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DAILY'S PLACE: Convenience store chain buys naming rights

'WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT VENUE'



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Jaguars owner Shad Khan said the venue will give people more reason to come to town and have a great time.

Election 2016
State Attorney

White wants to be more than spoiler in 3-way race

'I'm not just a credible candidate,' says challenger who worked for Corey

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Harvey Slentz is confident Wesley White treats everyone the same, and that's why he's supporting him for state attorney.

Slentz, an attorney based in Amelia Island, has known White personally for several years and believes his temperament would be a good fit as the region's top prosecutor.

"I know him as an outstanding guy," Slentz said. "He's a gentleman, an excellent lawyer, and I know he'd do a good job as state attorney."

If White had to consider criminal charges for one of Slentz's kids, he believes White would charge the same way he'd charge the child of someone he didn't know, he said.

"He would not overcharge or undercharge anyone," Slentz said. "And that's what we need in that office."

Down in the polls and short on money,



White

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MORE CANDIDATE PROFILES

You can read Friday's profile of Melissa Nelson, Thursday's profile of Angela Corey and additional election coverage online at jacksonville.com/election2016

Analysis

Shakeup in staff, more formal talks suggesting a pivot

But amid unfavorable poll numbers, is it too late for Donald Trump's rebirth?

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | Donald Trump's turbulent summer has been shadowed by a nagging question: Does the Republican nominee actually want to win the presidency?

For at least this week, Trump answered with an emphatic yes.

He moved to steady his struggling campaign with a late-in-the-game staff shakeup, replacing controversial campaign chair Paul Manafort with a veteran pollster and a conservative media executive who shares his populist views. He delivered a series of more formal speeches, unheard of for a candidate who prefers unscripted rallies. And in an address Thursday evening, he uncharacteristically teased that he regretted some of his caustic comments — though he notably did not specify which ones.

"Sometimes in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don't choose the right words or you say



Trump

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The Daily's Place complex will sit next to EverBank Field.

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Jaguars owner Shad Khan reveled in another victory Friday, 34 hours before his team played its preseason home opener.

Under a broiling morning sun outside the south end zone of EverBank Field, Khan was joined by city leaders for a groundbreaking ceremony on a project that will feature a 5,500-seat amphitheater and an indoor practice facility. The complex will be called Daily's Place.

IN SPORTS

Shad Khan doesn't hesitate when asked if he thinks this is his best Jaguars team. **C-1**

Combined with the club-seat renovations that will debut Saturday, the \$90 million in improvements was financed by Khan and the city. Daily's, the Jacksonville-based convenience store that has 162 locations, signed a multiyear naming rights agreement.

The amphitheater and indoor practice facility — called a "flex field" by the Jaguars — will be completed in May.

"It's fabulous," Khan said. "We're going to have a great venue for entertaining. More reasons for people to come to town, generate revenue for the city and have a great time in the process."

Construction on this phase of the project began earlier this summer with a new and wider entrance to the playing field. It will make it easier for fans to shuttle between the field and the

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Renderings provided by the Jaguars

The Jaguars said the goal for the amphitheater is 35-40 events per year, with the debut coming "certainly before Memorial Day."



When the doors to the facility are closed, the flex field will be climate controlled.

Zika works way to Miami Beach; will be challenge

Spraying from air won't be possible in crowded tourist area; city fights on ground

By Jennifer Kay
Associated Press

MIAMI | South Beach has been identified as a second site of Zika transmission by mosquitoes on the U.S. mainland, and

containing it there will be difficult because high-rise buildings and strong winds make it impractical to spray the neighborhood from the air, officials said Friday.

Five cases of Zika have been connected to mosquitoes in Miami Beach, bringing the state's caseload to 36 infections not related to travel outside the U.S., Florida's governor and health department

announced Friday.

The discovery prompted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to announce that it was expanding its travel warning for pregnant women to include an area in Miami Beach known for nightclubs, pedestrian thoroughfares and beaches.

Zika infection can cause severe brain-related birth defects, including a dangerously

small head, if women are infected during pregnancy.

The virus' apparent spread from a Miami neighborhood popular for day trips to the South Beach streets where many tourists sleep has rattled the tourism industry, even in the slower summer season.

Gov. Rick Scott has directed Florida's health department to

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White, 59, continues his campaign to be the next chief prosecutor for the 4th Judicial Circuit in Clay, Duval and Nassau counties.

