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DYAL: HUNTER IS 'DELUSIONAL'

Econ development director blasted in heated meeting.

By **JAMIE WACHTER**
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The City of Lake City and Columbia County are committed to working together when and where they can.

It was a point reiterated numerous times during the city's heated Utility Advisory Committee meet-

ing Wednesday.

The actions during the meeting, though, spoke louder than those assurances.

A discussion about the North Florida Mega Industrial Park deteriorated into finger pointing and blame over the loss of past projects from both sides and ended with no clear direction over if the two will be working together on the project east of Lake City in the future.

About 40 minutes into



Dyal

the discussion on the NFMP and who and how potable water would be provided there, Economic Development Director Glenn Hunter took offense over Councilman Todd Sampson's claim that the Bell Road corridor is a good example of the two agencies working together.



Hunter

that whole process, going forward trying to work out the utility process.

"We ultimately got it worked out but the company was gone twice. We had to beg the company to stay."

"That's not true," Hunter said. "We lost that project a couple of times through



Sampson

Paul Dyal's turn to disagree.

Dyal said the only thing he agreed with Hunter on is the two agencies need to look ahead and get along because economic growth benefits everybody.



Williams

He then started pointing the finger back at the county, specifically Hunter, for the shortcomings in economic development projects over the years.

"Glenn is delusional," Dyal said. "I'll tell you that right up front. I sat in just about every one of these

UTILITY continued on 2A

DeSantis, Cabinet eye land deals

160 acres in southern Columbia County among proposals.

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TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet



DeSantis

next week are expected to consider nearly \$40 million in land deals that would help keep more than 17,000 acres from future development.

Targeted sites range from 2.85 acres of hardwood hammocks in the Florida Keys to 932 acres of ranchland in Hardee County to a 3,610-acre parcel in the Wolfe Creek Forest in the Panhandle. It also includes 160 acres within the River Rise Preserve State Park in southern Columbia County.

State staff members have recommended that all 10 conservation deals be approved during a Cabinet meeting Tuesday. DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will meet for the first time since September.

The proposals include using \$16.75 million from the Florida

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That's a bad burn



Liquor truck, van catch fire in Suwannee crash.

Staff report

DOWLING PARK — You shouldn't cry over spilt milk, but what about burnt liquor?

Nobody was injured late Wednesday morning in a two-vehicle accident in western Suwannee County that involved both vehicles catching fire. The load on the 2014 Freightliner tractor trailer, though, was destroyed as the fire consumed the liquor that the delivery truck was carrying.

The vehicles, which wrecked just after 11 a.m. Wednesday on County Road 250 approaching 201st Road, hit a power pole after colliding, which snapped the power line.

Suwannee County Fire Chief Eddie Hand said according to witnesses, the power line caused the spark that caught the two vehicles — a semi-truck and a 1997 GMC Savana van — on fire.

Firefighters were unable to start extinguishing the fire until the power was controlled through the lines, which Hand said took around 20-30 minutes. The vehicles were partially on fire when crews responded and all the vehicle occu-

FIRE continued on 7A



COURTESY PHOTOS

A two-vehicle accident Wednesday morning in western Suwannee County saw both vehicles catch fire. No injuries were reported from the wreck. ABOVE: A semi-truck carrying a delivery of liquor burns off the side of County Road 250 near the intersection of 201st Road. LEFT: A pair of Suwannee County Firefighters put out the blaze Wednesday morning.

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Madeleine Albright, 1st female U.S. secretary of state, dies

By **MATTHEW LEE**
Associated Press



Albright

WASHINGTON — Madeleine Albright, a child refugee from Nazi- and then Soviet-dominated eastern Europe who rose to become the 1st female U.S. secretary of state and a mentor to many current and former American statesmen and women, has died of cancer, her family said Wednesday. She was 84.

A lifelong Democrat who nonetheless worked to bring Republicans into her orbit,

Albright was chosen in 1996 by President Bill Clinton to be America's top diplomat, elevating her from her post as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, where she had been only the second woman to hold that job.

As secretary of state, Albright was the highest-ranking woman in the history of U.S. government. She was not in the line of succession to the presiden-

cy, however, because she was a native of Prague. The glass ceiling that she broke was universally admired, even by her political detractors.

In announcing her death on Twitter, Albright's family said she died of cancer and was surrounded by family and friends: "We have lost a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend," the statement said.

Outpourings of condolences came quickly.

Clinton called her "one of the finest Secretaries of State, an outstanding U.N. Ambassador,

a brilliant professor, and an extraordinary human being."

"Because she knew firsthand that America's policy decisions had the power to make a difference in people's lives around the world, she saw her jobs as both an obligation and an opportunity," Clinton wrote. "And through it all, even until our last conversation just two weeks ago, she never lost her great sense of humor or her determination to go out with her boots on, supporting Ukraine in its fight to preserve freedom and democracy."

UTILITY

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meetings with Glenn. Glenn couldn't come up with an exact figure to save his life...He doesn't even understand utilities, so I don't understand why the county puts so much stock in him.

"He is one reason they have lost so much stuff. You can not go to a meeting and have somebody tell you, 'we need this, we need this, we need that.' Then the next day it's something totally different or the next week. Now how in the hell are we supposed to even come up with any kind of plan when he can't? Yeah, he can go out and get all these companies to say, 'Hey, yeah we want to come here.' But then he can't even tell us what they need. And if it is, it's something so damn unrealistic, you can't."

"Glenn, if you can't supply it, you can't supply it. Then to sit there and you say that we didn't want to work, hell no. No, that is not the damn truth. I've sat in these meetings. I've listened to your bullshit. That is not the damn case."

Dyal didn't miss a beat when Hunter said he was out of line.

"No, I'm not," Dyal said. "The city gets bashed by the county all the time and you're one of the world's worst."

Finally, David Kraus, the county manager, started to calm the situation back down, going back to the repeated point that

the two need to be able to work together.

"The city and county have to work together," Kraus said, before recycling the line that they will work together where the can. "We do work together. We, at times, may have our differences as brothers may fight."

Longtime County Commissioner Ron Williams, who was just appointed to the committee last week when Rocky Ford resigned due to not wanting to serve on both the Lake City utility committee and the county's joint utility committee with the Town of Fort White, repeated the point as well.

But Williams then also said there is a difference between the city and the county. The city views utilities as a revenue source, adding probably half of the city's budget is funded by utilities.

The county, though, Williams said sees utilities as a means to an end of bringing in development that will then lead to the revenue. He said if the county can offer lower utility rates to lure business growth here, that will be made up for by new houses and more property taxes from the new employees those companies bring to the area.

It wasn't the first disagreement of the meeting around the mega site, either.

Williams pointed out earlier in the meeting that the County Commission voted unanimously at its meeting last week to move forward with the construction

of a potable water plant at the mega site.

"The county will handle everything in the mega site," he said.

The city, though, was operating under the belief that it was going to be providing potable water, particularly for the residential area at the site.

Jamie Bell, the city's engineering consultant with Jones Edmunds, mentioned later the plans to run a water line from the city's system to the wastewater plant for the park.

Dyal and Sampson, the board chairman, quickly shot down that plan with Dyal shaking his head no as Bell spoke about that plan.

"If the city's not going to be in the Mega Industrial Park, that's not in our best interest," Dyal said.

Sampson agreed that it didn't make sense, adding the county should plan to get water to the wastewater plant on its own and the additional cost that would require.

"I don't really know to deal with the water part," Bell said, later telling the committee she needed direction prior to April 8 when the bidding opens for the wastewater plant because it could require construction of its own well to obtain water.

Requesting clarity, Kraus asked if the city was not interested of providing water to the county as a customer.

Sampson said no because the county was stating they didn't want assistance from the city at

the park but added that would need to be addressed by the full City Council.

He added the county would then also need to plan to provide sewer for the residential portion of the site.

"We don't want to come where we're not wanted," Sampson said, adding later into the discussion that he wasn't turning away any customers from the city's line along U.S. Highway 90. "I'm tired of it always being the city's fault and trying to say the city's not doing this or the city's not doing that. That's bullshit."

Sampson also said he wasn't interested in talking about the past, particularly 40 or 50 years ago, because it wasn't important.

"What's important is we provide jobs at the mega industrial park," Sampson said. "If we're going to work together and be partners, we need to work together and be partners."

Williams, though, repeating the line of the county will work together with the city when they can, also told Sampson to put his "ear plugs in" because he was going to talk about the problems of the past 40 years. That included the county being forced to provide utilities because the city wouldn't help run a line to Ellisville.

"Let's call an ace an ace and a spade a spade," he said.

Sampson suggested the two draw up a map to clear up who would provide utilities at which locations.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
— James 1:12 (KJV)

Thought for Today

Truth is strong, and sometime or other will prevail.
— Mary Astell, 1666-1731, English writer

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In Brief

Officials: Florida manatees eat 'every scrap' in food trial

One thing wildlife officials have learned during the winter experimental feeding program to help manatees avoid starvation is that if you feed them, they will come. Manatees have eaten virtually all of the estimated 160,000 pounds (72,500 kilograms) of lettuce provided at a warm-water power plant site where manatees typically congregate during cold months, officials said Wednesday during a virtual news conference. "They've eaten every scrap of food we've put out," said Scott Calleson of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. By the time the operation winds down in a few weeks, Calleson said the lettuce total will probably reach 200,000 pounds (90,700 kilograms) — almost all paid for by donations from people across the country. It wasn't clear the manatees would eat the lettuce under the unprecedented program began in December. But officials say that since Jan. 20 the slow-moving marine mammals have feasted on the food made necessary after more than 1,100 manatees died largely from starvation last year, the worst year for the threatened species on record. Through March 11 of this year, about 420 manatee deaths have been confirmed, still an alarmingly high number. But as warm spring weather continues, the manatees are beginning to leave the feeding site to find natural food elsewhere.

— Associated Press

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City	Friday	Saturday
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Daytona Beach	72/53/pc	73/52/s
Fort Myers	75/58/pc	74/57/s
Ft. Lauderdale	76/60/sh	78/59/s
Gainesville	73/47/s	74/46/s
Jacksonville	75/52/s	74/50/s
Key West	79/67/sh	75/65/pc
Lake City	73/45/s	74/46/s
Miami	76/63/sh	77/62/s
Naples	76/61/sh	75/60/s
Ocala	74/47/s	75/46/s
Orlando	73/53/pc	74/52/s
Panama City	69/51/s	71/49/s
Pensacola	69/50/s	71/51/s
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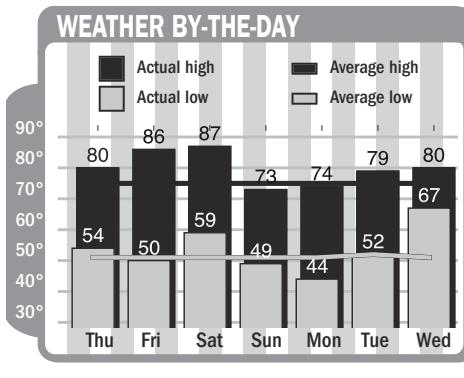
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WEATHER HISTORY

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Special meeting called for manager search

Joint county meeting on pier to be rescheduled.

