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## Police nab suspect after chase

Witnesses say alleged car thief was texting as he ran to escape FHP troopers.

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**  
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A speeding car thief was put behind bars after a brief chase through Lake City, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Around 10:30 a.m. Friday, Joshua Ryan Palmer, 24, of Gainesville, was speeding northbound on Interstate 75, an FHP press release said.

When Trooper James R. Taylor attempted to pull him over, Palmer refused to stop and began driving recklessly, the release said. Taylor placed a "be-on-the-lookout" call for the 2006 silver Volkswagen Jetta.



Courtesy FHP

Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. Stephen Coody holds onto car theft suspect Joshua Palmer, of Gainesville, after Palmer's capture Friday after a car and foot chase.

Troopers ran the vehicle's tag and discovered it had been reported stolen, according to the release.

A few moments later, Sgt. Stephen W. Coody spotted the vehicle near U.S. 90 and Real Road and attempted to make a stop, the release said.

"I followed him behind the Applebee's and Moe's over there," Coody said. "I tried to sneak up on him, but he spotted me and took off."

According to FHP, Palmer attempted to jump the curb between Moe's and Waffle House to make an escape. However, the vehicle's undercarriage got caught on the curb, at which point Palmer fled on foot, the release said.

**CHASE** continued on 7A

## Old caboose finally moved to Fort White

By **AMANDA WILLIAMSON**  
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Rusted and abandoned, the 1920s-era train caboose sitting behind the Challenge Learning Center on Northwest Labonte Lane chugged off to a new home Friday.

Approximately a year ago, the Columbia County School District donated the unit to the town of Fort White. However, due to logistics and funding, the caboose never made it.

Through the help of former school board member Glenn Hunter and Columbia County Tourist Development Council executive director Harvey Campbell, the project is moving full steam ahead.

W.W. Gay Mechanical Inc. donated its services through Florida Crane Rental, providing a crane and two moving trucks to transport the 50,000-pound caboose to its new location at the Fort White historic train depot.

The caboose originally came to the Lake City Kindergarten Center about 40 years ago to provide education and a recreational site for the school. Thousands of children explored the caboose over the years, Hunter said.

**CABOOSE** continued on 3A

# CONDEMNED



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

**ABOVE:** Convicted murderer Richard P. Franklin between assistant public defender Jonathan Austin (left) and Public Defender Blair Payne as Third Circuit Court Judge Paul S. Bryan sentences him to death on Friday. **BELOW RIGHT:** State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister consoles Paula Thomas, whose son was slain by Franklin at the Columbia Correctional Institution in March 2012.

## Prison guard's convicted killer formally sentenced to death

Judge Bryan orders execution, as jury had recommended.

By **TONY BRITT**  
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Third Circuit Judge Paul Bryan sentenced convicted murderer Richard P. Franklin to death Friday for the 2012 stabbing death of Columbia Correctional Institution officer Sgt. Ruben Thomas III.

Franklin's sentencing hearing was held 10 a.m. Friday in Courtroom 2 at the Columbia County Courthouse and lasted more than an hour.

Franklin, who was dressed in light blue prison inmate clothing, stoically stood and stared forward as Bryan read the final portion of his 20-page sentencing order.

In June, a jury of seven men and five women took about 90 minutes to recommend the death penalty for Franklin, who is a two-time convicted killer. The jury recommended the death penalty by a 9-3 margin.

A week earlier, the same jury convicted Franklin of first-degree murder for Thomas's death. Franklin was also convicted of felony battery and possession of contraband in



a prison.

During Friday's sentencing hearing, the courtroom gallery was filled with Florida Department of Corrections personnel and Thomas's friends and family. Many of

the DOC personnel wore their work uniforms and were easily identifiable in the courtroom.

Blair Payne, Third Circuit public defender, who

**DEATH** continued on 3A

## Two face charges in arson at motel

Man, woman allegedly set fire using gasoline.

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**  
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Two individuals were arrested in connection with a January motel fire sparked by a love triangle, sheriff's deputies report.

Tykeycia Chariel Hines, 21, of 286 SW Dante Terrace,

and Terrance Antron Glover, 27, of 626 NE Davis Ave., were charged in connection with a fire in room 3 of the Sands Motel on East Duval Street on Jan. 20.



Glover



Hines

Columbia County Sheriff's deputies and the Columbia County Fire Department arrived at the motel, saw flames through the window of room 3 and forced entry into the room to put out the fire, the CCSO arrest report said.

Following a six-month investigation, it was determined the fire was started with gasoline, the report said.

No individuals were harmed in the fire, which caused approximately \$23,000 in damages, according to the incident report.

According to investigators, Hines was involved in a relationship with the room's occupant, Deandre Sellers, but was afraid he was seeing other women.

**ARSON** continued on 6A

## Sales tax holiday shoppers fill stores

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**  
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Back-to-school supplies and electronics were the focus of many shoppers looking for great deals during Florida's sales tax holiday weekend.

"The bulk of the business is in the kids corner," said Tanya Snook, one of the managers at Belk. "So far, we've done better than last year."

Tina Williams and her daughter Abby, 16, were looking for back-to-school clothes at Belk on Saturday. Williams said they probably would visit the rest of the stores in the Lake City Mall, as well.

**HOLIDAY** continued on 7A

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## AROUND FLORIDA

# Speaker wants hearing on 'stand your ground'

TALLAHASSEE — State House Speaker Will Weatherford is calling for a legislative hearing to review the state's "stand your ground" law.

Weatherford made the announcement in an opinion piece he wrote for The Tampa Tribune that was printed Friday.

The Wesley Chapel Republican does not support repealing the law that became an issue in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. He also added that he could never envision the repeal of the "stand your ground" law being passed by the Florida House.

But Weatherford said he wants a legislative committee to look at whether the law should be made clearer and whether it is being administered fairly.

"We shouldn't be scared of a debate or having an honest conversation," Weatherford said on Friday.

George Zimmerman was acquitted in the death of Martin in July. Zimmerman claimed self-defense in shooting the 17-year-old Martin during a fight; Martin's supporters say Zimmerman profiled and followed him because Martin was black.

Three days after the acquittal, protesters arrived at the Capitol. They have vowed not to leave until Gov. Rick Scott calls a special session to have legislators repeal the "stand your ground" law as well as take up other mea-



COURTESY

### Music camp for kids

These banjos are just some of the instruments kids will get to try during the Suwannee Spirit Kids Music Camp Aug. 9-11 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak. For information, call (386) 364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to the SOSMP website at musicliveshere.com.

sures dealing with racial profiling and the use of "zero tolerance" policies in the state's public schools.

The protest at the Capitol and organized by a group called the Dream Defenders started on July 16, and so far, the state has spent more than \$100,000 in overtime costs on Capitol security costs. Protesters are allowed to come and go during the day, but they must remain in a designated area in the hallways after hours.

Weatherford called the protesters a "politically motivated" organization and said his decision to

call for a hearing was not based on their continued presence at the Florida Capitol.

"They can stay there as long as they want to or they can go home," he said of the protesters.

### Interim schools chief named

TALLAHASSEE — The state board that oversees education in Florida turned to a veteran education official to help deal with the turmoil following the abrupt resignation of Education Commissioner Tony Bennett.

State Board of Education members voted quickly and unanimously during a Friday emergency meeting to select Pam Stewart as interim commissioner.

But several board members expressed shock that Bennett chose to step down following allegations that he changed the grade of a charter school run by a major Republican donor during his previous job.

Some board members also expressed fears that Bennett's departure comes at a difficult time when the state is in the middle of a complicated transition to new tough school stan-

dards known as "common core."

Stewart, who is currently chancellor of public schools, started her career as a teacher in Hillsborough County in 1975 and has been a principal in Ocala and as well as deputy superintendent in St. Johns County. She served briefly as interim commissioner before Bennett was hired late last year.

### Man dies while diving in spring

OCALA — The body of a man who went diving at the Ocala National Forest has been recovered.

Jason Yeh was reported missing Friday afternoon. His body was found Saturday morning by members of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Underwater Recovery Team.

The 23-year-old from Altamonte Springs had gone diving in Silver Glen Springs. His body was found in an area with limited visibility in a cavern.

The Ocala Star Banner reports that Yeh was with his girlfriend at the time of the dive. She called 911 after not seeing him for some time in the water.

### Panhandle to get disaster funds

MIAMI — Federal funding will help communities in the Florida Panhandle

return to normal after a major flooding over the July 4th holiday week, state emergency management officials said.

"Helping communities return to normal after a disaster is our first priority and this assistance is an important first step in that process," said Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Bryan W. Koon in a statement.

Gov. Rick Scott announced on Friday that the state had received a Presidential Disaster Declaration to assist counties affected by severe storms and flooding. Holmes, Walton and Washington counties are covered.

The state estimates there was \$29 million damage.

### Man charged after body found

JACKSONVILLE — A Jacksonville man has been charged with murder after a decomposing body was found inside a home.

Jail records show 27-year-old Cedric Dondrell Tate is being held without bond on murder charges and marijuana possession. Jail records do not list an attorney.

Tate was arrested Friday after authorities discovered the body of 40-year-old Wilfred Myers Johnson decomposing inside a home.

■ Associated Press

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Ellen DeGeneres to host Oscars

NEW YORK

Comic and daytime television host Ellen DeGeneres was picked to host the Academy Awards for the second time.

Show producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron announced DeGeneres' selection Friday. The movie awards show will air on ABC on March 2.

"There are few stars today who have Ellen's gift for comedy, with her great warmth and humanity," the producers said in a statement. "She is beloved everywhere."

DeGeneres quipped: "I am so excited to be hosting the Oscars for the second time. You know what they say — the third time's the charm."

She also announced the gig on Twitter, posting: "It's official: I'm hosting the #Oscars! I'd like to thank @TheAcademy, my wife Portia and, oh dear, there goes the orchestra."

Last year's host, "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, drew mixed reviews for an edgy performance that included a song-and-dance number, "We Saw Your Boobs," about actresses who had gone topless on screen. He had already taken himself out of the running for a return engagement next year.

Academy Awards organizers had hoped to attract a younger audience with MacFarlane, and the ratings showed they succeeded.

With DeGeneres, they went for a star that Hollywood and television viewers were familiar and comfortable with.

About her first hosting role in 2007, television critic Frazier Moore of The Associated Press wrote that "like her, the evening was easygoing, comfortable and relatively unsurprising."

DeGeneres was nominated for an Emmy Award for her last gig. Her daytime talk show has won 45 Daytime Emmys during a decade on the air.

The Oscars, with 40.3 million viewers this year, is very often the year's most-watched television event after the Super Bowl.



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

### Sprinkler protection

Ashlyn Stafford (left), 10, and Elizabeth Baker, 8, use an umbrella to protect themselves from a water sprinkler at the G&K Nursery recently.

### Pacino movie films in middle of concert

LOS ANGELES — An Al Pacino movie broke out in the middle of a concert by the band Chicago, with thousands of fans serving as extras.

Cameras were wheeled onstage during intermission of the group's show at the Greek Theatre on Friday night to film a scene from Pacino's upcoming movie "Imagine," in which he plays aging rock star Danny Collins.

With coaching from the director, the crowd chanted the name of Pacino's character as the 73-year-old actor walked on stage to sing "Hey Baby Doll" in a black suit. The movie co-stars Michael Caine, Annette Bening and Jennifer Garner.

"This is an improvisation," Pacino told the crowd. "You just came in and got it. That's not easy."

Chicago's band members remained on stage to watch and clap along during the 25-minute filming. After a few takes, the crowd grew

restless and there was scattered booing for the real musicians to resume playing.

Pacino returned to the stage during Chicago's encore and sang and danced to their hit "25 or 6 to 4."

"For a shy guy from the South Bronx, this has been great," Pacino said.

### Billy Bob Thornton to star in 'Fargo' series

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Oscar winner Billy Bob Thornton will star in the TV version of the film "Fargo."

FX network boss John Landgraf said Friday that Thornton has signed on to a limited series based on the 1996 crime comedy-drama. It's scheduled for a 10-episode run on FX next spring.

Thornton will play a rootless con artist. No characters will be carried over from the film, which brought a best-actress Oscar to Frances McDormand.

■ Associated Press

### Celebrity Birthdays

■ Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 69.  
■ Actor Billy Bob Thornton is 58.  
■ Actress Kym Karath ("The Sound of Music") is 55.  
■ Actress Lauren Tom ("Joy Luck Club," "Men in Trees") is 54.

■ Producer Michael Gelman ("Live With Regis and Kelly") is 52.  
■ Drummer Rob Cieka of Boo Radleys is 45.  
■ Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 45.  
■ Rapper Yo-Yo ("Miss Rap Supreme") is 42.

### Daily Scripture

**But the Lord said to Samuel, 'The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'**

— 1 Samuel 16:7

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## CORRECTION

The proposed changes to the Columbia County Fire Assessments include an additional \$11, which is not an impact fee, to help fund the construction and operation of a new fire station north of I-10. A story published in the Lake City Reporter Friday suggested otherwise. The proposed budget entails the construction of three other fire stations that will help Columbia County maintain its ISO rating.

## DEATH: Judge formally sentences Richard Franklin to be executed

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represented Franklin, said he was not surprised by Bryan's sentence.

"It was no great surprise," he said. "Judges are pretty much bound to follow the jury recommendation."

Jeff Siegmeister, Third Circuit state attorney, appeared to be impressed with the way Bryan followed and studied the case before giving Franklin the death sentence.

"I have to compliment the job Judge Bryan did," Siegmeister said. "He demonstrated, last week, that he had read everything we presented, he paid attention during the trial and he took copious notes... Personally, if the jury had not recommended it (death penalty), I still think this would have been one of the few cases where a jury override may have been appropriate because of the number of aggravators."

State statutes mandate Bryan evaluate all statutory aggravating factors and all mitigating factors before making his decision on the death penalty.

"Judge Bryan found seven mitigating circumstances that ranged from Franklin being shot as a child to having a bad childhood," Siegmeister said. "He gave very little weight to some weight for those circumstances... He found overwhelmingly that the aggravating circumstances outweighed the mitigating circumstances, leaving no punishment justified other than death."

In the 20-page sentencing order, Bryan went through the facts of the case, specifically elaborating on each aggravating and mitigating circumstance, many times citing legal precedents, as a background for his decision.



Columbia County Sheriff's deputies prepare Richard P. Franklin to be fingerprinted after he was sentenced to death on Friday.

The other factor in the case that was compelling was that a super-majority of the jury recommended death.

"This court has found beyond a reasonable doubt the existence of five statutory aggravating factors, including both that the murder was committed in a cold, calculated and premeditated manner and that it was especially heinous, atrocious and cruel — two of the most serious aggravators set out in the statu-

tory sentencing scheme," Bryan wrote in his order.

"This court assigned very great weight to those two 'most serious aggravators,' great weight to the aggravating factors related to the defendant's prior felonies (which include a prior first-degree murder), and substantial weight to the remaining aggravating factor, committed to disrupt or hinder a governmental function," the order continued. "As required by law

and articulated in the standard jury instructions, this court has also afforded great weight and deference to the jury's advisory sentence of death."

Siegmeister described the next phase of the case as the "waiting game," as Franklin has an opportunity to appeal the court's decision before his execution.

"That's the way it is in Florida, as long as there's going to be a death penalty — and I hate that for the (Thomas) family. But by

the same token, you never want to be wrong.

Siegmeister said right now the average time from a death sentence being handed down to the sentence being carried out is around 15 years now. However, he said he expects the Timely Justice Act to speed up the process and estimated Franklin could be executed in around 10 years.

"I give a lot of respect to the Thomas family," Siegmeister said. "They were here, appropriately behaved for every court hearing, every day of trial and never missed anything, never acted out and never acted with what would be understandable emotion in an external way. They showed grace that I don't know I could personally do if it was my family member."

Bryan said the process will be handled in the appropriate amount of time before he left the courtroom.

"It's the court's intent that the death sentence be carried out with all deliberate speed," he said. "May God have mercy on your soul, Mr. Franklin. Court is adjourned."

Although the penalty and sentencing phases of the case have been completed, Payne and his staff have additional work remaining in the case, and he explained their next step.

"By law, there is an automatic appeal to the Florida Supreme Court," he said. "Our office is obligated to file the Notice Of Appeal and the public defenders office in Tallahassee will be responsible for actually litigating the appeal."

Franklin has 30 days to appeal Bryan's sentencing judgment and conviction.

## CABOOSE: Old train car finally moved to depot in Fort White

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"When the [school] changed to the Challenge Learning Center, it really just became irrelevant. It just sat there idly without any care," Campbell said.

