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FAMU alumna Brianna Grant, a freelance graphic designer, stands in front of an “Elio” poster at a movie theater. Grant’s artwork contributed to animations in the recently released Pixar movie. PROVIDED BY BRIANNA GRANT

## Bear hunt plans call for lottery

200 tags up for grabs

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Come December, black bears in Florida’s Panhandle may want to steer clear of the area south of I-10.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is preparing to launch the state’s first bear hunting season in a decade, with I-10 marking the northern boundary of the East Panhandle Bear Hunting Zone.

Commissioners are expected to approve a proposed 23-day season during their Aug. 13 - 14 meeting in Havana. The plan includes a lottery system to distribute 68 hunting tags in the East Panhandle zone — part of a broader statewide total of 187 tags. Each tag allows the holder to harvest one bear from an 11-county region stretching from Washington to Jefferson County.

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## Washington Square has 60 days for cleanup

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The mess that now is the failed Washington Square development, riddled with graffiti and rusting rebar, is on track for a tidying up: Leon County government has struck a deal with the developer to clean up and restore the property.

The 66-page agreement, OK’d by county commissioners, spells out the latest set of terms with Ken McDermott, who owns the 1.33-acre downtown Tallahassee block, surrounded by Gadsden, Calhoun and Jefferson streets.

Last month, McDermott was put on notice to repair county-owned property affected by the project’s inability to complete construction, which came to an abrupt stop in May 2020.

The work, to be done at his expense,

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## ‘Hard work pays off’

FAMU grad’s journey in graphic design leads to Pixar’s ‘Elio’

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Ever since Brianna Grant was a little girl, she loved to draw. • But the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University alumna says her 8-year-old self would have never imagined reaching the point of contributing her artistic talents to animations in the recently released Pixar film “Elio.” • “Even just saying it out loud is very crazy to me,” Grant, a 28-year-old Orlando native and freelance graphic designer, told the Tallahassee Democrat Wednesday. “I’ve always done arts and crafts, and I always got awards for them in elementary school, middle school and high school. But since it came so naturally to me, I never really thought of it as a gift of mine.” • Released in theaters June 20, the sci-fi comedy “Elio” is the latest Pixar animated adventure to explore friendship, loneliness and the importance of human connection. It follows an 11-year-old boy – voiced by Filipino and African American actor Yonas Kibreab – who desperately wants to be abducted by aliens. He winds up going on an intergalactic adventure.

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## Bond Community Health Center opens public pharmacy

Service meant to provide access to those in the community

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Bond Community Health Center is debuting a new pharmacy on Tallahassee’s south side that will be open to all residents, not just its clients.

Located at Palmer and South Monroe streets, the full-retail pharmacy is larger

in both space and inventory compared to Bond’s existing pharmacy that’s been housed at its main Gadsden Street campus for more than 10 years, said Dr. Zandra Glenn, Bond’s pharmacy director.

The new pharmacy includes a drive-through and fills a vital need following a series of pharmacy closings that impacted southside residents, including the closure of a CVS store on South Monroe Street in March 2023.

“After all of the other pharmacies in the neighborhood started closing, we realized that a lot of patients aren’t patients at Bond but they just did not have

access to a pharmacy within our community,” Glenn said. “They had to go a long distance to be able to get access to a pharmacy ... The purpose of this is to provide a service for people who live in this community that don’t want to truck all the way to SouthWood.”

The challenge, for many residents, was the lack of transportation and a need to access a pharmacy that’s served by StarMetro, the city’s public transportation. The new pharmacy is attached to Bond’s Pediatric Center, which is next door to a city bus stop.

“We had a lot of moms with young

children that were getting prescriptions,” Glenn said. “Even though the pharmacy we had within our facility (at Gadsden Street), which was about .1 miles away, if you’re traveling with sick kids and you don’t have a car, you don’t want to track down the street, especially in the heat.”

Now, she said, “they’re able to go right next door.”

In addition, it will maintain extended hours by closing at 8 p.m. weekdays and by 6 p.m. on Saturdays; it will be closed

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