Staff report

The search for a new city manager will lead to a special called Lake City Council meeting next week.

The city has called for a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. March 30 to conduct video interviews with three

finalists recommended by Renee Narloch.

The city momentarily called for a joint special meeting with the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners to discuss the Lake Montgomery pier project for next week as well on March 31.

However, that meeting was canceled four hours later. It may be rescheduled at a later date and

time.

During the special meeting, the council will conduct video interviews with Troy Perry, Don Rosenthal and Fred Ventresco after Narloch, whose Tallahassee-based consulting firm has been guiding the search process that has been ongoing for nine months.

Perry, who worked 20 years for the City of Riviera

Beach including a stint as interim city manager in 2017 and two stints as interim assistant city manager, is currently the director of operations and facilities for the State of Florida Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel 4th District Court of Appeals.

Rosenthal has more than 25 years of expertise in city and county management, most recently as a com-

mercial/redevelopment project liaison in Pasco County from January 2020 to February 2021. Prior to that he worked as Pasco County's assistant county administrator for five years. He also has worked for the City of Atlanta, City of Reno and the City of Downers Grove, Illinois, and is a certified manager through ICMA.

Ventresco was most

recently a city administrator in Milan, Missouri, a 2,400-person city in north central Missouri prior to leaving earlier this year. He had previously served as an administrator in a handful of towns in the Northeast.

The city tentatively has scheduled a meet-and-greet with prospective candidates for April 8 with an in-person interview meeting set for April 9.

DEALS

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Forever land-conservation program — \$1.19 million for the Columbia County project — and \$3.66 million from the state's Rural and Family Lands Protection Program to keep five of the tracts, totaling 12,783 acres, from future development. Another five pieces of environmentally sensitive land would total just over 4,353 acres.

The Columbia County land is located six miles north of High Springs and a strategic inholding within the River Rise Preserve State Park. Within the Santa Fe River Basin, the parcel is a half-mile north of the river.

"Preservation of this important hydrologically and ecologically rich parcel is critical for the overall protection of the regional water supply as well as the entire Floridian Aquifer," the staff report said.

The land in the Keys is 2.85 acres of islands in an "area of critical state concern" with at least 11 development rights. It would cost \$540,000, 90% of the land's appraised value.

"The acquisition of this subject property will prevent future development



COURTESY

Gov. Ron DeSantis and his Cabinet plan on purchasing 160 acres in River Rise Preserve State Park.

and help continue efforts to sustain hurricane evacuations to under 24 hours," a staff report said.

The proposal with the biggest price tag, \$10.6 million, involves purchasing a conservation easement on 6,864 acres in the Fisheating Creek ecosystem in Glades County. Conservation easements generally limit development but allow continued use for such things as agriculture. Owner Lykes

Bros, Inc., would be able to continue using the land for agriculture and recreational hunting.

Four of the projects that will go before DeSantis and the Cabinet could have outside funding to reduce state costs.

The federal Forest Legacy Program could provide \$1.622 million for a proposed \$2.163 million purchase of 313.4 acres in the Wakulla Springs area south of Tallahassee.

Meanwhile, a \$9.47 million purchase of 3,610 acres in the Wolfe Creek Forest in Santa Rosa County could be offset by \$2.9 million from the Forest Legacy Program and another \$1.8 million from the private Knobloch Family Foundation.

Also, a \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service would cut in half a conservation easement

deal for 501 acres of ranch land in Hardee County.

And a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative Program could help pay for a \$2.26 million acquisition of 932 acres near the Avon Park Air Force Range in Okeechobee County.

DeSantis and the Cabinet also will consider:


■ Spending \$1.469 million for a conservation

easement on 354 acres in the Lake Wales Ridge area of Highlands County.

■ Spending \$4.675 million for a conservation easement on 4,132 acres in the Red Hills region in Jefferson and Leon counties.

■ Spending \$5.8 million for 241 acres in the Pumpkin Hill Creek area in Duval County.




Editor Jamie Wachter contributed to this report.



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ANOTHER OPINION Say no to permanent daylight saving

When has the U.S. Senate ever moved faster? In less than 30 seconds Tuesday afternoon, lawmakers unanimously consented to make daylight saving time permanent. The legislation never even came up for debate. Senators were apparently cranky enough about losing an hour of sleep last weekend to basically say they'd had enough.

In one sense, reform is welcome. Changing clocks twice a year — a policy adopted during World War I to conserve electricity — is disruptive to people's sleep and health. It's been associated with a rise in heart attacks, strokes and mood disorders; a spike in morning car crashes; and widespread discomfort, whining and unhappiness. By one estimate, the time shift costs the economy some \$434 million annually.

Sticking with the same time all year, then, would surely make sense. But why choose daylight saving time without a moment's consideration of the alternative?

Standard time is better aligned with the position of the sun and human nature. It generally synchronizes people's waking with sunrise and bedtime with darkness, in accordance with circadian rhythms. It also enables children and adults to go to school and work in daylight.

DST effectively does the reverse. By increasing exposure to morning darkness and evening light, it shifts body clocks later in the day and makes it difficult to fully wake up or easily fall asleep, a particular hazard for children. Having to be at school or work unnaturally early leads to "social jet lag," which is associated with a higher risk of obesity, heart disease and depression. As for conserving energy, the original rationale? Studies suggest DST may in fact do the opposite.

Of course, DST has its benefits. Some businesses — such as golf course operators and retail stores — may prefer giving customers an extra hour of sunlight on their way home from work. (Coffee shops might feel differently.) Added daylight also seems to be associated with a decrease in robberies and in evening car crashes. And many people simply prefer the extra afternoon light. In fact, a solid plurality of Americans now say they want to make DST permanent.

Perhaps they don't remember how unhappy everyone was the last time Congress imposed year-round DST, during the oil embargo of the early 1970s. Although the change was popular at first, late sunrises in the dead of winter soon weighed on people's minds. Energy savings proved negligible. Stories about children being injured or killed in accidents while walking to school in the dark gained national attention. Support for the initiative plunged by 37 percentage points in just three months. Congress soon reversed course entirely.

It will now fall to House lawmakers to once again determine the fate of daylight saving time. Before repeating a failed experiment, they should slow down and shed some more sunlight on this debate.

■ Bloomberg Opinion

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

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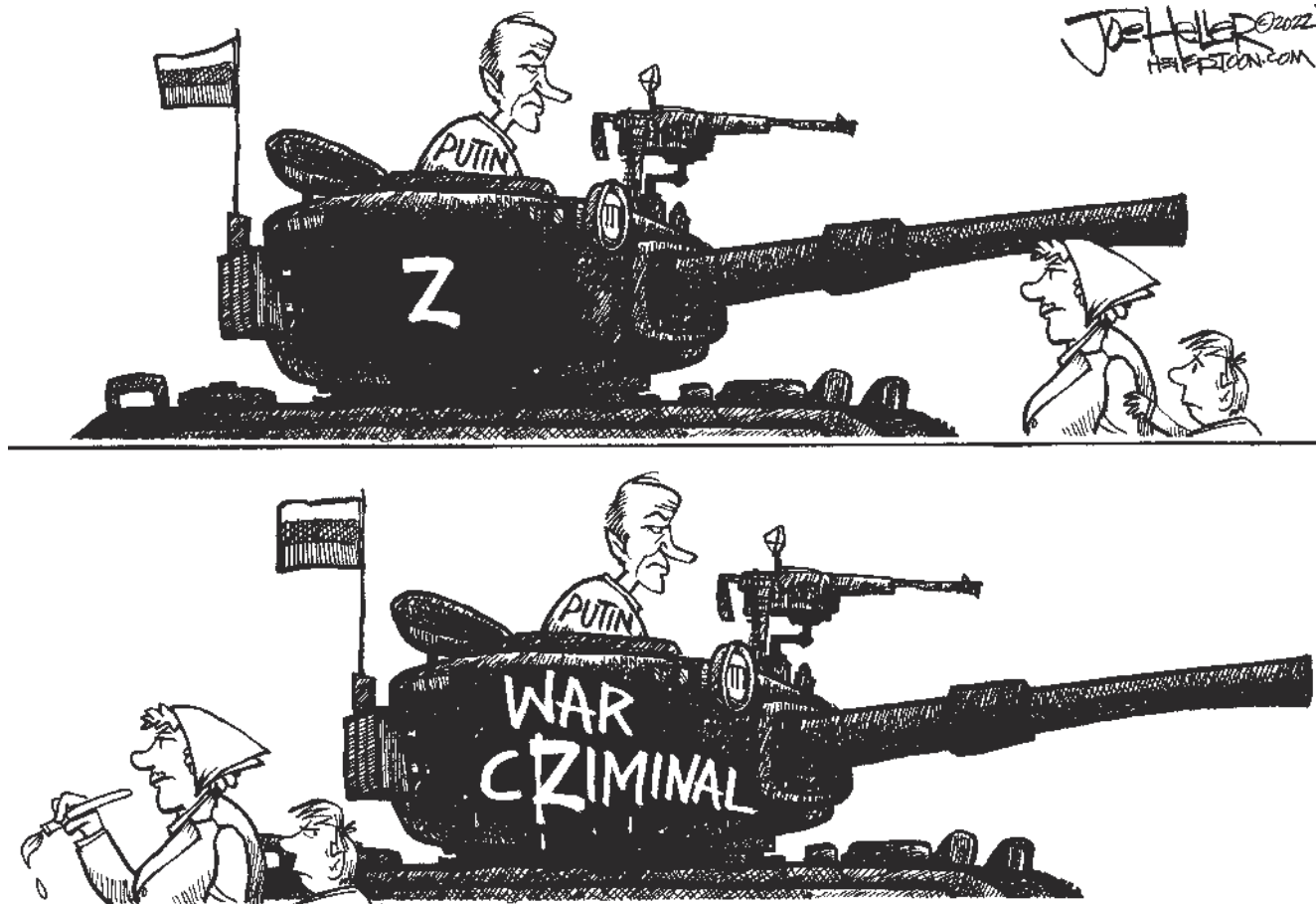
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Suwannee Spring Reunion didn't disappoint

Rain couldn't ruin this Reunion

Everyone at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park for the Suwannee Spring Reunion looked so happy to be there on Thursday afternoon.

It was great to see so many smiling faces. I stopped to watch a large group of kids playing kickball in the big field on my way to see my first act of the weekend — The Grass is Dead — at the Amphitheatre Stage. The many fans assembled there were quickly rewarded with a high-energy set that would have impressed any lover of string instruments. Most of the crowd shifted over to the Porch Stage to watch the duet Mike and Ruthie next. Ruthie was on the fiddle and Mike played guitar. It is so nice to be able to just walk a few hundred feet to what feels like an entirely new concert.