But the county commissioners and Fort White had expectations for how they wanted the train depot to develop. Hunter said the town intends to acquire two other units — an engine and a box car — and then transform the depot into a historic museum.

"This is bringing a little nostalgia back to the town," he said. "It's the perfect opportunity to bring that history to life."

Fort White officials purchased the depot from a Branford feed store within the past decade. The depot used to be located in Fort White, but was relocated — a common circumstance for depots across North Central Florida. Former councilman Truitt George organized its return by obtaining a historic preservation grant from the Florida Department of State.

Approximately five years ago, the town renovated the depot with the grant money. The county commission then voted to install tracks next to the building. Recently, the commission also agreed to supply \$10,000 to help



AMANDA WILLIAMSON / Lake City Reporter

Florida Crane Rental workers position the caboose over the trailer so it can be hauled to Fort White. The caboose sat at Challenge Learning Center on Labonte Lane for approximately 40 years before finding a new home at Fort White's train depot.

restore the old caboose.

According to Hunter, the town and community intend to fix the inside of the caboose over time.

"The county commission has been the big player in getting this caboose located in Fort White," he said.

The depot sits along the Ichetucknee to O'Leno

Trail, a 12-mile paved path that joins Ichetucknee Springs and O'Leno State Park.

Harvey believes the depot will become either a stopover or a trail head. Currently, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy lists about 20,000 miles of converted railroad rights of way on their trail maps, consisting

of 1,600 preserved greenways throughout the country. According to its website, greenways make an area more attractive, provide an environment where people want to live and draw new residents and businesses.

"I think it becomes a really good focal point," Hunter said. "We've done

several road trips looking at other locomotives and continue to look on the Internet. ... It's got to be the right piece of equipment. It's got to be affordable and practical to move."

Hunter hopes the new addition to the depot will inspire the town to use the

area for civic and recreational events.

By approximately 4 p.m. Friday, the caboose reached its destination stop in Fort White. Situated on the tracks outside the depot, it may soon be joined by two other symbols from railroading's heyday.

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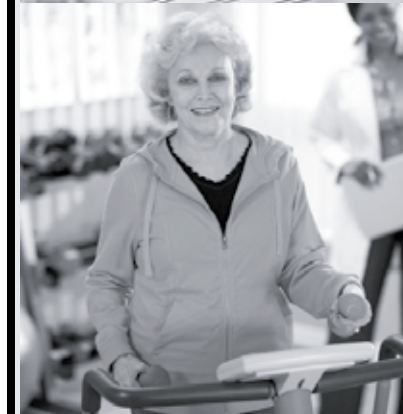
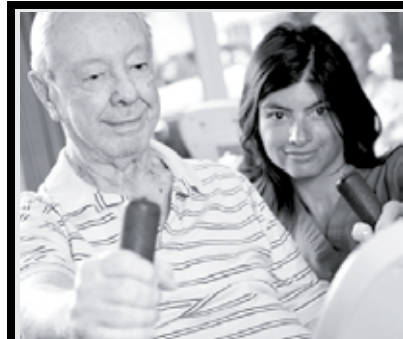
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OUR OPINION

## A complete loss of credibility

**E**ducation reform hasn't come easy to the Sunshine State. The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test was supposed to usher in a new era of accountability when it was implemented back in 1998.

It didn't work, and FCAT is set to be phased out by 2014.

Meanwhile, Florida's school grading system, which assigns every public institution a letter from A-F, has turned into something of a joke.

The scale by which schools are judged has been tweaked constantly – by some counts, 30 times since 2011 alone – making it an unreliable indicator of anything.

On top of that, for the second year in a row a safety net was installed to prevent schools from dropping more than one letter grade, no matter what their actual scores.

School administrators statewide sought this measure in order to balance what they saw as overly harsh changes to the grading scale this year. Florida Senate President Don Gaetz last week denounced the measure as intellectually dishonest.

And then there's Tony Bennett, who, as education chief in Indiana, changed the grade of a charter school owned by a wealthy donor from a C to an A. The disgraced Bennett resigned as education commissioner of Florida on Thursday after seven months on the job.

Bennett was preceded in the top spot at FDOE by Gerard Robinson, who lasted barely a year before apparent ineptitude caught up with him.

The Florida Department of Education has become an embarrassment, and no one seems able to do anything about it.

For the sake of our kids, we'd better find a way, and fast.

### HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

**On this date:**

In 1735, a jury found John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal not guilty of committing seditious libel against the colonial governor of New York, William Cosby.

In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, Andrew's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

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## Defund Obamacare now

**C**ongress possesses the power of the purse, but only if it wields it. And it should do so to defund ObamaCare before this medical Godzilla grows larger and more ferocious.

Republicans senators Mike Lee of Utah, Marco Rubio of Florida, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ted Cruz of Texas are leading a valiant effort to pass legislation in September that will finance the federal government, as is, but zero out ObamaCare, officially called the Affordable Care Act. Short of repeal, which President Barack Obama would veto, this may be the last exit before ObamaCare's New Year's Day implementation. Once this beast is unleashed, its fire-breathing destruction could become uncontrollable.

This initiative, headquartered online at DontFundObamaCare.com, arrives just as ObamaCare's critics have reached a crescendo.

"One major problem is the so-called Independent Payment Advisory Board. The IPAB is essentially a health-care rationing body. ... The IPAB will cause frustration to providers and patients alike, and it will fail to control costs."

Was that Rush Limbaugh? Glenn Beck?

Thus wrote former presidential candidate and Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean, M.D., in July 29's Wall Street Journal. He likes aspects of ObamaCare but considers the board a clinical wrecking ball.

ObamaCare "will shatter not only our hard-earned health benefits, but destroy the foundation of the 40-hour work week that is the backbone of the American middle class." So goes an open letter by the chiefs of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the United Food and Commercial Workers, and UNITE



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HERE. These three labor unions represent some 2.8 million workers.

Even as it paces its cage, ObamaCare already is wreaking havoc.

"One thing that we hear in the commentary that we get ... is that some employers are hiring part time in order to avoid the mandate" for insuring staffers who work more than 30 hours weekly, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testified in Capitol Hill July 17. This worrisome trend dominated June's employment figures. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, part-time jobs rose by 360,000, while full-time positions fell by 240,000.

The term "Affordable Care Act" has become a sick punch line.

Maryland expects individual-market premiums to rise in 2014, up to 25 percent. Ohioans are bracing for analogous hikes averaging 88 percent. Forbes columnist Avik Roy calculates that a typical, nonsmoking 25-year-old California man will see his rates surge between 100 and 123 percent. Coverage for a similar 40-year-old will cost 116 percent more next year.

Because ObamaCare's 2010-2019 expenses were back loaded (to ease congressional passage), its initial 10-year price tag was \$940 billion. However, CBO's 2014-2023 forecast incorporates four years of actual operations. Thus, ObamaCare's latest 10-year estimate is \$1.8 trillion – double the initial sticker price.

Meanwhile, ObamaCare's popu-

larity slip slides away. CBSNews.com's Amanda Cochran observed July 24 that 54 percent of adults disapprove of ObamaCare, while only 36 percent embrace it. A mere 13 percent believe the program will "help me," while 38 percent think it will "hurt me."

Amid ObamaCare's smoldering rubble, it is irritating that GOP senators such as North Carolina's Richard Burr and Oklahoma's stalwart Tom Coburn spurn this defunding bid. Imagine: If Republicans organized a proper anti-ObamaCare parade, a deeply disenchanted public just might march with the GOP.

So long as the employer mandate is frozen until Jan. 1, 2015 (rather than 2014), Republicans should echo Lee's flawlessly logical argument: "If the administration will not enforce the law as written, then the American people should not be forced to fund it."

This strategy need not trigger a messy government shutdown. Lee wants to fund the budget, absent ObamaCare. The House should consider similar language and make Democrats declare whether or not they still love this monster. Senate Democrats likewise should choose sides.

If this measure reaches Obama's desk, let him decide: "Do I keep Washington running as is, sans ObamaCare money, or will my veto force Congress to keep ObamaCare alive, even though everyone sees its rotting fangs and hideous, wart-encrusted hide?"

Come on, Republicans: Make Obama and the Democrats sweat!

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## Presidential copter plans grounded

**I**n 2002, the White House and the Navy decided the president should have a new Marine One helicopter. The one he was flying in, and for that matter is still flying in, was based on a design then 30 years old.

The Navy began seeking bids for what it called the VXX procurement program. A spirited bidding war ensued among the U.S. companies Sikorsky (which had been making the earlier Marine Ones) and Lockheed, the Italian-English firm AgustaWestland, Europe's Airbus and Brazil's Embraer.

One by one, the bidders dropped out as the White House and Secret Service began adding more specifications to the program. Among them: crashworthiness, a kitchen, state-of-the-art defensive measures such as advanced radar, laser detectors and counter-measures against missiles, and communications systems that would allow secure video-conferencing between the president and advisers anywhere in the world.

All of this, of course, costs



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money. The original development contract ballooned from \$6.2 billion to \$11 billion and the cost per presidential helicopter rose to \$400 million. As congressional critics delighted in pointing out, that's more costly than the president's Air Force One Boeing 747.

Because of the cost, Congress canceled the program in 2009. The Republicans had a brief stab at blaming the cost overruns on Barack Obama, who in fact was not yet president. Obama said the existing helicopter seemed perfectly adequate to him, although, "of course, I've never had a helicopter before. Maybe I was deprived and didn't know it." Last November, the Navy

solicited bids for a new Marine One under the VXX procurement program. A number of aircraft manufacturers expressed interest, but by close of business Thursday, when bids were due, all but one had dropped out.

That company is Sikorsky, builder of the existing fleet of Marine Ones. Critics claim the specifications had been deliberately tailored so only one company fit the bill.

The losers are likely to enlist their allies in Congress to reopen the bidding with different criteria. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who played a key role in killing the original deal, is vowing to fight the new helicopter if he finds the plan "unsatisfactory."

The first of 21 helicopters are to be delivered in 2020. That means the only way Obama will fly in the new Marine One is as a guest of his successor or, quite possibly, his successor's successor.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at [jbarr@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:jbarr@lakecityreporter.com).

## Aug. 4

### Family and friends

Mount Tabor AME Church, 519 SW L.M. Aaron Road in the Watermelon Park Community, will have a family and friends service at 11 a.m. The community is invited. For information, call George Moultrie at (386) 965-8920 or Reola Finkley at (386) 438-4803.

### Fort Clinch event

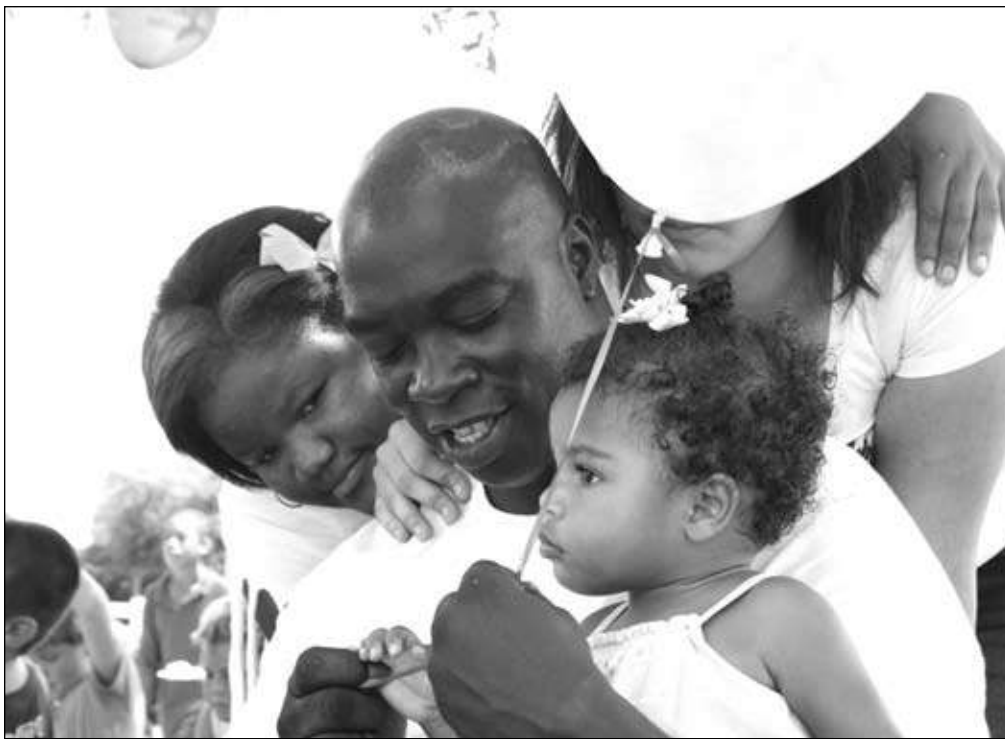
Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach will host a Union Garrison event from 9 a.m. to noon. This program will allow visitors to interact with living historians to experience life in the fort as it was in 1864. The grounds will be bustling with soldiers in period costumes involved in firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities. Ladies in their dresses, sutlers displaying their wares and drummer boys bring every part of the Civil War-era to life. Fees include the \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person fort admission. For additional information, contact the park at (904) 277-7274 or visit [www.FloridaStateParks.org](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org).

### Homecoming services

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 4637 NW Lake Jeffery Road, will have Homecoming services. The 11 a.m. service will be rendered by the Rev. W.W. Williams and the 3 p.m. service will be by the Rev. Willie J. Lucas. For more information, call (386) 365-4919.

### Homecoming service

Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church on County Road 135 in White Springs will have a homecoming service celebrating 112 years of Christian service at 11 a.m. Brother Randy Ogburn, pastor of Watertown Congregational Methodist Church, will bring the message. A covered-dish lunch



STEVEN RICHMOND/Lake City Reporter

## Back-to-school party

Zariya Pope (left), 14; Wayne Harris, 49; Madison Harris, 1; and Bri Jones, 16, enjoy the festivities at the Back to School Bash at Windsong Apartments on Saturday. See story and more photos in Tuesday's Lake City Reporter.

will follow the service. For more information, call (386) 397-2673.

### Homecoming service

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1015 SW Birley Ave., will have a homecoming service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Wyndell Wallace bringing the message. A dinner will be served in the annex after the service.

### Family reunion

The annual Allbritton family reunion will be at noon at Deep Creek Community Center on U.S. 441 North. Bring a covered dish to share. For information, call Dessie Meeks at 752-1473.

## Aug. 5

### Women's Bible study

A women's Bible study class will be held each Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Class Extension of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 436 SW McFarlane

Ave. All denominations are welcome. For more information, call Esther at (386) 752-9909.

### Bible study

Souls' Harbor Church of God in Christ, 901 NE Lake Drive, will have Bible study each Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (386) 752-7811.

## Aug. 6

### Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbia County Extension Office's new location, 971 W. Duval St. (U.S. 90), Suite 170, to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

### Support group

Another Way Inc. provides a domestic violence support group every

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. If you are a current or former survivor of domestic violence, call (386) 719-2702 for meeting location and an intake appointment. All services are free and confidential.

## Aug. 7

### Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fort White Public Library on Route 47 to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

### Soil testing

Columbia County Master Gardeners will do free soil pH testing each Wednesday at the Columbia County Extension Office's new location, 971 W. Duval St. (U.S. 90), Suite 170. Drop off soil samples at the office any week day during

business hours. For more information, call 752-5384.

### Men's Bible study

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will have a men's breakfast and Bible study from 7 to 8 a.m. each Wednesday at the church, 5056 SW State Road 47, one mile south of Interstate 75. For more information, contact Pastor Bruce Alkire at (386) 755-4299.

### Friendship lunch

The Newcomers of Lake City will have a friendship lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Applebees. For information, call Rose Taylor at 752-2175 or Barbara Test at 754-7277.

### Spouse loss seminar

A Spouse Loss Group will be at 11 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd. in the Lake City Plaza. The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, grief services manager, will offer a support group for people who have experienced the death of a spouse. There is no cost. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 ext. 2411 or (866) 642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County Inc./Hospice of the Nature Coast. Visit [www.hospiceofcitrus.org](http://www.hospiceofcitrus.org).

### Veterans fundraiser

Lake City Chapter 772 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be conducting a fundraiser on National Purple Heart Day today from 5 to 9 p.m. at Players Seafood Bar & Grill, 2888 W. U.S. 90. The Columbia County Wall displaying the names of local service personnel killed in the line of duty will be on site for viewing. There will be a slide video showing what Chapter 772 is doing in support of veterans' welfare and morale. Come join the chapter members and enjoy a steak dinner for only \$8.35, of which \$1 will be donated to the chapter.

