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GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



KRISTIE CLOUD/FLORIDAN

Firefighter Michael Blum was honored in a retirement ceremony Wednesday afternoon at City Hall in Marianna. Blum has been with the Marianna Fire Department for 14 years and is leaving in a few weeks to begin his new career at Florida State Fire College as its minimum standards state examiner. "(Blum) was a true asset to the department and we will miss him," Marianna Fire Chief Nikki Lovett said. "We teased him about his age, but it was like having a father around the house and we learned a lot from him." Lovett presented Blum with a plaque that contained the city fire department patch and a leather patch with the number that Blum was given when he joined the Marianna firehouse. To see video from the event go to the website, jcfloridan.com.



DEBORAH BUCKHALTER/FLORIDAN

Jerry D. Parrish of Florida TaxWatch talks to Marianna Rotarians Wednesday about economic issues in Florida. His visit was arranged by Jackson County Development Council Executive Director and Rotary Club member Bill Stanton.

TaxWatch exec speaks to Rotary

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER

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Florida TaxWatch Chief Economist Jerry D. Parrish shared some encouraging economic news during his turn as guest speaker for Wednesday's Rotary Club meeting in Marianna.

Parrish, also executive director of FTW's Center for Competitive Florida, said the state is rebounding at last from the recession. It fell harder and stayed down longer than the national average, lagging about 16 months behind the nation's rebounding trend. The state's recovery, he said,

finally took hold in part because of policies that have made Florida a more business-friendly state.

Specifically, he spoke of the state's decision to give manufacturers a partial three-year "tax holiday" by waiving sales and use taxes on their machinery and equipment. Gov. Rick Scott wants to make it permanent, Parrish said, but in the meantime

economy experts are predicting that the tax break will encourage businesses already here to buy more equipment. And in doing that, they might expand their work force to further positively impact the economy.

Additionally, it could attract more manufacturers to locate in Florida. Parrish said the measure effectively solves, at least for the next three years, what he referred to as a double taxation problem.

He said his organization takes the position that such a sales tax is unfair since the state also has a tangible personal property tax that comes into play with the acquisition of equipment.

Manufacturing, he said, is a sector that the state needs to encourage since average wages for those jobs are typically higher than in many other areas of the business base.

With higher wages and more jobs, more disposable income will filter down through the economies of the communities hosting manufacturers, he said.

Parrish also talked about some of the challenges faced by states all around the country. With some facing underfunded pension funds, Florida's is one of the healthiest.

His visit was arranged by Jackson County Development Council Executive Director and Rotarian Bill Stanton.

Gardner, Johnson react to school board wins

BY ANGIE COOK
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For three incumbent school board members, the campaign's all over but the pulling up of signs. Charlotte Gardner, Chris Johnson and Terry Nichols all won their bids for re-election on Tuesday.

Charlotte Gardner says she was relieved by Tuesday's results, describing her 1,499-678 victory over Cheryl Guy as "a little amazing."

"Part of the amazement is that I was just very, very pleased and honored that the people in District 5 realized what I had done and how hard I had worked to represent them," Gardner said in a Wednesday phone interview.

Gardner said that news of results was coming in fits

and starts after the polls closed, due to a cellphone that was badly in need of a charge.

"I would turn my car on, charge my phone to 5 percent and email or text someone," she said, describing the night.

Early voting and absentee numbers showed a good margin and brought the veteran educator "a little relief," but when results from the Welcome Assembly of God Church and Eastside Baptist Church polling locations came in, Gardner felt like it was time to celebrate the win.

"I'm looking forward to working with this board again," she said.

The five-member school board consists of Gardner,

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This Floridan file photo shows Jackson County School Board member Terry Nichols at a meeting in 2012.

JACOB CITY DAY City to note 30th anniversary

BY ANGIE COOK
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Come out and enjoy the fun on Saturday, Sept. 20, when residents of Jacob will celebrate their town's 30th anniversary as a city.

The theme of this year's Jacob City Day celebration is "Through God, Forefathers', Prayers and Tears — Jacob City is Celebrating 30 Years."

A parade along Jackson Road kicks things off at 11

a.m., followed by entertainment, food and activities for the entire family at Jacob City Park, 2254 Jacob Main St. (Highway 162).

For information on how to participate in the Jacob City Day parade, contact Eula Johnson at 263-2120 on or before Sept. 5.

