

Gorillas

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Wanko said that the reunion between mother and son went better than the staff could have anticipated. When Rwanda saw Kigali, both the gorillas began cooing at each other as Rwanda stroked Kigali's face.

Rwanda spent three days

trying to get Kigali onto her back, even going so far as to demonstrate the technique to Kigali with her toy doll, and positioning herself underneath her baby when he was climbing down from one of the structures, Wanko said.

"On day three, he (Kigali) got scared of something and he just jumped on her back and that was it. She decided he was her baby," Wanko said.

The pair has been enjoying time out of the limelight reacquainting themselves with each other. "(Rwanda) is an older female, so it's not in her nature to be rambunctious," said Wanko. "But they play, they swing, they climb, they are just enjoying their bonding time."

Kigali has blossomed since being back with mom, Wanko said.

"Now that he's out with her, he's just so much braver," she said.

Zoo staff spent the first few days of Rwanda and Kigali's reunion on 24-hour watch, just to ensure that everything was progressing smoothly.

"We are no longer watching at night, because we don't want to disturb them," said Wanko, "but we have a staff member on watch during the

day for the next few days."

The best way for visitors to ensure that they can catch a glimpse of mom and son in action is the train ride, Wanko said. Rwanda and Kigali are out on either the chimp island or the gorilla island every day but Tuesdays and Sundays.

Rwanda is still protective of Kigali, and Wanko said that there is no guarantee that the pair can be visible from the boardwalk

overlooking gorilla island.

For Wanko and the staff at the Zoo, watching Rwanda bloom into an affectionate, loving mother has been a blessing, but much like sending a child off to college, Wanko said, the experience has been bittersweet.

"You have to have faith in all you've done and you just hope they make the right decision," she said. "And they did."

Drowning

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to a 911 call on Sept. 22.

According to the incident report, the victim's aunt said that an unknown person pulled the child from the water and called 911, but that person was no longer on the scene. Officers reported that they spoke to several people at the pool but were unable to obtain any additional information.

NBFD Chief Mike Howard said that the child was unconscious and unresponsive when firefighters responded to the scene.

"We got there, started CPR, and when we loaded him on the helicopter he did have a pulse," Howard said.

The incident report from SRSO states that when deputies arrived on the scene, LifeFlight was on scene as well, preparing to transport the child to Sacred Heart Hospital.

"There was no indication of how long (the victim) was in the pool unresponsive," the report stated.

The family, who were from out of town, was escorted to Sacred Heart Hospital by deputies, where the child later succumbed to his injuries.

The initial report made no mention of the child's parents.

Robbery

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The clerk said she then walked around the counter to the register while the male subject followed her with a knife. She said the second subject was behind the counter grabbing tobacco products. She opened the register and the first subject took the money out of it. Both subjects then exited the store together.

The clerk told officer she thought the subjects went southbound, but she wasn't sure whether they were in a vehicle or on foot. She said both males were wearing "low baggy shorts" and wearing gloves and possibly a sock or ski mask over their heads. Because they were wearing shorts, the clerk said she could see that the subjects were black.

The case was turned over to the major crimes unit and no other information is available at this time. The amount of money stolen was redacted from the incident report.

Meth Lab

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The vehicle drove in reverse down Stage Coach Trail, crossed East Bay Boulevard, went into a ditch and overturned. They were taken into custody and transported to the Santa Rosa Jail along with McCartney.

According to the press release, McCartney and Dowden are being held for charges of drug possession while Miller is charged with drug possession, resisting an officer and a traffic violation.

Republican women rally for Romney

By Sandi Kemp
Navarre Press

Before introducing South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Florida's Attorney General Pam Bondi took the stage at a "Women for Romney" rally in Winter Park incensed and exclaiming "Hot off the Press, Obama's campaign says women don't care about what Obama has done in the past four years."

