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Inmate charged in razor attack

Slit cellmate's neck in 2013, DOC alleges.

By SARAH LOFTUS
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WELLBORN — An inmate at Suwannee Correctional Institution has been indicted on charges of attempted first degree murder for slashing the neck of his cellmate and refusing to let the man call for help last year, court records show.

Adam Baird, 23, also faces charges of possession of contraband by an inmate and depriving a crime victim of medical care.

On April 4, 2013, Baird, who was serving a 30-year sentence for carjacking with a deadly weapon in Volusia County, slashed Michael Beyer in the neck and face with a razor blade, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Beyer said he went to bed around 2:30 a.m. and woke up with Baird straddling him, his arms pinned beneath Baird's legs. Beyer told officials Baird hit him in the face four or five times with his fist and then slashed his face and neck.

Baird got off Beyer, and Beyer tried to stand up, but Baird pushed him back down on the bed. Baird then made slashing motions, Beyer said. When Beyer put his hands up to defend himself, he said Baird cut his hands. Baird then told Beyer to face the wall and lie still, the affidavit said. He also told Beyer he would hurt him more if he moved or talked.

Baird placed a blanket over Beyer and forced him to lie still under the blanket for about two hours and 20 minutes, according to the affidavit.

Baird then watched while officers completed their security checks.

Sometime from 5-6 a.m., Baird noticed blood was soaking through the blanket and put the blanket from his own bed on Beyer's body, Beyer told officials.

Soon after, Baird told Sergeant John Patten, "Sarge you need to cuff me

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ERNEST LARRY GRANDISON

GUILTY

Sentenced to life for 2012 murder of store owner



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Ernest Larry Grandison waves to his family Wednesday after being sentenced to life for the 2012 murder of store owner Rajnikant K. Patel at the A&M Discount Beverage Store. He was sentenced to a minimum mandatory of life for first degree felony murder and another life term for armed robbery, both without the possibility of parole.

Seven-man, five-woman jury took just over 2 hours to convict on all counts.

By TONY BRITT
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Ernest Larry Grandison was sentenced to two life terms in prison Wednesday afternoon after a Columbia County jury convicted him of felony murder in the 2012 shooting death of a local convenience store owner.

A seven-man, five-woman jury spent a little more than two hours deliberating before returning the guilty verdicts to Third Circuit Judge Leandra Johnson.

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Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Williams (right) fingerprints Grandison, who was found guilty of murder and armed robbery on Wednesday.



COURTESY

Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies serve a warrant on Matthew Christian Duffer at his home.

CCSO: Child porn found in raid

Local man is arrested.

By EMILY STANTON
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A Lake City man was arrested on charges of possession of child pornography and transmission of pornography by electronic device Wednesday, according to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Matthew Christian Duffer, 29, was charged with 12 counts for each offense.

CCSO searched 3839 East U.S. Highway 90 Lot 1 after receiving information that a local man had downloaded child porn onto his personal computers, CCSO said. Sheriff's detectives along with the Florida Department of

CHILD PORN continued on 3A

APRIL'S TOXIC WASTE ROUND-UP

More than 50K pounds collected

By EMILY STANTON
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More than 50,000 pounds of materials were collected for the 2014 Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event April 12.

A total of 512 households brought in 52,244 pounds — 26.1 tons — of hazardous waste to be properly disposed of by the Winfield Solid Waste Facility.

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Latex paint was the heaviest contender in April's waste collection, weighing in at more than 17,000 pounds.

A HUGE HAUL

* All numbers listed in pounds

- Flammable liquids (gas/solvents): 2,646
- Alkyd paint: 5,048
- Flammable solids (roof tar): 2,879
- Latex paint: 17,478
- Aerosol cans: 513
- Used oil and other lubricants: 4,800
- Used oil filters: 250
- Pesticides/insecticides/poisons: 1,256
- Antifreeze: 180
- Fluorescent lamps: 212
- Automotive batteries: 1,203
- Rechargeable nicad batteries: 28
- Propane tanks: 680
- Corrosive liquids/solids (acids and bases): 696
- E-scrap (TVs, computers): 12,730
- Medications (prescriptions/over the counter): 220
- Non PCB ballasts: 158
- Waste vegetable oil: 1,240
- Oxidizing liquids/solids: 27
- TOTAL: 52,244**



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MEGAN REEVES/Lake City Reporter

Playing 'Kick-the-Ball' at Alligator Lake

Thurston Porter, 7 (from left), Terrance Porter, 3, Bryson Nosis, 3, RJ Warren, 7, Ronn'djaia, 14, and MJ Beverly, 4 (front), play on the playground at Alligator Lake Park Wednesday afternoon. "The game is called Kick-the-Ball," MJ said. "You kick it and get points when it bounces down. If it bounces after it hits the ground that's a combo, so you get bonus points."

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
— Ephesians 3:20-21

Thought for Today

The path of least resistance leads to crooked rivers and crooked men. — Henry David Thoreau, author of "Walden" and "Civil Disobedience" (1817-1862)

Winning Lottery Numbers

Cash 3: (Wednesday) 3-6-3
Play 4: (Wednesday) 5-7-5-4
Fantasy 5: (Tuesday) 6-8-11-13-22

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Woman charged after dog dies in hot car

A Florida woman faces animal cruelty charges following the death of a dog that authorities say was left in her car for more than 13 hours.

Crestview police detectives say the woman appeared to have mental health issues and told them a head injury causes her to forget things. The woman said she forgot that she left the bulldog mix in her SUV overnight while she wandered a Walmart Supercenter in Florida's Panhandle last month.

The car was left running with the air conditioner on, but officers said air had stopped circulating before the dog died. An officer had checked on the dog earlier that morning and determined the

dog was fine in the air conditioned car. Passers-by called police several hours later after the dog died in the hot car.

Day 2: Visitors wait 5 hours for new Harry Potter ride

ORLANDO — For a second day in a row, visitors are waiting up to five hours to get on a new Harry Potter ride at Universal Orlando Resort in Florida.

A sign at the entrance to the ride, Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts, at midday Wednesday said the wait would be 300 minutes.

Some visitors, like Juan Sigler and his family from Pembroke Pines, Florida, say the ride is worth the wait. They say they

felt immersed in Harry Potter's world.

Others like Jason Phillips and his family from Baton Rouge say no ride is worth that long a wait.

They had to board the ride three different times Wednesday morning since it stopped twice because of technical glitches.

Court date could be set in theater shooting case

DADE CITY — Attorneys for a retired Tampa police captain accused of shooting a man in a movie theater might use a "stand your ground" defense at trial next year.

Attorneys for Curtis Reeves Jr. will

have to let the court know four weeks before the trial starts if they plan to use the "stand your ground" defense.

Reeves is charged with second-degree murder in the Jan. 13 shooting of Chad Oulson of Land O'Lakes.

Prosecutors said Oulson was shot in the chest during an argument about texting. Reeves' attorneys say their client shot in self-defense.

Florida's "stand your ground law" says people not involved in illegal activity have the right to "stand their ground" and even use deadly force if they reasonably believe it's necessary to avoid death or great bodily harm.

■ Associated Press



EMILY STANTON/Lake City Reporter

Fun in the fountain

Jacob Morrison, 5, plays in the fountain by City Hall.

Bieber charged with vandalism

LOS ANGELES — Justin Bieber was charged in Los Angeles in an egg-throwing incident in January that damaged a neighbor's home, prosecutors said.

The Grammy-nominated singer was not present for the 1:30 p.m. arraignment when he was charged with one count of misdemeanor vandalism, DA spokeswoman Jane Robison said.

A call Wednesday seeking comment from Bieber's attorney, Howard Weitzman, was not immediately returned.

Sheriff's detectives estimated the damage to the home at up to \$20,000. The threshold for filing a felony is if more than \$400 in damage was caused.

Website sorry for Clooney mother-in-law story

LONDON — The British website Mail Online apologized Wednesday to George

Clooney for alleging that his fiancée's mother opposed their marriage on religious grounds — a story Clooney called both wrong and irresponsible.

Clooney is engaged to Beirut-born London lawyer Amal Alamuddin, whose father Ramzi belongs to a prominent Druse family. The Druse are adherents of a monotheistic religion

based mainly in Lebanon, Syria and Israel.

Citing unnamed family "friends," Mail Online, which is affiliated with Britain's Daily Mail tabloid, reported this week that Baria Alamuddin wanted her 36-year-old daughter to marry a Druse man.

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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Thursday, July 10
Thursday's highs/Thursday night's low

City	Friday	Saturday
Valdosta	94/70	
Tallahassee	92/72	
Pensacola	88/74	
Panama City	86/76	
Lake City	92/70	
Gainesville	92/72	
Orlando	94/76	
Tampa	90/74	
Key West	90/81	
Jacksonville	92/74	
Daytona Beach	90/76	
Ocala	92/72	
Cape Canaveral	88/74	
West Palm Beach	88/77	
Ft. Myers	92/74	
Ft. Lauderdale	88/77	
Naples	85/76	
Miami	88/77	
Cape Canaveral	89/76/ts	88/77/ts
Daytona Beach	88/75/ts	90/74/ts
Fort Myers	93/74/ts	91/74/ts
Ft. Lauderdale	89/78/pc	90/79/ts
Gainesville	91/71/ts	91/72/ts
Jacksonville	92/74/ts	91/74/ts
Key West	91/84/pc	91/83/ts
Lake City	91/71/ts	91/72/ts
Miami	89/78/pc	90/78/ts
Naples	90/76/ts	92/77/ts
Ocala	90/71/ts	90/72/ts
Orlando	92/76/ts	93/77/ts
Panama City	85/77/ts	88/77/ts
Pensacola	88/77/ts	90/77/pc
Tallahassee	91/73/ts	93/73/ts
Tampa	91/76/ts	91/75/ts
Valdosta	93/73/ts	94/73/ts
W. Palm Beach	90/78/pc	90/78/ts

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Prepare for summer lightning storms

Florida leads the nation in lightning-related deaths.

