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UPS man stole IDs

Allegedly opened accounts in names of those on route.

By TAYLOR GAINES
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A UPS driver was arrested Monday after fraudulently opening Sprint accounts and purchasing cell phones for several people on his delivery route, CCSO said.



Henry
Edwin Von Henry, 44, faces six counts of grand theft, eight counts of attempted grand theft, 14 counts of identity theft and one count of scheme to defraud, according to an offense report.

Detectives began investigating the incident after a victim reported receiving a bill from Sprint for more than \$5,000 for five iPhones. According to the report, the victim said he had never opened an account with Sprint or received the

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SCSO: Man batters infant

By CARL MCKINNEY
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A Suwannee County man repeatedly struck an infant in the face before dragging the mother by her hair and slamming her into the bedroom wall for trying to stop him, the mother told deputies.

James Kevin Zelenak, 29, of 213th Drive in southern Suwannee County, was arrested on Monday for aggravated child abuse, aggravated battery and false imprisonment, according to the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.



Zelenak became enraged

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DEADLY CRASH



Photos by CARL MCKINNEY/Lake City Reporter

ABOVE: A Lake City man died in a wreck on Wednesday morning after hitting the back of a stopped garbage truck on State Road 47. **RIGHT:** More than a dozen emergency vehicles blocked traffic in both lanes on State Road 47 for more than an hour, as state troopers concluded their investigation.

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Alligator fest set for Sat.

By TAYLOR GAINES
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Since falling out of her nest when she was young, Paige has never been able to fly.

The broken collarbone from the fall left the now 22-year-old bald eagle with an inability to fully extend her wings. After that, the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland took her into its educational program.

On Saturday, people in Lake City will be able to take in the beauty of the national bird for themselves at the 8th Annual Alligator Lake Spring Festival presented by Four Rivers Audubon Society. Paige will be featured at noon. Four Rivers Audubon is the

local chapter for the Audubon Society, a national organization that focuses on conservation and preservation of our natural ecosystems.

Jacqui Sulek, the state conservation manager and local

their camera frame. "She's majestic," Sulek said. "She's a magnet, and people crowd around to see her."

The live bald eagle is just one part of the festival Saturday at Alligator Lake. The day will be full of nature-related activities, including bird walks, butterfly walks, a photo contest and many vendors with food, educational displays and much more.

The event is free for all to attend.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., starting with a bird walk for beginners that is being led by

Valerie Thomas.

There is also a bird walk being led by Jerry Krummrich

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More bad weather on the way?

Impact of Tuesday's storm was worse than county officials said.

By CARL MCKINNEY
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The storm that hit Lake City on Tuesday had a more extensive impact than previously reported by county officials, and another one likely already came and went.

Forecasters on Wednesday afternoon predicted more thunderstorms would strike the area around 2 a.m. and clear up by around 3 a.m.

Columbia County Emergency Management Director Shayne Morgan told the Lake City Reporter on Tuesday that the storm earlier that morning had caused no major damage and resulted in only one street closure on Southwest Mixson Road.



Morgan

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Man dies in morning crash

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A Lake City man died Wednesday morning after crashing into a garbage truck on State Road 47. Keith Lawrence Bell, 45, was pronounced dead on scene, according to the Florida Highway

Patrol. The Chevrolet Silverado he was driving was a DBI Services work truck. FHP said the Waste Pro Garbage truck was stopped in the rightmost southbound lane on State Road 47 near Southwest Act Lane. Its strobe light was activated when Bell's pickup truck rear-ended

it around 7:40 a.m., according to officials. The driver of the garbage truck, Kenneth Earl Robinson, suffered minor injuries. After the accident, officials blocked off State Road 47 about half a mile from the scene, backing up traffic for more than an hour.

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supposedly delivered order. A Sprint investigator provided the detectives with four additional names on Henry's delivery route that were possible victims of identity theft, CCSO said. After checking out the stories, detectives determined that all five people on the route were victims of identity theft. Coordinating with Sprint and management from the UPS Lake City Distribution office, investigators discovered a similar Sprint package that was scheduled to be delivered on Henry's route last Friday. CCSO said investigators were able to determine the person listed on the package had not opened

an account with or ordered anything from Sprint. Three iPhones had been charged to the victim's account. On Friday, when the delivery was scheduled, a different driver was filling in for Henry, the report said. Detectives interviewed the replacement driver Friday, who told them Henry had called and asked him to deliver a package to Henry's privately owned barbecue food truck, referred to in the report as the "Pit," on 183 S. Marion Ave. According to the report, the replacement driver said Henry called him twice Friday morning. The second time, he was "anxious to know if the package was on the truck." While interviewing the replacement driver, investi-

gators recorded a call with Henry where he instructed the other driver to give the package "to the 'old man' at the 'Pit.'" According to the report, Henry also told the other driver to physically deliver the package to the barbecue stand but digitally log the delivery at the real address. Then, CCSO said, detectives concealed themselves near the barbecue stand while the delivery was made and questioned the man who received the package. He told deputies that Henry had asked him to lock the package up until he returned from Miami. On Monday, investigators made contact with Henry at the UPS distribution center and interviewed him. According to the report, he told them that a different man had asked him to

receive the package on his behalf. During the interview, CCSO said, investigators told Henry they had discovered that he had repeatedly logged deliveries digitally without ever leaving his truck. He couldn't explain why this was, the report said. They then asked him if he had asked the replacement driver to deliver a package for him on Friday. He said he did not. Deputies told Henry they had a recording of him asking the other driver to do so and asked if he wanted to hear it. According to the report, he said he did but then changed his mind and asked for an attorney. Henry was then arrested and taken to Columbia County Jail. He has since been released on \$80,000 bond.

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when the child started to cry while he and the mother were sleeping. He began striking the infant in the face using an open hand, according to the report. After attacking the mother for trying to intervene, Zelenak resumed hitting the infant, the report states. The woman told deputies that Zelenak refused to let them leave the home after the incident. He took away all the car keys and

communication devices in the home, threatening her not to notify law enforcement, according to the report. Zelenak took the keys and devices when he left the next day, the report states. The woman was scared to leave because Zelenak's parents lived next-door and have taken his side in the past, the report states. The adult victim's sister visited the home later that day and learned about the incident. The sister drove the mother and child to the hospital. The infant had bruising on both sides of the face, consistent with being

struck by an adult hand. She also had bruising under the upper region of the eye socket. The previous week, Zelenak dragged the mother to the floor by her hair and grabbed her by the throat with enough force that she lost consciousness, the mother told deputies.

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at 8 a.m. before the official event kicks off. Sulek said the walks will provide people with a great opportunity to learn about nature. "The best way to learn about birds is to go out with people who know about birds," she said. "That's the bottom line." Krummrich, a lifelong birder who worked for the Fish and Wildlife Commission for 35 years, said he is passionate about spreading his love of birds. "I'm here to share enthusiasm as much as I am knowledge," he said. "The way [birds] do the things God made them do is interesting and fascinating. It gives people a whole new view of things." Marc Minno, who has co-authored three books on butterflies, will be leading

butterfly walks at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. "He really knows how to make you see butterflies and look for the evidence of butterflies," Sulek said. "[For example,] he can point out leaves that are munched on. He really knows how to open your eyes." Vendors attending the event include Amazing Animals, the Ichetucknee Springs State Park, Jim's Wood Shop, the Home Depot and more than 20 others. They will offer all kinds of things for kids and adults, including live snakes and tortoises, wood toys and children's building projects. Thomas, who is leading the beginners bird walk, said people should mostly try to come out to the festival to take in one of Lake City's natural treasures. "[Alligator Lake] is absolutely gorgeous and a gem for Lake City," she said.

"People can live somewhere for a long time and not know what is living there with them. We love to introduce people to the natural world and all the things that are here." Sulek said the festival is a great opportunity for people to restore the sense of community that technology might be taking away. "We have a different kind of community now," she said. "But the physical community of Lake City is something that's special. Nature is something that is really a part of all of us." Krummrich said it is important to remind people of the importance of nature's role in the world as well. "I'd like people to come to an appreciation that there's a lot more to enjoy outdoors than there is indoors," he said. "The more we do now, the more there will be in the future for everybody."