Verloria T. Wilson has vendor booth information; she can be reached at 263-6636.

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This Floridan file photo, Cassandra Broxton and Tess Jones are busy feeding the crowd at Jacob City Day. This year's event is set for Saturday, Sept. 20.

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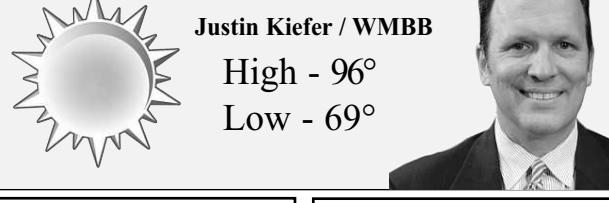
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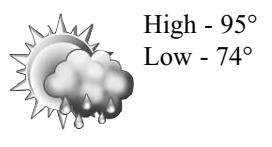
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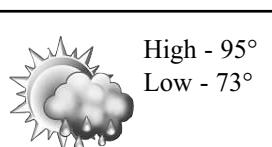
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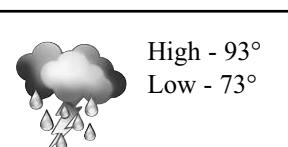
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**Sunday**

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GETTING IT RIGHT

The Jackson County Floridan's policy is to correct mistakes promptly. To report an error, please call 526-3614 Monday-Friday.

CORRECTION

The last name of a Florida Highway Patrol official was stated incorrectly in a picture that accompanied a Wednesday-edition story about Tuesday's 'Hands Across the Border' event at the Florida Welcome Center. The official's name is Warren Fast. He was one of the speakers who talked about the enhanced traffic law enforcement wave ongoing in the run-up to Labor Day. Florida, Georgia and Alabama law enforcement officials are joining forces to target impaired drivers, speeders, and others who pose danger on the roadways during one of the busiest traffic holidays of the year.

MARIANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marianna Police Department reported the following incidents for Aug. 26, the latest available report: Two traffic stops, one suspicious person, one highway obstruction, one report of mental illness with violence, one physical disturbance, two verbal disturbances, three accidents, one found or abandoned property report, one noise disturbance, one assist of a motorist or pedestrian, two assists of other agencies, one public service call and 20 home security checks.

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office and county fire/rescue

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PRECIPITATION

24 hours	0.00"	Year to date	52.40"
Month to date	3.47"	Normal YTD	42.24"
Normal MTD	5.11"	Normal for year	59.26"

TIDES

Panama City	Low	-	5:47 PM	High	-	12:38 PM
Apalachicola	Low	-	12:23 PM	High	-	6:00 AM
Port St. Joe	Low	-	5:52 PM	High	-	1:11 PM
Destin	Low	-	7:03 PM	High	-	1:44 PM
Pensacola	Low	-	7:37 PM	High	-	2:17 PM

RIVER READINGS

Woodruff	Reading	Flood Stage
	40.57 ft.	66.0 ft.
Blountstown	2.94 ft.	15.0 ft.
Marianna	5.57 ft.	19.0 ft.
Caryville	3.04 ft.	12.0 ft.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX

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THE SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:15 AM	First Quarter
Sunset	7:09 PM	Full Moon
Moonrise	8:52 AM	Last Quarter
Moonset	8:48 PM	New Moon



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Community Calendar

TODAY

— F.M. Golson Elementary Media Center 4258 Second Ave., Marianna. Books for all ages. All funding supports the media center.

» **Hooks and Needles** — 10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna branch. New and experienced hand crafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.

» **Marianna City Farmer's Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.

» **St. Anne Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Back-to-school sale, all clothing half price. Welcome donations: household items, clothing and jewelry. Proceeds go to help less fortunate in our community. Call 482-3734.

» **Chipola Civic Club Meeting** — Noon at The Oaks Restaurant, U.S. 90 in Marianna. The CCC's focus is the local community, "Community, Children & Character." Call 526-3142.

» **Chipola Healthy Start Board of Directors Meeting** — 3 p.m. Veteran's Civic Center, 10561 N.W. Theo Jacobs Road (County Rd. 12) Bristol.

» **HELPS Enrichment Program Registration** — Aug. 25-29 at Sunrise Worship Center, 2957 Hall St., Marianna. The HELPS program will be open 3-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with tutoring/homework help, arts and crafts, snacks and more. Cost: One-time \$25 registration donation, plus \$25 per week, per child. Call 693-3055 or 718-8734.