Raffles will be conducted at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. and you must be present to win.

### Adult day care

Willowbrook Assisted Living, 1580 S. Marion Ave., is starting a new adult day care service Aug. 19. The service will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Participants will be provided meals, snacks and activities. People can participate all day or for a few hours, as needed. Pre-registration is required and can be done by contacting Debbie Brannon at 752-4454.

## Aug. 8

### Woodturners Club

Bell Woodturners Club meets the second Thursday of the month in the Bell community Center, Bell Florida at 7 p.m. There are opportunities to take home project wood, tools and receive help from other turners. All experience levels are welcome. For additional information, contact Kent Harris at 365-7086.

### Community theater

The Acrosstown Repertory Theater of Gainesville will give a pre-view performance of the play "12 Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose at 8 p.m. in the Baird Center at 619 S. Main St., Gainesville. Additional shows will be Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., Aug. 9-25. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Sweet Dreams Ice Cream Westgate location, online at [acrosstown.org](http://acrosstown.org), at the door before showtime or by calling (352) 234-6278.

### Tea party meeting

The North Central Florida Tea Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Ave. Chris Hall will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking on the Law Enforcement Crisis in this country. For more information, call John at (386) 935-1705 or Sharon at (386) 935-0821 or go to: [www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org](http://www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Daniel Lawrence Owens

Daniel Lawrence Owens, 19 went to heaven on Monday, July 29, 2013 at Shands UF Hospital in Gainesville, FL. He was the son of Penelope Mani of Lake City, FL and Earl Owens of Jacksonville, FL. Survivors include sister and brother-in-law Christina and Antonio Garcia; Nephew and nieces: Alex, Sara, Selena and Cadin; sister and brother in law Melissa and George Angeles; nephews Isaiah and Jordan; sister and brother-in-law Mary and Marice Williamson; nephew and niece: Marice and La'Keria; brother and sister-in-law Eddie and Amanda Freeman; niece: Keely Freeman; brother David Owens; and girlfriend and mother to be Ayana Woolfolk. He was an outgoing fun loving person who brightened any ones day he met. Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 3, 2013 in the Chapel of Lake City Church of God with Rev. Carroll Lee officiating. Please send donations to 5011 Stolls Ave, Tampa, FL 33615 and thank you from the family.

### Alan James Phillips

Alan James Phillips, 53, a resi-

dent of Lake City, Florida passed away Saturday August 3, 2013 at the North Florida Regional Hospital, Gainesville, Florida. He fought a valiant battle against Leukemia-lymphoma for over eight years. Alan was a lifelong resident of Lake City and is the son of the late Bobby Eugene Phillips, Sr. He was employed with Wal Mart as a manager for the past eighteen years. He is preceded in death by a brother Bobby E. Phillips, Jr. He was a loving Husband, father and papa and was so proud of his two grandchildren Timothy and Kaitlynn. He was an avid golfer and Gator fan and a member of the Parkview Baptist Church, Lake City, FL. Survivors include his loving wife Ramona Phillips, Lake City, FL. His mother: Linda (Marvin) Taylor, Lake City, FL. Two sons: Chris (Rebekah) Phillips, Reedsburg, Wisconsin and Brad Phillips (Erica Johnson) Lake City, FL. One Sister: Debbie Dyal, (Linc Ellzey) Lake City, FL. Four Brothers: Brian (Susan) Phillips, South Carolina, Tony Phillips Harden, Lake City, FL., (Debra Powers) Lake City, FL. Darrel (Ann) Phillips, Lake City, FL. and Jacob Wankmueler New York Two Brothers-In-Laws, David (Lynn) Strickland and Sid (Donna) Strickland both of Lake City, FL. His Mother and Father-In-Law: Billy and Sue Strickland, Lake City, FL. Two Grandchildren Timothy and

Kaitlynn Phillips both of Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Many Nieces and Nephews also survive. Funeral services for Mr. Phillips will be conducted Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 2:00 P.M. in the Parkview Baptist Church, Lake City with the Rev. Billy Young officiating. Interment will follow in the Forest Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday August 5, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Parkview Baptist Church. Donations may be made to Bethematch.com in Alan's Memory. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of **Dees Parrish Family Funeral Home**, 458 S. Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL. \*You may sign the Guestbook at [parishfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://parishfamilyfuneralhome.com).

### Virginia Clara Splude

Mrs. Virginia Clara Splude, 82, died Friday August 1, 2013 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City after an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late John and Ella Lawson Sherrill. She had made Lake City her home for the past fourteen years having moved here from Pontiac, MI, she was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and drove a school bus for Roper School for thirty-three years. She is preceded in death by one son Danny Splude. She is survived by two sons Roger Splude (Cheryl) Pontiac, MI, Ronnie Splude Palm Springs,

CA, one daughter Linda Landry (Rene) MI, two brothers William Sherrill Chiefland, FL and Ralph Sherrill, WA, and two sisters Mildred Sherrill and Glaydis Newell both of Byron, GA; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive. Graveside services for Mrs. Splude will be held Sunday August 4, 2013 at 2 P.M. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held Saturday from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. at the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home Chapel. A service will take place at 8 P.M. Saturday

evening in the chapel of the funeral home with Reverend Richard Cason. **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME** is in charge of all arrangements 458 South Marion Avenue Lake City, FL. 32025.

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### WORKSHOP MEETINGS CITY OF LAKE CITY-CITY COUNCIL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a workshop meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013, Tuesday, August 6, 2013 and Thursday, August 8, 2013 (if necessary). The meetings are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 205 North Marion Street, Lake City, Florida. The item to be discussed is:

FY 13/14 Budget

All interested persons are invited to attend. No official action will be taken during these meetings.

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# Commissioners take up issue of soccer fields' use

By STEVEN RICHMOND  
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Columbia County commissioners on Thursday discussed the availability and regulations regarding publicly funded soccer and athletic facilities in the county.

A number of citizens raised concerns over the past few weeks regarding the Columbia Youth Soccer Association barring non-affiliated members from using the soccer fields at the Southside Recreational Complex.

A proposal would open up one of the fields and several practice areas to public use. However, the field in question does not have proper lighting for nighttime use.

Jared Albury, a CYSA coach who also attended pick-up games held by a group of adult players for years, addressed commissioners first.

"I'm not here to say there's a problem with the CYSA. It's not just about

the adults," Albury said. "Most of the guys who play have jobs. They won't be able to play six months out of the year if they only had a field for daytime use."

County Manager Dale Williams and Commissioner Stephen Bailey knew the soccer issue might come up at the meeting, but were not formally prepared since they were still waiting for cost estimates and recommendations concerning the county's proposal.

Commissioner Bucky Nash wondered whether padlocking the gates was "going in the right direction."

CYSA entered into an agreement with the county that authorizes the association to regulate the day-to-day operations of the soccer facilities, including organized tournaments and events.

"That's a public facility," Commissioner Rusty DePratter said. "I think we're getting away from what it was originally there



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Pamela Hartopp voices concerns during the Thursday's county commission meeting over the lack of available soccer practice areas for her 16-year-old daughter.

for with tournament play."

Commissioner Ron Williams had a different take on it.

"I think there should be some control over it," Williams said. "We've tried this before, and the volunteers go home. They wonder 'why should I take care of this facility when John

fields open to the public," Commissioner Scarlet Frisina said. "But on the other hand, you have to respect those organizations that go out there and spend their time and money to take care of it."

Commissioner Williams said the crux of the issue is that there's not enough space for people to play. He called for more facilities, and said he wanted to see that discussed as part of this year's budget.

Opening the facilities to the public would also create liability issues, according to Frisina.

"There's an electrical box for the lights out there," she said. "When it starts getting dark around 5:30 in the winter, people are going to try to jimmy open that box. If they get electrocuted, that's on us."

Pamela Hartopp addressed the commissioners during public comments and expressed her concern regarding her 16-year-old daughter's inability to freely practice on the

fields. "It's not just adults," she said. "It's the leaders of tomorrow that want to do something constructive with their time. I'd rather see her out there than at a party drinking and boozing."

Frisina, a non-voting member of the county's Sports and Recreation Advisory Council, will present the information at the council's next meeting. Members include representatives of various sports groups as well as recreation officials.

"They will have a better understanding of the issues," she said. "It's a collaborative process that will hopefully put solutions into motion. We have to draw that happy medium."

The advisory council's next meeting, open to the public, will be held at the coaches' building in the Southside Recreational Complex Aug. 12.

"It seems they certainly have their work cut out for them," Bailey said.

## Bounce house rules discussed

By STEVEN RICHMOND  
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The possible regulation of the use of bounce houses in public parks was a topic of discussion during Thursday's county commission meeting.

County Manager Dale Williams brought to light growing concerns over private individuals and companies introducing bounce houses to public parks.

"I have not heard anybody call for a prohibition of these," Williams said. "But we believe that these are becoming so common that problems are beginning to manifest to the point that we may have to start regulating them on public property."

He cited a report he received that an unknown person or persons set up a bounce house without permission and began charging the public for use.

"There were using public property as their personal business," he said. "We do not permit that on public property." Williams also cited incidents of parents arguing and acting not very "adult-like" in front of children.



STEVEN RICHMOND/Lake City Reporter

Mekeba Murphy, whose business rents bounce houses, speaks during the Thursday's county commission meeting.

Makeba Murphy, co-owner of Party Down 4 Less, rents bounce houses for private events and made comments prior to and after to the commissioners' discussion.

Murphy stressed that she makes it clear to her renters that citizens are required to register parties in public parks in advance.

"I know it's not my responsibility to make those arrangements," she

said, "but I'm still willing to take that extra step. I don't want there to be any problems."

Commissioner Scarlet Frisina proposed working with county landscape and parks director Clint Pittman and operations director Kevin Kirby to develop recommendations they could introduce to the next board meeting.

Commissioners agreed that creating designated areas for that kind of equipment would be a good place to begin looking for solutions.

"They need to think about some type of barrier, sign or something ... to let people know," Frisina said.

Commissioners worried that a family or individual might rent a bounce house solely to entertain their own guests, but that other children and adults might approach wanting to use it, too.

"A 3-year-old wouldn't know. They're just going to the bounce house," Frisina said.

Commissioners agreed to table the discussion until recommendations by Pittman, Kirby and other officials become available.

## ARSON: Man, woman arrested

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Her suspicions were confirmed after locating a positive pregnancy test in the room, the report said.

Hines herself is pregnant with Sellers' child, but claimed the pregnancy test was not hers, but rather that of Nekeisha Fennell, a woman Sellers was seeing as well, the report said.

Hines also alleges that she and Glover "started talking again" about a week before the incident occurred, the report said.

According to statements by friends of the suspects, Hines and Glover entered Sellers' room, scattered clothes, applied gasoline and started a fire.

Investigators spoke with several individuals connected with Hines and Glover who claimed the alleged arsonists were threatening people who came forward to the police and that they were trying to pin the fire on Glover's girlfriend Shenemeeka Shonta Farmer, the report said.

Following several interviews of suspects, witnesses and other persons, along with polygraph tests and recorded phone calls, deputies found probable cause to arrest Hines and Glover for arson, the report said.

They were held in Columbia County

Detention Facility in lieu of \$100,000 bond each.

Both face one first-degree felony charge of arson of a dwelling with people present, a crime punishable by up to \$10,000 and 30 years in prison.



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# Girl Scouts work to promote child literacy

Three cadettes take on project to set up libraries around area.

By **TONY BRITT**  
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A trio of local Girl Scout cadettes are hoping to increase local literacy rates by providing reading materials for elementary school-aged children at a variety of locales around the city.

Madison-Rose Patterson, Cathleen Towne and Kayla Caslow, all of Girl Scout Troop 525, are working on a community project to earn their Girl Scout Silver Awards. They decided to tackle the local literacy problem.

The Silver Award is one of the three highest awards for Girl Scouts. Each cadette has to have at least 50 hours invested in the project to earn the award.

Patterson, 14, worked on setting up locations where youngsters can get books through the program.

The books will be available at: Harveys supermarket, Ruppert's Bakery & Cake, U Scream Ice Cream and Smoothies, Champ's Pizza, Terri's Sweets Tweets, City Hall, the Columbia County Tax Collectors Office, Magnolia Pediatrics and Old Times Country Buffet.

"Most of the places that we have are going to have bookshelves that will have tons of books," Patterson said of the



Charlene Brown, Columbia Bank assistant vice president of marketing and community services, (from left) presents Madison-Rose Patterson, Cathleen Towne and Kayla Caslow a check for \$75 with the aid of Elizabeth Tison, a Columbia Bank Ambassador. The funds will be used to help improve local literacy rates.

informal library locations.

Cathleen Towne, 13, said the bookshelves will be placed in a variety of locations around Lake City to promote childhood literacy and awareness.

"So many kids today don't read

for fun because they don't have access to the library or don't have books at home," Towne said. "We are hoping that they can read a book, take a book or return a book to one of the spots so they have a chance to read."

Kayla Caslow, 14, said they've created a Facebook page with help from Linda Towne called: For The Love of Reading, LC, Fla., where information about the program includes all book program locations and updates

on how the program is progressing.

The project is designed to improve literacy for children who are 10 years old and younger.

"Studies have shown that one-third of children who cannot read proficiently by the fourth grade will end up in jail," Sandra Caslow, Kayla's mother, said.

Some of the locations already have shelves and book ends have been made to accommodate the books purchased by the girls.

The Columbia County Public Library donated several hundred books to the girls for the literacy project.

Other books were donated from the girls' friends, families, churches, other Girl Scouts and people in the community.

Columbia Bank recently donated \$75 to help the girls purchase additional books for the program.

Elizabeth Tison, a Columbia Bank ambassador, said the bank selected five nonprofit charities to provide funding for local programs, including the girls' library locations project.

"We're just trying to see where we can help, and obviously the girls doing something that is equivalent to the Eagle Award for the Boy Scouts is really good for the girls," she said. "It teaches them how to find their voice, which is part of their journey to being independent women. They're a good group, and if anyone can find a way to help them by volunteering or giving contributions, I think it's a good thing."



Tina Williams and her daughter Abby, 16, take advantage of Florida's tax holiday and look for new back to school clothes at Belk in the Lake City Mall Saturday.

## HOLIDAY: Lots of shoppers at stores

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"I think people are spending more, but cautiously," she said. "Which is why so many people are out shopping during the tax break, looking for a good deal."

Terri Andrews, a local dentist, was buying school supplies for her son.

"The last time I saw this

many people at the mall was during Christmas," she said.

Snook expects business to be busiest today.

"Most people wait till the last minute. So, Sunday will probably be our biggest day," she said.

Florida generates approximately 25 percent

of its tax revenue through general sales taxes.

The holiday, which began Friday, continues through today. Products available include clothing under \$75 per item, school supplies under \$15 per item and personal-use computers and accessories under \$750 per item.

## CHASE: Suspect texted on the run

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Chatter over police scanners during the event also revealed Palmer injured his hand hopping a fence and swam through a retention pond as part of his evasion.

Residents from the nearby Cypress Inn Motel sat in the shade of their porches as they watched the foot chase unfold on the hot summer day.

"All of a sudden we see this skinny white guy booking it toward the woods," said Shawn Jones, a motel resident, referring to a wooded area north of U.S. 90. "He was fast, too. Boy was even texting on his phone while he was running."

Other witnesses at Cypress Inn and Waffle

House all agreed on the suspect's remarkable ability to flee and text simultaneously. Troopers were unsure who the recipients of the texts may have been.

While Palmer eluded police in the wooded area, troopers called in canine units from Baker and Suwannee correctional institutions, the release said. Palmer was captured about two hours later.

Palmer was taken to Shands at Lake Shore Regional Medical Center for treatment of a minor hand wound, then he was booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility without bond.

Palmer faces charges of resisting an officer, flee-

ing the police and vehicle theft, and two traffic violations.

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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, August 4

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	90/76/t	90/77/t
Daytona Beach	91/76/pc	90/76/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	90/79/pc	90/78/pc
Fort Myers	92/76/t	90/76/t
Gainesville	90/72/t	90/72/t
Jacksonville	89/73/t	89/73/t
Key West	91/81/s	89/81/sh
Lake City	90/72/t	90/72/t
Miami	92/79/pc	91/77/pc
Naples	91/76/pc	90/76/pc
Ocala	90/74/t	90/73/t
Orlando	94/76/t	93/75/t
Panama City	88/78/t	89/77/t
Pensacola	93/77/t	93/78/t
Tallahassee	90/74/t	91/74/t
Tampa	91/78/t	89/77/t
Valdosta	92/73/t	91/73/t
W. Palm Beach	92/76/pc	91/77/pc

### LAKE CITY ALMANAC

**TEMPERATURES**

High Saturday	91
Low Saturday	74
Normal high	91
Normal low	72
Record high	99 in 1897
Record low	66 in 1939

**PRECIPITATION**

Saturday	0.15"
Month total	0.61"
Year total	34.51"
Normal month-to-date	0.61"
Normal year-to-date	29.79"

**SUN**

Sunrise today	6:51 a.m.
Sunset today	8:22 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	6:52 a.m.
Sunset tom.	8:21 p.m.