By MEGAN REEVES

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Along with being the peak months for outdoor activity, June, July and August are peak months for lightning activity as well.

Although there have been no reports of lightning fatalities or injuries in Columbia or surrounding counties in 2014, the state of Florida has remained the leading state for lightning-related deaths.

There have been a total of four fatalities in the state this year, out of nine throughout the country.

All nine of this year's U.S. lightning fatalities have happened since May, which seems to be a trend each summer season, according to the National Weather Service.

"It's been this way pretty consistently from year to year," said Dave Shuler of NWS Jacksonville. "Florida is known as the lightning capital of the world."

Shuler said the state typically leads the way in lightning-related



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Here are tips for staying safe during Florida's summer storms: **1.** Stay off corded phones. Cordless or cellular phones are OK. **2.** Do not touch electrical equipment or cords. **3.** Avoid plumbing. Do not wash your hands or take a shower during a storm. **4.** Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches. **5.** Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

injuries and in fatalities as well.

According to John S. Jensenium, Jr., NWS lightning safety specialist, the majority of people harmed by lightning are enjoying regular summertime activities at the time of the strike.

"From 2006 through 2013, 261 people were struck and killed by lightning in the United States," he said in a press release. "Almost two thirds of the deaths occurred to people who had been enjoying leisure activities."

Jensenium added that fishermen accounted for the most deaths, at a total of 30. There were

also 16 deaths while camping, 14 while boating, 13 of beachgoers, 12 of soccer players, 8 while golfing, 12 while doing yardwork and 14 while farming, he said.

According to his report, more than 70 percent of these fatalities happened during the months of June, July and August, with peak numbers on Saturdays and Sundays.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Murray Smith said his department hopes to keep Lake City residents safe by keeping them informed during summer thunderstorms.

Quick Lightning Facts

1. Thunder, high winds, darkening skies, rainfall and brilliant flashes of light are warning signs for lightning strikes.
2. Lightning strikes the U.S. about 25 million times each year.
3. Lightning can be up to five times hotter than the surface of the sun.
4. Most lightning strikes happen at the very beginning of an approaching storm or after it is gone.
5. If thunder is heard, a storm is close enough for a lightning strike.

**Courtesy National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service*

"We have a lot of lightning, we live in the lightning capital of the United States. I always send out thunderstorm advisories on social media to remind people to be cautious," Smith said. "Primarily the fire department responds to these things because they can often start wildfires, but we always encourage people to stay inside and use caution."

According to an NWS report, many lightning victims were headed to or just a few steps away from safety before they were struck.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration urges people to get inside after

hearing even the slightest rumble of thunder.

"Anytime that you hear thunder, a lightning strike is possible," said Shayne Morgan, Columbia County emergency management director. "No matter how far away it may be, a lightning strike may occur."

Columbia County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Crawford said that if someone is struck by lightning, bystanders should immediately call 911 so that medical and fire officials can respond as quickly as possible.

He also agreed with the NWS that it is a myth that anyone who touches a lightning victim will be electrified themselves.

According to the NWS website, the human body cannot store electricity, so it is perfectly safe to touch an electrified victim to administer first aid.

"Continued efforts are needed to convince people to get inside a safe place before the lightning threat becomes significant," Jensenium said in the release. "For many activities, situational awareness and proper planning are essential to safety."

BAIRD

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up and get my roommate out of here," the affidavit said.

Baird was removed from the cell, and Beyer sat up and said, "I'm dying."

Beyer had emergency surgery immediately.

Beyer was conscious after the attack but didn't say anything out of fear that Baird would try to finish killing him, the affidavit says.

When officials asked Baird why he cut Beyer, he said, "I had to," the affidavit says.

According to the affidavit, Baird admitted to officials that he put a "handle" on a razor blade and used it to cut

Beyer's face. When officials asked him why he "went for the throat," all Baird did was smile, according to the report. Officials also asked him if he was going for the "kill shot" to which he said yes.

While officers searched Baird's things, they reportedly found an anatomy and physiology textbook and drawings and notes about arteries in the human body. He told officers the bags the book and notes were found in belonged to him, the affidavit said.

The indictment is dated June 5, 2014.

"It's not unusual for a delay in investigations" when the suspect is already serving an extended prison sentence, said Third Circuit State

Security guard out of hospital

From staff reports

A security guard shot at the Washington Street Elks Lodge Saturday morning has been released from the hospital.

Niaja Bowles, 33, is recovering from his wounds, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office said in a news release.

A woman who was also shot has also been released from the hospital.

The shooter — believed by police to be Robert Dell Church, 29, of Lake City — is still at large.

The initial investigation by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office revealed Church was in an argument with two unknown females inside the lodge at closing. Bowles

attempted to separate the parties involved and take them outside.

Once outside, Church fell to the ground, police said. It is unsure what caused him to fall.

Church then reportedly went to a vehicle in the parking lot and retrieved a handgun. He shot Bowles once before fleeing the area, deputies said.

The bullet passed through the lower portion of Bowles' body and struck the woman in the leg.

Church is described as a black man standing 5' 10 inches tall and weighing about 235 pounds.

Anyone who has information on Church's whereabouts or the shooting is asked to contact CCSO at 719-2005 or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 754-7099.

CHILD PORN

Continued From 1A

Law Enforcement agents and personnel from their Florida Computer Crime Center, known as F3, served the search warrant on Tuesday. Duffer was booked into the county jail at 2:22 p.m. on \$120,000 bond.

CCSO is a member of the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, an organization that investigates and prevents the exploitation of children through the Internet, according to a news release.



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ANOTHER VIEW

New law takes aim at data breaches

Computer breaches put millions of Americans at risk every year to cyber thieves who hack into databases for passwords, PIN numbers, Social Security numbers and other personal information.

The Target breach last year exposed 40 million people to potential financial losses. The nonprofit Identity Theft Resource Center has compiled 4,500 breaches over the past decade that have exposed 630 million confidential records. The number of breaches it recorded jumped 30 percent between 2012 and 2013.

That's why it's encouraging to see Florida adopt new data breach laws that are among the most expansive in the nation.

Gov. Rick Scott signed the Florida Information Protection Act of 2014 into law last month, and the new measures went into effect last week. They replace an existing set of laws with tougher requirements for protecting consumers and for reporting breaches to the state and to affected consumers.

Under the new law, data breaches affecting more than 500 Floridians must be reported to those consumers and to the state's Attorney General's Office within 30 days of discovering a breach. That trims 15 days off the previous law's reporting requirement.

As anyone who's been exposed to a breach knows, the sooner the various banks and credit card companies can be notified, the better the chance of avoiding an unauthorized purchase or withdrawal.

The law expands the kinds of personal information that must be protected and reported when breached. A person's medical history, health insurance policy numbers and online user names and email addresses in combination with passwords and security questions are now considered "personal information" under the law.

As part of the reporting requirements, companies must outline the circumstances surrounding the breach and the total number of people affected in Florida. The new law also requires companies and government entities to take reasonable measures to protect personal information. And it gives enforcement authority to the Attorney General's Office, which can demand computer forensic reports and breach policies from companies that are hacked or mistakenly expose personal information. Civil penalties up to \$500,000 can be imposed for violating the breach laws, just as the previous law stipulated.

The rising tide of cyber crimes, and the lack of a federal breach notification law, has prompted a majority of the states to adopt measures that attempt to protect consumers when their personal information is exposed. Supporters say the laws have motivated private companies and governments to improve data security, or risk the fallout from appearing to conceal a breach that puts their customers and constituents at risk.

Some critics say only a small percentage of people who are notified of breaches become fraud victims and question whether the expense to notify is worth the effort. But to anyone who's ever dealt with the financial chaos brought about by identity theft, arming the government with a law that can alert a potential victim is well worth the cost.