Later that evening, at the Tent Stage, Applebutter Express got folks moving as the sun fell behind the trees. I really enjoyed their renditions of "Whipping Post," originally by the Allman Brothers and "Back in The USSR," originally by the Beatles. The dancing continued until dark when the full moon lit my way back to the Amp Stage for Sierra Hull's set. My two favorite things about her set were her voice and the fact that her band had a drummer.

I had circled The Firewater Tent Revival set on my program. Having seen them before, I knew they would put on a great show, and they did not disappoint over on the Tent Stage. I loved their fun takes on Bananarama's "Cruel Summer" and Huey Lewis's "I Want a New Drug." There was more going on Thursday night, but pacing is essential for surviving a four-day music festival.

Friday started with a little Sloppy Joe on the Tent Stage. The crowd



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assembled there, though a bit smaller than Thursday night, was no less raucous. Their final song about fishing in the river with a

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cane pole brought back many memories. The wind and clouds scared me back to camp to prepare for whatever weather may come, but I was able to make it back to the Tent to hear Free Range Strange. Their use of both a male and female singer kept it interesting. Their song about the county jail had me laughing all the way back to the Amp to see Donna the Buffalo.

Donna was putting on a great show with hits like "My My My, Everybody Gets High on Love" and "Conscious Evolution" until nearly the end of her set when the weather forced a delay of the entire festival. I headed back to camp and the rain put me to sleep.

Saturday started with Two Foot Level at the Tent. They were venturing into the rock genre and that was fine with me and the others under

the tent. Their decision to play a little past their scheduled time was met with much applause. Then, I headed over to the Amp Stage to hear the Rev. Mosier Ensemble. The crowd, both young and old, was getting down to the blues they played for us. Later, the duo of Tony Fortado and Luke Price were very entertaining on the Porch Stage. The Habanero Honeys were able to finish their set before the rain started again.

This time the rain ended before the music did. I headed to the Porch Stage to see The Grass is Dead again, but found that Town Mountain from North Carolina was playing in their slot due to the delay. Their hard-hitting sound (somewhere between country, rock, and bluegrass) instantly made me a fan. The final act on Saturday, Donna the Buffalo, again showed why they are a mainstay at the SOS Music Park. Besides their folk rock sound, they also played a bit of reggae on "West Virginia Rastafari."

Sunday we saw the legends Verlon Thompson and Peter Rowan each take a turn on the Amp Stage. Later, The Grass is Dead played a set at the Tent to make up for missing Saturday. The final act of the festival is always unique because Donna the Buffalo plays with various artists from the festival. I just hope I can still rock even half as well as Peter Rowan did on Sunday night when I am his age.

If you missed this incredible festival, you are in luck. Suwannee Rising will be at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in less than three weeks. No fan of rock, funk, or blues music should miss this event April 7-9.

■ Eric Rodriguez lives in Suwannee County, loves live music and majored in English.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame: Respect Dolly's wishes

Like all cultural institutions, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame has been under pressure to diversify its honorees, given the preponderance of old white guy rockers on its roster. So it turned to one of the few American figures left who is beloved by both red- and blue-state America: Dolly Parton.

Thus the 76-year-old singer-songwriter-actress-humanitarian, the pride of Sevier County, Tennessee, and the business-savvy icon of the Dollywood theme park, found herself on the ballot for membership, even though she is, of course, known as a country music singer. That genre has its own Nashville-based Hall of Fame, which elected Parton to membership in 1999.

Parton did not care for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame plan, respectfully declining the nomination on the grounds that she had never made what she considered to be a rock 'n' roll album.

"Even though I am extremely flattered and grateful to be nominated for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, I don't feel that I have earned that right," she wrote. "So I must

respectfully bow out."

This is not the first honor Parton has declined. In 2021, she politely asked the Tennessee General Assembly to nix a bill that would have started the process for com-

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missioning a statue of her on the grounds of Tennessee's state Capitol, part of what panicked legislators thought was a bipartisan solution to a controversy over the potential removal of a bust there of a Confederate general. Maybe when I am dead, she said, in essence. Not now.

Good for Parton. She's well aware of the dangers of being used by others with agendas under the guise of being honored. She's a humble person, well aware of the downside to overexposure and the ensuing backlash, and both old and

powerful enough to state her own mind.

That statue idea went away fast. Nobody messes with Dolly's wishes in Tennessee. But the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame unaccountably kept Parton's name on the ballot.

It put out a weaselly, defensive statement last week, defending its nomination of her by saying that rock 'n' roll is "not defined by any one genre, rather a sound that moves youth culture," which is ridiculous corporate babble. And then it whined defensively that it had already sent out 1,200 ballots.

Listen up, Hall of Fame people. Did you not hear that Parton does not want to be nominated? What you should have said was: "We respect Dolly's wishes." Period.

Membership in a hall of fame should not be compulsory with a process continued despite the clearly stated wishes of the honoree. And for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to be charting this course is especially egregious; rock 'n' roll is founded on freedom.

Parton must be free to bow out.

■ Chicago Tribune

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your calendar item, stop by the Reporter office or email Morgan McMullen at mmcmullen@lakecityreporter.com

Today

SongFarmers Meeting

The SongFarmers of Live Oak will meet Thursday, March 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Suwannee River Regional Library, 1848 Ohio Avenue South in Live Oak. All ages and skill levels welcome. Multiple genres and styles. Jam style format. Acoustic instruments only. Musicians, friends and families welcome. NO CHARGE.

Saturday

Paint with Alcohol Inks

Sounds crazy, painting with alcohol? This unusual art medium is imminently blendable and quick-drying. Led by artist Mary McGuerty, each student will create two small tile projects using the vivid, ethereal colors of alcohol ink on glazed tiles. Projects will be completed Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m.-noon and picked up on the following Tuesday after curing. A great activity for those who think they "can't paint." Gateway Art Gallery in historic downtown Lake City. Call 386-752-5229 to register. \$30 per student fee covers all materials.

Monday

Attracting Wildlife

Tired of squirrels and want more birds or butterflies in your yard? Join Heartstone Gardens' workshop on Monday, March 28 at 10 a.m. at 3300 134th Place in Wellborn to learn ways to use water, natural and supplemental food, and providing shelter to attract the wildlife you want. Practical, inexpensive tips will be offered. Workshop is \$10 per person. For more information, visit hearstonegardens.org/workshop-calendar or call 386-438-3102.

Tuesday

Orchid Workshop

Join Heartstone Gardens at 3300 134th Place in Wellborn on Tuesday, March 29 at 10 a.m. for a workshop about orchids. Dennis O'Toole, Suwannee County Master Gardener, will share his knowledge of raising orchids and provide tips on fertilizing, dividing and transplanting orchids. Bring your own plants for analysis and discussion. For more information, visit hearstonegardens.org/workshop-calendar or call 386-438-3102.

Weekly

Grief Support Program

First United Methodist

Church will be offering a Grief Support Program on Thursdays beginning at 5:30 p.m. It is open to everyone in the community. It will be held in our Fellowship Hall located at 973 S. Marion Ave. Please call if you have any questions or need more information at 386-752-4488.

Growers Market

The City of Lake City will have its Growers and Makers Market in downtown Olustee Park on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors scheduled to attend will be selling local honey, sweet treats, coffee truck, arts and crafts, fresh produce, vegetables and farm fresh eggs. For more information or to be a vendor at a future market, please contact the city's Community Program Manager Terri Phillips at 386-758-5427 or cityevents@lcfla.com.

Friday Night Dances

The Friday Night Dances start a new year. It's all happening at the multipurpose building at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church at 1272 SW McFarlane Ave. in Lake City. Come join us as our DJ plays all your favorite songs from line dancing to waltzing to Rock n' Roll. Singles and couples are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing runs from 7-9:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Admission is \$7 per person. For more information, please call Shirley at 386-365-9643.

Community Walk

The NorthStar Family Resource Center, 255 NE Coach Anders Lane in the Ferguson Building, hosts a daily community walk on Mondays through Fridays, starting at 9 a.m. in an effort to reduce coronary artery disease, heart failure, hypertension and elevated cholesterol. The walk is 1.5-2 miles. For more information, please call 386-758-3319.

Youth Ministry

Lantern Park Baptist Church is beginning a youth ministry on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for ages 12-17. There will be a service in the gym followed by snacks and games. For any question, please contact Hunter Wortman at edyouthLPBC@gmail.com.

Historical Museum

The Lake City Columbia County Historical Museum is open every week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. Please stop by 157 SE Hernando Ave. in Lake City and visit. Admission is free.

Take Stock in Children

Take Stock in Children is a statewide, non-profit organization that provides a unique opportunity for deserving, low-income youth to escape the cycle of poverty through education. Underserved students are offered one-on-one support through caring volunteer mentors, professional college success services, the opportunity to earn a college scholarship, and hope for success in college, career, and life. Take Stock in Children is always accepting volunteers that want to make a difference in a student's life. To learn more information and fill out a mentor interest form, please visit: www.takestockinchildren.org or contact Peggy Boston at 386-754-4423.

Save the Date

Edible Weeds

Join Pete Shank, Stephen Foster State Park Forester, on Friday, April 1, at 9 a.m. Shank will share his knowledge of weeds as participants walk and learn how to identify and sample (optional) April's palette of edible offerings. Workshop is \$10 per person. For more information, visit hearstonegardens.org/workshop-calendar or call 386-438-3102.

Watercolor Class

Popular local artist Mike Grecian returns to the Art League of North Florida/Gateway Gallery. He'll be teaching an art workshop on Saturday, April 2, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Gallery. \$30 for the workshop. Topic: "Understanding Color using Watercolor and Gouache." This is more of an indepth-workshop as opposed to concentrating on a finished piece of art. Call 386-752-5229 to register.

SongFarmers Meeting

The SongFarmers of the Suwannee River Valley will meet at St. James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW Bascom Norris Drive in Lake City on Saturday, April 2, from 7-9 p.m.. All ages and skill levels welcome. Multiple genres and styles. Jam style format. Acoustic instruments only. Musicians, friends and families welcome. NO CHARGE.

Youth Tennis Camp

The Youth Tennis Foundation (YTF) of

Florida will be sponsoring a youth tennis camp in April for Lake City Columbia Community Tennis Association (LCCCTA). Registration and payment are both due April 19, 2022. Camps will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 19 through May 12. For more information or to reserve a spot, please visit lccta.org/news/youth-tennis-camp-spring-2022 or the LCCCTA Facebook page.

Piano Concert

First United Methodist Church at 973 S. Marion Ave. welcomes back Lukas Miller on Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m. for a piano concert. Please

join us for an amazing evening with this young artist.