» **Grand Opening** — 5 p.m. Bespoken, 4430 Lafayette St., Marianna. Join in for food, fun and specials at the new gift shop in town. Contact bespoken-gifts@yahoo.com or 372-4907.

» **Girl Scout Parents Night** — 5-6 p.m. Marianna Masonic Lodge, 3024 Jefferson St., Marianna. Bring your K-12 grade daughter and help create tomorrow's leaders.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous** — Closed discussion, 8-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna, in the AA room. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking; papers will not be signed.

» **Graceville Free Medical Clinic** — 10 a.m. at Graceville Free Medical Clinic, 5470 College Ave., Graceville. For patients who have no medical insurance, medicaid, and meet the federal poverty guidelines. We have physicians and nurses and give professional health care services to our patients. Call 263-6912 or 272-0101 for information.

» **Annual Noma Community Reunion** — 10 a.m. Noma Town Hall Building. Lunch will be served at noon. All past and present residents and their friends invited. Bring well filled basket and tea if you prefer to drink. Soft drinks, ice, cups, plates and eating utensil furnished. Call 974-8483.

» **WXW Live Wrestling** — 7 p.m. Bonifay Recreation Center, Bonifay. Tickets \$6. Kids 6 and younger free. Family friendly environment.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

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dance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

» **Movie Madness Monday** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. OneBlood, 2503 Commercial Park Dr., Marianna. Come donate blood and receive a ticket to Marianna Cinemas as well as a beach towel. (Until further notice)

» **Jackson County Quilters Guild Meeting** — 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Jackson County Extension Service, Penn Ave., Marianna. Business meetings are fourth Mondays; other Mondays are for projects, lessons and help. All quilters welcome. Call 573-5434.

» **Breaking Free** — 7-8 p.m. A closed SAA group is a 12-step fellowship of men and women recovering from addictive sexual behavior. For more info and location call Shawn at 693-1621 or email Breaking-FreeSAA@yahoo.com

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna.

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» **Beginner/players Pinochle** — 10 a.m. at McCormick Lake Clubhouse. Everyone welcome to come and play. For more info call 272-6611.

» **Optimist Club of Jackson County Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna.

» **Sewing Circle** — 1 p.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizens, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Call 482-5028.

» **4H Meet and Greet** — 5-7 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension Office in Marianna. Open to all current 4-Hers and those who would like to enroll. Come meet the 4-H agent and club leaders. Refreshments will be served. Call 482-9620.

» **Jackson County Public Library Writing Center Group to Host Book Launch** — 5:30 p.m. Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. Marianna. Meet E. Brock Bradley author of "River of Dissent". Refreshments served. Call 482-9631.

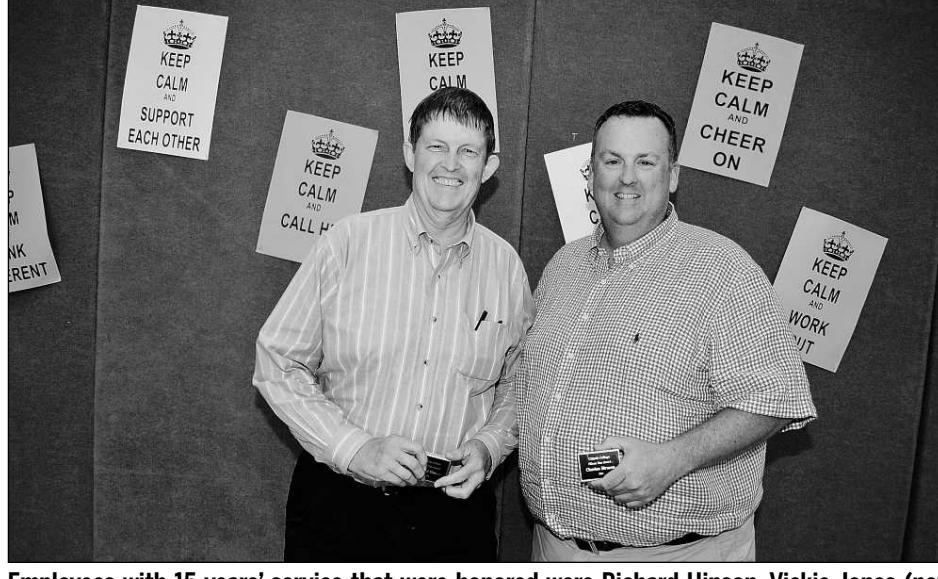
» **Marianna City Commission Meeting** — 6 p.m. in City Hall, 2898 Green St., Marianna.