White's odds of winning do not look good. But people won't hear him say that. He blames his lack of success on Jacksonville power brokers but expresses confidence that he will win anyway because the area is ready for an outsider who is not beholden to the movers and shakers.

"I'm not just a credible candidate," White said at a recent debate. "I'm the best candidate."

One of White's supporters is former state Sen. Stephen Wise, who also says White can win. Wise remembers when he ran for Senate against W.C. Gentry and was massively outspent, but he still won.

"It isn't all about money," Wise said. "It's about whether you can get out the vote."

And he thinks White, whom he's known for years, has the ability to connect with people the same way he did, Wise said.

But even if White, who has three children with his wife, Pat, can't win, the potential to be a spoiler exists — even if it's not entirely clear whose chances he hopes to spoil between his opponents, incumbent State Attorney Angela Corey and fellow challenger Melissa Nelson.

White, who graduated from the University of Florida with a law degree, got into the race early, in March 2015 before either Nelson or Corey became candidates. But his campaign has struggled to raise money or generate high-profile supporters.

Nelson, who didn't get into the race until May 2016, has raised over a million dollars and has the support of many well-known people in the legal and business community while Corey has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars and has the support of most elected officials in the region.

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When Wesley White resigned in 2013, he accused of Angela Corey going back on a promise not to treat the Nassau County prosecutor's office as "an unwanted step-child."

Florida political scientist Michael Binder said even if White only gets about 10 percent of the vote, he could swing the election between Corey and Nelson if the vote totals between them are close. Binder thinks White is most likely to hurt Nelson, since White and Nelson are both running against the incumbent's record.

But Nelson has opened up a double-digit lead over Corey in recent polls, while White has struggled to get out of the single digits. Either White or Corey will have to start doing better for White to be a spoiler, Binder said.

White has raised just under \$35,000.

City of Jacksonville Finance Director Mike Weinstein is listed as having donated \$500 to White, but Weinstein said that was an in-kind contribution for when the two shared a booth during Weinstein's aborted run for public defender and should not be taken as a sign that he supports White.

The law firm Fallgatter & Catlin donated \$450 in April 2015 soon after White got into the race. But Curtis Fallgatter said his firm decided to back Nelson when she entered the picture a year later because he believes she has the better chance to win and is more qualified.

A UNIQUE PLATFORM

Not many political candidates share all of White's stances.

A Donald Trump supporter who says African-American voters endure harsh treatment, racial profiling and have been disenfranchised in this election because of the closed Republican primary, White vows he will change his voter registration from Republican to nonpartisan if elected because he doesn't think the state attorney's race should be a partisan election.

White also is suing the Duval County School Board and Superintendent Nikolai Vitti on behalf of a mother and her four kids. The lawsuit seeks to prevent the school district from allowing transgender students to use a bathroom that conforms with their gender identity, arguing that the policy poses a threat to other students like his clients' children.

He also is suing Corey, his former boss, on behalf of another former Corey employee, information technology director Ben Kruidbos. The lawsuit says Kruidbos was wrongly fired after he was a whistleblower in the George Zimmerman/Trayvon Martin murder trial who argued that Corey's office didn't turn over all the material

the law required to the defense team.

Eight years ago, White was an ardent Corey supporter as she ran to succeed Harry Shorstein as state attorney. White, then a Fernandina Beach attorney in private practice, filed a lawsuit against Shorstein and his hand-picked successor, Jay Plotkin, in an attempt to determine whether there was campaigning for Plotkin in the State Attorney's Office.

White was a lawyer handling primarily civil litigation before the 2008 election.

After Corey was elected, she hired him to be the director of her Nassau County office.

As a prosecutor White convicted David Eugene Johnson for the first-degree murder of Antonia Gerald, a 64-year-old artist and author butchered in her home in Fernandina's historic district. Johnson was sentenced to life without parole.

White also got Gregory David Larkin sentenced to death for the murders of his parents. Larkin later committed suicide in prison.

He also engaged in a feud with then-Nassau Sheriff Tommy Seagraves that led to the sheriff sending a letter to Corey complaining about White's professionalism. Seagraves expressed

unhappiness over an investigation White conducted into his staff regarding tires forfeited to the Sheriff's Office that ended up on a deputy's personal vehicle, White's tendency to wear a badge and gun in public and his handling of murder cases.

The feud led indirectly to a lawsuit by Julie Lyncker, a former clerk in the Nassau County office, who sued Corey saying that her civil rights were violated when she was fired after reporting wrongdoing in the office.