Medicare Seminar

Are you age 64 1/2 or older? The Lifestyle Enrichment Center at 628 Allison Ct in Lake City is sponsoring a free educational Medicare seminar on Tuesday, April 5, from 5-6 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates, Inc. Subjects to be covered will include what you need to know about Medicare, when to enroll, what is covered in Parts A, B, C and D, and whether a supplement is needed. We will answer questions for retirees, Medicaid people, those

still working and veterans. Please bring your questions. This is not a sales seminar. A tour of the facility will be available. For questions or to RSVP to the seminar, please call 386-755-3476-107 or email Irv@ccandassoc.com.

Friendship Club

The Lake City Friendship Club will meet Wednesday, April 13 at 11 a.m. at Eastside Village Clubhouse, 189 SE Claudia Way. Our program will feature Lake City Reporter columnist Marlene Kenney. Come and enjoy her words of wisdom. Catered lunch will be provided at \$15/person. RSVP to Joan Wilson at 386-984-0908 or email jaw142@yahoo.com.

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Strawberry Queens



CARLOS DAVILA PHOTOGRAFIA/Special to the Reporter

The Bradford-Union Miss Strawberry Pageant celebrated its 60th anniversary last month. In celebration, the directors decided to open up the competition area to include most of North Florida. All three winners this year are from Columbia County. They are pictured from left to right: Outgoing Princess Kadie Adams, 2022 Strawberry Shortcake Ansley Crews, 2022 Strawberry Princess MacKenna Freeman, 2022 Strawberry Queen Jocelyn Torres and Outgoing Queen and 2022 Miss Olustee Abigail Ripplinger. The Bradford-Union Miss Strawberry Pageant has supported young women in the community by offering scholarships, improving self-esteem and interview skills, encouraging community involvement and building lasting relationships throughout the process. This year the Strawberry Queen was awarded \$4,500 in scholarships. The girls danced to get the evening started with an opening number. Each contestant competed in several categories to earn their titles including an interview session, casual wear, talent, evening gown and an on-stage question.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
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 JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING**

THIS SERVES AS PUBLIC NOTICE the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a Special Called City Council Meeting Joint City/County Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. Due to COVID, all persons in attendance are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel.

The purpose of the meeting is:

- **Discussion and Possible Action – Fish and Game – Pier at Lake Montgomery**

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To receive a copy of the agenda packet with supporting documentation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at clerk@lcfla.com or 386-719-5826.

Those attendees wishing to share a document must email the item to submissions@lcfla.com no later than noon on the day of the meeting.

Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City with respect to any matter considered at its meetings or hearings, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Pursuant to 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.

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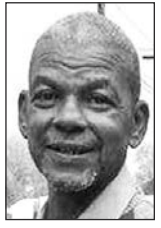
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OBITUARIES

Curtis Kyer
Curtis Kyer was born September 18, 1960, in Brooklyn, New York to Mary Kyer and the late Cumiss Darden. Curtis transitioned on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at UF Shands Cardiovascular Neuroscience Hospital, Gainesville, Florida.



Cherished and loving memories are left with his loving wife, Verletta Kyer; daughter, LaDonna Robinson; son, Keron Brewton (Lesha); stepchildren, Toccara Clayton, Tony and Teresa Clayton, Jr., Alan and Stephanie Clayton, Brian Clayton; grandchildren; sisters, Linda Jackson (Ronnie), Joanne Darden; brothers, James Darden, David and Tina Darden; hosts of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Curtis Kyer will be 12:00 P.M. Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Combs Funeral Home.

Walk-through viewing will be from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Friday, March 25, 2022, at the funeral home.

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Brian Earl Teal
Brian Earl Teal, 45, of Webster, Florida passed away on March 19, 2022 in Tampa, Florida. He was born in West Palm Beach, Florida on September 17, 1976 to Craig and Brenda Teal. He was Christian in faith. Brian was a commercial AC Technician for many years and was last employed with Kalos Services. He enjoyed fishing, hiking, camping, cooking and spending time with his family and his beloved dog, Hammie. In his younger years, he earned a Black Belt in karate and played the trumpet for the Columbia High School marching band.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years: Lovia Teal of Webster,

Florida; daughters: Samantha Teal of Ladson, South Carolina and Sylvia Teal of Webster, Florida; parents: Craig and Elaine Teal of Lake City, Florida; sister: Ashley Crews (Michael) of Lake City, Florida; brother: Marshall Teal (Liz Darling) of South Lyons, Michigan; mother-in-law: Linda Hooten of Lake Panasoffkee, Florida; father-in-law: Johnnie Lee Newsome, Jr. (Tammy) of Webster, Florida; brother-in-law: Ethan Woodward of Lake Panasoffkee, Florida; sister-in-law: Vannette Hooten of Lake Panasoffkee, Florida.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Mr. Teal's name to Moffitt Cancer Center.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Matchett Cemetery (with visitation from 9:30 to 10:00) with Pastor Doug Watkins officiating.

Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.

FIRE

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pants were safely away from the vehicles and power lines.

"We couldn't do anything because the lines were between us and the vehicles and still laying on the vehicles live," he said. "When you see the power company a little bit nervous about power, it's a situation we definitely don't like. They're around it all the time."

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According to the Florida Highway Patrol, both vehicles were headed east on CR 250 when the van attempted to make a left-hand turn, running into the semi that was attempting to

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ON TENNIS



Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Barty retiring not hard to fathom

At first glance, Ash Barty's retirement from tennis might be hard to fathom. She is still only 25, after all. And she's been thriving with a racket in her hands lately: No. 1 in the WTA rankings for 114 consecutive weeks (a streak surpassed only by Steffi Graf, Serena Williams and Martina Navratilova), the champion at two of the past three Grand Slam tournaments, an 11-0 record this season.

So, to some, it seems natural to ask: Why stop now?

Ah, but Barty made clear, both in her announcement via social media on Wednesday and in other things she's said and done over time, that she learned to measure success and fulfillment in ways that are uncommon — and certainly have little to do with the number beside her name or how many trophies reside in her home.

Listen, for example, to what the Australian said during an interview with The Associated Press in March 2019, back before she had won any of her trio of major singles championships, before she had spent so much as one day ranked inside the Top 10, and three years before telling the world she was ready to stop for good.

"I know if I keep doing things the right way and keep going about things the right way, enjoying the process and the journey, those results will come. If they don't, it's not the end of the world," she said then, earnestness in her voice and, as is often the case, a smile on her face. "And if they do, I can sit back, celebrate and just enjoy them."

It was believable then. Her latest news is believable now, even if there surely are folks wondering whether this will stick. Tom Brady is only the most recent example of a top athlete who couldn't stay away, a long list that includes tennis players such as Justine Henin (the only other woman to retire while No. 1) and Kim Clijsters.

Plus, there's this: Barty already did take a break years ago before returning, but she says the feeling is

BARTY continued on 5B

TUESDAY'S PREP ROUNDUP

SOFTBALL
Florida High 10, Suwannee 0
 The Bulldogs (3-6) managed just two hits off Carly Allen and the Seminoles (10-0) cruised to a run-rule victory at home in five innings Tuesday night. Karis Smith pitched two innings for SHS, giving up four runs — three earned — on five hits and a walk with three strikeouts in the loss. Zoie Hatch also pitched two innings, giving up six earned runs in the fourth inning and allowing five total hits with three walks and three strikeouts.

COMMENTARY

THE GOLDEN AGE



JORDAN MCKENDRICK/UAA Communications

Florida athletic director Scott Stricklin and new basketball coach Todd Golden hold up a jersey with Golden's name during Wednesday's introductory press conference at Exactech Arena in Gainesville.

Gators' new whiz-kid basketball coach Todd Golden finds safety in numbers

GAINESVILLE — Scott Stricklin has a message for anyone who thinks Todd Golden doesn't have the résumé or credentials to be the University of Florida's new basketball coach.

The Gators' athletic director resurrected a quote from one of the most legendary athletes of all time on Wednesday when asked why he chose Golden, the young whiz-kid coach, as the man he hopes will lead UF's program back to national prominence and dominance.

"Wayne Gretzky once said, 'Don't skate where the puck is; skate where the puck is going to be,'" Stricklin said after introducing Golden as UF's next head coach.

If Stricklin is quoting the Great One, it must mean he believes the 36-year-old Golden, too, has a chance to be a great one in his own right. The analytics-driven Golden is



Mike Bianchi
Orlando Sentinel

considered a prodigy; a youthful-looking boy wonder who just led San Francisco to its first NCAA tournament in 25 years.

After consulting with legendary former UF coach Billy Donovan (now the head coach of the Chicago Bulls) and former Gators assistant coach Mark Daigneault (now the head coach of the Oklahoma City Thunder), Stricklin became enamored with Golden's

fanatical, mathematical approach to the game.

"Analytics is where the game is going," Stricklin said. "When I spoke with Mark Daigneault, he said to me: 'Everything in the NBA is analytics- and data-driven and I'm surprised this approach hasn't gotten into college as much.' That's where the college game is eventually going to go and the fact that Todd is already there puts us on the cutting edge of innovation. Todd Golden is already where the future of college basketball is heading."

Golden's parents, Scott and Gale, nodded proudly and knowingly when their son stood at the podium Wednesday and talked about how he became obsessed with numbers and analytics as a kid when he would sit at a table, eat his cereal and memorize the box scores and the agate page as Dad read the

GOLDEN continued on 5B

NFL

Chiefs trade Tyreek Hill to Dolphins for picks



DILIP VISHWANAT/Getty Images/TNS

Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill (10) celebrates after scoring a touchdown against the Pittsburgh Steelers in an AFC wild-card game on Jan. 16 in Kansas City, Missouri.

All-Pro WR gets new record deal of \$120M over four seasons.

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs traded Tyreek Hill to Miami for a package of draft picks Wednesday, and the Dolphins are giving the three-time All-Pro wide receiver a \$120 million, four-year contract extension that makes Hill the highest-paid player at his position in NFL history.

The Chiefs will get the Dolphins' first- and second-round picks and their fourth-rounder in this year and fourth- and sixth-round picks next year, along with some

much-needed salary cap relief in the latest major NFL trade.

"It's hard to put into words what Tyreek has meant to Chiefs Kingdom," Chiefs general manager Brett Veach said. "He's a special player, one of the best in franchise history. He's been a large part of our success, including our Super Bowl championship run. This decision was incredibly difficult, but we felt it was a necessary move in the best interest of the team, and also for Tyreek. We wish him the best as he continues his career."

Hill's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said the Miami deal includes \$72.2 million

HILL continued on 2B

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table containing NCAA TOURNAMENT results, including East Regional Semifinals (Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia) and South Regional Semifinals (AT&T Center in San Antonio).

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table containing NCAA TOURNAMENT results, including Greensboro Regional Semifinals (Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C.) and Wichita Regional Semifinals (Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita, Kan.).

Regional Semifinals Saturday, March 26. Includes scores for basketball games such as No. 2 Texas vs. No. 6 Ohio St., No. 1 Stanford vs. No. 4 Maryland.

NBA

NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic and Central Divisions. Includes scores for games like Boston vs. Philadelphia, Milwaukee vs. Chicago, etc.