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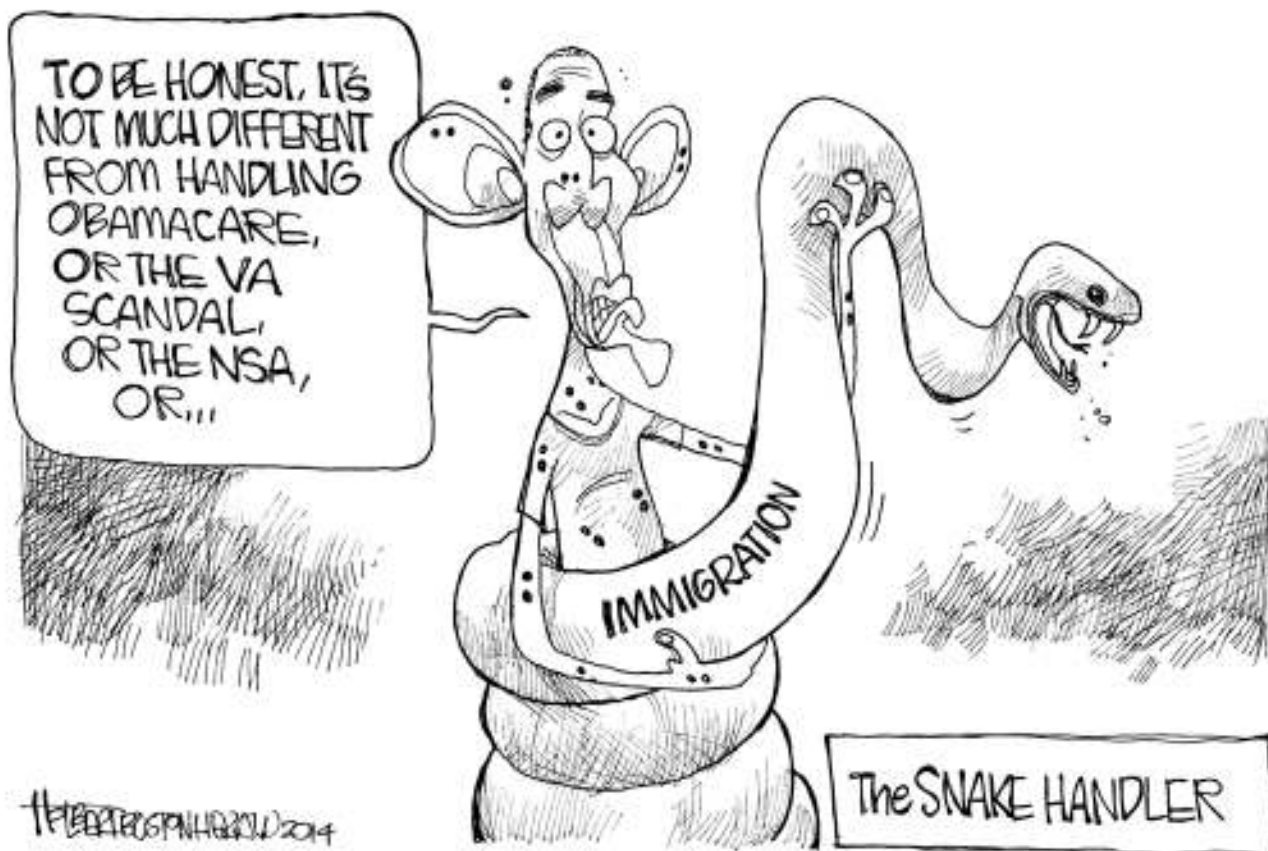
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Principal comes to defense of Shining Star

I am writing in response to a recent news article about the future of Shining Star Academy of the Arts.

The daily operation, test results and progress of the Academy is my sole responsibility. Finger pointing and scapegoating is not my style. I take full responsibility for my school and its overall operation. Although our academic performance, as measured by the now defunct FCAT test, was less than stellar our first year, we have made significant progress and are definitely heading in the right direction.

It is true that so far we did not meet the expectations of every student and every parent each and every day. It is also true that not all the promises made about higher academic standards and better communication happened overnight. I have come to understand that those things take time. I know that our school has made a positive difference for most of our students and that I am blessed with a dedicated staff and many supportive parents who are now seeing both academic and social improvement in their children. For those who were quick to criticize and slow to praise, I apologize for my imperfection. I must do a better job of advertising our successes and devote more attention to improving our overall operation.

Great teachers make great schools and Shining Star Academy of the Arts is a great school. In spite of unfavorable comments made about our teachers by superintendent Terry Huddleston, we do have great teachers at the Academy. In fact, we have a waiting list of teachers wanting to come teach for us.

Teacher quality

As principal of Shining Star Academy of the Arts, I am honored to be surrounded by some of the finest teachers and staff in the educational profession. They are to be commended for their outstanding work ethics and performance.

Teaching is a noble profession. It is not just about pay and benefits. We are a school that supports and values each and every employee. Our recently retired assistant principal, Steve Frandle, did an outstanding job overseeing a phenomenal improvement in academic gains over the previous year. Some of my award-winning, veteran teachers provide the kind of leadership other schools would love to have.

Given a bit more time, I know they will lead the way as we become an "A+" school in more than just the arts.

Lack of insurance

We offered health insurance to our employees when we opened our school. We thought the premiums would cover the same "Blue Cross" program all other public employees have. We contacted Blue Cross of



Anthony J. Buzzella

Florida and they told us the school district had the option to allow us to participate in the same plan at the same price as other public school employees. However, the district chose not to allow us to participate in their insurance pool. As most folks know, small group health insurance is expensive. With premiums for our small pool nearly double that of regular public school employees for the same coverage, our staff turned down the insurance plan.

Employee salaries

Our starting teacher salary (\$33,750) is the same or higher than Columbia and surrounding school districts. Using the average salary of 30-year teachers with new teachers is a very misleading comparison.

Our paraprofessionals are paid more than any rural school in North Florida (\$20,000). Shining Star Academy's principal salary (\$82,000) is much lower than the closest other charter school (\$137,000).

Teacher turnover

As with any new business, building a compassionate, highly effective group of team players is an ongoing process. Shining Star Academy of the Arts offers teachers a unique opportunity to reach a diverse, highly-spirited and artistically talented student population. Just as our school is not for every child, our arts-infused teaching model is not for every teacher. We did have a reduction in staff as part of our restructuring process. The statement that I let three teachers go because of low FCAT scores was inaccurate, seeing as the grades did not come out until AFTER these teachers left.

School grades

Keep in mind that the so called "School Grade" does not take into consideration all the wonderful arts programs (Music, Art, Drama, & Dance) and leadership training opportunities (4-H Club, K-KIDS, school farm, etc.) we provide. The school grade does not include the testing of Kindergarten through 2nd grade and does not factor in the academic gains documented through the FAIR testing results. The current system used to determine a school grade is based on how students score on a test — a couple days out of the year.

The FCAT grading system has been discredited and has been abandoned for next year.

Nevertheless, the FCAT system is still being used this year for determining a school's grade based on student proficiency and academic learning gains. Shining Star Academy students showed a significant percent of academic gains this year.

Learning gains

The percentage of students in Reading with adequate progress learning gains showed a great increase this year from last year. The percentage of students in Math with adequate progress learning gains went from 20 percent to 31 percent, an increase of 50 percent from last year. The percentage of students showing gains in the lowest performing 25 percent in Reading went from around 11 percent to at least 67 percent (a 500 percent increase). The percentage of students showing gains in the lowest performing 25 percent in Math went from 16 percent to 34 percent (a 110 percent increase).

Proficiency levels

Shining Star Academy's 3rd grade reading proficiency level (Level 3 or higher) stands at 43 percent, which is greater than Melrose (39 percent) and Niblack (41 percent). Shining Star Academy's 5th grade reading proficiency level (44 percent) is greater than Niblack (43 percent). Shining Star Academy's 6th grade reading proficiency level (68 percent) not only outperformed all three middle schools (Fort White 58 percent, Lake City Middle 67 percent, and Richardson 50 percent), but was also 8 points higher than the state average. These schools are mentioned for comparative analysis purposes only. I believe that all our academically challenged schools are working hard to improve their school grades and are to be commended.

An apology

In conclusion, I apologize for any offense I may have caused anyone for my comments in the Lake City Reporter article dated June 22, 2014. I want to thank all of the parents, students, and staff for their support and faith in our mission. We look forward to an exciting and challenging upcoming school year.

Shining Star Academy of the Arts uses the arts as a motivational tool for its students. We are not perfect, but our school test scores show significant learning gains and our performing arts classes are second to none. Moving forward, the future is bright for all our "Shining Stars."

■ Anthony Joseph Buzzella is principal of Shining Star Academy of the Arts, a charter school in Lake City.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by email at elawson@lakecityreporter.com.

July 10

Citizens Academy

The Lake City Police Department is currently accepting applications for its fourth session of Citizens Police Academy which will begin July 10. It is a 12-week course held every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. at the Public Safety Building Training Room. Space is limited and applicants must pass a criminal background screening, be at least 18 years of age, a US citizen, and hold a valid driver's license. Contact Audre' Washington at 386-719-5742 or washingtona@lclapd.com to request an application.

Tea Party Meeting

The North Central Florida Tea Party will hold a "Meet the Candidates" session on Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m. The group will meet bi-weekly at the Jackie Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Ave., until the time of elections. Call Sharon Higgins at 386-935-0821 for more.

Hot Dog Roast

Teens are invited to Wellborn United Methodist Church's youth group on Thursday, July 10 to an outside hot dog roast and a program entitled "Tackling Fear with the Holy Ghost." The event, which begins at 7 p.m., is free and open to all area teens. The church address is 12005 County Road 137. Call Monica Tannehill at 386-963-3001 for more.

SRWMD Meeting

The Suwannee River Water Management District will meet with the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex, 372 West Duval Street. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update to the public and commissioners on the wastewater management and reuse project at Lake City's spray field. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Call 386-758-



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

Reading at the library

Kaley Evans, 12, reads "Clifford's Class Trip" to Lizzy Jewell, 1, at the Columbia County Public Library on Wednesday. The girls' moms are friends, and Lizzy's mom was watching Kaley for the day.

1005 with questions.