In her lawsuit, Lyncker said White repeatedly asked her if she was having sex with Seagraves and tried to use her as a go-between to improve his relationship with the sheriff. Lyncker, who denies having an affair with Seagraves, said she refused to help White and complained about the way he was treating her to Corey and her senior staff. But they fired her after she complained.

The lawsuit was settled, with Lyncker getting \$175,000.

By that time White had left the office and become a Corey critic, but he told the Times-Union he vehemently denied any allegation of wrongdoing on his part and was strongly opposed to any settlement.

GOING QUIETLY NOT HIS STYLE

White resigned early in 2013 after Corey was re-elected without opposition. He did not go quietly.

In his email resignation, White told Corey she had retreated from a commitment she made before her election in 2008 not to treat Nassau as an "unwanted step-child."

That has not been the case, White said.

Relations with Corey have been frosty ever since, and in debates White appears to aggravate Corey more than Nelson.

White criticized Corey because her former campaign manager filed the papers for a write-in candidate, closing the election to 440,000 people who are Democrats or have no party affiliation. Corey has said she didn't know

her campaign manager was doing it until after it occurred, but also said it wouldn't be hard for anyone who cared to reregister as a Republican.

He also criticized Corey for her decision to prosecute 12-year-old Cristian Fernandez as an adult for the death of his half brother, seeking a 60-year prison sentence for Marrison Alexander for firing a shot in the direction of her estranged husband and his two children and for charging Zimmerman with second-degree murder in the shooting of 17-year-old Martin.

"The individual who applies judgment needs to change," White said.

Corey is usually loath to admit a mistake or regret, but the one thing she did concede is that it was a mistake to hire White and put him in charge of the Nassau office.

But Corey and White, while not exactly friendly, have lost interest in criticizing each other as Nelson has surged in both polls and fundraising. White criticized Nelson for not having senior management experience when she was an assistant state attorney and for not making partner with her law firm.

That law firm, McGuireWoods, said White is wrong, and Nelson is a partner. Shorstein and Plotkin, who support Nelson, have also said Nelson is qualified for the top job.

White also sought a criminal investigation into Nelson after making allegations that she and her team pressured him to drop out of the race. But special prosecutor Bill Cervone said Nelson and her team did nothing wrong. White refused to apologize and said it was a dirty political trick even if it was legal.

Nelson campaign spokesman Brian Hughes said he views White as essentially now working to help Corey get re-elected.

White said he didn't want Corey or Nelson to be elected, and said he was more critical of Nelson now because she's winning in the polls.

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Jaguars owner Shad Khan is flanked by Daily's CEO Aubrey Edge and Mayor Lenny Curry at groundbreaking Friday.

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amphitheater during music festivals.

During a five-minute group interview with local media, Khan began plotting the first national event for the facility: The NFL Draft.

Held in New York for decades, the league decided recently to move the draft around the country. Chicago held it for two years, Philadelphia has it in April and among other cities, Dallas wants the 2018 draft.

Khan wants Jacksonville to be in the mix.

"This can be a great venue for the draft with all of the amenities that go with hosting an event like that," he said. "For us, it's not about profit. I think it's an event that puts Jacksonville [on the map] and [showcases the city] in the right way and the proper way."

That Jacksonville is even considering an event like the NFL Draft shows how far the stadium has been improved under Khan's watch. Since Khan took over the franchise in 2012, the Jaguars have spearheaded the planning and helped finance the new video boards, cabana/pool area and club-seat renovation.

Of the club-seat renovation, Khan said: "I think it's among the best in the business and it delivers value for people who are supporting the Jaguars. It raises the bar in how you enjoy the Jaguars."

The NFL is an arms race



Toasting inside the US Assure Club are Daily's CEO Aubrey Edge (from left), Jaguars owner Shad Khan, Ty Petway, chairman and CEO of US Assure, and Mayor Lenny Curry.

off the field, too, as owners improve their stadiums or build new ones (almost always with public financing help). The Jaguars have been playing catch-up.

"We've made progress," club president Mark Lamping said. "But we're not getting to where we want to be without continuing to make upgrades and doing things differently."

One upgrade that remains on the drawing board is a sky-walk over Gator Bowl Boulevard. It was part of the initial project unveiling in January.