STORM

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However, the roads in a subdivision next to the Country Club at Lake City were impassable due to the flooding, said Dillan Van Vleck, an employee at the country club's golf shop. The water was at least deep enough to cover the hood of any car that attempted to drive on the streets, Van Vleck said. "You just couldn't get through," he said. The neighborhood's houses are generally on elevated ground. One vehicle was seen being towed away, Van Vleck said, but it's not clear if any other parked cars sustained damage. According to at least one local resident,

Southwest Faith Road behind Home Depot was also closed due to flooding. Morgan said he received no reports of that road being closed. At Summers Elementary School, there was minor flooding in some classrooms and the first-grade hall, said Principal Amy Stanton. Within minutes, assistant superintendents Todd Widergren and Cherie Hill were at the school with machines to remove the water, Stanton said. "It was really exciting, actually, to see the school pull together so quickly and effortlessly," she said. Morgan said the school never reported any flooding incidents. "If there was, they haven't called it in and let us know about it," he said.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." — Matthew 7:12 (KJV)

Thought for Today

In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you. — Mortimer J. Adler

Winning Lottery Numbers

Pick 3: (Wednesday afternoon) **4-8-7**
Pick 4: (Wednesday afternoon) **2-1-5-1**
Pick 5: (Wednesday afternoon) **5-5-6-8-9**

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HI 72 LO45	HI 68 LO40	HI 70 LO41	HI 79 LO49	HI 83 LO54

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Thursday, April 6
Thursday's highs/Thursday night's low

City	Friday	Saturday
Cape Canaveral	72/44/pc	73/54/s
Daytona Beach	69/47/s	70/50/s
Fort Myers	76/52/s	76/54/s
Ft. Lauderdale	79/57/s	75/61/s
Gainesville	70/41/s	72/44/s
Jacksonville	69/42/s	70/44/s
Key West	77/64/pc	75/65/pc
Lake City	70/41/s	72/44/s
Miami	80/58/s	75/62/s
Naples	73/52/pc	74/53/s
Ocala	71/42/s	72/45/s
Orlando	72/46/s	73/51/s
Panama City	67/48/s	69/52/s
Pensacola	70/46/s	69/53/s
Tallahassee	69/42/s	73/44/s
Tampa	72/50/pc	73/55/s
Valdosta	66/42/s	70/44/s
W. Palm Beach	77/57/s	74/60/s

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TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Wednesday 88	Sunrise today 7:12 a.m.
Low Wednesday 63	Sunset today 7:53 p.m.
Normal high 78	Sunrise tom. 7:11 a.m.
Normal low 53	Sunset tom. 7:53 p.m.
Record high 90 in 1999	
Record low 35 in 1987	

PRECIPITATION
Wednesday 0.00"
Month total 0.86"
Year total 10.06"
Normal month-to-date 0.51"
Normal year-to-date 11.35"

MOON
Moonrise today 3:51 p.m.
Moonset today 4:28 a.m.
Moonrise tom. 4:48 p.m.
Moonset tom. 5:10 a.m.

April 11 Full, April 19 Last, April 26 New, May 2 First

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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
Thu	89	85	60	50
Fri	85	88	60	50
Sat	88	92	60	50
Sun	92	91	60	50
Mon	91	88	60	50
Tue	88	88	60	50
Wed	88	88	60	50

WEATHER HISTORY
California was experiencing a hot spring day on this date in 1989. On that day, San Francisco recorded a high of 91 degrees, while 93 degrees was reported at San Jose. Southern California was even hotter with readings of 104, and 106 in Riverside, and Los Angeles respectively.

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FIND WHAT YOU NEED IN TODAY'S CLASSIFIEDS

Annual hazardous waste collection is Saturday

From staff reports

Local residents and small businesses may dispose of hazardous wastes Saturday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Columbia County Board of Commissioners are providing a collection site from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the fairgrounds parking lot.

Disposal is free for households, but there is a fee for small businesses.

What to bring

Among the items residents may bring to the site:

- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Computers
- Corrosives
- Transmission fluid

- Emergency flares
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Gasoline
- Household cleaners
- Household electronics
- Insecticides
- Medications
- Oil filters
- Paint and related paint products
- Paint thinners
- Pesticides
- Photographic solutions
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Televisions
- Used oil

Label all containers

Residents must label all containers and should be careful when handling dangerous items:

- If a container leaks, it should be packed in a larger container with an absor-

bent material (such as cat litter or oil absorbent).

- Do not mix different or unknown materials together.

■ If you cannot identify the contents of a container, label it "unknown."

- Pack the containers in boxes with dividers.

What not to bring

Among the items that will not be accepted:

- Explosives, such as ammunition, dynamite and blasting agents.

■ Reactives, such as crystallized ethers, picric acid and sodium and phosphorus metals.

- Radioactive or infectious wastes.

For more information about the program or the fees for small businesses, call 352-334-0440 or call Ed Lontz at 752-6050.



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State House pursues extension of property tax exemption

By JIM TURNER

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Voters next year could be asked to expand Florida's homestead property-tax exemption, under a measure introduced Wednesday in the House that quickly drew objections from local governments.

As a companion to a nearly \$300 million tax-cut package, the House Ways & Means Committee voted 13-6 to approve a proposal (PCB WMC 17-04) that would ask voters in November 2018 to expand by \$25,000 the non-school homestead exemption.

Rep. Mike La Rosa, a St. Cloud Republican and real-estate developer who is handling the bill for the committee, said it is about making homeownership more affordable. The Senate does not have a version of the bill.

"At minimum, this constitutional amendment gives the ability of homeowners and non-homeowners to make a decision if they want to lower their costs of owning a home and achieve that American dream," La Rosa said.

The state Revenue Estimating Conference projected that, if approved by voters, local governments collectively would see non-school property-tax revenue drop by \$752.7 million annually starting in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Committee Chairman Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, had estimated the change would save property owners an average of about \$170 a year.



Tribune News Service

The House Ways & Means Committee voted 13-6 on Wednesday to approve a proposal (PCB WMC 17-04) that would ask voters in November 2018 to expand by \$25,000 the non-school homestead exemption. Rep. Mike La Rosa, pictured, a St. Cloud Republican and real-estate developer who is handling the bill for the committee, said it is about making homeownership more affordable.

Voting against the proposal, Rep. Don Hahnfeldt, R-The Villages, asked if it was unreasonable to force local governments to "sharpen their pencils" to enact further budget cuts that will be felt most by those who need local services.

"This is an idea that is great in intention, but is at best a feel-good

for legislators and it's going to be devastating for our communities," Hahnfeldt said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Al Jacquet, D-Lantana, voted for the measure after briefly proposing an amendment that would have boosted the exemption to cover up to \$150,000 of a property's assessed value.

"Let's put our people first,"

Jacquet said. "I did not hear from one taxpayer in my district who said this is a bad idea."

Yet, local officials from across the state told lawmakers that the proposed constitutional amendment would put more of the tax burden on fewer people and force county and municipal governments to decide if they would cut

services or increase taxes.

The savings for homeowners would cut Seminole County revenue by more than \$16.5 million, Orange County would see a revenue reduction of \$35.3 million, and Leon County about \$9 million, according to local officials. Palm Beach County could see a revenue drop by \$29 million.

Edward G. Labrador, a lobbyist for Broward County, estimated the homestead change would result in a \$38 million reduction in revenue for Broward, more than "what we fund countywide for parks and recreation."

Nancy Detert, a former state lawmaker now on the Sarasota County Commission, told the committee that solving road gridlock and improving quality of life are concerns for her local government, where the measure would cut revenue by \$7.7 million.

"It's well intentioned," Detert said of the proposal. "I think we have different problems, and those different problems require funding."

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman, also a former state lawmaker, said her county could be out \$76.8 million in revenue if voters approve the change, requiring a \$17.5 million cut just to fire-rescue services.

"If this legislation is really about tax relief for our citizens of Florida, let's not punish the local governments who are delivering services, sometimes underfunded, to all of our citizenry," Heyman said.

State slashes budget of prosecutor who refuses to pursue the death penalty

TALLAHASSEE — Florida legislators are moving ahead with plans to cut the budget of an Orlando prosecutor who is pledging to not seek the death penalty in cases handled by her office.

Rival spending plans approved Wednesday by House and Senate budget committees would cut roughly \$1.3 million from the budget of the office of State Attorney Aramys Alaya.

Ayala has come under fire after she announced she wouldn't seek the death penalty in the case of Markeith Loyd or any other case. Loyd is charged with killing an Orlando police lieutenant earlier this year, and his pregnant ex-girlfriend.

Sen. Randolph Bracy, an Orlando Democrat, wanted to restore funding for Ayala's office, but he withdrew his proposal amid Republican opposition. He said that if the money was cut, it would force Ayala to eliminate the prosecution of certain cases.

Trump removes Bannon from security council

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has removed chief strategist Steve Bannon from the National Security Council, reversing an earlier, controversial decision to give Bannon access to the group's high-level meetings.

A new memorandum about the council's composition was published Wednesday in the Federal Register. The memo no lon-

ger lists the chief strategist as a member of the Principals Committee, a group of high-ranking officials who meet to discuss pressing national security priorities.

A senior White House official said Wednesday that Bannon was initially placed on the National Security Council after Trump's inauguration as a measure to ensure implementation of the president's vision, including efforts to downsize and streamline operations at the NSC.

Bannon's addition to the NSC sparked criticism that it was inappropriate for the political adviser to play a role in national security matters.


Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, was heading the NSC at the time, but the official said Bannon's role had nothing to do with the troubles facing Flynn, who was asked to resign in early February for misleading the administration about his communications with Russian officials.

A senior administration official said that Flynn reluctantly agreed to have Bannon join the NSC. The official said that Trump's chief of staff, Reince Priebus, and chief counsel Don McGahn rewrote the original NSC memo with Flynn to include Bannon.


The official said the move reflected Trump's dwindling faith in his national security adviser and that Flynn's daily presentations to the president were seen as disorganized and not up to par.

One of the officials said Bannon's removal from the NSC was not a reflection of any change in his standing as one of Trump's closest advisers. Bannon will maintain his security clearance as is standard for most top West Wing officials.

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ANOTHER VIEW

The permanent police line-up

Most Americans haven't sampled the thrill of being the subject of a police line-up, where the victim of a crime studies the faces of suspects from behind a one-way mirror. The proliferation of facial recognition technology changes all that. While the police need every advantage they can manage to stay ahead of evildoers, strong safeguards are necessary to protect individual privacy and prevent false accusations and arrests.