Central Division scores. Includes games like Colorado vs. St. Louis, Minnesota vs. Nashville, Dallas vs. Winnipeg.

NHL

NHL Eastern Conference Atlantic and Metropolitan Divisions. Includes scores for games like Florida vs. Toronto, Carolina vs. Pittsburgh, etc.

SPORTS ON TV

Table listing sports events on TV for Thursday, March 24, including College Baseball, College Basketball (ESPN2), NCAA Division II Tournaments, and various professional sports.

Table listing international sports events, including ISU World Championships: Men's Short Program, PGA Tour: The Corales Puntacana Resort Championship, etc.

HILL

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guaranteed. The value of the deal surpasses the five-year contract that Davante Adams signed after he was traded from Green Bay to Las Vegas last week, which averages \$28.5 million and includes \$67.5 million guaranteed.

"I'm very excited to be joining the Miami Dolphins and get to work," Hill said in a statement. "However it's hard thinking about the memories, people and fans that made my time in Kansas City so great.

"I'll never forget getting the call in 2016 that my dream to play in the NFL was coming true. I worked hard every day to show my appreciation for you taking a chance on me," Hill continued. "To the fans, thank you for your support. Playing for you has been one of the greatest things I've done in my life."

The Chiefs had been in discussions with Hill on a contract extension in part because they sought relief from a tight salary cap situation. But talks had stalled over the past few days, and Hill's representatives requested permission to seek a trade, which came together quickly with multiple teams expressing interest in him.

The deal clears more than \$18 million in salary cap space for Kansas City.

Hill appeared to indicate his time with the Chiefs was over more than a week ago, when the six-time Pro Bowl selection tweet-

ed: "we came a long way thank you chiefs kingdom I'm forever indebted." He also was keenly aware of the market for top wide receivers, retweeting a post about the Jaguars signing Christian Kirk to a four-year, \$84 million deal.

It has been a wild NFL offseason when it comes to big names, even though the new league year is just a week old.

The Seahawks traded Russell Wilson to the Broncos, Deshaun Watson ended up in Cleveland, the Falcons sent Matt Ryan to the Colts and Carson Wentz landed with the Commanders — and that's just quarterbacks. Adams and Kirk found new homes along with fellow wide receiver Amari Cooper, who went from Dallas to Cleveland. And top-tier pass rushers Khalil Mack (Chargers) and Yannick Ngakou (Colts) also have landed with new teams.

Hill was a controversial pick by the Chiefs in the fifth round of the 2016 draft, a year after he was accused of punching his girlfriend and got kicked off the team at Oklahoma State. Then, three years ago, prosecutors in suburban Kansas City declined to charge Hill after an alleged domestic violence incident involving his fiancée and their 3-year-old child.

On the field, though, Hill has surpassed every expectation, giving coach Andy Reid an outlet for his offensive creativity while teaming with Pro Bowl quarterback Patrick Mahomes to form one of the league's elite pass-catch duos.

Hill helped the Chiefs win back-to-back AFC titles along with their first Super Bowl in 50 years after

the 2019 season. He also helped them get back to the conference championship game in January before losing to the Bengals, capping arguably the best year of his career: He had a club-record 111 catches to go with 1,239 yards and nine touchdowns.

In just six seasons, Hill already has 479 catches for 6,630 yards and 56 scores.

"I am happy for Tyreek. He has grown as a man and player here in Kansas City," Reid said. "This move will also benefit the Chiefs. We now have cap space and additional draft picks to grow as a football team."

The trade for Hill is another major move by the Dolphins, who are trying to build around quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and end a streak of five straight years out of the playoffs. They have reached deals with left tackle Terron Armstead, wide receiver Cedrick Wilson and offensive guard Connor Williams, among several others.

The Chiefs have been trying to get younger the past few years, and the possibility that the 28-year-old Hill's speed could soon decline no doubt gave them pause. They also signed former Steelers wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, who is 25, to a club-friendly one-year deal last week and are expected to add at least one wide receiver in the draft.

The trade with Miami means Kansas City could do that with two picks in each of the first three rounds. It also gives them significant draft capital the next two years to address other needs, including defensive back and pass rush.

Large grid table for THURSDAY EVENING programming. Columns include Comcast Dish DirecTV, 6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30. Rows list various TV channels and their respective programming.

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— Associated Press

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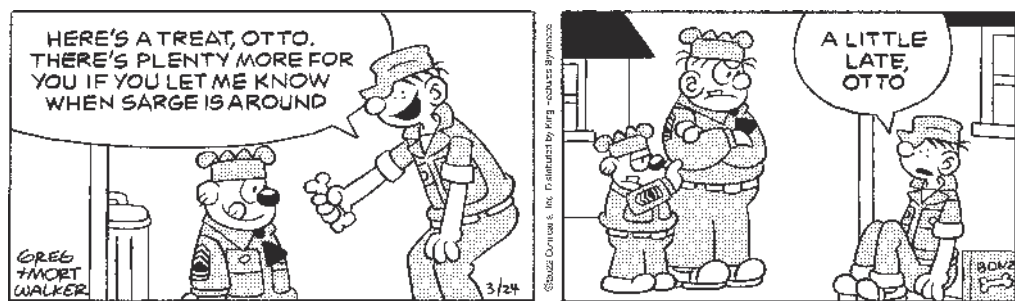
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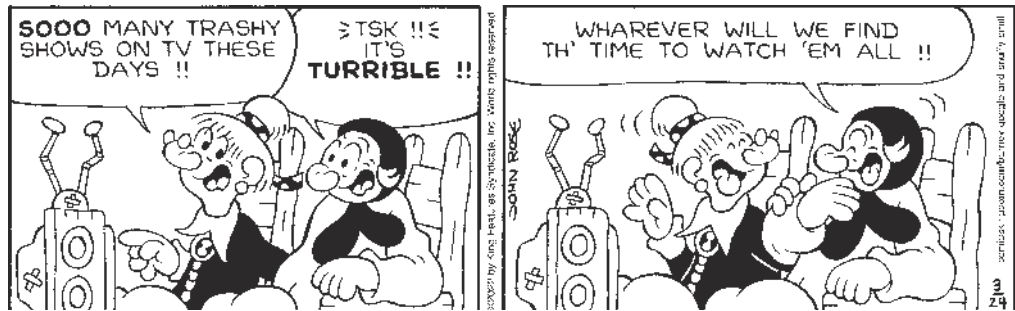
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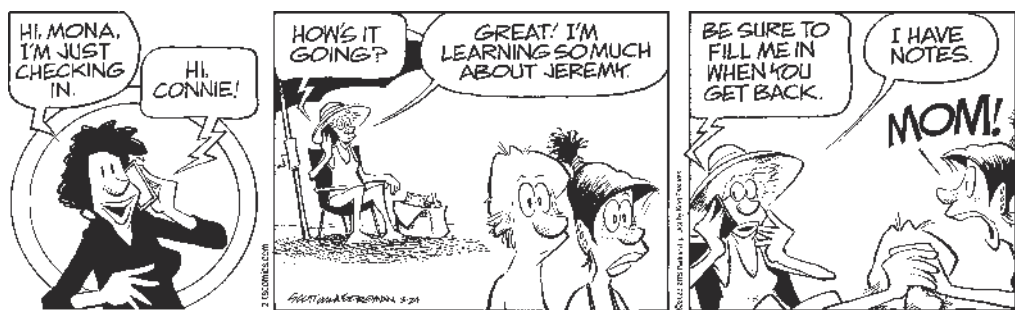
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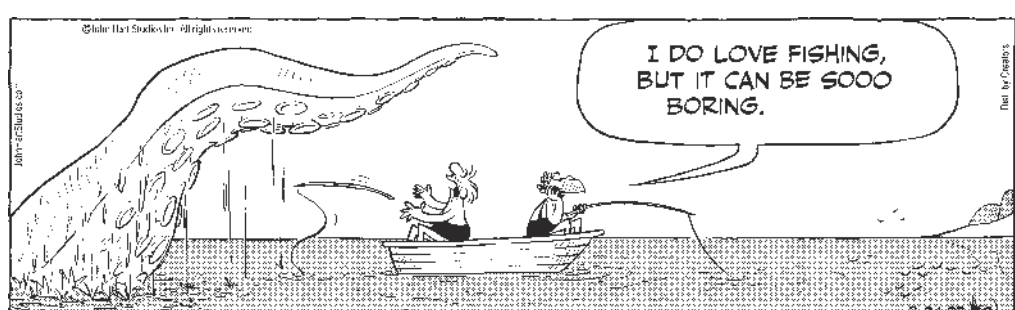
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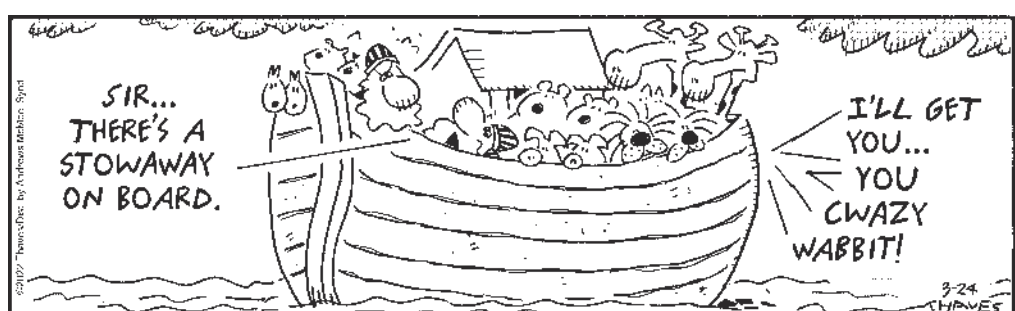
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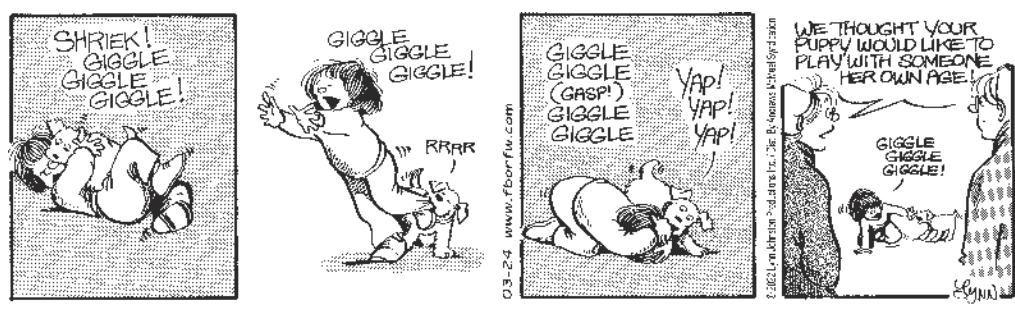
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Fiance's aversion to pets plants small seed of doubt



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have gotten engaged and we are being married in a year or so. Everything about him is wonderful, and I'm excited to share my life with him - except for one worry. I have been an animal lover my entire life. After living with him this past year with my two cats, I have slowly come to the realization that he absolutely loathes the idea of pets.