July 11

Movie at First Baptist

First Baptist Church, 182 NE Justice Street, is hosting a free movie night Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m. The movie "God's Not Dead" will be shown and an ice cream sundae fellowship will follow the movie. Call 386-752-5422 for more.

Movie at Wellborn

Wellborn United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 137, will host a "free supper and movie night" for the public on Friday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. The supper will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. Following the meal, "The Note," starring Genie Francis and Ted McGinley, will be shown. The movie plot is: Following a tragic plane crash, Peyton MacGruder, a newspaper columnist, discovers a note written by one of the passengers on board during their final moments. She sets out on a quest to find the person to whom the note was written. As she searches to heal the heart

of a stranger, she discovers the life that's changed most profoundly is her own. The event is free. Call Everett L. Parker at 386-688-1358 with questions.

July 12

Alzheimer's workshop

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center will host a Late Stage Alzheimer's workshop on July 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call 1-800-272-3900 to register.

Hog Weigh-In

The Columbia County Fair hog weigh-in will be July 12 from 8-10 a.m. Call the office at 752-8822 with questions.

Christian Singles

A Christian Singles group is forming in Lake City and looking to meet every other week. If you're interested in getting together for fun and fellowship with other singles in a safe, Christian environment, plan to join the group at the Faith in Christ Church, 282 SW Magical Terrace, on Saturday, July 12 at 6 p.m. Call Tony at 386-623-5210 or Dani at 386-288-0961 for more.

Kid's Swim Day

Gold Standard Masonic Lodge #167 PHA will host a Kids' Swim Day on July 12 at the Columbia County Aquatic Complex from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. There will be snacks available. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Call Michael Kelly at 867-6675 or Conrad Wallace at 344-8103 for more.

Bridal Fashion Show

Haven Hospice will host a Bridal Fashion Show and Silent Auction Saturday, July 12 from 4-7 p.m. at Christ Central Ministries, 217 SW Sisters Welcome Road. The event, which will be emceed by Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Administrator Joseph Brooks, will showcase bridal and honeymoon fashions from Belk, Golden Needle Bridal, InStyle Menswear, JCPenney and Maurices. Refreshments and appetizers will be served during the event. The silent auction, which will include more than 35 items to bid on, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Haven Hospice.

Come to the Peanut Boil

Kenneth Witt's Annual Peanut Boil will be July 12 at Kenneth's house, 1277 SE County Road 349, at 4 p.m. Enjoy music, fellowship, boiled peanuts, and Southern desserts. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking Jazz Performers

Local vocalists, poets, musicians and comedians are invited to perform at 1st Friday's Jazz Events which will take place the first Friday of each month from 6-10 p.m. Call Pam Cooley at 407-690-0776 for more information or to sign up.

Poker Run

American Legion Riders Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd., will have a poker run Saturday, August 2. Registration will be from 8-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for the first hand and \$10 each additional hand, or buy six hands for \$50 and get a meal at the end of the ride. The ride will consist of four stops, ending at the Legion. There will be drawings, raffles, food and full bar and entertainment. Call 386-697-0288 for more.

Early Bird Sign Up Earns Discount

Community Concerts of Lake City offers "Early Bird Special" season tickets to those who sign up by Tuesday, July 15. The 2014-15 concert season, presented at Levy Performing Arts Center, Florida Gateway College, includes Two on Tap, Sax-Sational!, Home for Christmas, Tim Zimmerman & the King's Brass, The Piano Magic of Floyd Cramer, and Trio de Minaret. Members are also admitted free to all upcoming concerts of the Live! At Dowling Park Artist Series. Families are welcome, with exceptionally low price for students K-12. Sign up at the Lake City Chamber of Commerce or websitewww.communityconcerts.info, or call 386 466-2013.

Artists Wanted for Exhibition

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be presenting their annual fine arts exhibition September 8-19. All artists, age 18 or older, are eligible and invited to submit an application. **Application Deadline:** Applications and with an entry fee of \$25 for members or \$35 for non-members must be submitted by August 22. A photo or digital image must be submitted with the application. Applications are available at The Frame Shop & Gallery and the Suwannee River Regional Library.

OBITUARIES

Ella Mae Moore Adams

Ella Mae Moore Adams was born August 29, 1954 in Olu-tee, Florida to Joe and Willie Mae Moore. Both precede her in death. She passed Sunday, July 6, 2014 in Lake City, Florida. Ella was educated in the Columbia County School System. Among her hobbies were: walking, singing and interacting with family and friends. Others preceding her in death: sisters, Lillie Mae Hudson Hooten, Catherine Moore; brother, George Moore. Ella will be remembered for her beautiful dimpled smile and love for her family.

Left to cherish memories: children, Tanzania Williams (Paul), Kristian "Krisy" Adams Underwood (Bruce); grandchildren, Derontae Jordan, Kenya Williams; sisters, Ann Moore Johnson, Gloria Moore Graham Underwood (Willie); Jacquelyn V. Freeman (who was like a sister); brothers, David Moore, Joe Will Moore (Alice), Lynard Moore (Marie); special friend, Maxwell Hampton; special niece, Marilyn Graham Richburgh; other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral services for Ella Moore Adams will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, 514 NE Davis Avenue. Lake City, FL. Rev. Ronald V. Walters, Officiating. Family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2014 at Olivet MB Church. Arrangements entrusted to **COMBS FUNERAL HOME**, 292 NE Washington St. Lake City, FL., (386) 752-4366.

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Mary Ellen Andrew

Mrs. Mary Ellen Andrew, 67, died Monday July 7, 2014 at the University of Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL, following an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late David and Beatrice Anne "Willis" Register Sullivan. She is preceded in death by five brothers Jack, Donald, Dan, Ronald and John Register and two sisters Hazel Crews and Virgie McRae. She had made her home in Lake City for the past twenty one years after moving here from Pine Bluff, AR. She enjoyed making crafts, and dolls, quilts, and collecting salt and pepper shakers. She is survived by one son Troy Posey, Jr. Lake City, FL; a Daughter Teresa Posey, Lake City, FL; one brother Jerry Sullivan (Donna) Alabama, two sisters Arlene Pimm (Russell) Alabama, and Betty Haltiwanger (Paul) Lake City, FL; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ellen Andrew will be conducted Friday July 11, 2014 at 2:30 P.M. in the First Full Gospel Church with Reverend Stan Ellis officiating. Interment will follow in the Wayfair Cemetery in Bell, Florida. Visitation with the family will be held Thursday, July 10, 2014 from 5P.M. until 7P.M. at the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**. Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home in Lake City is in charge of all arrangements. 458 South Marion Avenue in Lake City, FL. 32025

Edward V. Jones

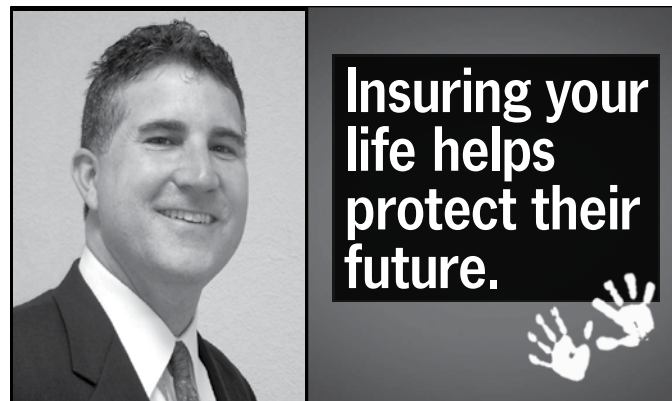
Mr. Edward V. Jones a resident of Lake City, Florida passed away Thursday, July 3, 2014 in North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida. Mr. Edward V. Jones is survived by his wife: Mrs. May M. Jones; nine sons, five daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren; eight sisters, five brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other close relatives and sorrowing friends. Funeral service for Mr. Edward V. Jones will be held Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in the Springville Community. Visitation for Family and Friends will be held Friday, July 11, 2014 in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in the Springville Community from 6:00-8:00p.m. Burial will be in the Springville Community Cemetery in Lake City, Florida. **D.M. UDELL AND SONS** are in charge of all arrangements. Call D.M. Udell and Sons at (386) 362-4189 or cell (386) 209-0223 Douglas M. Udell L.F.D. and Douglas M. Udell II L.F.D.



She was very active in her church, Burnham Christian Church and loved to shop. She collect many tea pots and dolls; catching many of them on sale and rushing home to show her husband of 67 years Doyle Carlton Morgan the deal she had found. She also loved her coffee and loved having a cup with her friends. She is preceded in death by her daughter: Joan Elizabeth Morgan Franklin her sister: Jeaneth Roy and brother: Harold Deas. She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years: Doyle Carlton Morgan of Jennings; her two sons: Ronnie Morgan (Louise) of Jennings and Donnie Morgan of Tallahassee; brother: Joe Wilmer Deas of Lake Park, GA; grandchildren: Ron Morgan (Denise) of Jennings; Dale Franklin (who was her caregiver) of Jennings; Jason Morgan of Live Oak; Jamie Morgan of Live Oak; Joanna Griffen (Nathan) of Jennings and Christina Morgan of Live Oak. Several great-grandchildren and many other extended family members also survive. Funeral services for Mrs. Morgan will be conducted on Saturday July 12, 2014 at 11 A.M. in the Burnham Christian Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:30-11:00 (30 minutes prior to the service) at the church. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave, Lake City, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at parishfamilyfuneralhome.com. *Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.*

Thera Elizabeth Morgan

Mrs. Thera Elizabeth Morgan, 85, of Jennings, passed away peacefully on Thursday July 3, 2014 at the Lake City Medical Center after a sudden illness. She was born in May 1, 1929 in Jennings to the late Joe Dean and Edith Elizabeth Burnham Deas. She has lived all of her live in Jennings and was a Homemaker for much of that time.



