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# Officers, deputies cleared in deadly Caracus Court shooting

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If it weren't for Tallahassee police officer Scott Angulo, a gunman who ambushed first responders and fatally shot Deputy Chris Smith would have killed and injured many

others, a Leon County Grand jury found Wednesday.

The grand jurors praised the heroism of Angulo, Leon County Deputy Colin Wulfekuhl and other officers who responded to a northwest Tallahassee cul-de sac where Curtis Wade Holley set his home

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on fire and began shooting at first responders who arrived on the scene.

The grand jury cleared all law enforcement offi-

cers, specifically Angulo and Wulfekuhl, saying both acted justifiably in exchanging gunfire with Holley, who set fire to his Caracus Court home Nov. 22 in order to draw in first responders and ambush them.

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# Author Edwin Black talks human rights, genocide

He discusses role of international law in conflicts between nations

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Investigative author Edwin Black believes we are living in the "age of misinformation."

In his noon lecture as part of Temple Israel's Lunch and Learn event focusing on international law and Israel, Black discussed the idea that international law is distorted and how that has influenced conflicts and disagreements between nations in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Many conflicts flare up over land ownership because, essentially, Black said, in some of these Middle Eastern territories surrounding Israel, "there are no set borders."

Black insists that lectures like his are important to educate the public about international law and other policies.

"It's important to know what the terminology we use really means," Black said, "because people are throwing around terms like international law, and they don't have a grasp on it.



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Edwin Black, an investigative author who specializes in human rights and the politics and economics of the Middle East, fields questions from attendees after one of his three talks for the day on international law and land rights in Israel at Temple Israel in Tallahassee on Wednesday.

"But it's not just the average person; it's our leaders, our legislators, our diplomats and negotiators."

Black's midday talk was the first of a three lec-

tures during his Wednesday tour stop in Tallahassee. Black's final lecture was scheduled for the Florida State Alumni Center to discuss his book "IBM and the Holocaust,"

which was published in 2001. An extended edition was published in 2012.

"It explains an inexplicable genocide in contemporary terms, with information technology,"

Black said of the book. "It was a technology that vastly accelerated and systematized the Nazi Holocaust."

The book's website, IBMandtheHolocaust.com,

explains the technology giant IBM's role in contributing to Nazi efforts by saying "As the Third Reich embarked upon its

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# Bill could make 'revenge porn' a felony

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A Florida lawmaker wants to discourage spurned lovers from sharing those nude photos or sex tapes to spite their exes.

Republican state Rep. Tom Goodson is sponsoring HB 151, which seeks to make disseminating pornographic images as a form of harassment a third-degree felony. If the legislation is adopted, Florida would be the 15th state with laws criminalizing the posting of sexually explicit material as a means of embarrassment.

"You do not do that for love, kindness or even to tell people your girlfriend is great," the Titusville lawmaker said Wednesday. "You do that for harassment, to harm and to embarrass."

State Sen. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, is a supporter of the bill, Goodson said, and has filed the Senate legislation in the past. He has not done so yet for the upcoming session.

In all, 14 states have similar laws - eight of them classifying it a felony and six a misdemeanor. Thirteen other state legislatures have pending proposals, while U.S. Rep. Amy Stephens, R-Colo., has proposed federal legislation. This is the fourth attempt at passage in the Florida Legislature. Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey said making the act a felony makes it easier to prosecute someone authorities believe to be involved with revenge porn. Judges are more hesitant to provide search warrants for misdemeanor charges, he said.

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## Grand jury to continue conversation on CDA

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It will be at least next month before a grand jury weighs in on lingering 911 issues at the joint Consolidated Dispatch Agency.

State Attorney Willie Meggs asked jurors to consider how the agency handled calls in several high profile cases. Jurors asked the agency's director Tim Lee questions about dispatch operations for about an hour before calling it quits.

They will continue to hear testimony at the next meeting Feb. 26.

Grand jurors focused their questions on the campus shooting at Florida State's Strozier Library, the delayed response to slain FSU professor Dan Markel's home and the ambush shooting on Caracus Court that ended in the death of Leon County Deputy Chris Smith, according to Lee.

Two weeks before Smith was killed by gunman Curtis Wade Holley, who set his Caracus Court home on fire in order to

ambush first responders, Meggs' son, LCSO Sgt. Wiley Meggs, entered a warning into the digital dispatch system. It said Holley had threatened to shoot officers, but three dispatchers workers failed to click on the warning Nov. 22, sending Smith and other first responders into potential danger without warning.