**MOON**

Moonrise today	4:53 a.m.
Moonset today	6:44 p.m.
Moonrise tom.	5:46 a.m.
Moonset tom.	7:24 p.m.

Aug. 6 New, Aug. 14 First, Aug. 20 Full, Aug. 28 Last

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EXTREME: 10 minutes to burn

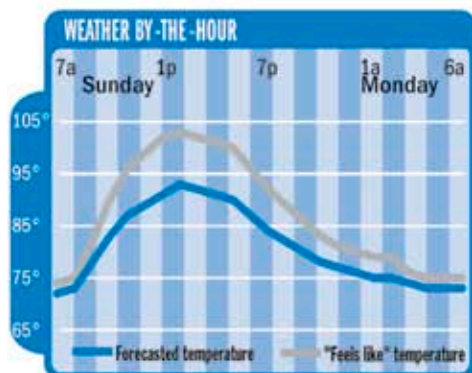
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### WEATHER HISTORY

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**NATIONAL FORECAST:** An area of high pressure with Canadian origins will move into the Midwest today, bringing pleasant temperatures and dry weather to the region. Meanwhile, an upper-level trough will help to generate showers and thunderstorms over parts of the Northeast. A line of thunderstorms is expected from the South through the lower Mississippi Valley as a cold front moves through the area.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 104°, Needles, Calif. Low: 28°, Stanley, Idaho

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	80/62/0	73/51/pc	Des Moines	80/64/0	80/63/pc	Omaha	79/62/0	80/66/pc
Albuquerque	81/64/0	90/70/t	Detroit	80/62/0	73/51/s	Orlando	92/75/0	95/75/t
Anchorage	65/57/0	65/54/r	El Paso	93/78/0	98/77/pc	Philadelphia	78/71/0	81/59/s
Atlanta	81/70/0	89/72/pc	Fairbanks	65/55/0	75/50/pc	Phoenix	102/86/0	109/89/pc
Baltimore	78/66/02	82/57/s	Greensboro	77/71/0	88/62/pc	Pittsburgh	75/64/21	73/52/pc
Billings	67/55/0	85/58/pc	Hartford	87/66/0	79/53/s	Portland ME	78/58/0	74/57/sh
Birmingham	87/69/0	89/72/pc	Honolulu	80/75/0	89/75/s	Portland OR	69/61/0	86/60/s
Bismarck	77/56/0	73/56/t	Houston	94/74/0	96/71/pc	Raleigh	89/72/0	89/62/pc
Boise	80/54/0	93/58/s	Indianapolis	81/68/71	77/57/pc	Rapid City	75/60/30	81/62/pc
Boston	78/68/0	76/58/sh	Jackson MS	93/76/01	94/74/t	Reno	80/57/0	92/60/s
Buffalo	74/60/0	68/51/pc	Jacksonville	89/73/01	91/73/t	Richmond	89/70/0	86/63/pc
Charleston SC	92/76/0	93/77/t	Kansas City	82/69/0	79/69/t	Sacramento	76/56/0	89/57/s
Charleston WV	78/65/0	80/54/pc	Las Vegas	98/77/0	104/81/pc	St. Louis	83/72/0	82/64/pc
Charlotte	88/74/0	89/66/s	Little Rock	86/78/0	92/74/pc	Salt Lake City	95/68/0	94/71/s
Cheyenne	79/60/0	85/57/t	Los Angeles	72/65/0	73/63/pc	San Antonio	95/79/0	100/77/pc
Chicago	79/64/0	75/57/pc	Memphis	82/71/01	92/70/pc	San Diego	71/65/0	72/66/s
Cincinnati	78/68/05	79/58/pc	Miami	88/75/01	93/78/pc	San Francisco	65/54/0	68/55/pc
Cleveland	77/66/0	72/59/s	Minneapolis	79/58/0	75/61/pc	Seattle	66/60/0	81/58/pc
Columbia SC	92/75/0	96/72/pc	Mobile	93/73/01	92/74/t	Spokane	66/57/0	86/57/pc
Dallas	98/80/0	102/81/pc	New Orleans	93/76/0	93/77/pc	Tampa	91/78/03	91/79/pc
Daytona Beach	92/74/0	94/75/t	New York	74/68/06	80/60/s	Tucson	96/74/0	99/77/t
Denver	89/66/0	89/59/pc	Oklahoma City	93/76/0	96/75/pc	Washington	82/71/01	83/63/s

### INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	86/75/11	91/79/t	La Paz	59/30/0	51/35/sh	Rio	95/68/0	84/64/s
Amsterdam	72/66/0	77/58/s	Lima	63/59/0	69/59/s	Rome	90/68/0	90/78/s
Athens	91/80/0	99/75/s	London	77/59/22	74/63/c	St. Thomas VI	91/82/0	86/79/pc
Auckland	64/52/0	60/48/sh	Madrid	95/64/0	97/66/s	San Juan PR	90/81/0	86/77/pc
Beijing	91/72/0	95/81/pc	Mexico City	75/57/0	74/51/t	Santiago	54/45/0	54/48/c
Berlin	91/68/0	85/68/pc	Montreal	73/63/0	66/52/sh	Seoul	90/81/0	84/77/sh
Buenos Aires	57/39/0	61/48/s	Moscow	77/55/0	78/61/sh	Singapore	88/79/0	87/80/sh
Cairo	95/75/0	100/71/s	Nairobi	64/57/0	65/55/sh	Sydney	66/52/0	65/48/pc
Geneva	88/70/0	82/64/t	Nassau	88/81/0	85/78/pc	Tel Aviv	88/77/0	92/71/s
Havana	93/72/0	93/75/pc	New Delhi	95/82/0	105/87/t	Tokyo	86/73/0	84/77/sh
Helsinki	79/59/0	79/59/pc	Oslo	68/57/0	76/56/s	Toronto	75/59/08	69/54/pc
Hong Kong	88/79/1.28	86/79/sh	Panama	88/79/0	87/76/t	Vienna	99/66/0	101/73/pc
Kingston	91/81/0	89/76/pc	Paris	79/66/0	84/59/s	Warsaw	84/59/0	95/62/pc

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# SPORTS

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Section B

## Indians begin early Monday morning

Coach Jackson is hosting parents meeting today.

By TIM KIRBY  
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FORT WHITE — Early morning is the order of the day when Fort White High kicks off fall football practice on Monday.

The Indians will begin at 7:30 a.m.

"We are trying to get it done in the morning the first week," coach Demetric Jackson said. "When the teachers come back next week, we will do more in the afternoon."

Fort White also will do

more on the field in the second week, as the Florida High School Athletic Association has added to its heat acclimation policy.

"We have three days in shorts and then two days in shorts and shoulder pads," Jackson said. "We can't actually hit until Saturday."

Two-a-day practices also have taken a hit. For the first five days, practices can run three hours. If there is a second practice during the day, it has to be a walk-through not using a ball.

In the second week there can be two-a-days on alternating days.

Jackson has his annual parents gathering planned for 6 p.m. today in the high

school gym. Team rules, safety concerns and player expectations will be discussed, as will booster club information. Jackson said the parents meeting is for varsity, junior varsity and middle school players.

Jackson said the summer workouts were a success.

"The biggest thing is we got some real good conditioning in and we got stronger," Jackson said. "We are in real good shape. It was evident at the FCA camp we were in better shape than most teams."

Fort White is facing its usual problem.

"Our concern right now

**INDIANS** continued on 2B



Fort White High head football coach Demetric Jackson will host his annual parents meeting at 6 p.m. today in the gym.

## First day for 3 CHS sports

From staff reports

Columbia High football is not the only sport at the school that begins fall practice on Monday.

Swimming and cross country also start.

Football will be backed up with a Columbia High Quarterback Club meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Jones Fieldhouse. There will be planning for the upcoming season, a report on summer workouts and fundraising updates.

For details, call club president Allen Masters at 292-0725

Columbia High football

**CHS** continued on 2B

# Florida football

Muschamp is loosey-goosey on Gator media day.

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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GAINESVILLE — In his third year as the University of Florida head football coach, Will Muschamp appears comfortable in his own skin.

Gone at Thursday's media day was the maniac on the sideline and uptight interview. Instead, a candid and even humorous Muschamp met with the media to discuss the upcoming season.

One of the main topics of conversation was a rash of injuries that have hit the Gators since Muschamp last met with the media, including Jeff Driskel who had his appendix removed on Tuesday.

"Our medical staff did a fantastic job identifying that early," Muschamp said. "So he ought to be fine."

Driskel was fine, and met with the media later in the day. Muschamp didn't give much of an indication on exactly when he would return, but did offer a little clarity.

"Timetable, they say two weeks, probably will be inside of two weeks based on the early diagnosis of where we are," Muschamp said. "He's doing extremely well."

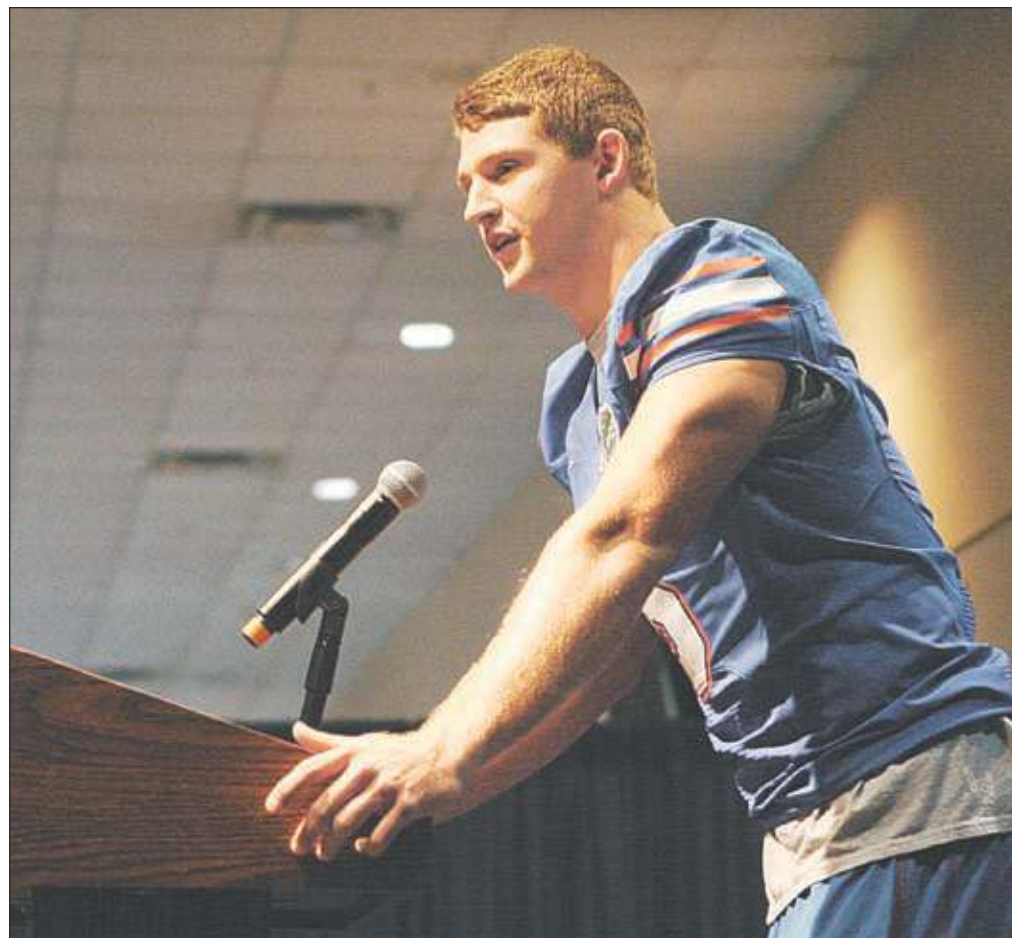
Muschamp said things won't change with Driskel's injury and the expectation level for this year's team is still to reach the SEC Championship game.

"I don't think it's ever good for you that your starter is not taking the reps at any position, certainly the quarterback position," Muschamp said. "But you always look at it from a glass half full/empty, from the standpoint of what great reps those guys will get. We need to distance ourselves a little bit of who the back-up is going to be. Right now, it would be Tyler Murphy, but, again, we've got a motto around here, man down, man up, and I challenged the football team just in a meeting right now. It's time for somebody to respond. When you sign at the University of

**GATORS** continued on 3B



ABOVE: Florida football head coach Will Muschamp jokes about woodpeckers not suffering from concussions during the UF Football Media Day at Touchdown Terrace on Thursday.



LEFT: Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel fields questions asked by members of the media Thursday.

Temporary delay for Driskel after appendectomy.

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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GAINESVILLE — Florida will be without its starting quarterback for at least a few days after Jeff Driskel had an emergency procedure to remove his appendix last week.

Florida head coach Will Muschamp informed the media of the surgery Thursday in Gainesville, but said that Driskel should make a full recovery.

The head coach was hoping when he first heard about it that it was just a bad cheeseburger, but informed the media that Driskel was fine and he was at media day.

Driskel said he's glad that they were able to catch it when they did.

"We're lucky we found it early and handled that before it got bad," he said. "It could have been a lot worse. We're lucky we have a world class medical staff."

Driskel's time frame to return is unclear, but Muschamp said it shouldn't be more than two weeks. Had the staff not caught it in time, there's a chance that Driskel could have missed Florida's opener against Toledo on Aug. 31.

Driskel didn't clear the picture any on when his exact return would be.

"Whenever I'm ready, I'll be back," he said. "(I'm) not going to rush it, but as soon as I am ready, that's when I'll get back at it. It's not something where I'm going to be out for a long period of time."

Muschamp said the plan for Driskel is to take it slow and listen to the medical staff on how much work he should get in.

"I'm going to listen to our medical staff and let them guide me on how much he can do and how much work does he think he can handle," Muschamp said. "Obviously, when he's in the game, he'll be with our first group. But I'll listen to our medical staff as far as how much work they want him to partake in as we go through again. They

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Tiger Woods is leading the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, by seven strokes after three rounds. The tournament is a World Golf Championships event.

# Tiger rolls at Firestone

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Tiger Woods followed one of the best rounds of his life with a solid 2-under 68 on Saturday in the third round of the Bridgestone Invitational, giving him a seven-shot lead and setting him up for a remarkable eighth victory at Firestone

Country Club. Unlike in a second-round 61 that could easily have been a 59 or even lower, Woods didn't recover from all of his errant shots. He bogeyed the ninth, 14th and 16th holes, failing to bounce back from mediocre shots. Yet he still was good enough to put himself in

position for yet another lopsided victory, one that will likely mark him as the player to beat next week in the PGA Championship at Oak Hill. Woods had a 15-under 195 total. Henrik Stenson was second after a 67, while Jason Duffner also shot 67 and was in third place at 203.

# Sapp, Parcels, Carter among NFL Hall of Fame inductees

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — While his six other classmates for this weekend's enshrinement sported blue golf shirts given them by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Cris Carter was dressed in suit and tie. He might never take them off. "Man, I am in the Hall of Fame. I am wearing a suit every day," Carter said Friday. Carter joined Jonathan Ogden, Larry Allen, Bill Parcells, Warren Sapp, Dave Robinson and Curley Culp as the newest inductees on Saturday night. He was, by far, the most emotional during a news

conference Friday as festivities began for the 50th anniversary celebration of the hall. The only member of the Class of 2013 who didn't win an NFL title, Carter used a handkerchief to wipe away the tears when asked about his career and the fact it took six tries to get elected. "Minnesota fans didn't judge me when a lot of bad things were being said about me," Carter said, frequently pausing to regain his composure. "They always cheered for Cris. The only thing I really wish is we could've won that championship for those people. What they did for my life, every day I went

out there, I played for those people." Parcells was a winner of two NFL titles as a coach. Ogden, one of the premier offensive tackles of his time, grabbed a Super Bowl ring in 2000. Larry Allen was a 1995 champion with Dallas. Sapp, an outstanding defensive tackle with a personality as big as any stadium, won the 2002 championship in Tampa Bay. Robinson, a major cog in Green Bay's championship machine under Vince Lombardi, won the first two Super Bowls. Culp, one of the original pass-rushing demons at defensive tackle, got his ring with the 1969 Chiefs.