Besides my inability to understand this (he has never had a bad past experience with an animal), it makes me question his compassion (or lack thereof) for all things living. Should this be a red flag, worthy of reconsidering our engagement? - CRITTER LOVER IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR LOVER: Perhaps. Not everyone is an animal lover, but it's usually because they haven't had pets or been exposed to them. This does not mean they lack compassion for all things living. It simply means they haven't interacted with different species. However, you say your fiance absolutely "LOATHES" pets. If you plan to have animals in your household in the future, you MUST have some serious discussions about it and lay your cards on the table. If you don't deal with this NOW, it

could be a deal-breaker in the future.

DEAR ABBY: As a frequent traveler, there is the inevitability of being seated near children on airplanes. I can't blame kids for becoming a little bit fussy. Often, they seem miserably bored. My sad observation is their parents seem to be unprepared to engage their kids.

When I traveled by plane with my children, I always planned ahead. I packed plenty of healthy snacks, a few surprise treats and games, books and art supplies to engage them. I also talked to them in advance about the trip, the plane, who we were going to visit and what we were going to do after we arrived. Strangers would thank me at the end of the flight for my children's good behavior.

Time on a plane is a perfect opportunity to forgo the hustle and bustle of a typical day. Use the downtime to have fun and enjoy special bonding time with your kids and, hopefully, give the other

passengers a break. - MILE-HIGH PLAY TIME DEAR MILE-HIGH: I'm printing your intelligent suggestions in the hope that as families travel in the coming months, they will be taken to heart. I'm not doing this for the benefit of airline passengers, but rather the comfort of the children involved. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with my readers and me. You may not be an angel, but today you have earned your "wings."

DEAR ABBY: I find myself depressed 90% of the time because I'm afraid of death. Do you think LGBTQ individuals are doomed after death? Will we go to hell? I'm gay and I worry every day about it. Please settle my nerves. - STRESSED-OUT IN GEORGIA

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: I'm glad you asked. Please stop worrying, because you are making your own hell right here on Earth. LGBTQ individuals are no more "doomed" after death than are straight people. The misguided individual who planted that idea in your head deserves that fate, not you.

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

HOROSCOPES | THE LAST WORD BY EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a trip down memory lane before you jump into something that has blurred your vision. Look at the odds, and consider how much you want something before you become entangled in a situation with underlying problems. Focus on personal growth. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Assess situations. Don't let emotions dictate what you do next. Think matters through, and put your energy into doing what's best for everyone. Don't rely on people who are uncertain or unpredictable. Don't take a risk, and leave nothing to chance. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): False impressions will taint information. Get the facts before you make a move that can affect your position or reputation. Be aware of regulations and contracts before you make a move that can influence your lifestyle. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful how you interpret someone's words or gestures. Agreeing to something for the wrong reason or without doing your due diligence will lead to regret. Look out for your interests and your physical and emotional well-being. Choose your associates wisely. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An unexpected situation will push you to rethink your strategy. Get out and observe the trends that are happening, and you'll get a hint of how to use your skills to get ahead. Physically take charge of the way your life unfolds. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): More action is required and so is less complaining. Look over your financial or contractual position and implement an adjustment before it's too late. Stay ahead of the competition. Put your emotions on the back burner and your intelligence to work for you. ★★ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Peddle

what you have to offer. Networking, promoting and setting up meetings will require finesse if you plan to attract attention. Leave nothing to chance; preparation and presentation are critical if you want to win a spot at the table. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Consider your conditions and what's required to make a suitable change. Refuse to let anyone outmaneuver you by using force or unrealistic pretenses. Recognize who your friends are, and distance yourself from anyone who is unpredictable. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Learn from the experience, and trust firsthand information only. Pay attention to detail and how you present how you look and what you do. Your actions will make a statement that reveals your reliability. Stick to what works best for you. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't spread unverified information. A money matter will have emotional implications if you offer a false impression. An unexpected change someone makes will turn out to be beneficial. Bide your time, stick to the truth, and sit back and watch. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Draw on those who have the experience to help you. Don't rely on big talkers or someone who has an emotional hold on you. Put your energy into the projects you enjoy and do well, and turn it into something tangible. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen to what others say. Find out the rules and regulations before you decide to get involved in something that can affect your position or status. Take the safe route by protecting your money and health. ★★

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 24: Peyton Manning, 46; Alyson Hannigan, 48; Jim Parsons, 49; David Suzuki, 86.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "Nature takes good care of her appearance. What makes nature ugly is the behavior of human beings." — Akira Kurosawa

TODAY'S CLUE: M equals K

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LEGALS COLUMBIA COUNTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2021-GA-74-GR
RANDI N. GOENS, as Mother and Natural Guardian of BRAYDEN GOENS, a Minor and BRAYDEN GOENS, a Minor, Plaintiffs,
v.
MICHAEL COLLINS, Defendant.
NOTICE OF HEARING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING OR TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE (WITH NOTARY PRESENT)
To: All parties of record
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the undersigned will call up the appointment of the Guardianship for hearing before the Honorable General Magistrate Jennifer Kuyrkendall Griffin on April 7, 2022 at 10:00 via Zoom. This is the time for the parties to present all evidence, testimony, and witnesses. Thirty (30) minutes have been reserved for your hearing. As a result of Supreme Court Administrative Orders and local Administrative Orders, hearings are permitted to be conducted by videoconferencing or telephone.
In order to attend your hearing via videoconferencing, you MUST have a computer with internet access and a webcam or a smartphone with video camera capability. You will need to download the Zoom app prior to your hearing. In your web browser, type the following address:
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(Meeting ID: 970 1709 3029) at least five (5) minutes before your hearing time. Please note — your hearing will not start until the designated hearing time; you are to log on early to address technical difficulties. Please assign your name to your Zoom account as it appears in your court case, so that the Court is able to identify you in the waiting room. There is a separate pop-up to connect to audio. You must connect to both audio and video.
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If you intend to call a witness to provide testimony, they must also either attend via videoconferencing or telephone and follow the instructions above.
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

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Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED ON 3/4/2022
JAMES M. SWISHER, JR.
As Clerk of the Court
By: Shae Mulberry
Deputy Clerk
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March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNE MARY GUYOT A/K/A ANNE M. GUYOT
Deceased.
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-85-CP
Division Probate
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Anne Mary Guyot a/k/a Anne M. Guyot, deceased, whose date of death was December 7, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 17, 2022.
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March 17, 24, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

LEGALS COLUMBIA COUNTY

that City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2214, 2022-2220 AND 2022-2221, which titles hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment on second and final reading by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard. The City of Lake City will hold the March 21, 2022 meeting in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofLakeCity>

Those attendees wishing to share a document must email the item to submissions@lcfca.com no later than noon on the day of the meeting. To receive a copy of the ordinance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at clerk@lcfca.com or 386-719-5826. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may be heard with respect to the ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2214

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE CLEANING OF LOTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO DIVISION 5 TITLED "LOT CLEANING CODE", OF ARTICLE VII, OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR COMPATABILITY WITH THE FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2220

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY WITHIN PUBLIC ROADS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE FINES ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVITIES THAT INTERFERE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PUBLIC ROADS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2221

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE MINIMUM STANDARDS CODE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO DIVISION 1 TITLED "IN GENERAL", OF ARTICLE VII, OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR COMPATABILITY WITH THE FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall

be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.
Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at its meetings or hearings, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Pursuant to 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needed special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Manager's Office at 386-719-5768.
AUDREY E. SIKES, MMC
City Clerk

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March 24, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE APPLICATIONS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 90-76, CODE OF ORDINANCES, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IT IS PROHIBITED FOR ANY PERSON, NOT HOLDING A VALID FRANCHISE ISSUED BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION, TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF, OR TO RECEIVE PAY OR CONSIDERATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE FROM ANY SOURCE WITHIN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING HAULING OR TRANSPORTING SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY. HAULERS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF COLLECTING, HAULING OR TRANSPORTING SOLID WASTE WITHIN

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March 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24, 2022

COLUMBIA COUNTY MUST COMPLETE A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE APPLICATION. THE NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE IS \$500.00. REQUIRED EACH YEAR THERE AFTER IS A NON-REFUNDABLE RENEWAL FEE OF \$50.00. APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE LOCATED AT, 135 NE HERNANDO AVE., LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32055, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M., MONDAY-FRIDAY, (386) 758-1005. - OR - BY VISITING THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE ONLINE AT: COLUMBIACOUNTYFLA.COM / SEARCH UNDER CODE ENFORCEMENT FRANCHISE COLLECTION AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED/RETURNED TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND FEE SUBMISSION IS MARCH 25th, 2022, NO LATER THAN 2PM.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Robby Hollingsworth, Chairman
ATTEST:
Jay Swisher, Clerk of Court
RUN: Wk Day / Wk End
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March 24, 2022

LEGALS HAMILTON COUNTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST N.A. AS TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN TRUST SERIES AUTOMATION
CASE NO.: 21000054-CAAXMX
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
GAY LYNN BYRD; JOHN EDWARD BYRD; TAREN SCOTT; ALVIN STEWART; HERMON STEWART; BOBBY LYN WINTON;
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF JULIA BYRD, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JULIA BYRD;
RAINIER REALTY GROUP INC.; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,
Defendant(s),
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF JULIA BYRD, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:
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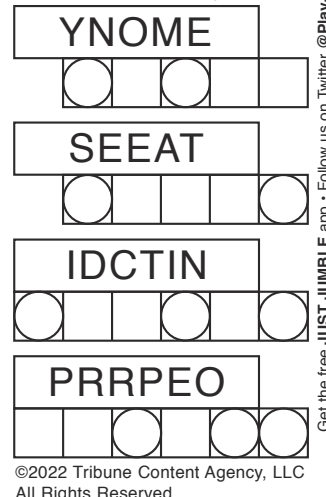


- DOWN**
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- Delayed
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- Dawn Chong