Bondi was referring to an interview earlier Monday on National Public Radio with Stephanie Cutter, deputy campaign manager for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign. Cutter told NPR's Diane Rehm, "That is the thing you find most often with women. They are not really concerned about what has happened over the last four years. They really want to know what is going to happen in the next four years."

"Not only is that wrong, it is completely demeaning," said Bondi. "He has run our economy into the ground and we are losing jobs. Women care about jobs and improving the economy and that is why women are supporting Mitt Romney." Bondi went on to say that women care about the issues that men care about, "especially jobs and especially the economy."

Haley then took the stage in front of more than 200 women and a few men and spoke of her immigrant parents who started a retail clothing business out of their living room and 30 plus years later it grew to be a multi-million dollar business.

"I started doing the books for them when I was 13 and there was never a day it was easy or we didn't worry. When things were tight we made smart decisions and when times were good, we never celebrated because we knew those tough times could come again. I will tell you what I continue to tell everyone across this country. Don't tell me my parents didn't build that business," Haley said, drawing a huge applause from the crowd.

Termites

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"We need to spread the gospel that we have a monster in our area."

Mike Page, chief of entomology and pest control for the Florida Department of Agriculture, and Paul Mitola, environmental specialist for the DOA, gave residents a history of the Formosan termite, biological background and discussed the best methods for protecting their property.

The species originated in China and Japan and were transported around the world mainly through port cities like New Orleans, La. Mitola said the cellulose-eating species could be transported through things like railroad ties, mulch, palm balls and even potted plants.

Page told residents the process for ridding a home of the pest was an "elegant science," due



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley speaks to a crowd Sept. 24 during a 'Women for Romney' rally in Winter Park. Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi also spoke at the event.

Haley went on to explain why a governor from South Carolina came to Florida to talk to Floridian women.

"It is because this election matters to so many governors. We have seen Obama not pass a budget, we have to balance our budgets. While we are decreasing our debt, we are watching him increasing the debt that we are all going to have to pay for. While we are trying to get good laws passed, he is stopping us every step of the way. While we are trying to get our unemployment numbers down and get good jobs in this country - he is chasing them out," she said.

Haley then gave a few examples, including South Carolina's Voter ID law that was passed by state legislators and signed into law only to have the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice block the law citing concerns that it discriminated against non-white voters.

"If we have to have a picture ID to buy Sudafed and to get on a plane, you should have to show ID to protect the integrity of the Constitution," said Haley. The case is currently under review by a judicial panel but either way the decision falls, it could still

end up at the Supreme Court.

Haley also cited the National Labor Relations Board's complaint against aerospace company Boeing, for establishing a nonunion production line in South Carolina ostensibly in retaliation against union workers for past strikes in Washington State. Boeing opened the plant in Charleston, S.C., with 1,000 new workers and recently produced and will soon deliver their first "Dreamliner," a 787 wide-body jet. The plane now has more than 6,000 non-union employees.

"They came and created 1,000 new jobs in Charleston, S.C., in a time when we needed it the most. At the same time, they expanded their jobs in Washington State by 2,000. Not one person was hurt. What happened? President Obama and the National Labor Relations Board sued that American company for wanting to create those jobs. That hurts right-to-work states and non-right-to-work states. What that was telling other companies is that once you go to a state, you can't leave that state, you can't expand. It is something that makes companies want to move jobs right out of our country," said

Haley. The National Labor Relations Board dropped the complaint in December 2011.

"We won that," she added. Haley went on to explain why she felt Romney would be the best choice for president.

"When he is in the office we will see jobs start coming back to this country because he understands small businesses. You don't mandate how people take care of their health care. You give them options so that they can afford it themselves," Haley said. "And you take care of retirees in a smart way so that future retirees know that when they retire, their retirement is going to be there. Romney also understands that we need a strong military and we are never going to apologize for being Americans."

Haley ended the 15-minute unscripted speech by challenging the audience to talk to five Obama supporters and "flip them." "If you do that - we will win this election."