Holley shot and killed Smith. All three dispatch employees were fired as a result.

Two days before, more dispatch problems appeared during the response to the shooting at FSU. Officers were first mobilized by an FSU dispatcher on a non-emergency line despite the first call coming in to CDA, according to a grand jury presentment. On one emergency call, a dispatcher can be heard transferring a report of the shooting to FSU police.

In the killing of Markel, a call taker gave the 911 call a lower priority than he should have, resulting in a delayed response to Markel's Betton

Hills home. Leon County EMS arrived 19 minutes after the 911 call. TPD arrived in 15 minutes. Markel was found shot in the head and the case remains unsolved.

Meggs did not specifically say whether the grand jury will make a recommendation to the CDA.

"We hope we're not working in vain," Meggs said.

Lee, on the other hand, is expecting to get feedback. He provided grand jurors parts of his plan to improve the agency.

"I feel that they're going to come back with a firm recommendation of how the CDA could potentially make changes in the future," he said.

Since it opened in September 2013, the agency has suffered system shutdowns and other issues. City Auditor Bert Fletcher said Wednesday his office has finished a months-long audit of the agency, but says internal processes need to be completed before the findings are made public.

## Businessman Robert Boeneke dies at 50

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Boeneke

Robert "Bobby" Boeneke, a former banking executive who turned a small Crawfordville business into one of the country's largest builders and sellers of residential elevators, died early Wednesday at his Tallahassee home.

Boeneke was 50. After he was diagnosed with an aggressive T-cell lymphoma, last April he moved his family to Jacksonville, where he was being treated at the Mayo Clinic.

"It's been a tough, tough year," said Erin Ennis, executive vice president of Residential Elevators in Crawfordville. "He made it very clear he wanted to die at home in Tallahassee."

Boeneke earned a bachelor's degree in finance and real estate at Florida State University in 1986. He was a vice president at Compass Bank in Jacksonville, when in 1996, he was so impressed with a residential elevator that he had stepped into, that he sought out the owner of the company, Residential Lifts. Boeneke, along with an investor, "Doc" Granger, purchased the business. Boeneke, 32 at the time, became owner and president of the company in 2000.

Boeneke had a vision that Residential Elevators was ripe to serve an emerging niche market. In a 2005 interview with the Tallahassee Democrat, Boeneke said several factors led him to believe he had a product that would be in demand: The marketplace is expanding as the baby boom generation matures and moves toward retirement, yielding a ready market of aging customers. Real estate trends, particularly in

urban and resort areas, are forcing residences onto smaller footprints of property, encouraging multi-story construction.

All over the country, Boeneke said, houses on more than one level are either built with elevators in place or constructed with elevators in mind as a future upgrade.

"The bulk of acceptance of our product is in our future," he said.

Today, Residential Elevators, with operations in Crawfordville and in Cairo, Ga., with administrative offices in Tallahassee, serves a growing clientele of customers across the country.

"We are the largest manufacturers and installers of residential elevators in homes in the country," Ennis said. The company has offices serving 18 states, along with the District of Columbia, and The Bahamas. Of its 170 employees, 120 are employed in those states, and about 50 are based between the Crawfordville, Tallahassee and Cairo offices. The custom wood work is done in Crawfordville, while the metal work is handled in Cairo. The company has its own fleet of 18-wheel trucks to handle the selling, shipping and installation of its products.

Friends described Boeneke as an energetic and aggressive business leader who treated his employees fairly and paid them well. He remained committed to keeping operations in Crawfordville because his company provided much needed jobs.

"He was one of the

most energetic human beings you ever met," said Ennis, who joined the company as vice president of finance eight years ago and is now executive vice president. "He never saw a problem. He always saw a solution in the making."

Outside of work, Boeneke is noted as a devoted family man to his wife, Demory, and his three sons. He gave back to Florida State in many ways, including the Seminole Boosters, Inc., the College of Business and the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, where he served on the board of advisers. He attended Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Paul Sullivan, president of the Tallahassee market for BB&T, said Boeneke was a model client and good friend.

"I was always impressed with his business acumen, but more importantly, how he carried himself," Sullivan said. "He was a wonderful family man, just a wonderful guy who was well liked and loved by everyone who came in contact with him. He was a successful businessman but extremely humble who didn't put the spotlight on himself."