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County Line Rd. to play Saturday

24 solo acts, 1 band will fight Friday for a spot in the finals of Country Showdown.

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — If you love country music and dancing, do not miss this Saturday night at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park when County Line Rd. of Loxahatchee takes the stage.

County Line Rd. has played many well-known venues including Renegades in West Palm Beach, The Duck Tavern in Delray Beach, Crazy Horse Saloon in Palm Beach Gardens, Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston and more.

The band, which was established in 2011, plays more than 80 top country hits ranging from Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan to Lynyrd Skynyrd and Johnny Cash.

The weekend will begin early when Ted "Teddy MacElvis" McMullen performs in the Music Hall tonight. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and karaoke will run from 7 - 10 p.m.

The Country Showdown's second competition will begin



Ted 'Teddy MacElvis' McMullen will perform tonight.

Friday at 7 p.m. when 24 solo acts and one band compete for three slots to move to the finals.

When the clock strikes 12 both Friday and Saturday Chuck Burnett will take over with karaoke/recorded music.

Admission for all performances is free. Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. Saturday. Dinner and a full service bar will be available.



County Line Road, from Loxahatchee, will perform at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park this Saturday night.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Attend a local VBS

Mt. Pleasant Baptist

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 13448 County Road 10A, Wellborn, will host a Vacation Bible School with the theme "Son Treasure Island" **July 7-11** from 6-8:45 p.m. Children 2 years old through sixth grade are invited to attend. Snacks will be provided. Call Pastor Bob Hazel at 386-963-2047 or 386-438-9848 for more.

Northside Church

Northside Church of Christ is offering a Vacation Bible School for all children in the community **July 7-11** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 378 NW Gibson Lane. Call Joyce Wilson at 386-984-9654 for more information.

Bethlehem Baptist

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 2115 SW SR 100, will offer a Vacation Bible School **July 13-18**. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. before classes begin at 6. The sessions will end at 8 p.m. and are offered to people aged 3-years through adulthood. Call Karen McClain at 386-466-8135 or Pastor Lowell O'steen at 386-752-5156.

First Full Gospel

First Full Gospel Church, 288 NE Jones Way, will offer a Vacation Bible School for children through age 18 on **July 14-18** at 6-9 p.m. The theme is Rev it Up Full Throttle for God.

Wesley Memorial

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1272 SW McFarlane Ave, will offer a Vacation Bible School for children three years old through fifth grade on **July 14-18** at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The theme this year is "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind." There is no cost to attend. Call Brian Metzger at 386-249-3582 with questions.

Elim Baptist

Elim Baptist Church, 3435 SW Elim Church Road, Fort White, will have a Vacation Bible School **July 20-24** from 6-8:30 p.m. daily. The theme is "Agency D3: Discover, Decide, Defend." Call 386-497-1972 for more.

New Dayspring

New Dayspring Missionary Baptist Church, 709 NW Long Street, will host a Vacation Bible School **July 28 through August 1** from 6-8 p.m. The theme is "The Jesus Connection: What a Friend." Meals will be provided and transportation is available. Call 386-752-0348 for more information.

Know your plants: Be a responsible gardener

We gardeners know it takes a lot of hard work to have a nice garden. Experience and knowledge come with time. We have investments in tools and plants and planning ahead is important. Gardeners know the feeling of just having to have that new plant and then trying to find a place to plant it. I'm certainly guilty of that. But the pleasure derived from gardening is worth it all.

Desirable plants

It is obvious to me that a pretty plant that is also easy to grow and propagate is a desirable plant to have. Many times this plant can be native and other times may be an exotic (imported from another country) but has acclimated to our locale.

Plants that are able to survive in gardens with little or no additional help from the gardener, such as special fertilizers, pesticides or excessive irrigation are a pleasure to grow. Heirloom varieties that live on unattended in old cemeteries and abandoned homesteads are plants to acquire.

Slow Gardening

This concept of having plants



Martha Ann Ronsonet

that do well on their own is not new. There's a trend in gardening called "Slow Gardening." This is a no-stress philosophy in which the gardener strives to please himself. This means less coddling of your plants, less need for water because they can survive on rainfall alone and fewer chemicals introduced into the soil. Slow Gardening is inspired by Slow Food, an international movement that promotes local food production and biological and cultural diversity. Slow gardening can help us appreciate and enjoy our gardens more.

Easy-care plants

Plants that grow well in North Florida and have passed the test of neglect in my garden

include; daylilies, iris, angel trumpet, fig, ferns, hydrangea, azaleas, herbs and many others. These plants don't need regular pruning to stay in bounds like a formal hedge or shrubs that may be placed where they need to be kept smaller.

These are familiar plants we see in many gardens. Of course they need to be established (watered more after newly planted until new growth begins to show) before I ignore them and I still need to weed to keep the whole garden from becoming a jungle.

Perfection is impossible in the garden. Don't worry about a few insects. When you don't use pesticides, the beneficial insects are not killed and they help control the bad guys. You'll have a healthier ecosystem.

Invasive plants

We should be wary of those plants that grow so easily they become invasive and escape into the wild. Examples of these nightmare plants are: potato vine, kudzu (the plant that ate the South), common nandina, coral ardisia, boston fern, camphor tree, Chinese tallow, cat's claw vine, Chinese wiste-

ria, lantana (not the hybrids), Chinaberry, wild taro, mimosa tree, water lettuce, and water hyacinth.

Hydrilla verticillata is a submerged water plant requiring constant management with chemicals and machines. The management cost in Florida public waters for this single plant species approach \$20 million every year.

The threat of invasive exotics is they are altering native plant communities by displacing the native species, or hybridizing with natives. Hydrilla was introduced by dumping aquarium water into waterways in Florida. It is now established in Canada and the southeast from Connecticut to Texas and also California.

We might think we can control invasive plants in our gardens but wind, birds, animals and yard trimmings can spread seeds and spores far beyond our narrow boundaries.

Enjoy your garden and be a responsible gardener.

■ Martha is an avid gardener who lives in Lake City. She is the author of "Gardening in the Deep South and Other Hot Pursuits."

GUILTY

Continued From 1A

Grandison, who was wearing a white shirt, with a black and gray-striped necktie and black slacks, showed no emotion when the verdict was read. The jury was not polled.

David Collins, who represented Grandison, said Grandison wanted to be sentenced today and after a 15-minute break, Johnson sentenced him to two life sentences without the possibility of parole. She told Grandison she was taking his prior record into account with the sentences. Grandison previously served time in prison for robbery, grand theft and forgery.

Grandison showed no emotion until after he was fingerprinted. After sentencing he was handcuffed and while he was being escorted from the courtroom, someone in the courtroom gallery sitting with his family yelled, "We love you man," and Grandison replied, "yeah," with a wave to his family.

Grandison was convicted of felony murder in the first-degree, with the discharge of a firearm I causing the death of A&M

Discount Beverage store owner Rajnikant K. Patel on April 27, 2012. He was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, the mandatory minimum under state law.

In count two Grandison was convicted of armed robbery with the discharge a firearm, a conviction that also carried a life-without-parole term based on the 10-20-Life law.

Both the victim's and the defendant's family declined comment.

Jeff Siegmeister, state attorney, said he was satisfied with the verdict, even though from the crime to the verdict it took a little bit longer than he expected.

"I think the jury did the right thing," he said. "Mr. Grandison will serve the rest of his natural life in prison. Mr. Grandison got his just punishment. He deserves the maximum sentence and that's what he got. Unfortunately, Mr. Patel won't be there for his family."

Collins, a state-appointed conflict attorney, said he respected the verdict.

"I think we are very lucky to have a system in which 12 citizens get to decide tough facts, so I respect the verdict," he said as he was leaving the

courtroom.

He said an appeal is likely to follow.

"Usually in these kinds of cases in which a life sentence is imposed, it's pretty routine that an appeal will be filed for many different reasons," he said. "That appeal will be filed. Whether there is any real appealable issue or not, that's a question for the appellate lawyer. There wasn't a lot of disagreement between ourselves and the state regarding the law, so I don't know how successful such will be, but given the sentence, (an appeal) certainly will follow. It was a well tried case. I think he got a very fair trial."

John Durrett, the assistant state attorney who prosecuted the case, relaxed in his office following the verdict and collected his thoughts before speaking about the proceedings.


"I feel as though justice was served in this instance," he said. "I hope that the family of Mr. Patel can experience some semblance of closure with this verdict being returned. I only wish they would have never had to go through it in the first place."

WASTE CLEAN UP

Continued From 1A

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents brought flammable liquids, propane tanks, used oil filters, medications, latex paint, automotive batteries, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps and other materials for collection at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

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Section B

BRIEFS

YOUTH FOOTBALL Pop Warner spots remain

Lake City Pop Warner football has several spots remaining in its various age/weight categories (Tiny Mites, Mighty Mites, Jr. Pee Wee, Pee Wee). Registration continues through Saturday at Richardson Community Center. Cost of \$80 includes insurance, helmet, shoulder pads and uniform.