The event was held at Mead Gardens in Winter Park and was organized by the Florida Federation of Republican Women in coordination with the Romney campaign.

to the impact exposure to pesticides can have on humans. Even though homes and property can be saved from termite damage, he said completely eradicating the species was nearly impossible.

According to UF extension, Formosan termite swarms usually occur in Florida from April through July on calm, warm and humid evenings. Swarm sizes can be in the tens of thousands. Mitola said Formosans differed from the native Eastern termite because Formosans live underground where it is moist and only swarm at night time.

Many homeowners may only realize they have a problem when they see termites swarming outside their home. However, Mitola said homeowners shouldn't wait until that point because it may be too late.

He said the typical claim for Eastern termite damage may be about \$3,000, but the average claim for Formosan termite

damage is \$30,000-\$50,000 because of the significant structural damage they cause in a short time period. Preventive measures are the best way to ensure a home is protected.

Homeowners should make sure their entire infrastructure is inspected, including second stories, garages and attics.

Mitola said the termite colony could survive above ground as long as it had a moist environment. Sources of moisture include plumbing, water heater, roof leaks, condensation from air conditioning units, poor drainage from gutters and rainfall on boats and ships and porches, balconies or rooftops, with plants or landscaping that are frequently watered.

One resident asked what a real estate agent was required to disclose about termite damage when selling a home even if repairs had been made.

"They better disclose everything or it will come back to

haunt you," Mitola told the Realtors in the room.

The UF extension website states that homeowners should look for signs of termite damage. An obvious sign of a termite infestation is large carton nests in nearby trees or in the attic. Not so obvious signs are soft spots, damp or moist patches, bulges and blistered paint in walls, doors and floors.

"The best thing to do is to have the infestation professionally treated," according to UF extension. "There are two types of control available: soil termiticides and baits. The treatment used depends largely on the type and size of the infestation, and which one the homeowner is most comfortable with."

Broxson urged residents to have their homes inspected and encourage their neighbors to do the same and have a termite control contract with a pest control company.

Peanuts

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In a letter addressed to parents, students and school personnel at NHS, Principal Brian Noack outlined some of the changes implemented at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year.

"All Peanuts/Tree nuts and products/foods that contain or cooked in Peanut/Tree nut oils and products that are manufactured on the same lines as Peanut/Tree nuts have been removed from the Cafeteria service lines, vending machines, and concession stands at the Navarre High School facility," Noack wrote.

Peanut allergies can cause an anaphylactic reaction in which symptoms can come on quickly, many times within seconds. Such an allergic reaction can cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, swelling of the face, eyes and tongue, wheezing, and in severe cases, death.

"We have students who have allergies and by law we are required to develop action plans called 504 plans that meet the needs of the students," Wyrosdick said. "Those plans are developed in consultation with parents, school leadership, legal consultation and the student themselves."

A 504 plan refers to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a federal law that states that public schools which receive federal funding "shall provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified handicapped person who is in the recipient's jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the person's handicap."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has since clarified that students with life threatening allergies qualify as disabled.

"(W)hen in the licensed physician's assessment, food allergies may result in severe, life-threatening (anaphylactic) reactions, the child's condition would meet the definition of disability, and the substitutions prescribed by the licensed physician must be made."

Wyrosdick stated that there are multiple students at NHS and throughout the county who have peanut allergies that require the district to make accommodations in line with the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA).

"The goal is to provide an equitable environment for student participation in both academic and extracurricular activities in developing these plans," he said. "We follow the law as required and make accommodations as is necessary. Yes it impacts school function, yes it impacts the climate of the school, and we understand that but we are there to honor that student's need."

"Obviously, we try to minimize any changes in policies or processes as is best and we make every effort to make things as normal as possible but it does change what we are required to do in accommodating students with allergies," Wyrosdick continued. "We're just following the law."

Wyrosdick denied that the change in policy had anything to do with litigation.

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