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Monday, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, with a reception following at Goodwood Plantation Carriage House, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee. On Tuesday, a visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 435 1st Avenue N., Jacksonville Beach, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, with a reception at Atlantic Beach Country Club, 1600 Selva Marina Drive, Atlantic Beach.

### Florida news briefs

#### Panama City airport adds daily flights

WEST BAY — Silver Airways will begin offering daily flights from Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport to Tampa and Orlando.

The airlines announced that it will offer twice-daily flights to Orlando International Airport and once-a-day flights to Tampa International Airport on March 19.

Airport Authority Chairman Till Bruett told the News Herald of Panama City that intrastate flights have been at the top of the airports wish list since Southwest Airlines dropped its daily flight to Orlando two years ago.

Flights on United Airlines to George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston will also begin in March.

The airport is located in West Bay, just north of Panama City Beach.

#### Polk to join appeal against Juvenile Justice

BARTOW — Polk County commissioners voted unanimously to join in a joint appeal against the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to recover \$4.8 million the agency overbilled the county since 2009.

The Lakeland Ledger reported that the county

intervened in a lawsuit last year in which the counties prevailed, but County Attorney Michael Craig said DJJ didn't comply with a settlement. After first agreeing to repay \$4.8 million, Craig said DJJ officials are now only willing to pay \$1.3 million.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd took over housing juveniles in 2011, following a change in state law for which he had lobbied. Judd argued Polk County could reduce its costs by taking over the operation from DJJ.

#### Real estate broker gets prison for fraud

FORT LAUDERDALE — A South Florida real estate broker was sentenced to more than three years in federal prison for three separate fraud convictions totaling more than \$5 million.

A federal judge imposed the sentence Tuesday on Christopher Wayne White, 44, of Fort Lauderdale. White was also ordered to pay more than \$4 million in restitution.

Two of the cases involved wire fraud convictions for false real estate transactions, including one in which White admitted he refused to return some \$750,000 in deposits to people seeking to buy properties. In the other case, White made a number of false statements to obtain a \$4.9 million loan

to buy a luxury home. In the third case, White admitted making a number of false statements on an application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen.

#### Family: Plane flown by Rochester couple recovered

ROCHESTER — The family of a Rochester couple whose private plane crashed near Jamaica in September says the plane's wreckage has been recovered from the ocean depths.

Larry and Jane Glazer, both 68-year-old experienced pilots, were flying from Rochester to Naples on Sept. 5 when air traffic controllers lost contact with their single-engine turboprop. The plane flew on its own for 1,700 miles before running out of fuel and slamming into the sea.

In a statement released Wednesday, the Glazer family said they hired the Eclipse Group of Maryland to search for the plane and their parents' remains. They say the search was successful and the remains will be brought home.

Larry Glazer was a prominent businessman who redeveloped downtown Rochester properties. Jane Glazer founded a household-products catalog company.

— Associated Press

## Black

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plan of conquest and genocide, IBM and its subsidiaries helped create enabling technologies, step-by-step, from the identification and cataloging programs of the 1930s to the selections of the 1940s." Records show that IBM executives in New York oversaw the actions of an IBM Polish subsidiary that did business with the Nazis during the German occupation of Poland.

Black said that though it is a book based in history, it is still very relevant in a world of ever-expanding global technology.

"People see how these things could be used again today, to suppress populations," Black said.

According to Black, more than 100 researchers mined information from scores of repositories and developed close to 20,000 documents for his book.

Black is the author of 11 bestselling books and is a contributor to publications such as the Huffington Post and the Times of Israel.

Black's tour of lectures will continue throughout 2015, and will feature more discussions on human rights structured around his investigative books. For a complete schedule of his nationwide tour, visit [www.EdwinBlack.com](http://www.EdwinBlack.com).

#### Paid Advertisement Horse Liniment Erases Pain

HALEAH, FL — An ingredient often used to treat inflammation in race horse legs, is now back on the market in its original doctor recommended clinical strength formula.

According to a national drug store survey, the formula at one time became so popular that it rose to the top of pharmacy sales for topical pain relievers. But the company marketing the product at the time changed the formula and sales plummeted. One of the inventors of the original formula has brought it back to the market under the trade name ARTH ARREST and says it can relieve pain for millions.

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