# Oden casts his lot with Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — Greg Oden still needs some time to get ready for the rigors of playing in the NBA. He no longer needs a new team, however. The former No. 1 overall draft pick has chosen to sign with the two-time

defending NBA champion Miami Heat, ending months of suspense over where the center whose career has been decimated by a series of knee problems would be attempting his comeback. Mike Conley Sr., one of Oden's agents, said Friday night that the former

Portland center accepted an offer worth about \$1 million for this season. "He just thought that it was the best fit for him, where he's at and especially for how it relates to him coming back," Conley said. "He can be on a winning team and be working his way in slowly."

# GATORS: Goal is sweep of SEC East

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Florida, you have a huge expectation level to compete for championships. So, regardless of the situation, that's what we expect." The plan for now is to keep Driskel involved as much as possible while he gets healthy. "(Driskel) will be involved in the mental side of the game and seeing the defense and those sort of things and being able to get some mental reps through the film work and all of that," Muschamp said. "It will be a day-to-day process is basically how it was explained to me today. All they're worried about are the sutures healing and that there's no infection. Once you get past that stage, it's all a pain tolerance issue. Luckily Jeff's a tough guy, so it's not going to be an issue for him. He wants to get back on the field, but we're going to listen to our medical staff before him on those situations." The Gators also have an injury in Matt Jones, who is out with a viral infection. "He came down with this in the last four or five days,

and right now, we're filling him full of antibiotics and how his body responds will tell me how quickly he can come back," Muschamp said. "I probably won't know definitively until end of next week on that. It's just one of those things that happened, but a guy that should be fine." But the injuries didn't seem to phase Muschamp. He seemed confident about the Gators' chances this fall. He made jokes about woodpeckers being immune to concussions, he joked that Florida must win every SEC East game to make it to the SEC Championship and he made clear that pre-season rankings weren't that important. What he's focused on is having Florida prepared to make a run come Aug. 31. Muschamp's one concern is depth on defense heading into the fall. "I think we have a good enough mixture of guys up front that have played well and can play well for us to be fine," Muschamp said. "I'm concerned about the depth and the quality expe-

rience at the linebacker position, and obviously the safety position." And Muschamp didn't shy away from noting that some of last year's performances are going to be used as motivation. "I do think that we still had a couple games that we didn't play very well or coach very well in, and every player is motivated differently," Muschamp said. "Some of those guys certainly have used that through the off-season as a motivating factor to understand how close we were to some opportunities, and we didn't create those for ourselves. We let those opportunities slip. So we certainly use that as a motivating factor. But more than anything to me, it's about individually improving as a player and collectively that helps you improve as a team. I think our guys have bought into that in understanding the success that each individual can have is a greater opportunity for a better season, which means you're winning more football games."

## BRIEFS

### RMS FOOTBALL Wolves start practice Monday

Richardson Middle School football will begin fall practice at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Players must have a physical to participate. Any player wishing to be a part of this year's team must begin practice by Friday. For details, call Chris Coleman at 365-1542.

### YOUTH FOOTBALL Registration set for city league

Lake City Parks and Recreation Department has registration for its Little League Football program from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Aug. 24 at the Teen Town Center. The league is for girls and boys ages 6-13. Cost is \$50 per child and proof of age is required. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to registration to sign forms. For details, call Heyward Christie at 754-3607.

### CHEERLEADING Registration open on Saturday

Cheerleading registration for Little

League Football is 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Aug. 17 at Memorial Stadium. Total cost is \$95 — \$35 for registration and \$60 if a uniform is needed. For details, call Wilda Drawdy at 965-1377.

### JUNIOR TENNIS Johnny Young offers camp

The final Johnny Young Tennis Camp this summer is 8-11 a.m. Monday through Friday at The Country Club at Lake City. Cost is \$65 for club members and \$80 for non-members. Drinks and snacks will be provided free of charge. The clinics are limited to the first 16 paid children. Register a child or pick up information at The Country Club at Lake City. For details, call Johnny Young at 365-3827 or Carl Ste-Marie at 752-2266.

### GIRLS SOFTBALL Registration for fall season open

Girls Softball Association of Columbia County's registration for the fall season is under way. Sign-up is at Brian's Sports on U.S. Highway 90 west. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required if not already on

file. Cost is \$55 per player or \$75 for two or more siblings. For details, call 984-0003.

### ZUMBA Free classes offered Aug. 18

Sarah Sandlin is offering "A Taste of Zumba" free classes for beginners at Teen Town on Aug. 18. There are four free classes: Shirt cut and design, 2-2:45 p.m.; Zumba kids (ages 6-12), 3-3:30 p.m.; Introduction to Zumba-learn the basic steps, 3:45-4:45 p.m.; Zumba gold beginner class, 5-5:30 p.m. Sandlin's regular \$5 Zumba class will follow. For details, call Sandlin at (386) 438-9292

### YOUTH BASEBALL North Florida Rays tryouts

North Florida Rays 11U travel baseball team has tryouts for the fall season at 10 a.m. Aug. 24 at the Southside Sports Complex Red fields. Anyone interested in playing 11U travel baseball is welcome and encouraged to try out. For details, call Todd Green at 365-5161 or Andy Miles at 867-0678.

From staff reports

## DRISKEL

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may walk in in three or four days and say he's fine based on how he's progressing right now. They may walk in and say it's going to be six, seven more days. I don't know. I'm just waiting on them to tell me." Tyler Murphey will serve as the team's starting quarterback in practice. Muschamp said the Gators will have options at the position however. "Murphy is a clear-cut backup," Muschamp said. "(There will be opportunities) to battle for the third spot. We obviously will have a Trey Burton package, which was very effective for us last year."

## JUMBLE

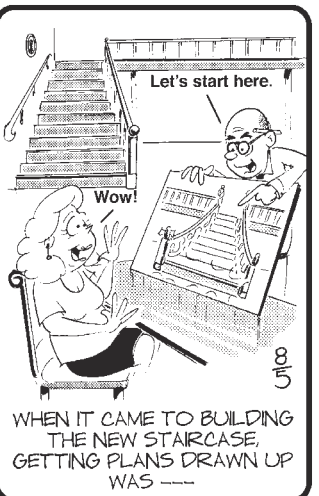
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans. here: THE  
Saturday's Jumbles: SORRY BRAVO BICKER PERMIT  
Answer: He was struggling to find a new guitar because he was — TOO PICKY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

- ACROSS**  
1 Bop on the head  
5 Allow  
8 Fossey pal  
11 Revival cry  
12 Lawman Wyatt  
14 Piece of cloth  
15 Enclosing boundary  
17 Lennon's wife  
18 Kim of "Picnic"  
19 Aerie builders  
21 Smooth the way  
23 Shout  
24 Cramp  
27 Feds (hyph.)  
29 Samovar  
30 Old cars, maybe (hyph.)  
34 Meat go-with  
37 Romaine  
38 Naughty kid  
39 Intimidate
- DOWN**  
1 Mortarboard  
2 Bad sign  
3 Despot who fiddled  
4 Cutlery  
5 Mild onions  
6 Consume  
7 Family diagram
- 41 Quartet minus one  
43 Fawn's dad  
45 Pipe down (2 wds.)  
47 Cry of woe  
50 Jacket feature  
51 Gad about  
54 Tennis stroke  
55 Gargantuan  
56 Barely makes do  
57 Airline initials  
58 —  
59 Miserables

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 On — (lucky)  
9 Jury  
10 Id companions  
13 Said the rosary  
16 Polite address  
20 Heredity unit  
22 White herons  
24 Have dinner  
25 Debate side  
26 "A Bug's Life" hero  
28 More, in Madrid  
30 — — fault  
31 Hosp. area  
32 — compos mentis  
33 Concorde, e.g.  
35 Not much (2 wds.)  
36 Slop holder  
39 Painter Salvador —  
40 Tequila cacti  
41 Pitch  
42 Cuban dance  
44 Fables  
45 Ocean mineral  
46 Newman or McCartney  
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Section C

## Gaming store rises from the ashes

Phoenix Electronics back in business after April 2012 fire.

By TONY BRITT  
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Phoenix Electronics and Phoenix Gaming is not your run-of-the-mill gaming and electronics shop.

The store caters to gamers who like the "old school" games and gaming consoles popular from the 1990s and earlier as well as value-oriented items for modern day gamers and electronics buffs.

John Norman, owner of Phoenix Electronics and Phoenix Gaming and a gamer himself, runs the business in a way only other true gamers could appreciate — he tries to get more people involved in gaming.

Luther Carbaugh, who shares the location with Norman, handles the computer products, while Norman handles the gaming side of the business.

Carbaugh does computer repairs and electronics work at the shop.

The shop also has budget computers for sale from \$50, as well as budget laptop computers beginning at \$125.

Unlike many local gaming stores and venues, Norman has taken a unique approach to gaming. His approach puts more of an emphasis on getting people into various gaming settings through old school video games, older gaming consoles as well as role playing and card games.

Phoenix Electronics and Phoenix Gaming, 736 S. Marion Ave., is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

"We wanted to take a different approach when it came to video games than the normal game store," he said. "All of our games, with a few exceptions of like rare or boxed items, are \$5. You can get an Xbox 360 game, PS3 (Playstation 3) game for \$5."

The \$5 pricing also extends to Xbox, PS2, Nintendo 64, Super Nintendo, Sega and Atari games. Norman said some games are even less. Phoenix Gaming also sells gaming consoles for \$25 - Super Nintendo, Xbox, Nintendo 64 and Playstation 2.

All the hook-ups needed to connect the console and a game are included with the price so when a customer walks out the store after purchasing a game console they can take it home and play right away.

"We do it for the love of the games," Norman said. "With the way the economy is right now, we live in the neighborhood and we know what people are going through and we know how hard it can be. We thought, 'Why not do something different?' Let's take a different approach at it and we've done well. We're expanding."

The expansion has allowed Norman to continue his sale of the older gaming systems, as well as expand into the realm of role-playing card games, card games, desktop games and board games.

"Magic The Gathering



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ABOVE: Sam Rappa looks at his cards while playing a game of Magic The Gathering at Phoenix Electronics and Phoenix Gaming. LEFT: John Norman, owner of Phoenix Electronics and Phoenix Gaming, shows off a handful of dice.

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# MLB drug deal deadline looms

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Looming playoffs could force an end to negotiations in baseball's latest drug scandal as pressure builds to impose penalties so stars can still make the postseason.

Monday appears to be the deadline for Alex Rodriguez and 13 others to accept suspensions for their ties to the Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic. While A-Rod is expected to get a lengthy ban, a penalty starting that day would allow Texas All-Star outfielder Nelson Cruz to return for October.

Major League Baseball is prepared to issue two simultaneous announcements no later than Monday, a person familiar with the process told The Associated Press on Thursday. One would list players who accept suspensions; the other would name those disciplined without deals, but who could challenge penalties before an arbitrator.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

Most players face 50-game suspensions

for their links to the now-closed Florida clinic, which has been accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

But baseball is threatening to kick Rodriguez out for life unless the three-time AL MVP agrees to a long ban, perhaps around 200 games.

Rodriguez appeared ready to talk Thursday as he was leaving the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., waving a group of writers to his car in the parking lot and rolling down the window. However, when he saw a second group with TV cameras approaching, he said: "I'll talk to you guys, but no cameras."

Rodriguez closed the window and waited a moment, then left without saying another word.

Baseball's highest-paid player with a \$28 million salary, Rodriguez played in a simulated game and saw 31 pitches over six at-bats, played third and ran bases.

The Yankees expect A-Rod to be accused of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, attempting to obstruct MLB's investigation, and not being truthful with MLB in the past. Baseball has considered suspending him for violations of its labor contract

and drug agreement, which would cause him to start serving his penalty before the case would go to arbitration.

Sidelined following hip surgery in January and then a strained quadriceps, the 38-year-old third baseman hopes to return to the Yankees in a few days. He is to play Friday and Saturday at Double-A Trenton, putting himself in position to rejoin New York for Monday's series opener at the Chicago White Sox if he's not banned.

Barring a rainout this weekend, Cruz's Rangers would have exactly 50 games remaining before they play at the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night. If he files a grievance, as a first offender, the penalty would be delayed until after a decision by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz. But the lengthy legal process likely would risk his eligibility for the playoffs and the start of next season.

Cruz said Thursday he hadn't made any decision about a possible appeal. Asked whether he was told specifically what penalty could be forthcoming, Cruz responded, "No, I cannot tell you. Sorry."

Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta is the other targeted All-Star on a pennant con-

tender, and the Tigers would have 53 games left before playing at Cleveland on Monday.

Another All-Star shortstop, San Diego's Everth Cabrera, could serve all of a 50-game suspension this year if he begins with the Padres' game against Baltimore on Tuesday.

Others facing discipline include injured Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and Seattle catcher Jesus Montero, who is in the minor leagues with Triple-A Tacoma.

The Miami Herald reported Thursday that the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami had opened a criminal investigation into whether Biogenesis founder Anthony Bosch illegally sold controlled substances to high school students. That probe has the potential to complicate baseball's disciplinary cases if Bosch's lawyers advise him not to participate in MLB grievance hearings, where the commissioner's office presumably would call him to testify and authenticate documents.

AP Sports Writer Stephen Hawkins and AP freelance writer Mark Dittler contributed to this report.

# Despite boom, Big Oil in a slump

By JONATHAN FAHEY  
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK — New troves of oil have been found all over the globe, and oil companies are taking in around \$100 for every barrel they produce. But these seemingly prosperous conditions aren't doing much for Big Oil: Profit and production at the world's largest oil companies are slumping badly.

Exxon Mobil, Shell and BP all posted disappointing earnings this week. Chevron is expected to post a profit decline Friday. All of them face the same problem: The cost to get newfound oil from remote locations and tightly packed rock is high and rising. And it takes years and billions of dollars to get big new production projects up and running.

The higher extraction costs could translate to higher oil and gasoline prices for consumers.

Strong production growth at an oil company can offset higher operating costs, "but when production is flat or declining it's a big hit," says Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones. "Even though oil prices are \$100 or higher, the returns on investment aren't what they used to be."

The new oil being found and produced is in ultra-deep ocean waters, in sands that must be heated to release the hydrocarbons, or trapped in shale or other tight rock that requires constant drilling to keep production steady.

That makes this new oil far more expensive to get out of the ground than what's known as conventional oil — large pools

of oil and gas in relatively easy-to-drill locations. Those reserves have always been hard to find, but now they are all but gone outside of the Middle East.

David Vaucher, who tracks oil production operating costs at IHS CERA, says oilfield operation costs are now at a record high. "The fields are more remote and the resource conditions are more extreme," he says.

New oil projects in the U.S. and Canada, where production is growing faster than anywhere in the world, require high oil prices to be profitable, Vaucher says.

In order to make an industry average return, a new production project in the Canadian oil sands requires a price of \$81 per barrel. For an onshore U.S. field, it's \$70 per barrel, but it ranges from \$45 to \$95 per barrel, depending on

the rate of oil flow. In the Gulf of Mexico, it's \$63. In the Middle East, just \$23 per barrel.

Many oil analysts predict that relatively weak growth in world oil demand coupled with rising production from newfound fields will make for flat or lower oil prices in the years to come. But if big oil companies can't earn strong profits at today's oil prices, it may mean prices will have to rise higher to convince them it's worth the risk to continue to aggressively explore new fields. If they worry they can't make enough money, they'll cut back.

Oswald Clint, an analyst at Bernstein Research, said in a recent report that oil prices can hold steady and even rise into 2015. Among his reasons: The growth of U.S. oil production is slowing because the best

new American fields have been tapped, and the number of rigs probing new fields has flattened out.

One of the more difficult places for Big Oil lately has been onshore in the U.S., which is in the midst of a historic oil boom being driven by the new discoveries. American production is now rising faster than any time since the 1950s.

But major oil companies such as Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Royal Dutch Shell and BP were late to get into the U.S. shale oil game, and therefore had to pay high prices to acquire promising land. And the drilling is hugely expensive, too. Because the oil is thinly dispersed and hard to squeeze out, dozens of wells must be systematically drilled over an area to get to the oil.



