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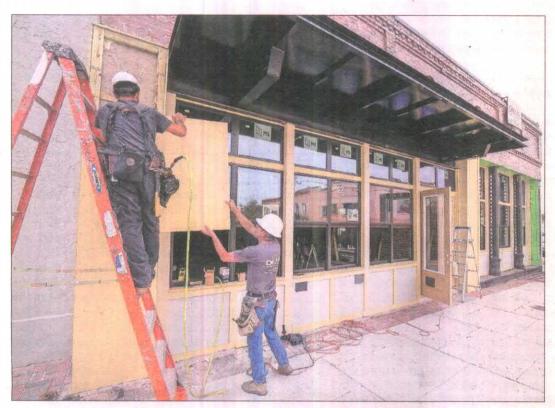
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Lots of development



David Rivera, left and Larry Collins, both with Drake Construction, work on the exterior of the 116-year-old building at 53 S. Magnolia Ave., in Ocala last week. The workers were installing trim and painting the exterior of the brick building, which will be the new home for the lvy House of Ocala. [STAFF PHOTOS BY DOUG ENGLE]

Here's a look at business news around Marion

By Jim Ross Managing editor

Here's a look at some of the latest news on the development front:

Big build: A developer wants to create the Quarry RV Resort on a former mining site north of Ocala.

Jerry Steele, trustee, seeks to develop the resort, which could provide room for up to 450 recreational vehicles, on 69 acres on the south side of Northwest Gainesville Road (County Road 25A) near Northwest 63rd Street. He seeks a comprehensive plan amendment changing the land use from Commerce District to Commercial, and

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Larry Collins, with Drake Construction, was among the workers on site last week.

WH: Trump would sign new sanctions bill

By Richard Lardner

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The White House indicated Sunday President Donald Trump would sign a sweeping Russia sanctions measure, which the House could take up this week, that requires him to get Congress' permission before lifting or easing the economic penalties against Moscow.

Lawmakers are scheduled to consider the sanctions package as early as Tuesday, and the bill could be sent to Trump before Congress breaks for the August recess. The legislation is aimed at punishing Moscow

for meddling in the presidential election and its military aggression in Ukraine and

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the newly appointed White House press secretary, said the administration is supportive of being tough on Russia and "particularly putting these sanctions in place."

"We support where the legislation is now, and will continue to work with the House and Senate to put those tough sanctions in place on Russia until the situation in Ukraine is fully resolved," Sanders said on ABC's "This

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O.J. had a 'conflictfree life'? Not really

By John Rogers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - When O.J. Simpson told a Nevada parole board last week that he's led a "conflict-free life," he seemed to overlook a few episodes that had him cycling in and out of courtrooms and jail cells for nearly 20 years before the Las Vegas hotelroom heist that sent him to prison in 2008.

There was a wife-beating charge in 1989 that he pleaded

no contest to, a road-rage charge he was acquitted of in 2001 and a contempt-ofcourt citation in 2008 that put him in jail for five days.

There was also, of course, the 1994 murder of his exwife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. Acquitted by a criminal jury in 1995, the football hero and Hollywood star was found liable for the killings in civil court two years later and

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