JUMBLE

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



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

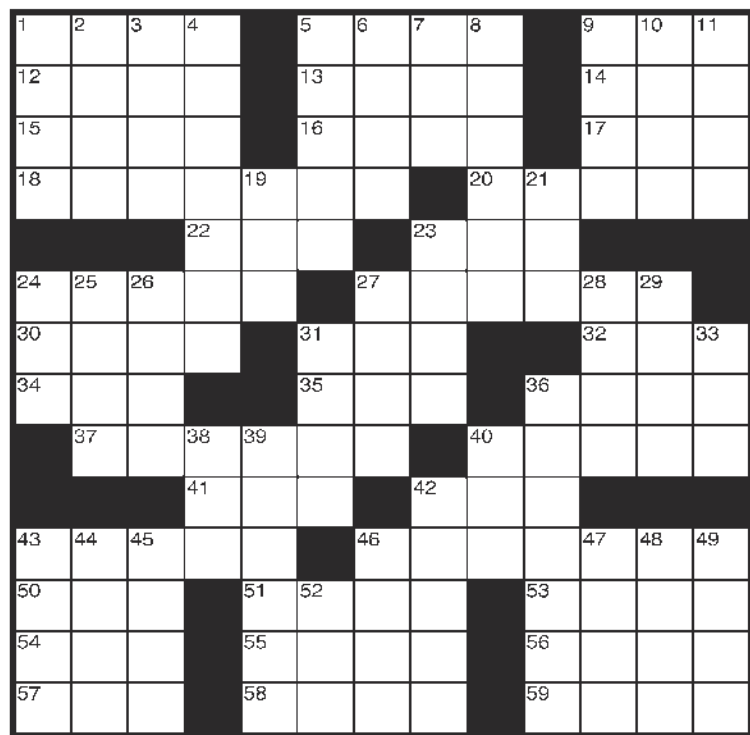
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: APART PLUSH DISMAY HAPPEN
Answer: Ron Howard directed Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah in a movie that — MADE A SPLASH

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Coty Ray Brannen
Plaintiff,
vs.
CASE NO. 22-226-CC
unknown owner,
Dept. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
Defendant.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Unknown Owner
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for establishment of ownership of personal property described as:
1998 Cadillac Eldorado
Vin#1G6EL12Y7WU607586
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, Coty Ray Brannen, whose address is: 235 SE Deer St. Lake City, FL 32025, on or before April 6th, 2022, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court immediately thereafter; otherwise a



**LEGALS
HAMILTON COUNTY**

RENEAUS SURVEY OF TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST.
Property address: 16715 Branch Street, White Springs, FL 32096
You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED this the 3 day of March, 2022.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Daven Williams
Deputy Clerk
Publish in: Suwannee Democrat
P.O. Box 370
Live Oak, FL 32064
Plaintiff Atty: Padgett Law Group
6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32312
attorney@padgettlawgroup.com
695197
March 24, 31, 2022

**LEGALS
SUWANNEE COUNTY**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2019-CA-000212
THE MONEY SOURCE, INC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH BARNEY WAINWRIGHT, JR.; et. al., Defendant(s).
DIVISION:
CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 15, 2022 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on April 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, the following described property:
THE SW ¼ OF THE NW ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PORTION OF THE ABOVE LYING WITHIN A PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. TOGETHER WITH A 1996 HOMES OF MERIT MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #FLHM-L2F56014360ABC
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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED
Dated: March 15, 2022.
BARRY A. BAKER, CLERK
SUWANNEE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
By: Felicia Flowers
Deputy Clerk
(Court Seal)
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.
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March 17, 24, 2022

125-MISCELLANEOUS

THE LAKE CITY GUNSHOW:
3/26 & 3/27 @ The Florida Gateway Fairgrounds, Hwy 247, Lake City. \$7 Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm. Info: 386-325-6114 or cliffhangersgunshows.com
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305-GENERAL

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305-GENERAL

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Lake City Reporter at
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Fri/Sat/Sun 3/25 - 3/27 8am-? 334 E Duval St. Lake City. Household goods, men & women's clothing, some furniture.

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Remax, Missy Zecher 386-623-0237 Diesel Mechanic Shop Established Book Of Business 48 x 40 Metal Shop, 4 Bays MLS# 111615 \$549,000

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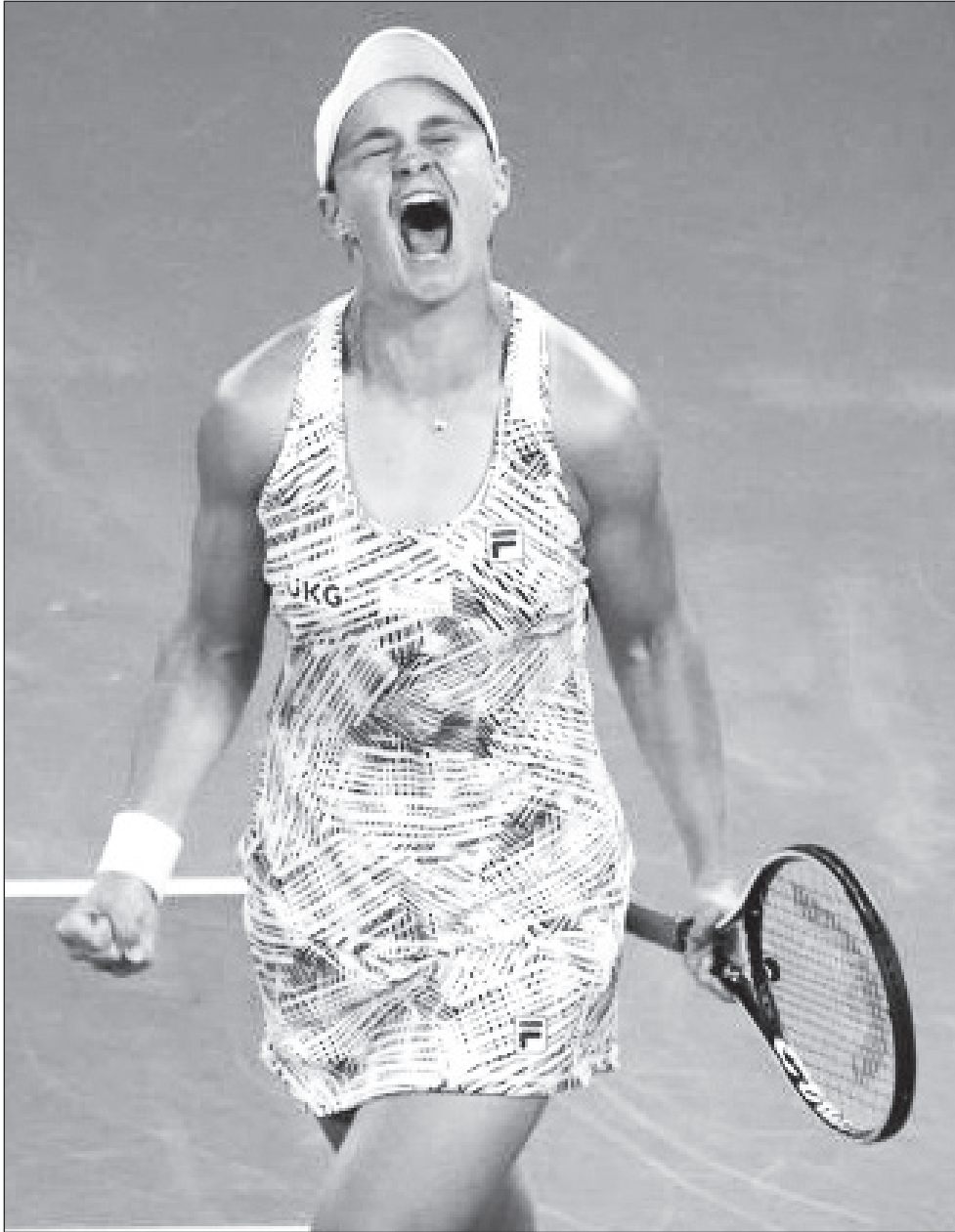
BARTY

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different this time.
What's key to remember is Barty does things her way, on her timetable, and for her own reasons, and there is nothing wrong with that, as much as fans of tennis — and other pros, some of whom were shocked, too — would like to see her continue competing.
"I can't lie," Williams wrote in a tweet addressed to Barty, "I was sad to read your decision but also happy for your new chapter. Always your fan close up and afar. Sending all my love."
Barty's style of play was unique and varied, reliant on a mix of backhand slices and big serves and forehands. In an era when many players will speak quite plainly about not worrying about what is happening on the other side of the net, Barty was as adept at analyzing, dissecting and dismantling an opponent's game as anyone.
Yet Barty is so self-aware, so focused on

what's best for her, that it makes perfect sense that she would head for the exit at the height of her powers rather than in any state of decline.
"I really respect, and I really think she's brave, that she has made this decision because, with all the expectations around, I mean, there is not many people who would stop at this point and put their happiness (first)," said Iga Swiatek, who is ranked No. 2. "I think that's an example, not only for us tennis players or (other) athletes, but every person."
Barty was a prodigy — if you somehow haven't seen that picture of her as a kid, proudly holding a prize in her outstretched left hand, do yourself a favor and Google "Barty trophy photo" — who won a Wimbledon junior title at 15 in 2011, left the tour for nearly two years in 2014 because of burnout and the burden of expectations, played pro cricket, and later discussed how that hiatus made her a better player and person.
She always wanted to win Wimbledon, and did last year. She always want-

ed to win the Australian Open, and did in January.
There were other on-court triumphs, millions of dollars in prize money and endorsements, and icon status at home, something she achieved before becoming the first player from the host nation to win a singles trophy at Melbourne Park in 44 years.
"I don't have the physical drive, the emotional want and everything it takes to challenge yourself at the very top level any more. I am spent. Physically, I have nothing more to give. That, to me, is success. I've given absolutely everything I can to this beautiful sport of tennis and I'm really happy with that," Barty said Wednesday.
"For me, that is my success. I know that people may not understand it, and I'm OK with that," she said. "Because I know that for me, Ash Barty the person has so many dreams that she wants to chase after that don't necessarily involve traveling the world, being away from my family, being away from my home."
Makes perfect sense.



Ash Barty celebrates after defeating Danielle Collins in the final at the Australian Open on Jan. 29 in Melbourne, Australia.

GOLDEN

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morning newspaper.
One day, when Todd was about 8 years old, he started reciting a sequence of numbers and letters — "6-5-7-3-4-T-Y" — when his father asked what exactly he was talking about.
"It was our neighbor Ed's license-plate number," Scott said, then laughed. "Todd was memorizing every license plate in the neighborhood."
Said Gale: "Scott scored off the charts on mathematical analysis and calculations on standardized tests. He could always do things in his head without writing anything down."
When Golden got into college as a walk-on point guard at St. Mary's, his coaches taught him how to improve his own game through analytics. The St. Mary's coaching staff charted 40 different "hustle stats" at practice and Golden not only committed them to memory, he took them to heart.
He worked to improve his numbers in all of the key "winning" statistical categories and quickly became a starter, helping St. Mary's to two NCAA tournament bids before graduating. It reached a point where he could calculate not only his own plus-minus numbers in his head but the plus-minus numbers of his teammates as well. As a senior, he ranked second in the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio.
"I was really good at taking care of the ball," Golden said. "I understood the value of that. I think I had an 82-to-27 assist-to-turnover ratio. It forms a style I like to coach. We try to view everything we can through an analytical lens. What we try to do is find the incremental value in the margins."