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee examined police policies on the use of facial recognition technology and discovered that "mug shots," or photographs of the faces of suspects, of 125 million American adults are stored in digital databases and are already at the call of state and federal authorities. The FBI has made arrangements with 18 states to access their digital photographs, including those collected by state departments of motor vehicles. The bureau is seeking access to the others.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, the chairman of the committee, observed that the FBI has not published the required privacy impact assessments of its use of its electronic identification programs. "So here's the problem," he told the FBI, "you're required by law to put out a privacy statement and you didn't. And now we're supposed to trust you with hundreds of millions of people's faces ... Why should we trust you?" It was a pertinent question in the wake of allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign and suspicions of U.S. surveillance of the Trump transition team. The danger in federal access to the personal communications of Americans is real.

Kimberly J. Del Greco, the deputy assistant director of the FBI, told the committee that the tardy privacy assessments have now been forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department. Meanwhile, she said, the agency's Interstate Photo System and other facial recognition programs are used "only to create leads, and not intended as positive identification."

Privacy advocates object to the wholesale inclusion of the data on the law-abiding in facial recognition networks that are used to identify criminals. "Never before — not with fingerprints or DNA — has law enforcement created a national biometric network made up mostly of innocent people," says Alvaro Bedoya, executive director for the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown Law School.

The technology is still evolving, and critics say it is subject to making false matches. FBI programs fail to make an accurate identification 15 percent of the time, says Jennifer Lynch of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Facial recognition technology is particularly unreliable in correctly identifying blacks and other ethnic minorities of darker hue, meaning "people of color will likely shoulder more of the burden of the Interstate Photo System's inaccuracies than whites."

As identification technology improves, it's natural for law enforcement officials to rely on it to help keep the peace. But for now the urgency to identify suspects outpaces accuracy. The sort of deceitful unmasking that led to Gen. Michael Flynn's termination as the president's national security adviser may seem a present danger only for the high and mighty, but everyone with a driver's license could eventually fall under the gaze of Big Brother.

If the U.S. intelligence agencies use facial recognition technology capable of placing Americans in a perpetual lineup, Congress is obligated to devise stringent safeguards and impose tough punishment for those who violate those safeguards. The late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis rightly described privacy as "the right to be let alone." That right has never been more precious, or more vulnerable to abuse.

■ Washington Times



Ideological inanity strikes again

At first it seems a trivial issue, the alarm about Vice President Michael Pence saying he would never dine alone with a woman other than his wife. But it's illustrative of a world turned upside down that there would be such a stir without accompanying howls of laughter. Maybe it's not so trivial an issue.

The Pence remark, resuscitated from a 15-year-old interview, is seen by critics as something outlandish, evidence of a sexually discriminatory disposition, a religious throwback to primitive understandings. The fear is that the views of this conservative evangelical Christian could dramatically thwart women's career advancement, and if you want ruminations on what those views are, tune in to Laura Chapin writing for U.S. News & World Report.

Citing as evidence nothing but the quote, this Democratic commentator says Pence's "concept of women is whether you want to have sex with them," a peculiar way of putting it, but there it is. For Pence and other "right-wing men," she has telepathically learned, "women exist only in terms of how men define and perceive them." They are around "solely for procreation, which is to be determined and directed by men," she says in an example of indefensible generality having more to do with bigotry than thought, or so it seems to me.

Others in magazine and newspaper articles may not go as far as this, and a few are more sophisticated, but the gist of the worry



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is that women need male executives as mentors and friends, that Christian fundamentalism gets in the way because of worries about sexual temptation and that this is just absurd. Take those women to dinner, you guys, or you will be wrecking careers and lives, it's said, and it does not strike me as the end of the world if some executives do just that. But there are three quick answers as to why there is nothing wrong with saying no thanks, and why that response might even be wise.

One, there really, truly can be a threat of one-on-one engagements breeding something romantic. Even if there was no sexual attraction either way beforehand, it could develop over a dinner or two or three. If some find this unimaginable, they might try talking to some friends and acquaintances or watching some movies or maybe reading some biographies or novels. By the way, they might also consider that women can sometimes be the aggressors. It happens.

Two, there is such a thing as gossip that can be deadly in the workplace, and there are also lots of sexual harassment and assault charges going around these days. The last thing some executives might want is to put themselves in a situation in which they might be falsely accused or have some action or exchange of words misinterpreted. Men can also be at a disadvantage in instances of allegations coming their way. Male students facing suspension or expulsion at universities have routinely been denied normal due process procedures, for instance.

Finally, there is a simple solution that enables all sides to win.

Invite a third party.

It is definitely a good thing for executives to boost the careers of talented, hard-working employees of character, no matter what the sex, but it is possible to be a mentor or helpful friend with others looking on. And there are all kinds of get-together possibilities outside of restaurants. If someone is worried even about sessions of just two behind closed doors in office buildings, open the doors. Let others look in if they pass by. So what?

As for solutions to extreme ideological inanity carrying on all the time, I'd suggest common sense.

■ Jay Ambrose, formerly Washington director of editorial policy for Scripps Howard newspapers and the editor of dailies in El Paso, Texas and Denver, is a columnist living in Colorado.

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One way or another, confirm Gorsuch

Judge Neil Gorsuch, a thoughtful conservative who is President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court, likely wins Senate confirmation this week. The question is under what terms: conventional or nuclear? With American democracy unscathed or, um, scathed?

Our hope, now fading, is that Gorsuch gets to the high court the old-fashioned way — with support from both Republicans and Democrats.

If only. In Washington, Republicans and Democrats will go to extremes to win their battles and damage the other side, even if that means attacking the ideal of compromise that should define effective bipartisan governance. The Gorsuch nomination is a crucial test for the Senate because there's more at stake than a vote on an individual Supreme Court seat. There is also the preservation of an honorable system for doing the people's business. The Senate stands at the brink of abandoning this important democratic practice of reasonable cooperation on judgeships.

Here's why: When the full Senate votes on confirmation, Gorsuch appears set to receive all 52 Republican votes, but his nomination has no direct path to a super-majority of 60 because there are not eight Democratic and independent senators willing to join. That fact became clear Monday when the Senate Judiciary

Committee approved Gorsuch's nomination on a party-line vote but the 41st Democrat came out against the nominee. By Tuesday, that figure was up to 44.

Without 60 votes for confirmation, Democrats can filibuster, effectively icing the Gorsuch nomination — unless Republicans invoke the extreme measure of changing Senate rules governing Supreme Court confirmations. Under this so-called nuclear option, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell could push through a straight majority vote to deliver the high court seat to Gorsuch. That's probably what he'll do.

They don't call this the "nuclear option" for nothing, though. The Senate has never experienced a partisan filibuster to block a Supreme Court justice, so there's never been a case of a majority party blowing up Senate rules to circumvent minority party opposition to a high court appointment. Supreme Court nominations have been withdrawn, and the 1987 nomination of Judge Robert Bork was defeated, but when the vote's up for grabs, the Senate has found a way to do the responsible thing. The late Justice Antonin Scalia, an arch-conservative whose seat Gorsuch would fill, was confirmed with 98 votes. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a liberal, got 96 votes.

This sorry confrontation over Gorsuch has direct roots in a 2013 action by Senate Democrats. Then-Majority Leader Harry Reid

deployed the nuclear option to crush Republican dissent over some presidential nominations. President Barack Obama endorsed Reid's move, blaming Republican obstructionism that "just isn't normal."

Democrats say Gorsuch doesn't deserve the Supreme Court seat because they believe he'll allow his political convictions to color rulings from the bench. He gave a strong defense of his judicial philosophy and commitment to the Constitution, but of course declined to discuss specific cases to avoid accusations of being prejudicial. Democrats characterized his caution as evasiveness. The Democrats weren't ever going to go easy on Gorsuch, though, and much of that blame sits with Republicans. Last year they refused to even hold a nomination hearing for Judge Merrick Garland, Obama's choice to succeed Scalia.

This time it's a Republican president whose legitimate pick for the Supreme Court is hung up by Democratic rancor. If the only option is nuclear, the Republicans will take it. And you can bet Democrats won't forget. That's how we got here: revenge instead of compromise, destruction over cooperation, an escalating cycle of win-at-all-costs cynicism.

Senators, all of you know that Gorsuch will be a good justice. He deserves to be confirmed — and likely will be. If you also quash the filibuster, that's on you.

■ Chicago Tribune

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

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.

Friday

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). April 7's dance is an Easter Dance. There will not be a dance on April 14 in observance of Good Friday. \$7 admission includes pot luck dinner and music by a professional DJ. All proceeds benefit the center. Call 755-0235 for more information.

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 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



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From left, Nickolus Turner as Max and Will Tucker as Tito perform a scene in "Lend Me A Tenor." The side-splitting comedic farce set in two acts is on stage now at the High Springs Playhouse.

7:30 p.m. The room is located in the Downtown Arts Center, 537 N. Marion Avenue, Lake City.

'Lend Me A Tenor'

"Lend Me a Tenor," a side-splitting comedic farce set in two acts, is on stage now at the High Springs Playhouse. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and doors open 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.highspringsplayhouse.com and at the door. The theater is located at 130 NE 1st Ave., High Springs. The last performance will be Sunday, April 23.

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.

Hazardous waste collection

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Columbia County Board of Commissioners are sponsoring

a project to collect, recycle, treat and properly dispose of household hazardous wastes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, 164 SW Mary Ethyl Lane, Lake City. All residents and small businesses are welcome. The service is provided at no charge for households and small businesses can participate on a fee basis. Businesses can call 352-334-0440 for fees and program availability.

Dance auditions

Dance auditions for Dance Express under choreographer Herbert Dingle will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon (and each following Saturday) at Richardson Community Center. For more

information, call 438-0867.

RHS Alumni Roundup

Noon at the Richardson Community Center. For more information, call 752-0815.

