEAR ABBY: I have a tough problem. I care very much for my girlfriend. She keeps me in check and does everything for me. However, my best friend's sister and I are extremely close. By close, I mean we have conversations about how things would be if we were dating. We have so much fun together. We never, ever argue, whereas my girlfriend and I are constantly fighting. I legitimately want the other girl, but I don't know what I should do. — SCARED AND STUCK IN ST. PAUL

DEAR SCARED AND STUCK: You are a free man, neither married nor

engaged. Because you have romantic feelings for someone else, gather your courage and level with your girlfriend. Tell her that while you appreciate everything she has done for you, you want to be free to date other people and think she should, too.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband recently died, and I have just learned he had an illegitimate son 25 years ago. The son tracked me down wanting to know things about his biological father. My late husband and I had two children before this one was born. So, do I tell my children they have a half-brother and his aunts they have another nephew? — TRACKED DOWN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TRACKED DOWN: I see no reason to make any announcements right now. Keep the news to yourself until you are sure that the man wants more contact with his relatives and isn't just looking for medical information that could affect him.

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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Making assumptions could lead to poor choices. Time is on your side, and gathering information will be in your best interest. Keep your life simple and concentrate on self-improvement, not trying to change others. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pay more attention to home, family and domestic changes that need to be addressed. Love should be a priority along with personal improvements that will energize you and provide the psychological boost you need to achieve your goals. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Help others for the right reasons and avoid taking on the impossible. Making last-minute changes due to emotional concerns or revealing information that isn't yours to share will make you look bad. Take the high road. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let emotional situations lead to snap decisions that can damage your personal or professional relationships. Money concerns will escalate if you spend needlessly or are generous to a fault. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Base each decision you make on facts, knowledge and insight. Move forward with the intent to make things better, not only for you, but for those you care about. Don't let anger stop you from doing what needs to be done. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put a little love in your life. Share your feelings and intentions with someone special. Don't let "should of, would of, could of" be the outcome because you are too afraid to voice your desires. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expecting others to want the same things as you will lead to problems. Give others the benefit of the doubt and go about your own business. Engage in personal growth,

learning and stabilizing your position, not trying to change others. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a moment to assess your feelings and to consider what moves you the most. Delve deeper into your subconscious and ask yourself questions about what you are doing with your life. ★★

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Temptation is a state of mind. Don't give in to a sales pitch or emotional manipulation. Look for opportunities that are beneficial to you, not something that will only help someone else. Invest time in yourself. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep an open mind, but don't agree just because someone is enthusiastic or persuasive when presenting you with an offer. Be on guard at all times and protect your assets, possessions and your financial future. Emotional spending will lead to loss. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone you thought you could trust will let you down. Keep personal information a secret. Someone is likely to use emotional tactics to make you look bad. Do your best to bring about positive changes and greater security. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in activities you can enjoy with someone you love or that include the youngsters in your life. Participate in something that you believe in or that concerns you. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Actor Craig T. Nelson is 73. Actress Christine Lahti ("Chicago Hope") is 67. Singer Steve Gatlin of the Gatlin Brothers is 66. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 61. Actor Hugo Weaving ("The Matrix," "Lord of the Rings") is 57. Bassist Craig Adams (The Cult) is 55.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "The world is basically insane ... trying to pass itself off as being a sane place. I show it for what it is." — Steven Wright

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2016 CA 000077
 GRAND BANK FOR SAVINGS, fsb, Plaintiff,

v.
 REYNALDO BECERRA a/k/a REYNALDO BECERRA and YUSDDAY MARTINEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

By Clerk of Circuit Court Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, will on the 26th day of April, 2017, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the third floor of the Columbia County Courthouse, 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Columbia County, to-wit:

Township 6 South, Range 17 East, Section 35: Commence at the Southeast corner of NW 1/4 of said Section as established by Daniel Croft, PLS, and run S 88_ 14' 24" W, along the South line of said NW 1/4, per said Croft Survey, being also the Northerly maintained right of way line of Bible Camp Road (Osprey Road) a distance of 436.80 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue S 88_ 14' 24" W, still along the South line of said NW 1/4 per said Croft Survey, being also the Northerly maintained right of way line of Bible Camp Road (Osprey Road) a distance of 436.65 feet; thence N 00_ 21' 41" E, parallel with the East line of NW 1/4, per said Croft Survey 1318.55 feet to a point on the North line of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 per said Croft Survey; thence N 88_ 18' 00" E, along said North line 436.63 feet, thence S 00_ 21' 41" W, parallel with the East line of said NW 1/4, per said Croft Survey, 1318.10 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LOT 5 Hawk Ridge-Phase 2 (an unrecorded subdivision) pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is Grand Bank For Savings, fsb, Plaintiff,

v.
 Reynaldo Becerra a/k/a Reynaldo Becerra and Yusdday Martinez, Defendants.

and the docket number of which is number 2016-CA-000077. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property

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owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the office of Emmanuel, Sheppard & Condon, P.A., 30 South Spring Street, Pensacola, FL 32502, (850) 433-6581, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, this 28th day of March, 2017.