It is fascinating to listen to Golden talk about advanced analytics, but, of course, all Gator Nation cares about is one key not-so-advanced analytic: Championship-to-coach ratio. It's no secret that one of the reasons predecessor Mike White bolted and took a job at the worst program in the SEC — Georgia — is because he was tired of dealing with unrealistic expectations among a vocal faction of Gator Nation.
After White took over for the iconic Donovan, he made four out of six NCAA tournaments and advanced to the Elite Eight once — but never came close to winning an SEC championship. A case could be made that White was the second-best basketball coach in Gators history, but the problem is he followed the greatest basketball coach in Gators history.
And not only was Donovan the greatest coach in Gators history, he was one of the greatest college basketball coaches in the history of game. White's relationship with Gator Nation became untenable as he fruitlessly strived to reach the unreachable bar Donovan set. There are those within the UF athletic program who believe White became miserable dealing with his many critics and it even made him reticent to get out in the community to sell his program to UF's finicky fan base.
"Coach White leaving here, it didn't mean anything to me to be honest," Golden said. "I don't know what he was going through or what led him to [leave], but it didn't change the way I felt about this place at all. Honestly, at a place like this, you should have high expectations. ... I'm going to strive to have the same amount of success as coach Donovan did."
Here's hoping Todd Golden achieves his lofty goals at the University of Florida, but it's going to be difficult.



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WEST REGION

Duke-Texas Tech matchup features contrast in coaching paths

By **JOSH DUBOW**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When Texas Tech coach Mark Adams got his first head coaching job back in 1981, Mike Krzyzewski was getting ready for his second season at Duke.

While Krzyzewski was winning five NCAA titles, three Olympic gold medals and setting records for most wins by a men's coach in Division I, Adams was slogging his way through junior college, NAIA, Division II and low-level Division I with a brief hiatus running a minor league hockey team.

Now the coaches get a chance to square off in Adams' first season as a major college coach when his third-seeded Texas Tech team faces second-seeded Duke (30-6) in the West Region semifinal Thursday night in what could be Krzyzewski's final game before retirement.

"He has learned the game, like a lot of us have plane stops that we've gone, he has learned it with bus stops, the different levels that he has been at," Krzyzewski said. "I respect the heck out of that. ... When you are at the bus stops, you don't make a lot of money. You better love what you do. It's obvious that that's what he has done, and he has taken it to a really high level."

Top-seeded Gonzaga (28-3) faces fourth-seeded Arkansas (27-8) in the other matchup.

Krzyzewski and Adams haven't crossed paths often over the years but Coach K did have Adams on his radio show earlier this season as Texas Tech (27-9) put together an impressive season in his first year as head coach.

Adams said he got a thank you card from Krzyzewski just a few days ago.

"I think he probably knew, he was scouting me out is what he was doing," Adams joked. "It was a special moment for me."

Krzyzewski brings the more acclaimed roster into this game with several top NBA prospects led by star freshmen Paolo Banchero, A.J. Griffin and Trevor Keels, along with big man Mark Williams and forward Wendell Moore Jr.

Texas Tech has the more experienced



JEFF CHIU/Associated Press

Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski speaks at a news conference for the NCAA tournament on Wednesday in San Francisco.

team with several transfers on a roster that lacks the heralded recruits that the Blue Devils have. But they relish the opportunity to play spoiler and deny Krzyzewski the chance to end his coaching career as a champion.

"I know there's a lot of press and media about this game, but we're just not letting that get to us," forward Marcus Santos-Silva said. "We know what's the outcome if we come out with this win, and we would be lying if we didn't know, yeah, if we win this, we send Coach K home."

That's the burden a young Duke team has been carrying ever since Krzyzewski announced last spring that this would be his last season.

"We want to send him out the right way, and that's been the motivation since

the beginning was to send him out on top," Banchero said. "I wouldn't say it's something we talk about before every game. That's just a given."

HEALTH REPORT

Griffin is set to play for the Blue Devils after missing the end of the second-round win over Michigan State with a sprained ankle.

He was able to practice Tuesday and had only a little soreness Wednesday. Griffin is Duke's top outside shooter with a team-high 66 made 3-pointers this season.

"He'll be ready to go," Krzyzewski said.

CALIFORNIA NIGHTMARE

California and the West Coast have not been kind to Coach K in the NCAA

Tournament.

The Blue Devils have lost all three tournament games they have played in the state and are 0-5 overall on the West Coast during Krzyzewski's career.

Duke lost in the Sweet 16 in Anaheim to Kansas in 2003, Arizona in 2011 and Oregon in 2016. Their only other games out West came in 1984 when the Blue Devils lost in the second round to Washington in Pullman, Washington, after getting a first-round bye and in the Final Four to Seton Hall in Seattle in 1989.

RESPECT

Gonzaga star forward Drew Timme won't hear of it: Arkansas as an underdog.

"They are a really good freaking team," Timme said. "They're in the Sweet 16, and just to win a game in the NCAA Tournament is just hard enough as is."

That's why 23rd-year Zags coach Mark Few wants his players to cherish this opportunity even if Gonzaga has reached the Sweet 16 for a seventh straight time.

"We're not just taking that for granted, and we definitely enjoyed every part of it and every aspect of it, and I think the guys have done a great job with that," Few said.

DREAMIN' BIG

On the practice floor at the Golden State Warriors' sparkling Chase Center, Arkansas big man Jaylin Williams and guard J.D. Notae imagined themselves for a minute being Stephen Curry and letting it fly from midcourt.

"Me and J.D. were talking and laughing like we were 10 feet behind the 3-point line, and we were like, 'Curry be pulling up from here,'" Williams said, smiling. "We're talking and laughing about stuff like that, but it's really awesome to be in this arena."

It's a homecoming for coach Eric Musselman, who spent plenty of time in Northern California during his time as coach for the Warriors and the Sacramento Kings.

"First of all, I'm surprised my picture is not up on the wall anywhere in here," he joked.

SOUTH REGION

Villanova-Michigan back again at site of 2018 national title

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SAN ANTONIO — Collin Gillespie, Jermaine Samuels and Villanova are back in the city of the Alamo for the first time since winning the national championship there four years ago. Even the opponent is the same, though in a different arena for this somewhat unexpected Sweet 16 matchup against Michigan.

Gillespie and Samuels, true freshmen during that 2018 NCAA Tournament title run, are now graduate students and four-year starters who got an extra season of eligibility because of the pandemic.

"We were just role guys on a team with six guys who had been in big games before. So we learned a lot from those guys and the preparation that it takes to get to that point," Gillespie said Wednesday. "Now that we're back in San Antonio, it doesn't really ... like the two don't really correlate."

Gillespie, a third-team All-American and the Wildcats' leading scorer at 16 points per game, has started 121 games since having four points and five rebounds in 16 minutes during that 2018 title game. Samuels only got on the floor for the final 10 seconds of the 79-62 win, but has since started 110 games.

"Different situation. Just same place, same team, entirely different team," Samuels said. "But it is pretty cool to see how things lined up."

Second-seeded Villanova (28-7) and No. 11 seed Michigan (19-14) meet in a South Region semifinal Thursday night at AT&T Center, the home of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs about three miles from the Alamodome that hosted the 2018 title game. The Wildcats were also the 2016 champs, in Houston, about 200 miles away.

Top seed Arizona (33-3) plays No. 5 seed Houston (31-5) in the other South semi. The Wildcats had to survive overtime against TCU in the second round. The Cougars, a Final Four team last season, are much closer to home after starting this NCAA tourney in Pittsburgh.

Michigan, one of four double-digit seeds still playing, is in its fifth consecutive Sweet 16, only No. 1 overall seed Gonzaga at seven in a row has a longer



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Villanova's Collin Gillespie (2) works to get around Ohio State's Jamari Wheeler (55) during the second round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday in Pittsburgh.

active streak.

The Wolverines alternated wins and losses over their last 10 games before the 68-team NCAA Tournament field was set, and played their last five regular-season games without suspended coach Juwan Howard. They then had to overcome halftime deficits against Colorado State and Tennessee in the NCAA's first two rounds, getting their first back-to-back wins in nearly six weeks.

"So with five straight Sweet 16 appearances, it's not easy. It takes a lot of effort. It takes a lot of being uncomfortable," said Howard, the Fab Five player in his third season as Michigan's coach.

Eli Brooks, who chose the Wolverines over Villanova in recruiting, is getting ready for his 14th NCAA tourney game. The guard is the only current Michigan player who appeared in the 2018 title game, playing the final three minutes.

After big man Hunter Dickinson pointed out Brooks' time at Michigan was a common denominator in the school's five consecutive Sweet 16s, Brooks quickly interjected, "I've only got four of them. I can't take credit for all five."

Michigan lost three of its top four scorers from that 2018 team. Jalen Brunson and Mikal Bridges were among four Villanova players drafted by the NBA soon after that title game, and those were the guys who helped set the tone for Gillespie and Samuels.

"They watched the leadership of Jalen Brunson, Mikal Bridges, and they really learned from that and they've become the same kind of leaders," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "When you had Jalen and Mikal and guys like that, you never think you're going to get leaders like that again. Then you watch Collin and Jermaine and you realize, if you have guys like that, there's a chance they can pass it on."

HOUSTON MAKEOVER

Houston went into this season having to replace four starters from the Cougars' first Final Four team since advancing that far three years in a row during the Phi Slama Jama era from 1982-84.

Then Marcus Sasser, the lone returning starter and the Cougars' leading scorer, broke a bone in his left foot before Christmas and hasn't played since.

Sophomore guard Tramon Mark, who played 20 minutes in the national semifinal last year, had already been sidelined for the season by a shoulder injury after seven games.

"I think all coaches go through that. I don't think that makes us special of unique," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "I guess the blessing was it happened early in conference season."

That allowed the Cougars to adjust from almost solely depending on their guards to being more inside-out with senior posts Fabian White Jr. and Josh Carlton, both first-team American Athletic Conference picks. They still have guards Tyler Edwards, sophomore Jamal Shead and senior Taze Moore.

Edwards, a Texas Tech transfer who played in the 2019 national championship game, has 40 points in this NCAA tourney with 10 made 3-pointers.

GIFTS FROM POP

Villanova's Jay Wright and Houston's Kelvin Sampson both had a bottle of wine and other gifts waiting for them in San Antonio from Spurs coach Gregg Popovich.

Wright was on Popovich's staff with the gold medal-winning team at the Olympics last summer, and had worked with USA Basketball before that. Sampson was a consultant for the Spurs for several months in 2008, spending time directly with Popovich after getting fired by Indiana.

With the NCAA regional games at their home arena, the Spurs are on a four-game road trip.

Sampson went to the Spurs practice facility, where Popovich had left him a bottle of wine, a nice note and a bunch of Spurs gear.

"I felt like a camper. Except you wouldn't give wine to a camper, would you?," Sampson said.

Wright also got a bunch of suggestions from Popovich about what to do while in town.

"Pop gave me hotels, restaurants, everything," Wright said. "I told him, 'Pop, this is college basketball, man. I'm with these guys morning, noon, and night. I don't leave these guys. We don't go out to dinner.'"