Sunday

Optimal Health Expo 2017

A health and wellness expo will take place at 1 p.m. at Fort White Community Center, 17579 SW SR 47, Fort White. Wholesome and healthy food preparation tips, vegetarian food recipes and more will be provided. For more information, call 755-6547 or 466-4455.

Monday

Watercolor class

Gateway Art Gallery, located at 168 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City (next to Ward's Jewelry), will present a watercolor class by Wally Reichert from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The class is \$30, which includes supplies. Call 752-5229 for more information or to register.

Tuesday

Medicare seminar

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center will sponsor a free educational Medicare seminar from 5 to 6 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates, Inc. Subjects covered will include: What you need to know about Medicare; When to enroll; What is covered under Parts A, B, C and D; and if a supplement needed. The seminar is not a sales pitch. RSVP by calling 755-3476, ext. 107.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy "Dot" Beverly

Dorothy "Dot" Beverly, lifelong resident of Lake City, Florida "Scrub Town", was born July 11, 1937, to the late Purvis "Toot" and Louise Smith in Lake City, Florida. "Dot" accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and attended New St. James Missionary Baptist Church faithfully until her health failed. On Wednesday, March 29, 2017, Dorothy heard her Masters voice, answered and transitioned into eternal rest. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Beverly, Sr.; oldest daughter, Patricia "Pat" Wilson; brothers, Mac Arthur Smith, Purvis James Smith, Johnnie K. Smith; sisters, Mary Rawls and Joyce Griffin.

Left to cherish loving memories: daughter, Brenda Johnson Cunningham (Michael); son, Timothy Leon Johnson; sisters, Winnie Ann Tunsil, Lovie Lee Smith; step-children, Janie Mae Kelly, Milton Beverly, Tyrone Beverly; grandchildren, James Reinard Wilson, Kandi Wilson, Kimberly Chapman (Tremayne), Kirenda Welch, Dan Jones (Marsha), Deaunes "Pee Wee" Maxwell (Scarlet); hosts of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Dorothy "Dot" Beverly will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017, at New St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 365 NW Martin Gln., Lake City, FL. Rev. Anthony White, Pastor. Viewing will be held one hour prior to the service from 10:00 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington St. Lake City, FL, Marq Combs Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professional"

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Ceola Hutcherson

Ms. Ceola Hutcherson, a resident of White Springs, FL, passed away on March 28, 2017.

Ms. Ceola Hutcherson is survived by her mother: Mrs. Lillie Bell Hutcherson; Children: Kimberly

Hutcherson Bullock, Anthony Hutcherson; Brothers and Sisters: Ponce Marshall, Wallace Marshall, Kenneth Hutcherson, David Hutcherson, Rickey Hutcherson, Calvin Hutcherson,

son, Maybell Roberts, Jeannette Hutcherson, Annette Hutcherson Carter, Henriette Rodriguez, Charlene Hutcherson-Scott, Willie Hutcherson, Reginald Hutcherson and Sonya Montgomery.

Funeral Services for Ms. Ceola Hutcherson will be Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in South Hamilton Elementary School located in White Springs, Florida. Immediately following funeral services, burial will be in the Swift Creek Cemetery.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, April 7, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Beulah Baptist Church in White Springs, Florida.

D.M. Udell and Sons of D.M. UDELL FUNERAL HOME are administering all arrangements. Please contact D.M. Udell at either (386) 362-4189 (office) or (386) 209-0223 (cell) or Douglas Udell II at (386) 344-4309 (cell) for information regarding the funeral services for Ms. Ceola Hutcherson.

Clifford O'Hara

Mr. Clifford O'Hara age 80, a long time resident of Lake City, Florida passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at Haven Hospice terminating an illness.

He was the son of the late Della Mae Brown and Albert O'Hara.

He was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church of Lake City, Florida and he loved fishing and drinking coffee.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth O'Hara; two daughters Lucille O'Hara, Willemina O'Hara and one brother Eddie O'Hara.

He leaves to cherish his memories two sons; Floyd O'Hara, Edward "Gomer" Coleman (Yvette); three daughters; Lillie Mae Gordon (Fred), Della O'Hara, Christine O'Hara, one brother Willie O'Hara and a host of loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Service for Mr. Clifford O'Hara will be 10:00am Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 838 SW County Road 242A, Lake City, Florida Rev. James Houston, Pastor and officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, April 7, 2017 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel, 251 NE Washington Street, Lake City, Florida. 32055. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D., C.F.S.P.

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Debra Ann Rowe

Debra Ann Evins Rowe, a resident of Lake City, Florida, was born October 3, 1917, in Sneads, Florida, to Lucinda Jones and John Howard Evins. Both parents precede her in death. Debra was educated in the public schools of Columbia County. She

was united in matrimony to Ernest Rowe, Sr. and to this union, four children were born. Debra worked in the Hotel Industry for many years until her health failed. She was known affectionately by many in the community as "Mamma Rowe". Debra was a member of The Community Revival Center under the leadership of Elder Clyde Douglas. Singing, listening to music, watching wrestling (with Jay), Kung-Fu movies, completing crossword puzzles, was what Debra enjoyed. She was very passionate about spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and spending time with family. On March 29, 2017, Debra entered into eternal rest at Monroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, FL. Other precedents in death: brothers, Johnny Ray Pelt, Derrick Brown; aunt, Carrie Mae Robinson Spencer "Dear"; and cousin, Violet.

Left to cherish precious memories: children, Rebecca Rowe, Sarah Mincey (David), Benjamin Rowe and Earnest Rowe (Anna); grandchildren, JayQuan, Samuel, Ciara, Eddie, Neveah and Nari-ah; sisters, Joann Cruz, Brenda Jones, Equilla Brown, Carolyn Armstrong; brothers, Howard Evins, Jr. (Mary), Fredrick Travis, Marvin Brown (LaQuanda), An-

thony Evins; step-brothers, Jimmie Long, James Long, Charles Long, Canary Long, Jerry Long, Corinthian Long, Michael Long, Kenneth Keith, Atlantis Long; special niece/daughter, Dorothy Williams; hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Debra Ann Rowe will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017, at The Community Revival Center, 224 NE Patterson Ave, Lake City, FL. Elder Clyde Douglas, Pastor. The family will receive friends from 5:00 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2017, at the funeral home. Contributions and flowers may be sent to Combs Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington St., Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366, Marq Combs Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"

Richard Walter

Mr. Richard Walter age 84, a long time resident of Lake City, Florida answered the call into eternal rest on April 2, 2017 at Suwannee Health and Rehabilitation Center, Live Oak, FL. He was born in Madison, Florida to the late John Walter and Rose Lee Walter on April 3, 1932. His son Junior Walter preceded him in death also.

Richard worked with Daniels Lumber Company for many years as a Tractor Driver/Logger and retired after many years

of service due to his health. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Rosa Mae Ross for 54 years and attended Olivet Missionary Baptist Church as often as he could until his health failed him. He loved fishing, loved his family and was a friend to all who came to know him. Mr. Richard Walter leaves to cherish his memories his wife Mrs. Rosa Mae Walter, one daughter Sandra Walter of Jacksonville, Florida; sister Palma Lee Collins of Madison, Florida; sister-in-law Missionary Henrietta Brown, two grandchildren Dee and Jermaine and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

Celebration of life for Richard Walter will be Saturday 12:00 noon April 8, 2017 at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Ronald V. Walters, Pastor. Interment will follow in the Garden of Rest Cemetery Lake Jeffery Rd. Lake City, FL. The family will receive friends Friday, April 7, 2017 6:00pm until 7:00pm at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to: COOPER FUNERAL HOME, 251 NE Washington Street, Lake City, Florida 32055 Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D., C.F.S.P.

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Olive production takes off in North Florida

All-day event on Friday will highlight the fruit

By MACE BAUER
Special to the Reporter

Olives have great potential as a landscape ornamental and may also provide opportunities for commercial fruit production. However, as a relatively new commercial crop to Florida, the cultural requirements of these trees are not completely known.

Olives may be established in many areas of Florida in well-drained soils. While olives grow well on almost any well-drained soil, sand-dominated soils are best as olives are susceptible to root rot diseases in moist or wet soils. Avoid planting olives in low areas where standing water accumulates after rainfalls.

Nutrient requirements for olive are low and the trees do not produce well on highly fertile soils. Olive is a rapidly growing plant and while growth increases are possible with supplemental fertilization, too much will cause excessive vegetative growth at the expense of reproductive growth (fruiting). Olives are thought to be a relatively pest- and disease-free tree in much of the world, with the exception of a few invasive species that have become pests of olives in the last few years. Home gardeners will have few complaints about pests unless they cause an aesthetic injury



COURTESY

Florida Olive Farms and Mill in Suwannee County was founded in 2012 and installed Florida's first Olive mill in 2014. The farm will be the site of the 2017 Florida Olive Field Day on Friday.

like leaf discoloration or leaf damage.

Olive oil is known for its health benefits. Diet patterns with higher intakes of olive oil are associated with a reduced risk of death from all causes. The 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans suggests an oil intake of about 5 teaspoons daily for

a standard diet of about 2,000 calories. There are three common types of olive oil — virgin olive oil, refined olive oil and olive pomace oil. Each has its unique processing method, flavor characteristics, composition and food applications. Virgin olive oil is produced by crushing fresh

olives, followed by mechanical extraction of the oil. No heat or chemicals are used in this process. For the best quality olive oil, the fruit must be of high quality.