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Orval D. Brown	40	Area Foreman Maintenance	Merle R. Barber	10	Superintendent
Marvin G. Buckner	40	Contractor Supervisor	Donald R. Clyatt	10	Combination Repairman
Steve M Frazier	40	Washer Operator Leaderman	Thomas R. Frampton	10	Chief Operator
Larry J. Givens	40	Wrencher	James C. Hinton, Jr.	10	Chief Operator
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## 'Tis the season for grass diseases

Although the heat of summer has been with us for some time, the pattern of daily thunderstorms has returned, bringing along all this high humidity.

These are the conditions that allow many lawn diseases to thrive. All warm season grasses can be injured by diseases, but St. Augustine grass has more than its share of the disease and fungus problem.

Many disease pathogens are always present in established lawns, but the pathogens can readily spread and cause problems when the grass is stressed by other factors. Factors that can weaken grass include mowing too low, too much or too little fertilizer, poorly drained soil, improper irrigation practices and compaction. Correcting these problems can help make your grass healthy enough to compete with the pathogen on its own.

According to research, mowing at the correct height can help thicken the lawn, increase root health and suppress weeds. Just think about all the proven ways your lawn will benefit just by adjusting the height of your mower deck. Mowing should be timed so that no more than one third of the leaf blades are removed. The remaining portion of the blades must produce enough energy for the plant to survive. Scalping the lawn reduces the plant's ability to bounce back from pest damage.

The ideal healthy cutting height of St. Augustine grass and Bahia grass is 3 to 4 inches. Centipede grass should be mowed to a height of 1 to 2 inches, and Bermuda grass should be mowed to about 1 inch. The dwarf St. Augustine grass varieties should be mowed at about 2 inches.

If you really want to help your lawn become healthy, switch your irrigation system to manual. We receive plenty of rain during this time of the year, so only irrigate "as needed." Irrigate only when you see signs that indicate water is actually needed by the plants. These signs include leaf blades folding lengthwise, grass color becoming bluish gray or leaf blades staying bent down in your footprint after you walk across the lawn. When you see one of these signs, irrigate with about 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water. To learn more about when to irrigate your lawn, read <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP054> on the UF/IFAS website.

Some of the diseases to watch out for during hot rainy weather are leaf spots, root rot and take-all root rot. Cercospora leaf spot and gray leaf spot

GARDEN continued on 2D

## HELPING DEBBY'S VICTIMS



Photos by AMANDA WILLIAMSON / Lake City Reporter

Carlton Kieckhafer pulls nails Thursday while helping strip a Lake City home of storm-damaged drywall and insulation. Kieckhafer was one of 18 teenagers from Church of Christ youth groups in Florida cities who volunteered for a mission trip to help local residents still not recovered from damage caused by Tropical Storm Debby last summer. United Way of Suwannee Valley is coordinating the group's efforts.

# Teens on a mission

## United Church of Christ group working to repair local homes.

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON  
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As drywall tumbled to the floor, pink insulation floated around the group of teenagers gathered inside a Lake City residence. Megan Hemberger, from Indian Rocks Beach, grabbed the next handful of drywall, releasing another pink cloud.

The teenagers, 18 in total, were part of a United Church of Christ mission trip, which traveled to the Columbia County from all over Florida to aid Tropical Storm Debby victims. The church partnered with United Way of Suwannee Valley to help the region.

Led by Pastor Sheila Guillaume of West Palm Beach, the group arrived in Lake City Wednesday night. They were welcomed with a pizza party hosted by Bethel United Methodist Church, including brownies and ice cream. Victory Christian Teaching



Melanie Digrigoli, 15, of Indian Rocks Beach, pulls nails while working to strip a local home of storm-damaged drywall on Thursday.

Ministries provided the group a place to stay for the duration of their trip.

"Our focus — in terms of our church — is to love God and our neighbors," Guillaume said. "This is just one way of showing that."

On Thursday, the group

worked to clear out a house that had been struck by lightning during last year's storm. They spent the day pulling down drywall, sweeping up installation, tearing out nails and ripping up carpet. By 2 p.m., they had already filled one large trash container.

"This is wonderful. It makes you feel so good about the future," said United Way case manager Lynne Hodges. "This is summer time, and they're not at the beach. They're here working."

Hodges feels it is extremely important for volunteers to help with relief efforts. The group from the United Church of Christ was the first volunteer group of the summer, she said, but they have plans for more.

"We have many more houses than we can handle," she said. "The more help we can get, the more we can stretch our funding."

On June 26, 2012, Debby made landfall on the Florida coast — after soaking the state for four straight days while it brewed in the Gulf.

The storm deposited up to 30 inches of rain on Columbia County, causing an estimated \$12 million in damage, according to local officials.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Recovery Program summary, 1,789 Columbia County residents filed for assistance after Tropical Storm Debby, compared to 510

MISSION continued on 2D

# Designer joins team for fantasy dog parks

By SUE MANNING  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Interior designer Nate Berkus has been adding fantasy to homes for 16 years, inspiring people with just the right creative touch. But he's been a dog-lover even longer, and he's turning his design expertise to a half-million-dollar fantasy dog park.

Berkus, 41, has joined the creative team for the 2014 Beneful Dream Dog Park Contest. Contestants have to answer one question: "If you had \$500,000 to create a Dream Dog Park where you and your best buddy can play together, what would you do?"

In Lancaster, Pa., the answer included a doggy amusement park with a tennis ball tree and a 40-foot roller coaster bridge. The park there — the third contest winner — opens

Aug. 6.

The first park was built in Johns Creek, Ga., with a family destination theme and includes a bone-shaped bridge, two splash pads, tunnels, rubberized mulch paths and shade trees. The second park in Alabaster, Ala., has synthetic turf, agility rings, a walking trail, a fetch football field, fire hydrant goalposts and a mulch adventure path with tunnels, said Brent Gleckler, brand director for Beneful dog food.

"There is nothing I love more than being with my dog," Berkus said of sidekick Tucker, a black mutt. Together, they visit a dog park nearly every night.

The parks in Alabaster and Johns Creek have been tourist magnets. In Georgia, the city had to make 72 new parking spaces next to the park to accommodate visitors.

In Alabama, people take



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A yellow lab makes use of an agility hoop at the unveiling of America's first Dream Dog Park in Johns Creek, Ga. The \$500,000 renovation of the dog park was awarded to the community by Beneful brand dog food as part of its WagWorld Dream Dog Park Contest.

good care of the park, but the city does a walkthrough once a day, sprays it down twice a week and uses a biodegradable chemical once a month, city parks

director Tim Hamm said. The dog park is part the city's flagship Veteran's Park, with a ball field complex, 2.5-mile walking trail, eight pavilions with picnic

tables, two playgrounds, a skateboard park and veteran's memorial, Hamm said.

PARKS continued on 3D

# Beer by beer, Houston home becomes landmark

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A child of the Great Depression, John Milkovisch didn't throw anything away — not even the empty cans of beer he enjoyed each afternoon with his wife.

So, in the early 1970s when aluminum siding on houses was all the rage, he lugged down the cans he had stored in his attic for years, painstakingly cut open and flattened each one and began to wallpaper his home.

"The funny thing is that it wasn't ... to attract attention," said Ruben Guevara, head of restoration and preservation of the Beer Can House in Houston's Memorial Park area. "He said himself that if there was a house similar to this a block away, he wouldn't take the time to go look at it. He had no idea what was the fascination about what he was doing."

Milkovisch passed away in the mid-1980s, but his wife, Mary, still lived there. Her sons would do work from time to time, replacing rusty steel cans with new ones and restoring a hurricane-destroyed beer wall. And when they feared for her safety because of the gawkers, they put up a pri-



The beer can house, a Houston landmark, sits between newer homes in Houston. Former owner John Milkovisch covered the outside on the house with siding made of cut and flatten beer cans and garlands made from the lids. The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art, a local nonprofit that preserves art installations in the city, bought the property about 10 years ago.

vacy fence, embedding beer cans in that as well.

The neighborhood has rapidly transformed since Mary Milkovisch's death in the mid-1990s, going from a working middle-class area to today's condo- and loft-lined upper-class sector. But the home remains a well-known entity.

Local nonprofit Orange Show Center for Visionary Art bought the property about 10 years ago, began

a careful restoration of the house and opened it to the public.

"It shows the human nature of the individual is supreme. You can take the simplest thing, and it can actually affect a lot of other people," said Houston resident Patrick Louque, who lived in the area when it was John Milkovisch's pet project.

Milkovisch began redecorating the home's exterior

in earnest in 1968, when he purchased a metal canopy for his backyard so he and his wife could have some shade while drinking their afternoon beers. Fed up with lawn-mowing, he covered the yard with concrete blocks, embedding them with marbles he had collected as a boy.

The back wall of the canopied area became a cacophony of colors — sunlight playing tricks as it shone

through the beer bottles and marbles.

Then, he moved on to the side and the front, using long-collected materials and gathering discarded items from the railroad track nearby, where he worked as an upholsterer refurbishing rail cars. Lugging home the things he wanted in a satchel or a wheelbarrow he inherited from his father, Milkovisch would spend a few hours each day out-

side, where his wife — who barred him from doing too much to the interior — had given him free rein.

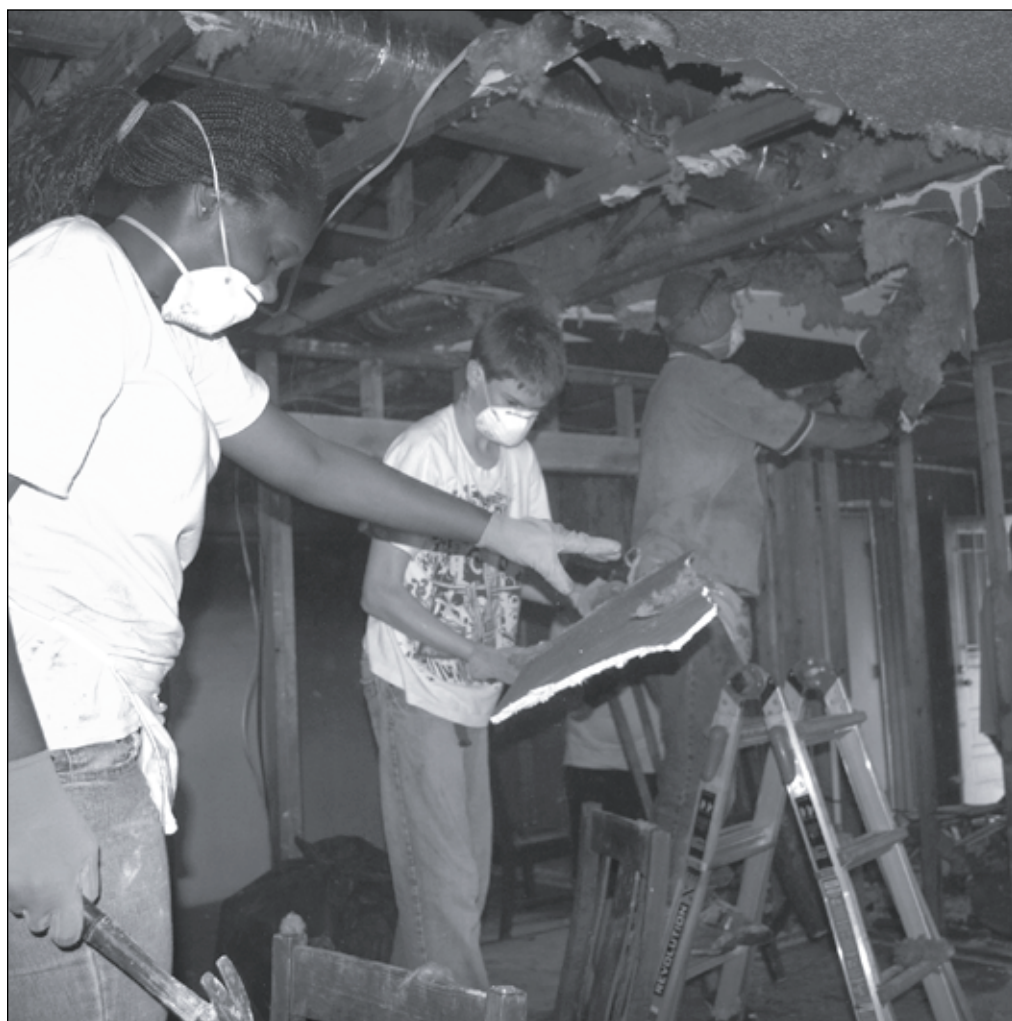
"He used cans, bottles, marbles, redwood," Guevara said. "He drank a lot of beer, him and Mary, and he collected all the beer cans that he would drink. He stored them because he knew he was going to use them, but he didn't know for what."

A lot of beer it was, too. The art center estimates Milkovisch had 50,000 cans that piled up by drinking a six-pack daily over the span of 20 years. For 17 months, working from bottom to top, Milkovisch coated the home with cans of Budweiser, Texas Pride, Shiner — really, whatever brand was on sale. He created long, decorative garlands from beer can tops and hung them along the eaves of his home.

"The front of the house, when that went up, that's when all the buzz began," Guevara said, referring to the garlands that nearly hide the entire front porch and door.

People would drive by, slow down, stare and honk. Often, they would stop and ask questions. So, Milkovisch would do what came most naturally to him.

Invite them in for a beer.



AMANDA WILLIAMSON / Lake City Reporter

Alana Smith (left) reaches out for a piece of drywall being handed to her by Carlton Kieckhafer. At far right, Mike Bourque pulls another strip of the material from the ceiling. "I've never been on a mission trip before," Smith said. "You know, Florida has a lot of hurricanes, and if a hurricane struck my house, I would like people to come help me."

## MISSION: Teens help storm victims

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registrations from the two 2004 hurricanes.

United Way reached out to a number of cases through a needs assessment, and settled on assisting 246 households. The recovery cost totaled \$4,617,721.

While the name of the homeowner assisted by the United Church of Christ youth could not be released, Guillaume and Hodges said he had expressed sincere appreciation.

The group spent

Thursday working on the home, and managed to gut the entire building. Had the homeowner not had the extra help, Hodges said it would have taken a lot longer.

Guillaume was excited about the work accomplished in just one day. In the past, her church participated in a similar project in Fort Pierce.

However, there were only seven teenagers, and it took them a week to finish the same amount of labor accomplished in one day

here.

After Guillaume heard about the need of Columbia County residents, she sent out a call to churches across Florida within her denomination. Youth groups from three cities responded — Indian Rocks Beach, Miami Beach and Northport. Combined with her own group of five from West Palm Beach, four cities participated in the mission trip.

"If everybody gives a little, a lot can happen," she said.

## GARDEN: Season for grass diseases

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will attack St. Augustine grass. The Cercospora leaf spots are long and narrow with brown edges and tan centers. The grey leaf spots have a dark brown outer rings and fuzzy, grey centers. It is important to know the difference because treatments are different. A UF Master Gardener can help identify grass diseases and help you with a management

plan. A key for identifying turf diseases can be found at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/LH064>

The root rots are sometimes not noticed until there has been significant damage done below ground. Take-all root rot may not show symptoms of yellowing grass for two to three weeks. To learn more about lawn diseases, check out the above web-

site or call the UF Master Gardeners on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 752-5384. You can also visit the UF Master Gardeners at the Fort White Library every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

■ D. Nichelle Demorest is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

## HAPPENINGS

### Howells to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Don and Polly Howell of Gilchrist County will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 8, 2013.

The couple were married in Brook, Ind., on Aug. 8, 1953, and first lived in Columbus, Ohio, where Don was stationed with the Air Force during the Korean War. After he was discharged in 1956, they returned to live in Indiana. In 1978, they moved to Cape Coral, Fla., then to Zephyrhills in 1993 and to Gilchrist County after that.

They became the proud parents of four children: Julie Howell Rymond (1955-2005), who lived in Phoenix, Ariz., and had two sons; Paul Howell (1957-2004), who had a son and a daughter; David Howell (1959-1987) and John Howell, who lives with his wife, Amy, and their three sons in San Antonio, Fla. They also have three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

For most of Don's working years, he was in the auto paint and body trade, working in dealerships and in shops he owned. Mrs. Howell was a public school teacher, first in Indiana then in Florida's Lee and Pasco counties. She also taught advanced Bible studies at a Bible college.

Through the years, they have both been active in their local churches, and Don spent a lot of time on the mission field in



COURTESY

Don and Polly Howell.

Haiti. Polly is presently the president of the Lake City Aglow Lighthouse.

The couple invites family and friends to share their memories with them at a reception that will be held in their honor at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, in the Fellowship Hall of the Fort White Church of God. While they would love to see the smiling faces of friends and family at the event, they request no gifts.

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## World of Literature

## Scrapbooks reveal Hemingway's early life

Author's mother's writings about him available online.