"That's going to be a part of our riverfront development," Lamping said. "Until we get that totally solved in terms of where it's going to go, it impacts the placement of that bridge."

Revitalizing the banks of the St. Johns River is next on the Jaguars' radar. The Shipyards project proposed by the Jaguars in 2015 never

gained traction because of environmental concerns. The Jaguars have shifted their focus to the area closer to the stadium.

"This project is very good for the Shipyards because you need to have some inertia to get something going," Khan said. "We have, across [the street], a great opportunity for a high-end hotel/convention center, which this town really needs."

"It's something we'll try and work with the city on. As you move toward downtown, the city is wrestling with a lot of challenges environmentally. As that's addressed, you can really have growth. It's absolutely important."

First up over the next nine months is the amphitheater and flex field. The flex field, whose ceiling will reach 80 feet at its highest point (50-yard line), will run east-to-west

and be located behind the stage of the amphitheater.

The flex field will have massive hangar doors (53 feet tall, 60 feet wide) at each end zone that can slide open to create an open air experience. When the doors are closed, the flex field will be climate controlled.

In the amphitheater, music fans will face south toward the stage. Lamping said the goal is for 35-40 events per year, the debut coming "certainly before Memorial Day." The amphitheater will have three levels of seating.

"One of the most important things this project does is it creates a much better utilization of our existing infrastructure," Lamping said. "We have all this parking here and now that can be used 35-40 more days than it was last year. We have the stadium, maybe used only 20 times a year, and this allows us to use parts of it another 35-40 times a year. We really think it's a spectacular design."

Among the city leaders in attendance to salute Khan was Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry.

"He's a dreamer, but he's also a doer," Curry said. "He makes decisions and he invests his money, time and energy to get things done. Having him in our city, willing to invest his dollars into our town — he's a tremendous asset that we as a city are capitalizing on and grateful for."

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offer mosquito spraying and related services at no cost to Miami-Dade County's hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions. More than 15.5 million people made overnight visits to Miami and nearby beaches in 2015, with an impact of \$24.4 billion, according to figures from the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The CDC previously warned pregnant women to avoid the Wynwood arts district in Miami. In its statement Friday, the agency said pregnant women may also want to consider postponing non-essential travel throughout Miami-Dade County if they're concerned about potential exposure to the mosquito-borne virus.

"We're in the midst of mosquito season and expect more Zika infections in the days and months to come," said CDC director Tom Frieden. "It is difficult to predict how long active transmission will continue."

Aerial spraying and door-to-door operations on the ground have cut mosquito populations in Wynwood by up to 90 percent, but Zika may be continuing as mosquitoes breed, Frieden told reporters Friday.

"The mosquitoes are persistent and we won't know for a couple of weeks whether these aggressive measures have worked," Frieden said.

Aerial spraying isn't practical over South Beach because of the height of its buildings and strong winds over the narrow island city, Frieden said. Officials will be limited to spraying for mosquitoes at ground level in the highly populated area.

"Miami Beach does have a series of characteristics that make it particularly challenging," Frieden said.

Two of the people infected in Miami Beach are Miami-Dade County

residents, and three are tourists, including one man and two women, Scott said. The tourists are residents of New York, Texas and Taiwan.

The new area of infection in South Beach is roughly 1.5 square miles between Eighth and 28th streets, according to Florida's Department of Health.

Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine said during a news conference Friday afternoon that the Zika reports certainly aren't ideal for tourism, but he expects the long-term impact to be relatively minor. He said city workers are trying to get rid of standing water and foliage that might attract the virus-spreading insects, while the county begins a fumigation program to kill the bugs.

"Between our efforts and the county's spraying efforts, the last thing I'd ever want to be on Miami Beach is a mosquito," Levine said.

Three vacuum trucks purchased to help Miami Beach fight rising sea levels have been used since the beginning of the year to drain water in low-lying areas where mosquitoes could breed, said Roy Coley, the city's infrastructure director.

The city also has been sending workers to fill potholes collecting water in alleys and fix leaky beach showers, in addition to applying pesticides to the area's many construction sites and flood-prone residential streets, Coley said.

Officials at Art Basel Miami Beach and other upcoming events cautiously expressed confidence in the region's mosquito control efforts. Organizers of the Americas Food and Beverage Show will add mosquito repellent to goody bags at the late September event.

"We're taking extra precautions," said Yendi Alvarez, the show's media coordinator. "This wasn't even a thought last year. We put this in place once the news started getting crazy."