Terms used to refer to the processing of olives for virgin olive oil include first-press, cold-pressed or cold-extracted. This type of olive oil is the most flavorful and is potentially the most health-enhancing because it contains naturally occurring substances such as polyphenols.

The quality of olive oil entering the U.S. food supply is graded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. U.S. extra virgin olive oil "has excellent flavor and odor" and a low free fatty acid content. The International Olive Council also has established standards for olive oils. Extra virgin olive oil is the highest quality and must be able to pass a sensory evaluation by a panel recognized by the IOC.

To learn more about olive production in North Florida, please join UF/IFAS Extension at the 2017 Florida Olive Field Day. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Florida Olive Farms and Mill in Suwannee County. The registration fee of \$15 includes lunch. Florida Olive Farms and Mill was founded in 2012 and installed Florida's first Olive mill in 2014. For more information or to register, call Karen Stauderman at 822-5778.

■ Mace Bauer is an agronomy and commercial horticulture agent at the UF/IFAS Extension Columbia County office.

Florida Power & Light plans more solar in coming years

By JIM TURNER
The News Service of Florida

Florida's largest electricity provider is bumping up its solar plans.

A little more than a month after saying it intended to double its solar-energy production in the coming year, Florida Power & Light announced this week it plans to put up an additional 1,500 megawatts of solar over the next seven years.

By adding nearly 300 megawatts a year through 2023, including previously announced plans, the company anticipates it will have nearly 2,100 megawatts of solar in service, enough to power more than 420,000 homes.

Leading solar proponents have praised past announcements but added that electric utilities in Florida should do more.

FPL's solar-energy forecast was filed Monday with the Florida Public Service Commission as part of the company's 2017-2026 Ten

Year Site Plan.

The company also plans to replace — by the summer of 2022 — a Dania Beach plant that was built in the 1920s with a natural-gas plant the company projects will save customers "hundreds of millions of dollars over its operational life."

The changes, along with the planned retirement of the 1,252-megawatt coal-fired St. Johns River Power Park by the end of the year, are expected to make solar the company's third largest source of energy, surpassing coal and oil, but still well behind natural gas and nuclear, by the third quarter of 2020.

The company anticipates solar will account for about 4 percent of its energy in 2023.

"Our strategy of making smart, long-term investments in clean energy infrastructure is working, and we're looking forward to keeping the momentum going with the major advancements announced today — which, combined,

are expected to save customers more than half a billion dollars," FPL president and CEO Eric Silagy said in a prepared statement.

In February, FPL outlined plans to build eight 74.5 megawatt solar plants by early 2018, an increase from four that had been previously announced.

Those eight plants — in Putnam, Alachua, Indian River, DeSoto, Brevard, Hendry and St. Lucie counties — are expected to bring the company to nearly 600 megawatts of solar power, enough for about 120,000 homes at peak production.

Each plant costs roughly \$130 million to build.

Theoretically the plan announced Monday could result in up to 20 additional 74.5-megawatt plants, although the company hasn't announced future locations.

By building plants under 75 megawatts, FPL doesn't have to competitively bid each project as required by the state Power Plant Siting Act.

Senator's staff to hold office hours in Lake City

The legislative office of State Senator Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, will be holding its monthly office hours for Columbia County residents on Wednesday.

Staff representing the senator will be available to answer questions or provide constituent assistance from 1 to 4 p.m. in the County Commission Conference

Room located in the Columbia County Administrative Offices at 135 NE Hernando Ave., Room 203, in Lake City. The senator's office provides the service on the second Wednesday of each month.

In addition to local office hours, constituents can obtain assistance on matters relating to state government by calling the senator's office toll free at 888-347-3483 or by emailing bradley.rod.web@flsenate.gov.

Notification of Boil Water Advisory

Edgewood Estates Subdivision, New Generation School, Southside Baseball Complex

A precautionary boil water advisory will be in effect for all businesses and residences in the area of Edgewood Estates Subdivision: Aurora Way, Edgewood Lane, Mackinaw Way, Temy Place, Vermont Way, to include New Generation School, and the Baseball Complex **beginning Tuesday, April 04, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** until otherwise notified by the City of Lake City Utilities Division.

The water outage, and boil water advisory, is due to a broke water main which occurred at the Southside Baseball Complex. This boil water advisory will be for **ONLY** the residences and businesses that experienced water outage Tuesday morning during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Once water services have been restored, the water should be boiled for at least two (2) minutes prior to consumption.

Hang tags will be placed on your door or to business management to advise you of the boil water advisory, as well as notification as to when the boil water is lifted. Both notifications will be printed in the Lake City Reporter.

The City of Lake City and the Utilities Department apologize for the inconvenience as we complete the necessary repairs to your water main.

Any concerns or questions, call 386-758-5492.



FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT

Florida Power & Light announced this week it plans to put up an additional 1,500 megawatts of solar. The company also plans to replace — by the summer of 2022 — a Dania Beach plant that was built in the 1920s with a natural-gas plant.

Bring us your
hazardous waste!

Columbia County Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Columbia County Commission are sponsoring a project to collect, recycle, treat and properly dispose of these household hazardous wastes:

- Pesticides
- Paint thinners
- Radiator fluid
- Used oil/lubricants
- Oil filters
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Insecticides
- Gasoline/fuels
- Fluorescent lamps
- Electronics
- Computers
- TVs
- Paints
- Batteries, all types
- Fertilizers
- Household cleaners
- Corrosives
- Propane tanks
- Medications
- Aerosol cans
- Used cooking oil

WHEN: Saturday, April 8, 2017

**WHERE: Columbia County Fairgrounds Parking Lot
164 SW Mary Ethyl Lane, Lake City, FL 32025**

TIME: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

This service is free to residents, and is provided to small businesses for a fee. Residents can call Ed Lontz at **386-752-6050** for more information; businesses can call the Hazardous Waste Collection Center at **352-334-0440** for pricing.

AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us

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Story ideas?

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Thursday, April 6, 2017

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Section B

NFL

Ravens GM explains Timmy Jernigan trade

Former Columbia star defenseman, Lake City native headed to Eagles

Staff reports

The Ravens made a significant move Tuesday by dealing starting defensive tackle Timmy Jernigan to the Philadelphia Eagles to move up 25 spots in the third round of the draft.

General Manager Ozzie Newsome elaborated on the trade during Wednesday's pre-draft press conference, saying that moving up to early in the third round will give the Ravens more options with how they spend their mid-round capital.

"We think it's prime real estate when you're picking in the top-10 picks in a round because the phone normally rings [with a trade possi-

ty]," Newsome said. "And you have a chance to pick up the player that you really want, or you probably could trade back and acquire more picks, if you so choose."

The Ravens could ultimately end up dealing that No. 74 pick to get additional picks in later rounds. But the higher third-round pick also gives Newsome more ammunition if he chooses to go the other direction and trade up in the first or second round.

Parting ways with Jernigan is a significant price to pay, but Newsome explained that the front office did its homework to determine his worth on the trade market.

"Based on the research that we did and the knowledge that we had, we got the value of what we thought Timmy was worth," Newsome said.

Jernigan, 24, was heading into the final season of his rookie contract. He started 15 games for the Ravens last season and had the second-most sacks on the defense (five).

The Ravens likely weren't going to re-sign Jernigan after the 2017 season because they already made a huge financial commitment to nose tackle Brandon Williams, so trading him allowed Baltimore to receive an immediate return rather than waiting for a compensatory pick in the 2019 draft.



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Timmy Jernigan is in his final season of rookie contract.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Florida could open up athletic boosters and foundations

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's college athletic booster groups and university foundations could be forced to open their records and books to the public.

The Florida House is moving ahead with a measure to repeal a state law that now allows university groups to keep most of their records private. If the bill becomes law athletic boosters and university foundations could only keep confidential information on the names of donors.

The legislation would also prevent colleges and universities from using taxpayer money to pay for people who work for direct support organizations, which usually raise money to help pay for athletics and other university operations.

The House this year started scrutinizing university spending and requested private records that showed how much university foundations spend on travel and salaries.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Baylor assault scandal inspires raft of Texas campus assault bills

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas lawmakers are pushing for tougher sexual assault reporting requirements on college campuses in response to the ongoing investigations into Baylor University's handling of sexual assault allegations involving its football program.

The Legislature convenes every other year and is in session for the first time since the Baylor scandal blew up and led to the firing last year of its successful football coach, Art Briles, and the resignation of its president, Ken Starr.

The nation's largest Baptist university is facing federal lawsuits from more than a dozen women who contend that school officials ignored or suppressed their sexual assault claims and fostered a culture of rape within the football program.

Lawmakers have reacted by proposing bills that would require school employees and student leaders to immediately relay reports of assaults to the school's investigations office or face possi-

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PHOTOS BY BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Play ball!

Columbia baseball and softball teams take the field tonight. CHS baseball hosts Santa Fe while CHS softball kicks off the Kissimmee Klassic facing Tate. CHS pitcher Josh Boyette is pictured above tossing last week against Middleburg. Story Giebeig (left) along with Alaina Perry and SK Lewis (right) are pictured below. Both teams are trying to improve in hopes of making a district tournament run.



THE MASTERS

Watson, Simpson make most of family time at soggy Masters

By PETE IACOBELLI

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Georgia — While severe weather cancelled the Masters popular Par 3 Contest for the first time in history, Bubba Watson was able to get on the course with his two children before it was shut down.

The two-time Masters champion enjoyed every moment.