P. DeWitt Cason
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 of Columbia County, Florida
 By: /s/ S. Weeks
 DEPUTY CLERK

330620
 April 4, 11, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 16000206CAA
 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT H. ROWE A/K/A ROBERT ROWE A/K/A ROBERT HARDIN ROWE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LEINORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF SANDRA K. ROWE A/K/A SANDRA ROWE A/K/A SANDY K. ROWE
 Last Known Address: UNKNOWN ADDRESS
 Current Residence Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 10, 11 & 12, OF BLOCK 4, OF UNIT 23, THREE RIVES ESTATES, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 80 AND 80A, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF 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 Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Plain-

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tiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33310-0908 on or before May 1, 2017, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the LAKE CITY REPORTER and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carri-na 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of March, 2017.
 P. DEWITT CASON
 As Clerk of the Court
 By /s/ S. Weeks
 As Deputy Clerk

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 April 4, 11, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 15000477CAAXMX
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.
 JAMES W. GARRETSON A/K/A JAMES GARRETSON, et al
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 28, 2017, and entered in Case No. 15000477CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for COLUMBIA COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and JAMES W. GARRETSON A/K/A JAMES GARRETSON, et al are Defendants, the clerk, P. Dewitt Cason, will sell to the highest and 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

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Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 26th day of April, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 52, Emerald Forest Phase 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 6, Page 85, in the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida.

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

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carri-na 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 at Lake City, COLUMBIA COUNTY, Florida, this 28th day of March, 2017.
 P. Dewitt Cason
 Clerk of said Circuit Court
 By: /s/ S. Weeks
 As Deputy Clerk

330633
 April 4, 11, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 CASE NO. 17-61-CP
 IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANK J. QUALLS, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of FRANK J. QUALLS, deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2017; File Number 17-61-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST

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PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: March 28, 2017.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ BRUCE ALLEN QUALLS
 4124 NW Wisteria Drive
 Lake City, Florida 32055
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 MARLIN M FEAGLE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.A.
 By: /s/ Marlin M. Feagle
 Florida Bar No. 0173248
 153 NE Madison Street
 Post Office Box 1653
 Lake City, Florida 32056-1653
 386/752-7191
 dedenfield@bellsouth.net

328807
 March 28, 2017
 April 4, 2017

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given pursuant to Name change § 19-12-23 that by order of the IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, entered on February 27, 2017 in Civil Action No 2016-777-DR the name of VERDELL TERIA JONES was changed to Verdell Terria Jones. Dated March 7th, 2017.
 /s/ Jones, Verdell

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COURTESY PHOTOS

ABOVE: The members of the Lake City Middle School wrestling team pose with their coaches during their end-of-the-season banquet they held recently. **RIGHT:** Several members of the LCMS wrestling team received individual awards at their end-of-the-year banquet. The winners and their awards included: Tanner Thompson (front row, from left), Falcon Award; Stacy White, Most Improved; Thomas Greene, Fastest Pin and Falcon Academic Award; Alex Anderson, Team Captain Award, Most Pins and Outstanding Wrestler; Assistant Coach Chris Greene, Jonathan Sobczak, Team Captain Award; Obie Smith, Team Captain Award and Coaches Award; Assistant Coach Joseph Chancellor; Kaleb Davis, Team Captain Award and Outstanding Wrestler; Head Coach Doug David.



GOLF

Ernie Els gearing up for what could be his last Masters

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Ernie Els has memories at every corner of Augusta National, typical of someone who is playing the Masters for the 23rd time.

Nothing haunts him as much as the sight of the practice green.

That's where he was in 2004, hopeful of a playoff after closing with a 67, tied for the lead as Phil Mickelson made his way up the last hole to face an 18-foot birdie putt. Els couldn't see the 18th green because of the crowd. All he could do was listen for the outcome.

The putt swirled in the cup. Mickelson leapt. The cheer shook the ground.

Els scooped up his golf balls and walked away.

"That was a blow," Els said Monday in a quiet reflection. "I didn't play quite good after that."

The moment stands out even more this week as the 47-year-old South African returns for what could be his last Masters. Past champions can play for life, and most everyone would have put Els on that list when the Big Easy showed up for the first time in 1994.