BY BRIDGET MURPHY  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Long before Ernest Hemingway first wrote a story, his mother was busy writing about him.

Grace Hall Hemingway started a series of scrapbooks documenting the childhood of the future Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winner by describing how the sun shone and robins sang on the day in July 1899 when he was born.

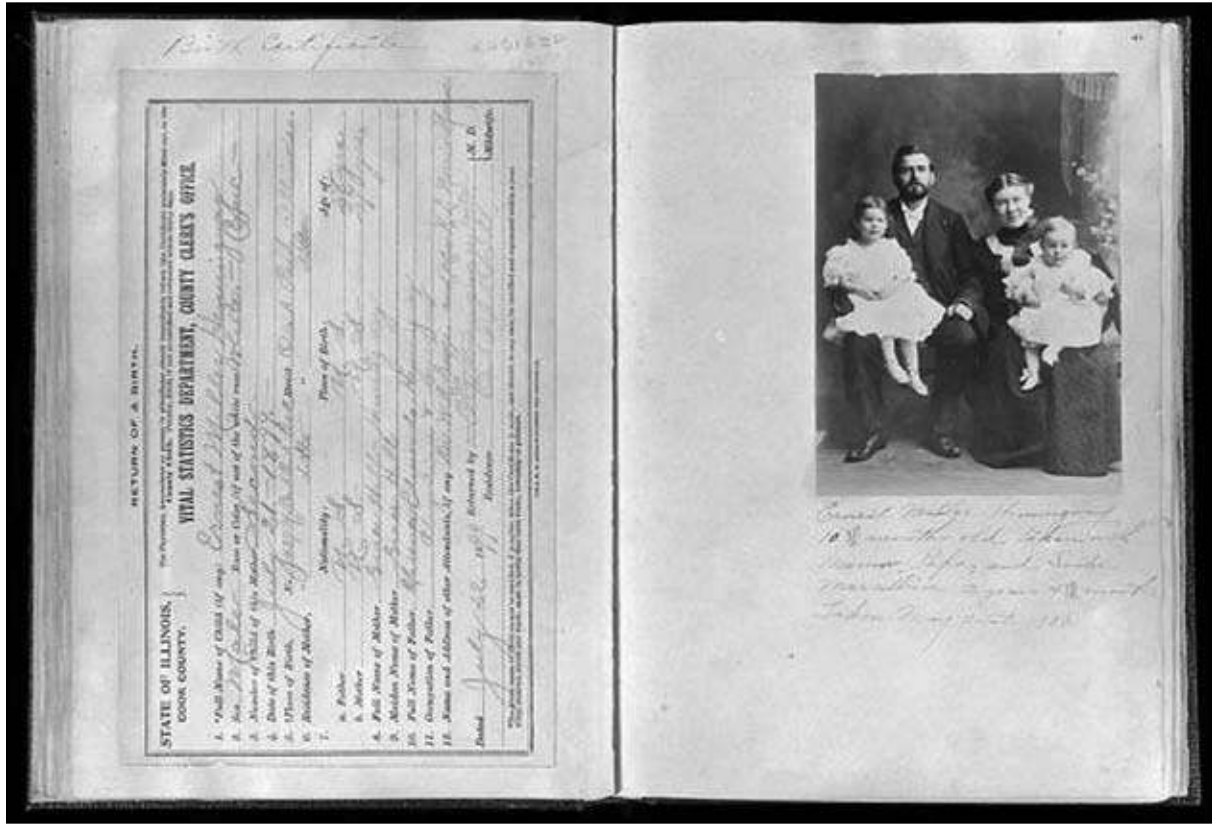
Starting today, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston will make the content of five Hemingway scrapbooks available online for the first time, giving fans and scholars the chance to follow the life of one of the 20th century's literary greats from diapers to high school degree.

Hemingway Collection curator Susan Wrynn said much of the content hasn't been made available to the public before and only a few researchers have seen it in its entirety. The fragile leather-bound volumes have been kept in a dark vault for about four decades to keep them from falling apart.

The release of these records from the archive, home to 90 percent of existing Hemingway manuscript materials, will come on what would have been the scribe's 114th birthday.

"I think it will be a very rich resource for people interested in learning about this period of his life," Sean Hemingway, the author's grandson, said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "He had tremendous talent. It must have been there from the beginning. So I'm sure there are clues in there to that."

Pennsylvania State University



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This photo provided by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library shows the birth certificate and family photograph of Ernest Hemingway from a scrapbook created by his mother, Grace Hall Hemingway, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. The JFK Library and Museum in Boston has digitized pages from five scrapbooks that the mother made to document her son's early life.

professor Sandra Spanier, who is general editor of a project that will publish Hemingway's letters in more than a dozen volumes, said the scrapbooks that the author's mother created offer details of his daily life up until age 18 that aren't anywhere else.

"She almost made their lives into a story ... and I think that carries over into his life and his fiction," she said.

There's a scribbling from when Hemingway wasn't quite 3 years old that the future war correspondent and novelist — who later won a Pulitzer Prize for "The Old Man and the Sea" — told his mother depicted the roaring sea. Other early passages also hinted at the writer Hemingway would become.

Before he was 4, Hemingway

was trooping into the woods to go hunting with his father and "using long words" and making "sage remarks," according to his mother, who enclosed photos of her son trout fishing and holding his own rifle.

"Can cock my own gun," one of her captions read.

By the time Hemingway was 5, his mother noted that he was collecting war cartoons and had an appreciation for characters with courage.

"He loves stories about Great Americans," she wrote.

The scrapbooks have a plethora of family photos from the Hemingway family's home in Oak Park, Ill., and their vacation cottage on a lake in Northern Michigan, including shots of a bare-bottomed baby Hemingway

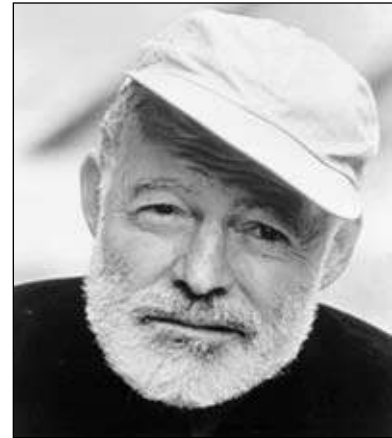
playing in the water by a canoe.

They include letters to Hemingway and others he wrote as a child, including a note of contrition in which he confessed to bad behavior in church.

"My conduct tomorrow will be good," 13-year-old Hemingway promised.

The scrapbooks also contain childhood paintings and tell of Hemingway playing the cello, suiting up for a "lightweight" football squad and taking up boxing. During his junior year of high school, he was on his school's prom committee and, according to a report card note from his Latin teacher, showed "improvement both in attitude and work."

As Hemingway matured, the scrapbooks showcased his ear-



Author Ernest Hemingway is shown in this undated photo. For some 25 years, Hemingway's last full-length work of fiction sat under seal in a Boston archive, read only by his relatives, publishers and a few archivists. Now, "True at First Light" is ready for publication. Edited by the late author's 70-year-old son, Patrick, the manuscript is a fictionalized account of Hemingway's 1954 safari to Africa.

liest attempts at the craft that would come to define his professional life. Among them were a short story from his high school's literary magazine, clippings from some of his first assignments as a high school newspaper reporter and a sonnet in which 16-year-old Hemingway seemed to poke fun at himself.

"Nobody likes Ernest, that, is straight stuff," he said, "and when he writes stories — we all cry 'Enough.'"

The scrapbooks are part of the collection that Hemingway's widow, Mary, gifted to the JFK Library and Museum after the author's 1961 suicide. Sean Hemingway said he's excited by their public release and called them one of the ways he's become familiar with a grandfather he never met.

"He died before I was born," the 46-year-old said. "Looking at these kinds of things ... I feel like I have gotten a chance to know him a bit."



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A woman poses for photos in front of the restored space shuttle Galileo from the 1960's television show 'Star Trek' at Space Center Houston in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday.

## Restored Star Trek space shuttle Galileo arrives in Houston

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — When the smoke cleared and the music died down, Candy Torres could no longer contain herself. Looking at the shiny, restored Star Trek Galileo shuttlecraft sitting in Houston in all its TV glory, she broke down.

"All of a sudden I was just crying. I was in tears. I couldn't believe it," Torres said, donning a brown tourist engineer hat and a NASA mission operations shirt. "It meant something."

And Torres wasn't alone. Trekkies of all stripes arrived in Houston Wednesday for the momentous unveiling of the shuttlecraft that crash-landed on a hostile planet in the 1967 "Star Trek" episode called "The Galileo Seven." Some wore Scotty's Repair Shop T-shirts, others full-blown spandex outfits worn by Mr. Spock and his peers in the famous TV show and movies that have garnered a following so large and so devoted it is almost cult-like.

Adam Schneider paid \$61,000 for the battered

shuttlecraft in an auction and spent about a year restoring the fiberglass ship and making it look nearly as it did on that episode. He flew in from New York to mark the unveiling at the Space Center Houston, where it will be permanently displayed not far from NASA's Mission Control.

"Unbelievably proud," he said, beaming alongside the white shuttle. "Like sending your kid to college and having them get a job to build a successful life, because this was under our care for a year and we grew very attached."

Jeff Langston, 45, drove more than 160 miles from Austin with his two sons to see the moment. He and his 12-year-old son, Pearce, wore matching red Scotty's Repair Shop T-shirts. His 10-year-old son, Neo, couldn't find his shirt, but that didn't put a damper on the moment.

"It was very exciting," Neo said, bouncing on his feet. "When they filmed Star Trek the Galileo was cool and now that they remade it, it's cool to see a new version of the Galileo. And it's beautiful."

## Hotel offers pop-up inflatable room

By CATHERINE TSAI  
Associated Press

DENVER — For a limited time, a Denver hotel is offering a package with a one-night stay in a pop-up, inflatable room that rises 22 feet in the air, thanks to a scissor lift on top of the van on which it sits.

The cost: \$50,000.

There is a weight limit. No smoking is allowed.

Architect Alex Schweder created the 5-foot-by-7-foot, see-through room atop a van for the Biennial of the Americas festival of arts, culture and ideas in Denver. It has a chemical toilet, shower, sink, inflatable bed and couch, and curtains. It is being driven to parking lots around town through Aug. 23.

"It's a very small room but a very special room," Schweder said. "You're always on the top floor."

Now the Curtis hotel, which sponsored the piece, is offering the curi-



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A hotel room made of aluminum and inflated vinyl is held aloft by a van-mounted scissor lift, on promotional display in a parking lot in downtown Denver.

ous a chance to stay in the aluminum and inflated vinyl structure called "the hotel rehearsal."

Much of Schweder's work centers on the performance of architecture, focusing not so much on a structure but the actions within it. After Schweder

learned developers want to turn several Denver parking lots into hotels, he created "the hotel rehearsal" as a foreshadowing of how the space could change. One early draft involved suspending the room from a crane. Schweder was encouraged to keep it

more grounded.

For \$50,000, a guest would get one weekend night in the puffy space, plus lots of extras including a diamond pendant and earrings, two iPod Nanos and a dance party for 100 people in a ballroom of the Curtis. The inflatable room holds 450 pounds. No alcohol is allowed inside, in hopes of discouraging people from using it as a bouncy castle.

At least one person has inquired about the room, said Kate Thompson, sales director at the Curtis. Schweder said much of the \$50,000 will go toward insurance, but customers also will be supporting the future of the Biennial of the Americas.

Schweder, who is based in New York and the United Kingdom, spent two nights in the room. While it has curtains, Schweder left the roof uncovered during his stay so he could peer up at the sky.

## PARKS: Towns open fantasy parks for dogs

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Every day, they get calls from tourists asking about hours and directions.

"The more people that come to our city, the more people will stop, eat and buy gas. We are all for that. Out-of-town users are great," Hamm said. "Anybody who wants to come, we more than welcome them in town."

Beneful has some requirements — large dogs must be separated from small dogs; the park has to be fenced for off-leash play; and it has to be a public or nonprofit park, open to the public at no charge.

"A park is a place for a community to come together. These parks are

specifically designed for pet owners and their dogs, but everyone is welcome," Berkus said. "We're really looking at it from the dog's perspective. We will use smart materials that will last a long time, and make sure we factor in pet behaviors and create not only beautiful fun places but intelligently laid out places as well."

At Alabaster, the dog rules are typical of most dog parks: The off-leash area is for dogs, their handlers and those accompanying them, dogs have to be vaccinated, puppies and adult females in heat are banned and everyone has to clean up after their own

### Online:

- Interior designer Nate Berkus, <http://www.nateberkus.com/>
- Beneful Dream Dog Park Contest, <http://www.beneful.com/dream-dog-park>.

dog.

Hamm said except for a few minor fights, there has been no trouble at the park. If there is a fight on your watch, the park has that covered too: A sign tells visitors "How to Break Up a Dog Fight."

Berkus, who has an upcoming NBC show called "American Dream

Builders," is teaming up with contractor Jason Cameron, host of the DIY Network's "Man Caves," and Arden Moore, founder of fourleggedlife.com, for the latest contest.

So if Berkus were asked to design a \$500,000 park for Tucker, what would he do?

"I would probably spend \$495,000 bringing in squirrels because that's what Tucker likes. He's pretty simple. The sky is really the limit. It's an enormous budget and an enormous contribution to the communities where these parks are built and it really is meant to be a fantasyland."



DEAR ABBY

Grandma of eight calls halt to last-minute baby-sitting



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 60-year-old grandmother of eight wonderful grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 24. My question is about baby-sitting.

I believe my children think we OWE them baby-sitting duties. I don't mind baby-sitting once in a while, when I feel like it. But I don't feel like it when the parents want to go out and party, or they tell me at the last minute, "little Susie needs some Grandma time," or they want to go to the gym because they don't want to give up the freedom they had before their children came along.

What are your thoughts on boundaries for this generation of parents-who-want-it-all at the expense of my generation who, back in the day, if a neighbor kid couldn't baby-sit, we just stayed home? I know I should have set some rules at the beginning, but I'm starting to feel resentful of their expectations. - WANTS SOME FREEDOM, TOO, IN MINNESOTA

DEAR WANTS SOME FREEDOM, TOO: There is truth to the saying that "good fences make good neighbors," and the philosophy applies to many

circumstances. Setting clear boundaries makes for healthier relationships. Keep in mind that many grandparents would love to have your "problem." But as you stated, your problem was in not setting ground rules from the beginning.

Because you feel resentful, it's time to have a frank talk with your children and say that as much as the grandkids may "need" Grandma time, Grandma also needs Grandma time. And when you do, be firm - because unless you stand your ground, nothing will change.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 62 years old and a widower. My wife passed away in July 2011. It has taken me a while to get over losing her. I realize how much she did for me as I have been learning how to be a house husband without a wife.

My wife told me this was the first house she lived in that had a dishwasher. She was so proud of it! I could never understand why she would wash the dishes before putting them into the dishwasher. Now I have to do it myself, I understand why. My question is, is there a detergent that will actually CLEAN the dishes?

Also, do you have any cute readers who would like to teach an old man how to clean house? - FENDING FOR MYSELF

DEAR FENDING: I'm sorry I can't print your name or location because if I did, you might be crushed in the stampe. If you and your late wife were married 20 or 30 years and the dishwasher was already installed in the house when you moved in, it is now practically an antique. Because you have tried several brands of detergent and your dishes aren't getting clean, you probably need a new dishwasher. (And I do not mean a cute, young one.)

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

strive to get along better with someone who can offer you support, love and stability. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get down to basics and make alterations at home that will ease your stress and ensure that you will be able to follow a lifestyle that suits your personality. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Whatever you do to help others will benefit you in the end. Explore your options and reconnect with people you have enjoyed working with in the past. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen to what's being said and avoid getting involved in conversations that can lead to controversy. A change may be required in order to feel comfortable in your surroundings or with the people you must deal with to get ahead. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

21): Explore new interests. Find out about someone or something you want to become more familiar with. Traveling to a destination that will motivate or teach you something new will result in an idea that can help you improve your financial situation. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A financial or physical problem will develop if you are too abrupt or impulsive in the way you do things. You may be enticed by how others are conducting business, but you must be conservative in your dealings. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more emphasis on relationships. Do whatever it takes to secure your place in someone's heart. Speak about your plans or romantic desires and you will enhance a relationship that is important to you in all aspects of life. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make sure you are consistent and concise when you discuss your plans for the future. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make plans to have fun with friends, family or your lover. Taking time out to relax and be pampered will set the standard for the way you want to do things in the future. Love is highlighted and a lifestyle change looks positive. ★★★★★

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.