Watson and former U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson were first off the tee at Augusta National's par-3 layout in between major storms that first cleared the course at 10 a.m. — then shut it down for good about 3 1-2 hours later. The start of the Par 3 Contest was delayed, but the two

major champions made it through the nine-hole course, along with their wives and a total of six children: the Watsons' two and the Simpsons' four.

Watson had 5-year-old son Caleb as his personal marshal, the youngster extending his arms skyward whenever his father or playing partner Simpson would putt.

"There was hardly anyone making noise," Caleb reported to Watson.

Watson just smiled and pointed the young man to the next tee.

"This is a dream come true anytime you can come out here with your kids," Watson said.

Caleb ate with his father in the champion's locker room before the par-3 event.

"I might have gotten a picture of us in the champion's locker eating lunch," Watson said with a grin.

The siren sounded soon after the Watson-Simpson group finished, and officials called off play and evacuated the grounds for the rest of the day. No winner was declared, meaning no one was saddled with the dreaded curse — no Par-3 Contest winner has ever gone on to capture the green jacket.

Masters chairman Billy Payne said the approaching weather gave officials no choice but to get people off the course.

"We share in the disappointment of our patrons, but the safety of



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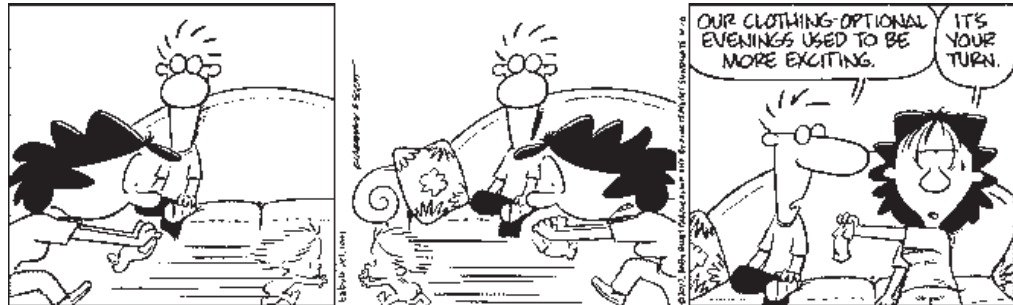
Bubba Watson spent time with family during the delay.

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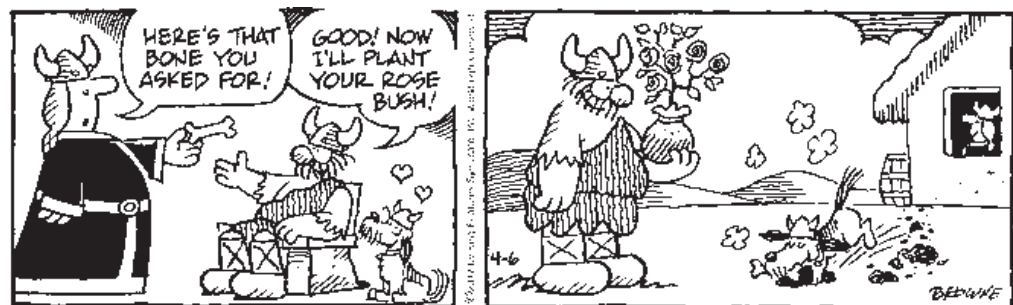
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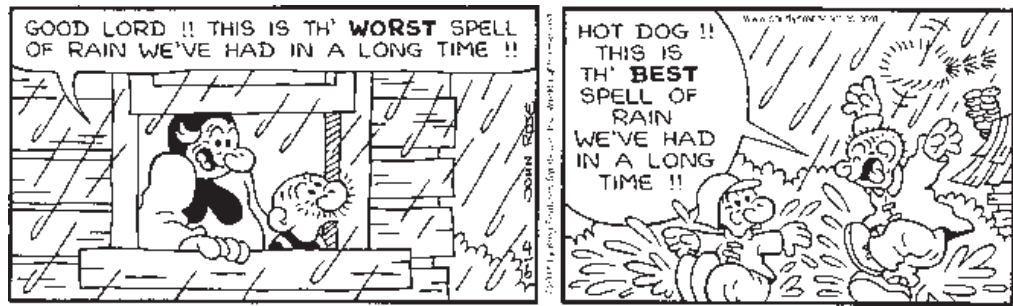
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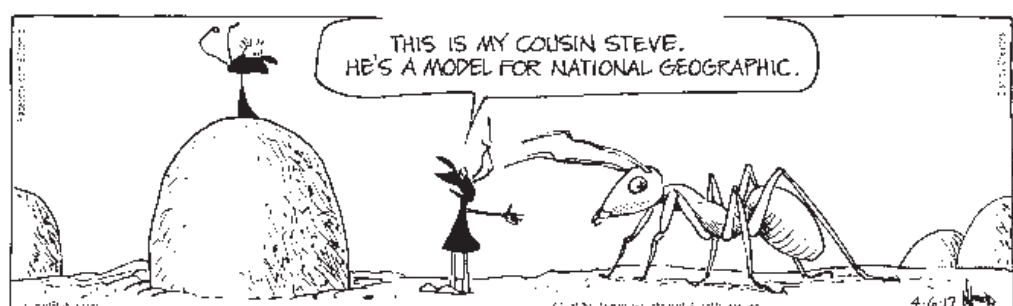
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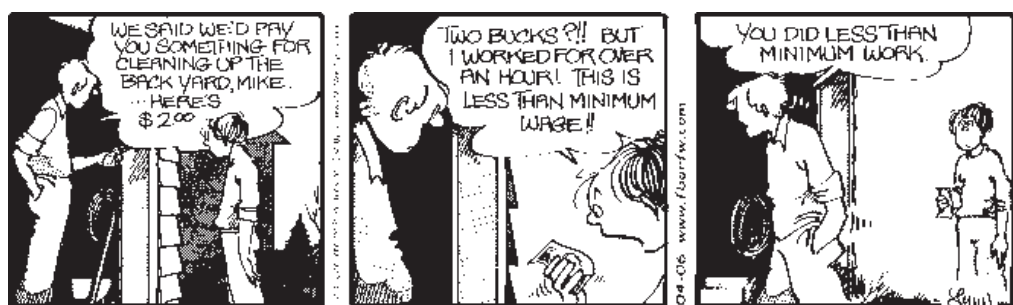
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Andy's collection of war letters preserves our military's past

DEAR READERS: Today marks the 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I. In commemoration, I'm mentioning a special initiative to save America's war letters. Almost 20 years ago I wrote about a historian, Andy Carroll, who had launched a project to seek out and preserve war-related letters as a way of honoring and remembering our veterans, troops and their loved ones.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

After the column appeared, Andy was deluged with responses. Today that collection holds approximately 100,000 wartime correspondences — from handwritten letters penned during the American Revolution and Civil War, to emails from Iraq and Afghanistan. Andy has donated the entire collection to Chapman University in Orange, California, and the project is now called the Center for American War Letters (CAWL).

explain the importance of these correspondences and encourage people to share with him their own war-related letters and emails. If you know of someone who has war letters, please share this information so the stories and voices of the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation will be preserved.

Andy would love to meet in person anyone with letters to contribute to this "Million Letters Campaign" and is always seeking new venues. If you know of a place he should speak, email him about it. For families with letters who cannot attend, submissions can be sent to Andrew Carroll/CAWL Chapman University, One University Drive, Orange, CA 92866. (Originals are preferred, but scans are also appreciated.) Ultimately, Andy and CAWL are seeking letters

from ALL American wars, on ANY subject matter. For information on how to attend or invite Andy to your community, visit www.WarLetters.us.

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Tom," is a senior in high school. About a month ago, he asked a girl named "Allie" to the prom. She said yes. Allie's mom is a hairdresser. My husband and I don't know her or her husband.

Allie's mother has asked two different people about us. One of them told us about it; the other I heard about secondhand. So last week I introduced myself to her at a local function. We spoke briefly, and I told her I would be in touch. A few days ago I called to invite her out for coffee and left a message with my phone number. She hasn't called me back. What can I do to get to know Allie's mother better?

— PROM MOM

DEAR PROM MOM: Make an appointment to have your hair done. You'll have an hour with her.

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

HOROSCOPES | THE LAST WORD BY EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have to put your energy to work for you. Avoid fruitless conversations and get down to business. It's what you do that will count, not what you profess to want to do. Channel emotional energy into success, not a scuffle. ★★★★★

your standard of living will lead to a better future. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look over your options and make choices based on what's realistic. Don't let your pride lead to a disagreement or changes that aren't necessary. Work alongside others in order to come up with the best solutions. Don't play favorites. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be tempted by what others do and say. Look at the big picture and make choices based on what you know, not what you hear. Make a point to do your own research and legwork and you will eliminate mistakes. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stay away from discord and from people who are trying to coax you into something you don't want to do. Take responsibility for your personal happiness as well as reaching your goals. Express your thoughts and you'll attract like-minded people. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make alterations at home or to the way you live that will lower your overhead, ensure your sanity and ease your stress. You can wheel and deal, but don't let anyone use emotional tactics to pressure you into making poor choices. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Uncertainty when dealing with unpredictable partners or groups that want too much from you will be a sign to back away. Concentrate on using your knowledge and skills to help yourself as well as others. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let anger be what leads to change when taking action physically and making things happen should be your means to accomplish your goals. Change can be good when it's handled the right way. Consider your motives. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Embrace change and do what needs to be done in silence. Don't waste time criticizing or complaining when it's up to you to do what's best for you. Be a leader and offer solutions instead of adding to the problem. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have a voice. Don't let anger take over when you should be focusing on what you can do to make things better. Use your knowledge and experience to bring about logical alternatives that will create a greater revenue stream. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A couple of changes to your residence will add to your assets. Stay within budget, do the legwork and you will pick up skills as well as learn something new. Don't let someone else's uncertainty hold you back. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be offered lots of ideas. Don't be too quick to jump into someone else's plans. Consider what's in it for you as well as how you can negotiate and manipulate the situation to benefit you. Stay calm. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Change can be good if it's reasonable and fits your current budget. A partnership will stabilize your personal, financial and emotional life. A willingness to share in order to raise

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Bobby Bare is 82. Singer Charlie Thomas of The Drifters is 80. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 78. Actress Roberta Shore ("The Virginian") is 74. Singer Patricia Bennett of The Chiffons is 70. Singer-guitarist John Oates of Hall and Oates is 69.