He won the first of his two U.S. Opens that summer. Two British Open titles followed, the last one in 2012 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, which earned him a five-year exemption to the Masters.

That exemption runs out

this week.

"You can put a line on it and say most probably it will be the last one," Els said. "We'll see, unless we do something down the road. But you know, it's been good. Whatever. If I come back again, great. If I don't, it's been good."

Els is on a list of great players who never won a green jacket.

Greg Norman seemed to have chances just about every year for a decade. He sent a shot into the gallery in 1986 for bogey that allowed Jack Nicklaus to win a sixth Masters.

A year later, Larry Mize chipped in from 140 feet on the 11th hole to win a sudden-death playoff. Norman famously blew a six-shot lead to Nick Faldo

in 1996, and Jose Maria Olazabal beat him in a back-nine duel in 1999.

Tom Weiskopf was runner-up four times. David Duval had a chance to win four in a row starting in 1998, when Mark O'Meara beat him with a 20-foot birdie on the last hole. Duval last played the Masters seven years ago.

Much like Els, Duval wonders how his career at Augusta National would have gone if O'Meara had not birdied the last two holes. Would he have won more than once?

"I think so," Duval said. "Because then you know about finishing. But it goes back to the first question. Who knows? Because you still have to do it."

Els doesn't quite have

the hard-luck history at Augusta National as Norman, Duval or even Ken Venturi before them. His only other real chance to win the Masters was in 2000, when he missed every putt coming down the stretch and was runner-up to Vijay Singh.

The only year he didn't qualify was in 2012, and there was an outcry for Augusta National to award him a special invitation, in part because of his stature in the game. Els had been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame two years earlier.

Els knows all about expectations, especially at Augusta. And when he still didn't have a Masters trophy after 10 years, it began to wear on him. Nothing

was worse than Tuesday night at the Masters, when past champions headed upstairs for dinner in their green jackets.

"When it didn't happen, it became a bit of struggle," he said.

Sure enough, Els never had another top 10 at the Masters after that close call in 2004.

"I've heard him talk about it. It frustrated him badly," said Charl Schwartzel, who spent time in Els' junior program in South Africa before winning the 2011 Masters. "If you don't do it early enough, it becomes a thing. And once something becomes a thing in his game, you fight elements you don't want to be fighting."

OKC

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Oklahoma City has needed every bit of Westbrook's excellence. The Thunder have a 31-9 record when he gets a triple-double, and a 12-24 mark when he doesn't.

All the things that have stood out about Westbrook over the years have put him in position to rewrite the record books. The electrifying dunks, his speed and raw emotion that stems from a relentless competitive drive, they are all still there. Yet, the intangibles — basketball IQ, leadership and willingness to trust his teammates — are why he has risen to

this level.

"He manages the game so much better than he used to," said Thunder forward Nick Collison, who has been Westbrook's teammate his entire professional career. "When he first got here, he competed like crazy like he does now, he had a ton of talent, but he was just out there trying to beat his man and just compete."

"I think the place where you see the huge jumps is just his control of the game and his understanding of the game. He's in total control out there."

Westbrook almost certainly will be the first player since Robertson in 1961-62 to average a triple-double for an entire season. He will do so

while likely winning his second scoring title. And, while there have been season-long question whether he would break down from carrying so much of the load, he actually has gotten stronger since the All-Star break.

His post All-Star averages of 34.3 points, 11.1 rebounds and 11.3 assists per game all are up from his pre-All-Star numbers. He has increased his field goal, 3-point and free throw percentages since the break while playing slightly more minutes.

"He's out of control," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Out of control good. It's fun to watch. What else can you say? When the season started, if somebody said somebody's going to do that,

you'd think they were a little wacky. But he's done it, deserves credit for it. He's been super."

Last Monday, the Thunder trailed Dallas 91-78 with just over three minutes remaining before closing the game on a 14-0 run. Westbrook scored 12 of those points, including the winning 16-footer with 7.2 seconds left in regulation.

Two days later in Orlando, Westbrook scored 26 of his 57 points in just the fourth quarter and overtime. The Thunder trailed by 14 points with just over six minutes left in regulation, but he drained a game-tying 3-pointer with 7.1 seconds left to force the extra period, and the Thunder eventually won.

CRAFT

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they put on a great show. It's a special time. I know people with cancer and I tell them never give up and fight this monster."

Willie Moates, whose mother benefited from the Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness

Association, also fished the tournament.

"I enjoyed every minute of the tournament — the crowd, camaraderie, and every minute of it," he said. "My mother had cancer and this organization stepped up to the plate and it's been 10 years now and she's cancer free. They made a difference in my life, too."

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