For details, call Mario Coppock or Nicole Smith at 754-7095.

YOUTH GOLF Ste-Marie Junior Golf Clinics

Carl Ste-Marie is offering Junior Golf Clinics this summer at The Country Club at Lake City. Remaining clinics are 8-11 a.m. Monday through Friday on July 14-18 and July 28-Aug. 1. Cost is \$65 for club members and \$80 for non-members and includes drinks and snacks. Registration is at The Country Club at Lake City.

For details, call Ste-Marie at 752-2266 or 623-2833.

Quail Heights summer camp

Quail Heights Country Club has a Junior Golf Camp (girls and boys ages 5-17) under the direction of Tammy Carter Gainey from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 14-18. Cost is \$60 for club members and \$70 for non-members. Snacks and drinks are provided. There are discounts for more than one family member.

For details, call the pro shop at 752-3339.

ADULT SOFTBALL Open meeting set for Aug. 8

Columbia County Adult Softball's annual open meeting is 7 p.m. Aug. 8 in the meeting room at the Southside Sports Complex adult fields. There will be elections of officers for 2014-15. Only currently registered players are eligible to vote.

For league info, go to ballcharts.com/CCAdultsoftball.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL Volleyball camp registration open

Columbia High volleyball coach Heather Benson has a Youth Volleyball Camp (ages 10-14) planned for 6-8 p.m. July 18-19 at the CHS gym. Cost is \$40.

For details, e-mail ben_sonh@columbiak12.com.

■ From staff reports

All-Stars return to town



Lake City Babe Ruth Baseball's 10U All-Stars are (front row, from left) Adam Goelz, Ty Jackson, Sid Parris, Zachary Shaw and Dylon Hendry. Second row (from left) are Ty Folsom, Kade Jackson, Austin McInnis, Mason Gray, Noah Schneider and Truitt Todd. Back row coaches (from left) are Keith Jackson, Kevin Gray and Josh Todd.

COURTESY

State tournament play in 11U, 10U, 9U begins today.

By **TIM KIRBY**
tkirby@lakecityreporter.com

The Babe Ruth Baseball all-stars state tournaments keep coming.

Lake City/Columbia County Youth Baseball is hosting the North Florida State Tournament for all-stars in 11U, 10U, and 9U.

Play begins today at Southside Sports Complex. Teams will be playing to advance to regional competition.

Lake City has teams in all three age groups.

As a host site, Lake City gained automatic entry into the tournament. Other teams qualified through their respective district tournaments.

Fort White's 10U All-Stars received an invitation to the tournament when the runner-up team at their district tournament decided not to attend the North Florida State Tournament.

The 11U group has six teams and will play on field 1 at the Babe Ruth Complex.

The 10U group has nine teams and will use all fields.

The 9U group has six teams and plays on field 2.

The tournament format is double elimination. Championship games in all brackets are scheduled for Sunday.

Opening round games follow:

11U
Thursday
■ 9 a.m. — Julington Creek vs. Meridian Park; 11:30 a.m. — Ft. Caroline vs. Lake City;

Friday
■ 9 a.m. — Wakulla vs. Julington Creek/Meridian Park winner; 11:30 a.m. — District 4 Rage vs. Ft. Caroline/Lake City winner;

10U
Thursday
■ 9 a.m. — Fort White vs. Lake City; 11:30 a.m. — Atlantic Beach vs. Whitehouse; 2 p.m. — Mandarin vs. Wakulla, Keystone Heights vs. Argyle and Callaway vs. Fort White/Lake City winner;

9U
Thursday
■ 9 a.m. — Atlantic Beach vs. Oakleaf; 11:30 a.m. — Whitehouse vs. Lake City;

Friday
■ 9 a.m. — San Souci vs. Atlantic Beach/Oakleaf winner; 11:30 a.m. — Union County vs. Whitehouse/Lake City winner.



Lake City Babe Ruth Baseball's 11U All-Stars are (front row, from left) Cooper Brasfield, Cole Chancey, Travis Dicks, Colby Holton and Wade Skinner. Second row (from left) are Ashton Miles, Max Bavar, Colby Strickland, Bryant Green and Tyler Yaxley. Back row coaches (from left) are manager Andy Miles, Sid Strickland and Todd Green. Not pictured are John Saucer and Gabe McCoy.

COURTESY

Argentina beats Netherlands on penalty kicks

By **MIKE CORDER**
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Goalkeeper Sergio Romero saved two penalties Wednesday to send Argentina into the World Cup final with a 4-2 shootout win over the Netherlands after the game finished in a 0-0

stalemate.

A day after Germany lit up the World Cup with its clinical 7-1 destruction of host Brazil, the Netherlands and Argentina could not manage a goal between them in 120 minutes before the shootout.

Romero — thought to be a weak link in this Argentine team and not

even a starter for his Monaco club most of last season — blocked penalties by Ron Vlaar and Wesley Sneijder. For Argentina, Lionel Messi, Ezequiel Garay, Sergio Aguerro and Maxi Rodriguez all converted their spot kicks.

Argentina will play Germany in Sunday's final at the Maracana

Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. That means Brazilians will have to watch their fiercest rivals play for the world title in their most hallowed stadium, bringing the country's World Cup to an extra bitter end.

Argentina, a two time World Cup winner, reached its fifth final, and its first in 24 years.

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TV sports

Today BOXING 10 p.m. FS1 — Welterweights, Erickson Lubin (5-0-0) vs. Noe Bolanos (25-9-0); light heavyweights, Humberto Savigne (12-1-0) vs. Jeff Lacy (28-4-0); champion Argenis Mendez (21-1-1) vs. Rances Barthelemy (19-0-0), for IBF junior lightweight title, at Miami

CYCLING 8 a.m. NBCSN — Tour de France, stage 6, Arras to Reims, France

GOLF 9 a.m. ESPN2 — Women's British Open, first round, at Southport, England

3 p.m. TGC — PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, first round, at Silvis, Ill.

4 p.m. ESPN2 — USGA, U.S. Senior Open Championship, first round, at Edmond, Okla.

6 p.m. TGC — Web.com Tour, Utah Championship, first round, at Sandy, Utah

5:30 a.m. TGC — European PGA Tour, Scottish Open, second round, at Aberdeen, Scotland

LACROSSE 9 p.m. ESPN2 — Men's amateur, FIL, World Championships, Canada vs. United States, at Commerce City, Colo.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 12:30 p.m. WGN — Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati

3:30 p.m. MLB — Regional coverage, Oakland at San Francisco or Chicago White Sox at Boston (4 p.m.)

8 p.m. MLB — Regional coverage, L.A. Angels at Texas or Detroit at Kansas City

SOFTBALL 9 p.m. ESPN — World Cup, United States vs. Canada, at Irvine, Calif.

BASEBALL

AL standings

Table showing AL standings for East Division and Central Division with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Table showing West Division standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Today's Games

- Oakland (Kazmir 10-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 7-5), 3:45 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7) at Boston (Lester 9-7), 4:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 3-4) at Cleveland (House 1-2), 7:05 p.m. Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 8-3), 7:05 p.m. L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 7-2) at Texas (Lewis 6-5), 8:05 p.m. Detroit (Smyly 4-8) at Kansas City (Guthrie 5-7), 8:10 p.m. Minnesota (Pino 0-2) at Seattle (Undecided), 10:10 p.m.

Boston at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m. Minnesota at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NL standings

Table showing NL East Division standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Table showing NL Central Division standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Table showing NL West Division standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Today's Games

- Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-0) at Cincinnati (Bailey 8-5), 12:35 p.m. Philadelphia (D.Buchanan 4-5) at Milwaukee (Garza 6-5), 2:10 p.m. Oakland (Kazmir 10-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 7-5), 3:45 p.m. Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 8-3), 7:05 p.m. Atlanta (Harang 8-6) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 8-7), 7:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Volquez 7-6) at St. Louis (S.Miller 7-7), 7:10 p.m. San Diego (Despaigne 2-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-2), 10:10 p.m.

NL All-Stars

- (x-inactive; r-replacement; y-starter) STARTERS Catcher — Yadier Molina, Cardinals First Base — Paul Goldschmidt, Diamondbacks Second Base — Chase Utley, Phillies Third Base — Aramis Ramirez, Brewers Shortstop — Troy Tulowitzki, Rockies Outfield — Andrew McCutchen, Pirates; Carlos Gomez, Brewers; Yasiel Puig, Dodgers

RESERVES

- Pitchers Madison Bumgarner, LHP, Giants Aroldis Chapman, LHP, Reds Johnny Cueto, RHP, Reds Zack Greinke, RHP, Dodgers Clayton Kershaw, LHP, Dodgers Craig Kimbrel, RHP, Braves Pat Neshek, RHP, Cardinals Francisco Rodriguez, RHP, Brewers Tyson Ross, RHP, Padres x-Jeff Samardzija, RHP, Cubs/A's; r-Julio Teheran, RHP, Braves Adam Wainwright, RHP, Cardinals Tony Watson, LHP, Pirates Jordan Zimmermann, RHP, Nationals Catchers Jonathan Lucroy, Brewers Devin Mesoraco, Reds Infielders Matt Carpenter, Cardinals Starlin Castro, Cubs Todd Frazier, Reds Freddie Freeman, Braves Dee Gordon, Dodgers Daniel Murphy, Mets Outfielders Charlie Blackmon, Rockies Josh Harrison, Pirates Hunter Pence, Giants Giancarlo Stanton, Marlins

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SOCCER

World Cup

- SEMIFINALS Wednesday Netherlands 0, Argentina 0, Argentina advanced 4-2 on penalty kicks THIRD PLACE Saturday At Brasilia, Brazil Brazil vs. Netherlands, 4 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday At Rio de Janeiro Germany vs. Argentina, 3 p.m.