" BJS MXJU HB LZZWCXIV: ZYZOB NDB CV D IC LA. CA V PSVA. NJZV CA FDYZ AJ RZ D GDCO JL VJTMV? " - AJXB VJGODXJ (PDHZV IDXNJWLCXC)

Previous Solution: "I do miss Saturday Night Live, that's for sure." - Mike Myers "Well, isn't that special?" - Dana Carvey

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

FAST WORK By Andrew Reynolds / Edited by Will Shortz

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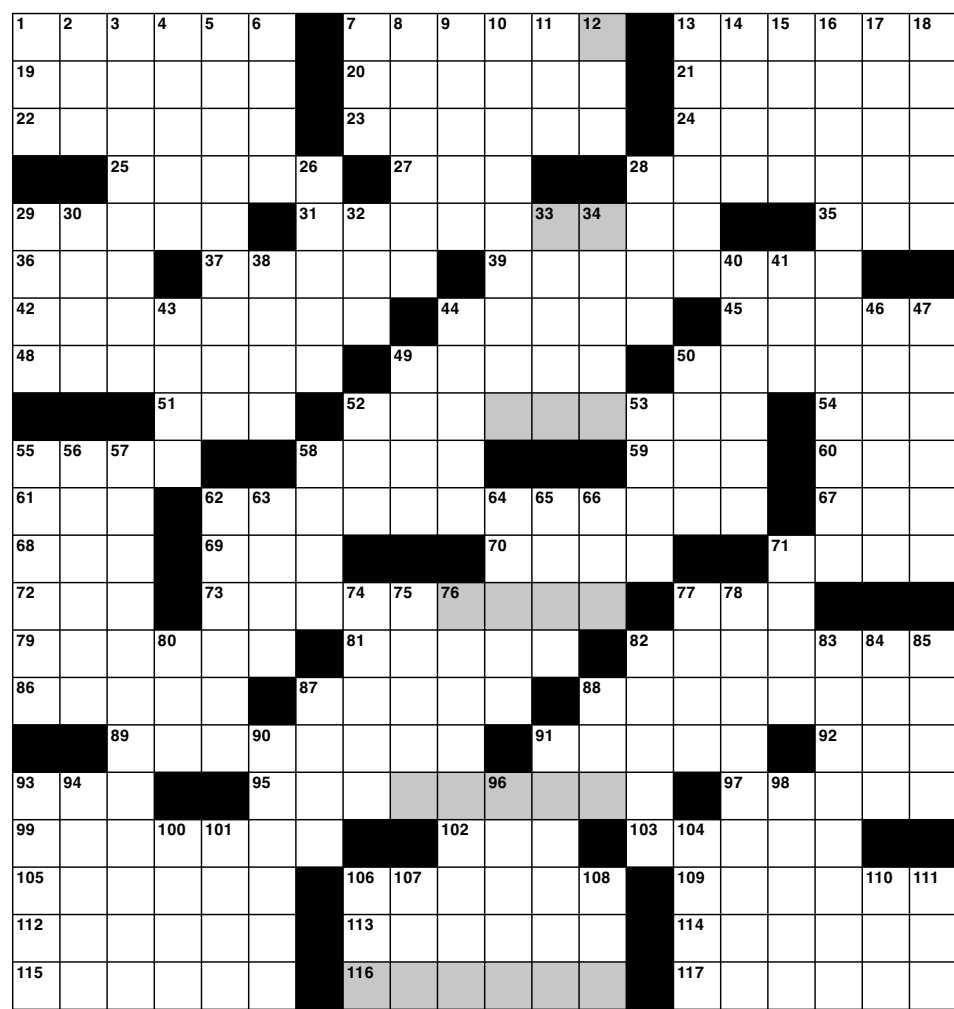


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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

Grid of letters representing the answers to the previous Sunday's crossword puzzle.

Small grid of numbers for a logic puzzle, similar to the one on the left.

## FOOD

# Mastering true North Carolina-style barbecue

Patience is needed to achieve quality, authentic product.

By **ELIZABETH KARMEL**  
*Associated Press*

This is the dish that started my love affair with grilling and barbecue! North Carolina-style pulled pork!

Because when I moved away from my home state of North Carolina, I realized that I was going to have to teach myself to make pulled pork or only enjoy it once a year when I went home to visit.

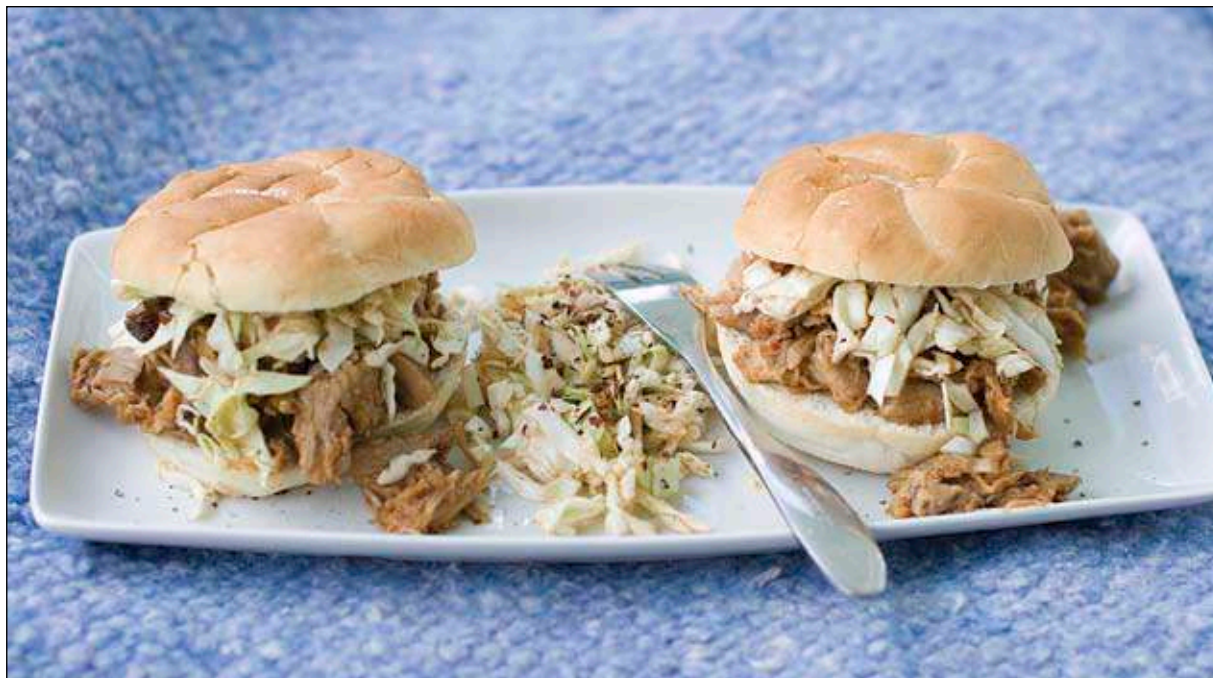
In North Carolina, barbecue is a noun, and it is defined as pulled pork with a distinctive tangy vinegar sauce or "dip" as it is called in some parts of the state. No sweet tomato sauce allowed! The pork is either "pulled" into pieces or chopped with a meat cleaver, and dressed with the thin peppery sauce. The succulent pork is spooned onto a plate, or on a classic white hamburger bun — no sesame seeds, ever! — and topped with slaw. And the slaw is as straight forward as the pork — chopped green cabbage tossed with the same vinegar sauce.

The first time that I made it, I cooked a couple of pork butts on a gas grill using indirect heat and a low temperature. A couple of soaked hickory wood chunks scented the meat and I cooked the butts until the fat was completely rendered and the top resembled cracklins.

I also improvised and created my own vinegar dip to sauce the pork as I pulled it. I had no idea what the proportions were and I literally made it by taste memory.

Apple-cider vinegar was the base, a touch of ketchup sweetened and colored the sauce that was hot with three kinds of pepper — black, white and red pepper flakes. The flakes are the sign of authentic North Carolina dressed pork, as they stick to the meat and pepper it with mild heat and red color. White sugar and kosher salt balance the heat and the tang of the vinegar. Dark brown sugar adds a depth of flavor.

The sauce is simple to make, but the effect is anything but simple. It cuts through the richness of the smoked meat and



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North Carolina-style pulled pork sandwich with North Carolina barbecue sauce and coleslaw is the epitome of down-home Southern cuisine.

enhances it rather than cover it up like heavier barbecue sauces can. When I take the time and the passion to barbecue, I want to taste the meat, not the sauce. This is the beauty of a North Carolina vinegar sauce; it doesn't cover up the silky, smoky, caramelized pork that is the star of the sandwich.

You can make the sauce and the slaw while the pork is cooking, or you can make them the day before.

The key to great North Carolina-style barbecue is being patient. There isn't a fancy rub or a mop or a lot of tending to do. Cook the pork over a consistent indirect heat until it reaches an internal temperature of about 195 F.

That is a higher temperature than most books will tell you, but that is the necessary temperature to make all of the connective tissues break down. The meat becomes so tender that all you need to pull it is two forks. I'm old fashioned and never use a cleaver. That's chopped pork and that's a whole other thing entirely!

## NORTH CAROLINA-STYLE PULLED PORK SANDWICH

North Carolina barbecue is seasoned by time and wood smoke! Remember, the larger your piece

of meat, the longer it will take to cook. And there is no rushing real barbecue.

Start to finish: 6 hours  
Servings: 10

### Ingredients:

Hickory wood chips, soaked in water for 30 minutes  
7- to 9-pound bone-in pork butt or Boston Butt  
Olive oil  
Kosher salt and ground black pepper  
Barbecue sauce (see recipe below)  
North Carolina coleslaw (see recipe below)  
10 unseeded hamburger buns

### Instructions:

Prepare a charcoal or gas grill for low heat, indirect cooking. For a charcoal grill, this means banking the coals to one side. For a gas grill, turn off the heat on one side. Aim to maintain a temperature of 300 F.

Do not trim any excess fat off the pork; this fat will naturally baste the meat and keep it moist during the long cooking time. Brush the pork with a thin coating of olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a clean tray until ready to cook.

Before placing the meat on the grill, add soaked wood chips. For a charcoal grill, place the chips directly on white-gray ash

briquettes. For a gas grill, use a smoking box according to product directions. If using a charcoal grill, you will need to add charcoal every hour during cooking to maintain the heat.

Place the pork in the center of the cooking grate fat-side up. Cook slowly for 5 to 6 hours at 300 F, or until a thermometer inserted at the middle of the pork registers 190 F to 200 F. The meat should be very tender and falling apart.

If there is a bone in the meat, it should come out smoothly and cleanly, with no meat clinging to it. There is no need to turn the meat during the entire cooking time.

Let the meat rest for 20 minutes, or until cool enough to handle. Using 2 forks, pull the meat from the skin, bones and fat. Set aside any crispy bits of fat that have been completely rendered and look almost burned. Working quickly, use the forks to shred the chunks of meat by crossing the forks and "pulling" the meat into small pieces.

While the meat is still warm, mix with enough barbecue sauce to moisten and season the meat, about 3/4 cup to 1 cup. The recipe can be made in advance up to this point and reheated in a double boiler with about 1/4 cup additional sauce.

Serve on white hamburger buns and top with North Carolina coleslaw. Serve additional sauce on the side, if desired.

## NORTH CAROLINA BARBECUE SAUCE

This recipe makes enough to use for both the pork and the coleslaw.

Start to finish: 5 minutes  
Makes about 3 cups

### Ingredients:

2 cups cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 tablespoon ground white pepper  
1/2 to 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 cup ketchup

### Instructions:

Mix all ingredients together and let sit at least 10 minutes or up to several weeks in the refrigerator. Note that the longer the sauce sits, the hotter it gets since the heat from the red pepper flakes is brought out by the vinegar. Start with 1/2 tablespoon red pepper flakes, then add more to taste.

## COLESLAW

Start to finish: 2 hours (5 minutes active)  
Servings: 10

### Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups North Carolina barbecue sauce  
1/2 medium head green cabbage, chopped

### Instructions:

In a large bowl, mix together the sauce and cabbage. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Elizabeth Karmel is a grilling and Southern foods expert and executive chef at Hill Country Barbecue Market restaurants in New York and Washington, as well as Hill Country Chicken in New York. She is the author of three cookbooks, including "Soaked, Slathered and Seasoned."

# Pigs smart as dogs? Activists pose the question

By **DAVID CRARY**  
*AP National Writer*

NEW YORK — There's extensive evidence that pigs are as smart and sociable as dogs. Yet one species is afforded affection and respect; the other faces mass slaughter en route to becoming bacon, ham and pork chops.

Seeking to capitalize on that discrepancy, animal-welfare advocates are launching a campaign called The Someone Project that aims to highlight research depicting pigs, chickens, cows and other farm animals as more intelligent and emotionally complex than commonly believed. The hope is that more people might view these animals with the same empathy that they view dogs, cats, elephants, great apes and dolphins.

"When you ask people why they eat chickens but not cats, the only thing they can come up with is that they sense cats and dogs are more cognitively sophisticated than then species we eat — and we know this isn't true," said Bruce Friedrich of Farm Sanctuary, the animal-protection and vegan-advocacy organization that is coordinating the new project.

"What it boils down to is people don't know farm animals the way they know dogs or cats," Friedrich said. "We're a nation of animal lovers, and yet the animals we encounter most frequently are the animals we pay people to kill so we



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Anastasia, a young farm pig, walks around her yard at the Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in Ravenna, Ohio in 2007. Debate is growing over the treatment of pigs, chicken and other farm animals, which advocates claim are as smart as dogs and cats and thus should be treated better.

can eat them."

The lead scientist for the project is Lori Marino, a lecturer in psychology at Emory University who has conducted extensive research on the intelligence of whales, dolphins and primates. She plans to review existing scientific literature on farm animals' intelligence, identify areas warranting new research, and prepare reports on her findings that would be circulated worldwide via social media, videos and her personal attendance at scientific conferences.

"I want to make sure this is all taken seriously," Marino said in an interview. "The point is not to rank these animals but to re-educate people about who they are. They are very sophisticated animals."

For Marino and Friedrich, who are both vegans, the goals of the project are two-fold — to build broader public support for humane treatment of farm animals and to boost the ranks of Americans who choose not to eat meat.

"This project is not a way to strong-arm people into

going vegan overnight but giving them a fresh perspective and maybe making them a little uncomfortable," Marino said.

"Maybe they'll be thinking, 'Hmm, I didn't know cows and pigs could recognize each other and have special friends,'" she said. "That might make them squirm a little, but that's OK."

The major associations representing chicken and pork producers say the farmers they represent already have taken strides to minimize cruel treatment

of farm animals.

"While animals raised for food do have a certain degree of intelligence, Farm Sanctuary is seeking to humanize them to advance its vegan agenda — an end to meat consumption," said David Warner of the National Pork Producers Council. "While vegans have a right to express their opinion — and we respect that right — they should not force their lifestyle on others."

Gwen Venable of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association said poultry provides a valuable, affordable source of protein.

"Consumers should be able choose their food based on their own dietary preferences and nutritional needs and without being unduly influenced by any one group's personal agenda," she wrote in an email. "We do not feel that Farm Sanctuary's campaign is reasonable, as the campaign's ultimate goal would be to eradicate poultry and pork from consumers' diets."

Thomas Super of the National Chicken Council said efforts to link farm animals with household pets was part of a strategy to create a "meat-free society." He also contended that the farmers and companies involved in raising chickens have a vested interest in ensuring they are healthy and well-treated.

While The Someone Project will encompass several species of farm animals, pigs are likely to be one of the prime sub-

jects, given the breadth of past studies of their intelligence and behavior. Some researchers say pigs' cognitive abilities are superior to 3-year-old children, as well as to dogs and cats.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has a section on its website entitled "The Hidden Lives of Pigs" which depicts them as social, playful and protective animals with a vocabulary of more than 20 different oinks, grunts and squeaks.

"Pigs are known to dream, recognize their own names, learn tricks like sitting for a treat, and lead social lives of a complexity previously observed only in primates," the website says. "Like humans, pigs enjoy listening to music, playing with soccer balls, and getting massages."

The website recounts news stories of pigs saving the lives of imperiled humans and saving themselves by jumping off trucks bound for slaughterhouses.

Treatment of pigs has been a political issue in several states due to efforts to pass laws banning the confinement of breeding pigs in gestation crates.

Friedrich said he makes the most headway with state legislators on this issue when he argues that pigs are more cognitively and emotionally advanced than dogs or cats.

"They would recoil in horror if dogs and cats were subjected to the same conditions," he said.