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.

" X YOUB B F S C F K B F V , S G G Z O C X C Y S L L I K E N G F F C A V F W W P U O K E . C F U ' B J F L O O C F K B F V S K I G S . " — W X B K Z Z O C N O V J

Previous Solution: "Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are." — Will Ferrell

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA LAKE CITY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2017-H
The Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed proposals in the office of Commissioners, 135 NE Hernando Avenue Room 203, Post Office Box 1529, Lake City, FL 32056-1529, (386) 719-2028, until 11:00 A.M. April 20, 2017 for the following:
The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners is seeking a qualified Consultant to help develop a strategic plan for Columbia County. The anticipated schedule for this project is as follows:
Advertise 3/30 and 4/6
Receive Proposals 4/20
Evaluation Committee Meets 4/25
Recommendation on Ranking to Board 5/4
Begin Negotiations 5/11
Contract Approval to Board 5/20
Specifications and information may be obtained from the County's web site at <http://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp>.

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March 30, 2017
April 6, 2017

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

Florida Gateway College (FGC), located in Lake City Florida is requesting a Statement for Qualifications (RFQ) from individuals or firms interested in providing programming, architectural design, engineering, and related services for the design and construction of a new Science Technology Engineering and Math Building located at 149 SE Academic Way, Lake City Florida 32025.

Architectural Firm Qualifications/Skills

Architectural firms submitting an RFQ must possess the professional skills and services required to produce the desired product and contract bid documents to include the following: mechanical, electrical, structural, and architectural. Firms must have demonstrated experience and expertise in areas such as: programming, design, permitting, cost estimating, construction bidding, facility planning, project management, and post construction services. While the degree of emphasis is likely to vary, all skills are necessary to achieve a cost effective and optimum design. All firms submitting an RFQ must be registered to do business in the State of Florida and must be licensed in accordance with Part I, Chapter 481 Florida Statutes (FS).

Background

Florida Gateway College is a small rural college of 2200 FTE serving a five county service area including: Columbia, Union, Baker, Dixie and Gilchrist Counties. This new STEM facility will house all of the Colleges STEM related labs, classrooms, offices and emerging program offerings in Engineering and Water Quality. The proposed project site is located on 4.3 acres of land at the beginning of the FGC campus property near the campus current newest building the FGC Library. The building is expected to be about 40,000 Gross Square Feet and will like the Library represent the new generation of buildings on campus. Connections to its Library neighbor and the campus as a whole is very important. It is ex-

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pected that this building be the showcase building for the campus and be both transformative and provide state of the art facilities in STEM programs for FGC.

For the purpose of developing a submittal, individuals or firms should consider the site a blank slate, as the College is seeking the most efficient and attractive building to help transform the campuses look. It will be important to incorporate the traditional STEM related areas in Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy, and Physics along with labs related to Engineering and Water Quality.

RFQ Due Date

Six (6) copies of the Response package, of which at least one (1) copy will have the original signature, must be received in the Procurement and Contracts Office located in Room 138, Building 001 on the Main Campus of Florida Gateway College no later than **2:00PM EST, April 27, 2017**. Responses received after that time will not be considered for this RFQ. Responses via facsimile, email or any other media will not be accepted.

Pre-Submittal Site Visit

All interested Responders are encouraged to attend a non-mandatory pre-submittal campus tour and site visit to be held at 10:00AM EST on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** in the Conference Room in Building 001, Room 103.

RFQ Response Packages

All parties interested in being considered for providing the described services may request an Architectural Services RFQ Response package from: Misty Taylor Director of Procurement and Contracts Florida Gateway College 149 SE College Place Lake City, FL 32025 (386)754-4381 Response packages may also be obtained via e-mail by sending a request to: misty.taylor@fgc.edu

Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule the College will follow throughout the selection process. The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the College.

March 30, 2017 Advertise RFQ
April 11, 2017 Non-Mandatory Pre-Submittal Site Visit
April 18, 2017 Last Day for Questions

April 20, 2017 Addenda Issued (if necessary)

April 27, 2017 RFQ Response Packages Due at 2:00PM EST
May 1, 2017 Selection Committee meets at 9:00AM in Building 001, Room 103 to evaluate RFQs and develop a short list of firms.

May 3, 2017 Short List firms notified of interview schedule
May 15, 2017 Short List firms interviewed

May 17, 2017 College will begin negotiations

May 30, 2017 Notice of Intent to Recommend Award posted
June 13, 2017 Board of Trustees awards contract

Right to Waive and Reject

The College reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and technicalities and to reject any and all Request for Qualifications.

Public Meetings

All RFQ Selection meetings are open to the public.

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March 30, 2017
April 6, 13, 20, 2017

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 17000053CPA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARTHA BELL RHYM, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Martha Bell RhyM, Case No:17000053CPA, 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 representatives attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedents estate, including un-matured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST 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 decedents estate, including un-matured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 30, 2017. Kellester Nicola Slade PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 4637 Vienna Church Road Lot 41 Valdosta, GA 31605 RONALD W. STEVENS, P.A. RONALD W. STEVENS ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FLORIDA BAR NO: 777470 P.O. BOX 1444 BRONSON, FLORIDA 32621 (352) 486-3039 rwstevens_1@yahoo.com

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March 30, 2017
April 6, 2017

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 16000423CAAXMX
Division No.

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff, vs.

VERA MAE FARNELL A/K/A VERA MAE KNIGHT FARNELL, et al, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 28, 2017, and entered April 4, 11, 2017ed in Case No. 16000423CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County, Florida, wherein Rose Acceptance, Inc. is the Plaintiff and VERA MAE FARNELL A/K/A VERA MAE KNIGHT FARNELL and WORLDWIDE ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.L.C., INACTIVE CORPORATION the Defendant. P. Dewitt Cason, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Columbia County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front steps of the Columbia County Courthouse, 173 N.E. Hernando Ave., Lake City, FL 32055 at 11:00 AM on 26th day of April, 2017, the fol-

lowing described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

THAT PART OF PARCEL NO. 5 OF UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION SURVEY PLAT OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 IF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID SURVEY PLAT DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1970 AND SIGNED BY LONNIE LEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1950, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 01 DEG. 23 MIN. 52 SEC. EAST ALONG WEST LINW OF SAID SECTION 30, A DISTANCE OF 2125.45 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEG. 19 MIN. 44 SEC. EAST, 181.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEG. 23 MIN 52 SEC. EAST, 480.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEG. 10 MIN. 51 SEC. EAST, 181.19 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST, 181.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING April 4, 11, 2017ING.

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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 Columbia County, Florida, this 28th day of March, 2017.

P. Dewitt Cason, Clerk Columbia County, Florida By: /s/ S. Weeks Deputy Clerk

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April 6, 13, 2017

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Lake City 32055

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Lake City 32025

ELEANOR RL HOUSTON

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Lake City 32025

ALFRED R MERSHON
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Lake City 32055

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805-HOMES FOR SALE

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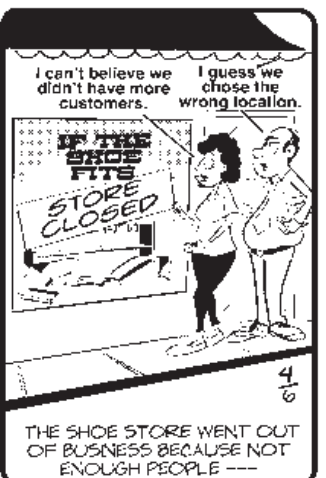
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



JUMBLE

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

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Yesterday's Jumbles: LOUSY BONGO FIDDLE FLORAL
Answer: The 18-hole course would be laid out in a circle, making it perfect for — ROUNDS OF GOLF

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Back at Georgetown, Ewing eyes 'new era' as basketball coach

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Patrick Ewing, Georgetown's new basketball coach, and John Thompson Jr., Ewing's coach with the Hoyas all those decades ago, greeted each other with a bear hug.

"Great job," Thompson said softly. "Great job."

This reunion of sorts took place Wednesday, steps from a glass case displaying the NCAA Tournament trophy the two men helped earn, and moments after Georgetown's president and its athletic director held a news conference to formally introduce Ewing. He pronounced himself ready to "rebuild" the Hoyas after they "underachieved last year" under his predecessor — who just so happens to be Thompson's son.

"Had a few down years, and they decided to make change," Ewing said. "It's a new era now."

And yet this hiring was, in many ways, about continuing a long-standing connection to the older Thompson and Georgetown's heyday, when Ewing was the 7-foot, shot-blocking center on the 1984 national championship team and made two other runs to the title game.

"The bedrock foundation that this program was built on is John Thompson Jr. For us to walk away from a strength,

of not only this basketball program but this university, to me, would be foolish," AD Lee Reed said. "At the same time, Patrick is his own man."