COURTESY

Crushers in Showcase

The Columbia Crushers 18U travel softball team recently won the North Florida USSSA State Championship. The Crushers will be in action Friday through Sunday in the Jacksonville Storm Showcase at the Girls Softball Complex in Lake City.

ACROSS

- 1 Examine the books 6 Dull surface 11 Purposeful gait 12 Obi go-with 13 Tacked up 14 Spews lava 15 Pile up 16 Boyle and Kyser 17 Village 19 Barely manages 23 Opponent 26 Forget it! (hyph.) 28 Goalie's milieu 29 He knows his field 31 Radiant 33 "In" crowd 34 Suit fabrics 35 Paul Anka's — Beso" 36 Curly cabbage 39 "Science Guy" Bill

DOWN

- 1 Proton's home 2 Bear constellation 3 Morse clicks 4 "That is," in Latin (2 wds.) 5 Koppel or Knight 6 Like a swamp 7 Put on a show 8 Go one better

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle answer with words like BULGES, BONNET, CIAO, ROMAN, PRANK, MERCI, STENOS, DAS, YANKEE, UNTIED, LASSO, MESA, SELECT, INLETS, ADS, RUNWAY, DRIFTS, PROOF, PAULA, EGRET, DIADEM, LOUE, EDAM, DYNAMO, SETTEE, ASAN.

- 9 Tunnel blaster 10 Goddess of dawn 11 Luxury resort 12 Reeves of "Speed" 16 Elec. unit 18 Not just my skier Jean-Claude — Paris school 22 Replaces a button 23 Bogus 24 Hunter constellation 25 Rescue squad mem. 27 Left, to a mule 29 Touch 30 Mouse alert 32 Martin base 34 Wallet filler 37 Aspirin targets 38 Writer — Tolstoy 41 Hartford competitor 43 Yonder 45 Large family 47 — hygiene 48 Recipe direction 49 Gourmandizes 50 Foxy 51 Forty winks 52 Victorian, e.g. 53 Meet, in poker 54 Total up

JUMBLE

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

Jumble puzzle with words ROPIR, SEGUT, TOXCIE, TAMETR and a grid for answers.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Cartoon illustration of a man and a woman talking about a puppy that shredded a newspaper.

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

Print your answer here: [Grid] (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: WINDY DRIFT SLEEPY VIABLE Answer: The hawk saw the whole incident, thanks to her — BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

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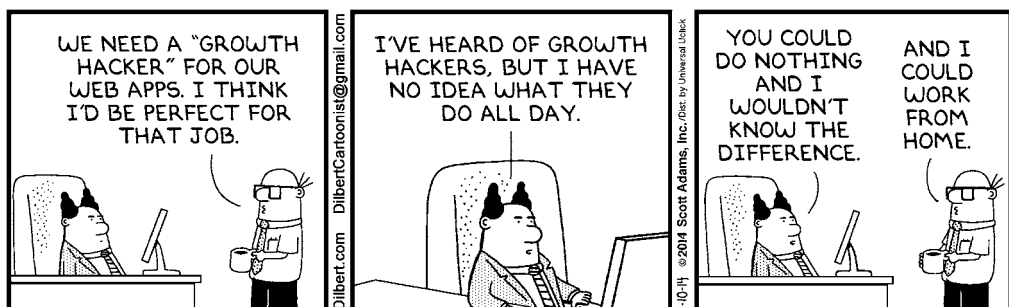
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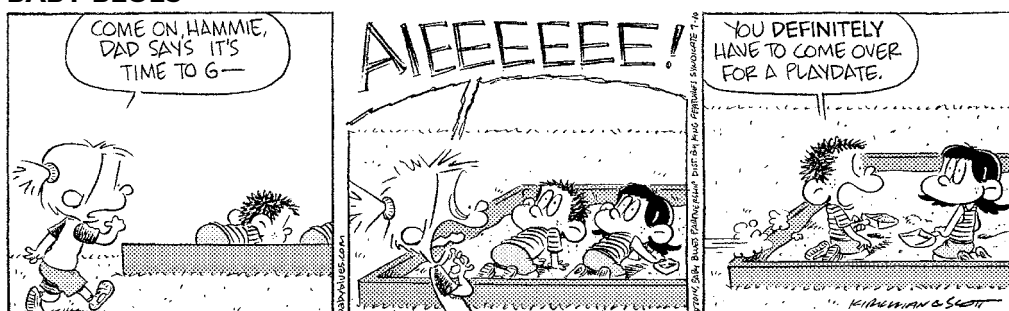
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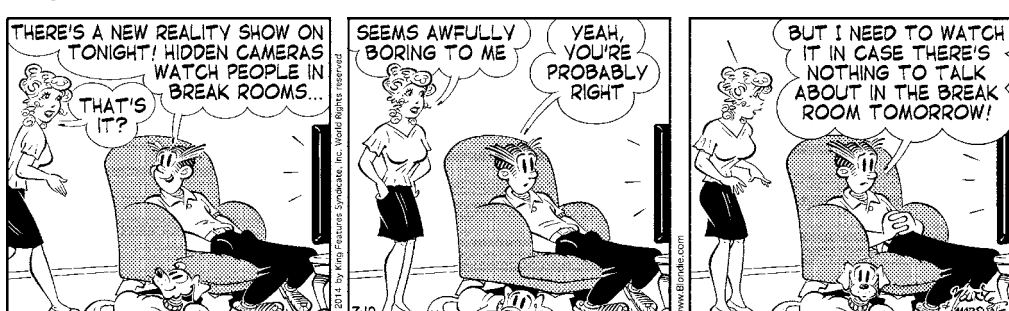
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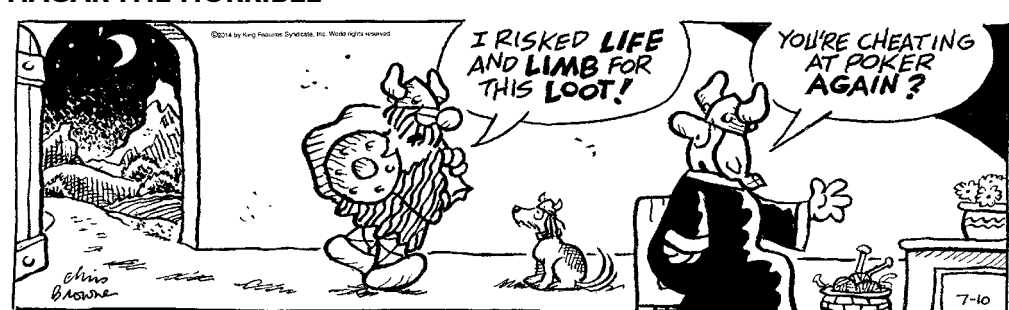
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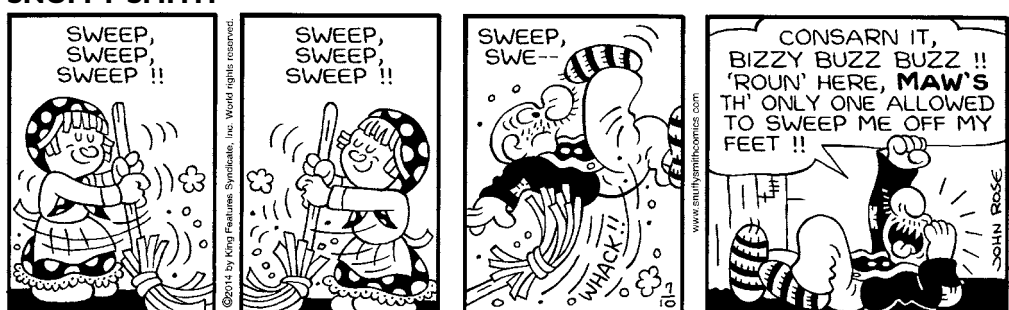
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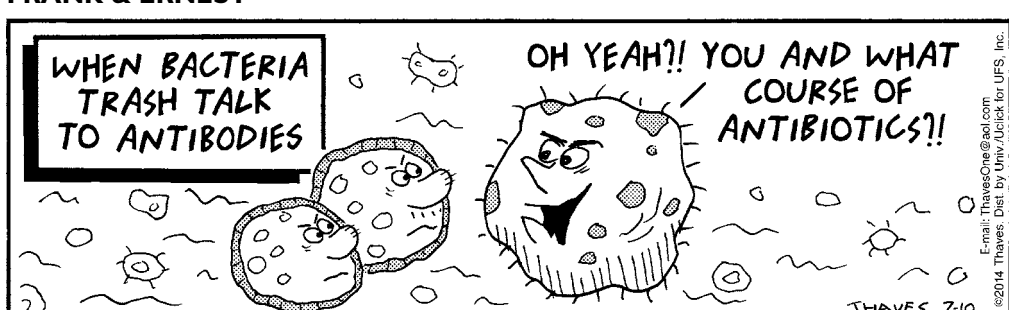
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Woman thinks bride-to-be's friendship isn't worth the cost



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My best friend is getting married and asked me to be her maid of honor. She has also asked me to buy an expensive dress, host a lavish shower I'm afraid I can't afford and plan a destination bachelorette party. The cost will be exorbitant.

On top of this, she has asked me to be her "cover" when she lies to her fiancé about where she is. She has admitted to me that she has cheated on him, and I think she's doing it again.

I know it's not my place to question her or tell her what to do, but this has made me hesitant to commit financially to her wedding. Should I talk to her about this? I don't want to lose my best friend, but I also don't want to put my money on the line for someone who isn't being honest. — DRAGGING MY HEELS IN NEW YORK

DEAR DRAGGING YOUR HEELS: Do not question your friend or tell her what to do, but DO convey to her that you can't function as her maid of honor because you can't afford the cost. And the next time she asks you to cover for her, tell her you no longer want to be a party to deceiving her fiancé because you're having trouble looking him in the eye.

Your best friend sounds like a piece of work, and if it costs you the friendship you

band thinks we should snuggle up and sleep together even when we're sick. I think it's common courtesy to keep a respectable distance from loved ones and to clean up after yourself when you have a "bug" that is communicable. I need to stay as healthy as possible to keep up with the needs of our child, the housework and my job while my husband is sick. Your thoughts? — MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD WHO NEEDS A MOMMY

DEAR MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD: Your husband may think I'm heartless, but I agree with you. While he may "need" you emotionally, his rational self should accept that with a child in the house and the demands of your job, you need to stay well and functional.

His tissues, meds and a pitcher of water should be by the bed. There should be a wastebasket for his tissues. He should wash his hands before touching anything, and you should use hand sanitizer liberally. You should sleep elsewhere. The "cuddling" can wait until he's no longer contagious. P.S. And don't forget to sympathize.

DEAR 5-5: You will see an improvement as soon as you stop beating yourself up over the choices you have made. No one can change the past. All we can do is learn from our mistakes and make a conscious decision not to repeat them. And as to those who judge you, they should judge not, lest they, too, be judged.

DEAR ABBY: My husband thinks we should snuggle up and sleep together even when we're sick. I think it's common courtesy to keep a respectable distance from loved ones and to clean up after yourself when you have a "bug" that is communicable. I need to stay as healthy as possible to keep up with the needs of our child, the housework and my job while my husband is sick. Your thoughts? — MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD WHO NEEDS A MOMMY

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

You will be tempted to spend on luxury items. You can have fun without being indulgent. An important relationship can be enhanced with less possessiveness and more passion. Self-improvement projects will turn out well. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Concentrate on putting your own personal touch on any job you do. Taking an active or aggressive role in your professional advancement will have its benefits. Making a convenient change at home will improve your comfort and lower your stress. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Consider your current personal situation and what you can do to improve your relationship with those you deal with the most. Reviewing the past will help you make a wise choice now. Question motives and be honest about the way you feel. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Keep whatever you do simple and within your means. Moderation is key and not overreacting is necessary. A change of plans may not sit well with you, but it shouldn't stop you from continuing down the path that you feel suits you best. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Make changes at home that add to your comfort and convenience. Offering assistance to

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

someone who interests you will bring you closer together. Share your feelings and offer alternatives with regard to your current relationship. Romance is in the stars. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Be careful whom you share your personal information with. Don't mix business with pleasure. Stick to your game plan and don't make changes to your financial investments. An offer will not be as good as it appears. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Share your thoughts diplomatically and you will get your way. Any pressure or lack of courtesy will work against you. Listen carefully to what a partner has to say, but don't overreact or you will end up in a stalemate. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Expand your interests and friendships to include something or someone unusual and you will learn something valuable. A change at work or within the industry you belong to will cause alarm. Don't overreact; it won't be as bad as you anticipate. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Uncertainty

regarding your direction or who is on your side and who isn't will develop. Look at your options and head toward the people and the path that will bring you the greatest satisfaction and pleasure. Love is on the rise. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Don't take a risk. You are best to stick to what you know works best. Prepare to deal with the unexpected and counteract any situation that has the potential to disrupt a partnership that is vital to your future plans. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Put greater emphasis on you and what you can do to improve your home, business, finances and love life. One main alteration can have a snowball effect that will improve your life. Helping someone you love will result in personal rewards. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Moving, renovations and home improvements will end up costing more than you anticipate, causing stress and emotional turmoil. Sticking to a set budget or revising your plans to fit your financial criteria will be necessary. Emotional manipulation is apparent. ★★

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Smith, 63; Mindy Sterling, 61; Gary Levox, 44; Sofia Vergara 42; Jessica Simpson, 34; Mario Gomez, 29; Trent Richardson, 24; Carlon Jeffery, 21; Harper Beckham, 2.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"Y S P S H T C G X X S W D J L F H I D M G X P E T S I O D Z W G M N C D K R G M X S C D T C D T G X P C P T L D Y G M N D O O X F L M S J L O W P S H K D M." — V T G X L T T G K F D T Y F H N F L W

Previous Solution: "When I sing, I feel like when you're first in love ... when you really touch someone for the first time." — Janis Joplin

TODAY'S CLUE: E equals F

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Wolves place 6th at nationals

By **TIM KIRBY**
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The Richardson Community Center/Annie Maddox North 11th-Grade Wolves basketball team placed sixth in the USSSA National Championships.

The 11th-Grade Wolves won their pool, defeating Birmingham Mystique, 70-34, and the Duluth/Grand Rapids Minnesota North Lakers, 58-33.

The Wolves opened the championship round with a 59-49 win over High Point (N.C.) Prospect.

Darrell Jones led the Wolves with 17 points. Jordan Coppock and Mareo Robinson each scored 13 points and Dilan Hall scored 12. Kelvin Jonas added four points.

In the semifinals, the Wolves ran into eventual tournament champion New Light Disciples from Greensboro, N.C. The Disciples won 71-61.

Wolves scoring: Jones, 22, Coppock, 16, Hall, 15, and Robinson, 8.

In the 11-Grade skills competition, Hall won the dunk contest, while Jonas, Coppock and Hall were runners-up in the team shooting event.

The RCC/AMN 7th-Grade Wolves also participated in the USSSA National Championships.

Game results with scoring leaders follow:

- Lakeland Fire 58, Wolves 50. Jordan Smith 19, Darrell Brown 8, Ma'leak Gaskins, 8, Jermal Myhand, 8;
- Skillset Vipers (Roswell, Ga.) 46, Wolves 42. Brown 14, Gaskins 7;
- Wellington Wolves (West Palm Beach) 65, Wolves 46. Jordan Smith 14, Darrien Jones, 9, Doreyon Taylor, 7;
- North Point Youth (Palatka) 43, Wolves 31. Myhand 10, Smith 8.

In the 7th-Grade skills competition, Smith made 11 of 15 3-pointers, and just missed qualifying for the shootout final. Taylor made six straight in the free throw shooting contest.



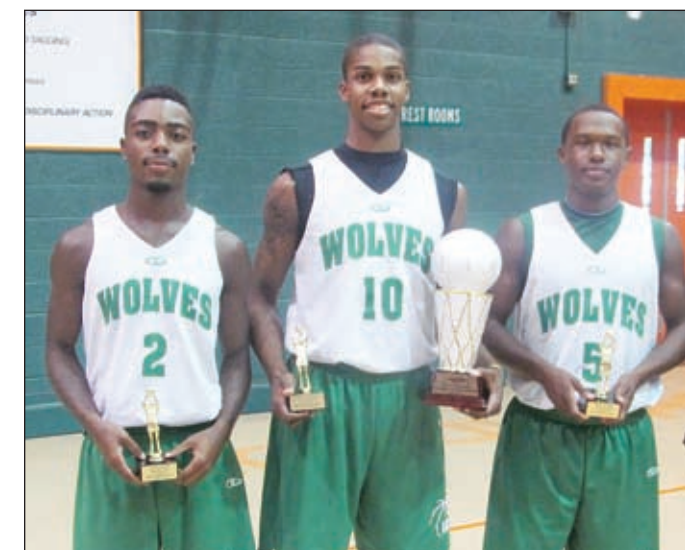
Members of the Richardson Community Center/Annie Maddox North 11th-Grade Wolves basketball team are (front row, from left) S.L. McCall, Kalin Timmons, Nate Jacobs, Jordan Coppock, De'Angelo Perry, Kelvin Jonas and Derontay Levy. Back row (from left) are coach Tony Johnson, Darrell Jones, Mareo Robinson, Dilan Hall, Terry Cooper, Trenton Jones and coach Mardell Jackson. Not pictured are Eli Thomas, Lee Peterson and coach Chris Carodine.

COURTESY



Members of the Richardson Community Center/Annie Maddox North 7th-Grade Wolves basketball team are (front row, from left) Ma'leak Gaskins, Jerimiah Mobley, Jaheim Bell, Ahmad Williams, Darrell Brown, Kylan Callum and Jordan Smith. Back row (from left) are coach Jamal Brown, Kelvin Jonas, Deondre Cray, head coach Ryan Bell, Doreyon Taylor, Jermal Myhand, Willie Jernigan and coach Justin Rayford. Not pictured are T.J. Jones and Darrien Jones.

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Kelvin Jonas (from left), Dilan Hall and Jordan Coppock placed in the USSSA National Championships 11th-grade skill competitions. Hall won the dunk contest and teamed with Jonas and Coppock to place second in team shooting.

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