The links to the past were unmistakable Wednesday.

The setting was the recently opened John R. Thompson Jr. Intercollegiate Athletic Center, where visitors are greeted by a bronze statue of the former coach, mouth somewhere between a scowl and a smile, towel slung over his right shoulder. Ewing even paid a winking homage to that accessory, slinging a white towel over his shoulder during the news conference.

Gray T-shirts reading "Home Sw33t Home," a reference to Ewing's jersey number, were distributed.

Ewing held a Georgetown pennant overhead, copying his pose from when he announced, as a highly sought-after recruit, that he would attend Georgetown out of high school.

And Big John — as Georgetown's coach from 1972-99, and Ewing's mentor, is called by many — attended the proceedings.

"His vision, his hard work, his dedication, has helped to lift the program to where it's gotten," Ewing said. "And it's my job to add on to that legacy."

John Thompson III was fired two weeks ago after 13 seasons, one Final Four appearance, and just one trip the

Big Dance in the past four years.

Ewing's own son, Patrick Jr., was on the younger Thompson's staff but will not be allowed to work for his father.

"I know other places have had (a) family member on staff, but unfortunately because of the nepotism clause that they had here, I'm not going to be able to bring him on," Ewing said.

Reed said Ewing accepted that policy and noted: "JT3 never reported to his father. He reported to me."

This is Ewing's first college coaching job and first as a head coach at any level, after 15 years as an assistant in the NBA, most recently with the Charlotte Hornets. He inherits a roster that is short on scholarship players.

"Next year," he said, "is going to be a rough year."

Ewing intends to run a team "similar to the style that we play in the NBA — I want it to be up-tempo, push the ball, shoot 3s when you have them." He wants to see his team — and the Big East as a whole — return "to the way it was. No one liked us. 'Hoya Paranoia.' Smacking people down."

He acknowledged recruiting will be something new to him and challenging. Ewing noted he hopes to attract more players from D.C., Baltimore and Virginia.

"All about going out and selling your program," Ewing called it, "and I think that I'm a great salesman."

NFL DRAFT

Cal QB Davis Webb tries to shed Air Raid stigma

By **JOSH DUBOW**
Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Davis Webb has the arm strength, confidence and leadership skills that NFL teams covet in quarterbacks.

The key task for Webb leading up to this month's draft is to prove to teams that he is more than a product of the Air Raid offense and can transition to the pros.

Webb heads into the draft with a bit of a stigma after spending three years running that spread offense at Texas Tech and then at California as a graduate transfer. With his predecessor at Cal, Jared Goff, having struggled as a rookie with the Rams after being the No. 1 pick, Webb is out to show he is more than a system quarterback with little experience calling plays from a huddle or taking snaps from center.

"It's difficult for me to understand how people knock the Air Raid offense," Webb said. "Everyone in college football nowadays is running

the spread. Alabama was pro-style as it gets and now they're spread. About 90 percent of teams are now spread. The thing with the Air Raid is we throw it more in this spread."

Webb is not alone coming into the draft looking to prove he has what it takes to translate to an NFL offense.

Pat Mahomes also ran the Air Raid after taking over for Webb at Texas Tech. Two other top quarterback prospects in the draft, Clemson's DeShaun Watson and North Carolina's Mitchell Trubisky, also mostly ran versions of spread offenses in college.

"The biggest fear these quarterbacks have is how will I remember the play to actually call it in the huddle and how will I act in the huddle," said former NFL quarterback and head coach Jim Zorn, who is tutoring Webb. "You have to have a presence in the huddle. Those are the things that set guys back a bit. You have to have strong confidence and a personality because

when you walk in as a quarterback, there is an expectation."

Zorn began working with Webb in January and has done extensive work teaching him the verbiage of the West Coast offense so he can better communicate with coaches during pre-draft meetings, and get a head start on his NFL career.

Webb has also been charting five NFL games a week to better understand how the pro game is played on both sides of the ball; working on his footwork coming out from under center; and trying to have a more efficient throwing motion.

By doing all that now, the hope is Webb will be ready to compete for a job right away.

"I would not have a problem of having Davis coming in and starting right out and being a part of the fit right now," Zorn said. "I think there are really good qualities there for him to have a faster start than a system quarterback might be."

Goff's struggles last season have thrown a cloud over Webb.



COURTESY

California-Berkeley quarterback Davis Webb is ready to make the leap into the NFL ranks.

FAMILY

Continued From 1B

everyone on our grounds is always our primary concern," he said.

Before the day ended, competitive golf took a back seat to family for Simpson and Watson.

Simpson looked like he might compete for the top prize with two birdies on his first three holes. But he, too, soon became distracted chasing three of his four young children — his wife Taylor had 10-month old daughter Mercy in a front-facing carrier. The other Simpson children routinely skirted close to Ike's Pond. At one point, 6-year-old James tossed an empty water bottle into the pond.

"That's not my kid," Watson quipped.

Watson got in on the

fun, too. He took about five swings with a wedge on the fourth green trying to get the ball in the hole. On the sloping seventh green, Watson tried four times to putt his ball well past the hole to the green's peak, hoping to watch it slide back down into the cup.

By the third try, Simpson putted his ball in as Watson's pink ball slowly edged by the cup yet again.

"Today's the type of thing I'm going remember my whole life," Simpson said.

On the final green, both of Watson's children used a mini club to make lengthy putts — before a little youthful hijinks. The children of both families grabbed any ball they could get their hands on began tossing them into the water.

It's good to be young — even on a stormy day at the Masters.

NBA

UCF 7-foot-6 center Tacko Fall to explore NBA draft options

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Central Florida center Tacko Fall is taking a look at the NBA.

The 7-foot-6 Fall has asked the NBA's undergraduate advisory committee to provide information on his draft status, and if he decides he wants to return to school he has until May 24 to remove his name from consideration for the draft.

Fall averaged 10.9 points and 9.5 rebounds per game this season on 71 percent shooting, and blocked a school-record 94 shots. Central Florida went 24-12 in its first season under coach Johnny Dawkins, doubling its win total from a year ago.

"This season has been the most fun I've ever had," Fall said. "What we accomplished this year was special. ... Having said that, it has been a dream of mine to play in the NBA so I look forward to going through the process."

Only four players listed at 7-foot-6 or taller have appeared in an NBA game, those being Gheorghe Muresan, Manute Bol, Yao Ming and Shawn Bradley.

Fall won the American Athletic Conference's defensive player of the year award this season. His field-goal percentage ranked No. 4 nationally among Division I players who took at least 100 shots.



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Tacko Fall posted 10.9 points a game with UCF.

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Rowe says he'll 'take the blame' for Panthers' lost season

Associated Press

SUNRISE — When Florida interim coach Tom Rowe sits down with team officials to discuss the season and his future early next week, the meeting could be very brief.

He already knows what's coming.

Rowe will be let go soon after the Panthers' season-finale on Sunday, a game that will end a most

disappointing season for the Panthers. A team that came into the year talking about a Stanley Cup will miss the playoffs for the 16th time in the last 19 seasons, and Rowe acknowledged Wednesday that he wished he could have done more.

"I didn't get it done," Rowe said. "And I'm going to take the blame for that. That's the way it should

be. It's not the players. The players did everything we asked them to do. I think probably I pushed too hard on certain guys at the wrong time and then that had a negative effect, so that's something I'll learn for the future."

The Panthers have already decided to make a coaching change, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated

Press on Tuesday. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because no announcement is likely to take place until after Rowe meets with team president of hockey operations Dale Tallon next week. The Panthers' plans were first reported by The Miami Herald.

Florida has three games remaining, and has dropped its last five contests.

"Anytime you don't meet expectations as a team, there's changes," goaltender James Reimer said. "It's not going to be one coach or one player. It's going to be a whole bunch of things and that's just something you can't focus on. You enjoy these last couple days with your team. No team is going to be the same from one year to the next."

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ble criminal charges or expulsion, bar schools from using student conduct code violations to intimidate victims and witnesses, and make it easier to report assaults anonymously and online.

"It's time we changed the culture on college campuses," said state Sen. Joan Huffman a former prosecutor and judge from Houston. "Texas must lead the way on this issue."

Last month, the University of Texas released the results of a student survey that found that nearly 15 percent of female undergraduates at the 50,000-student campus said they had been raped. Twenty-eight percent said they had been subjected to unwanted sexual touching.

But it's the ongoing scandal at Baylor, including the accusations of a cover-up, that initially pushed lawmakers to act.

"We have cultural problem on a lot of campuses, but there's no question watching what was coming out of Baylor highlighted this for me," said state Sen. Kirk Watson, a Baylor graduate who maintains deep ties to the school.

"I love Baylor University, a lot. But I have been extra disappointed and very sad about all that has gone on, and frankly, in the efforts that Baylor has made, or not made, to restore confidence," he said.

Lawmakers and prominent donors have accused Baylor leaders of being too secretive in how the school conducted an internal investigation into the sexual assault reports and how it selectively released the investigation's findings.

Baylor initially released a 13-page "Finding of Facts" summary that found "institutional failure at every level," but it didn't include details of this failure. Months later, Baylor officials acknowledged that 17 women had reported being sexually assaulted by 19 football players.

In one of the lawsuits against the school, a woman who alleges that she was raped by two football players in 2013 says she knows of more than 50 sexual assaults by 31 players over a four-year period. The school and the law firm that conducted the internal review, Pepper Hamilton, are fighting subpoenas seeking the firm's investigation records.