CHIPOLA EMPLOYEES AWARDED FOR SERVICE



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Employees with 10 years of service who were honored were Glenda Bethel, Kathy Dunaway, Mark Ebel, Terri Fowler, Lillie Hamil, Belinda Hendrix, Renee Hopkins, Robert Martin, Amie Myers, John Tracy Spikes, Matthew White and Stan Young.



Employees with 15 years' service that were honored were Richard Hinson, Vickie Jones (not pictured) and Charles Sirmon.



Dennis Everett was honored for having 30 years of service.



Employees with 20 years of service who were honored were Julie Fuqua, Vicki Mathis and Shanda O'Bryan.



Employees with 25 years of service who were honored were Kim Collins, Mary B. Hamilton and Angela Tyler.

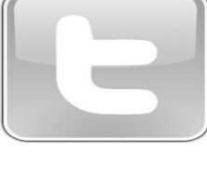


Employees with five years of service who were honored were Jennifer Ham, Dan Sims, Virginia Staley (not pictured) and Vickie Stephens.

Employees of Chipola College were recognized for their years of service during the first staff meeting of the school year on Aug. 11. Employees were awarded certificates in five-year increments.

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Archaeology Day

Organizations throughout the panhandle are teaming up for a fun-filled day of activities to educate the public and children of all ages about archaeological and historical resources.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network, University of West Florida, the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement and the Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee will host a Public Archaeology Day at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is located in Sam Atkins Park in Blountstown.

Have your personal artifact collections identified by an archaeologist. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact FPAN Outreach coordinator, Barbara Hines, RPA, at bhines@uwf.edu or the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement at info@panhandlepioneer.org.

Archaeologists will be on-

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Tue.	(M)		6-8-9	0-8-5-4
Wed.	(E)	8/27	6-2-6	5-6-6-4 Not available
Wed.	(M)		0-6-0	6-7-9-8
Thurs.	(E)	8/21	9-5-0	8-7-4-2 10-12-17-23-25
Thurs.	(M)		9-7-6	1-4-6-2
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Fri.	(M)		9-6-4	2-4-5-0
Sat.	(E)	8/23	9-6-4	7-3-5-2 13-19-20-27-28
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JACKSON IS NEW OPTIMIST GOVERNOR ELECT



Northeast Jackson County Optimist member and three-term Zone Three Lt. Governor Liz Jackson (left) has recently been elected Optimist governor-elect for 2014-15, which means she will serve as governor in 2015-16. As governor-elect and then governor, Jackson will represent the North Florida Optimist District, which spans from near Tampa to Pensacola. Jackson made the announcement at a recent gathering of the Marianna Optimist Club. Jackson has been an Optimist member since 2007. She is seen here with Optimist President George Gay.

CareerSource Chipola seeking nominations for membership

CareerSource Chipola is seeking nominations for membership to their board of directors. CSC currently has one opening for a representative from a community-based organization serving veterans and one opening for a representative from organized labor.

CSC is responsible for oversight of Workforce Investment Act, Welfare Transition and other programs designed to help individuals either become employed or increase their skill level so they can obtain a better job. The CSC

board of directors establishes policy and determines the direction and focus of the board.

Any recognized community-based organization serving military veterans may nominate one individual for consideration as a member of the CSC board of directors.

The individual nominated must be able to show they have knowledge of veterans' issues.

Organized labor groups may nominate an individual to represent organized labor on the CSC board of directors.

Only individuals that are

part of an organized labor group such as a union may be considered to fill the organized labor position currently open.

Organizations wishing to nominate an individual, or others interested in becoming a member of the CareerSource Chipola board

of directors may contact Lisa Wells at 633-2731 for more information.

CSC is a nonprofit organization and members are not paid for their service to the community.

By law a majority of the board must come from the private sector.

Mom pleads for release of captive US journalist

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The mother of an American freelance journalist held hostage and threatened with death by Islamic militants pleaded for his release Wednesday in a video message aimed directly at his captors.

Shirley Sotloff, who lives in the Miami area, addressed the leader of the Islamic State in seeking the return of Steven Sotloff, 31. Shirley Sotloff said that her son shouldn't pay for U.S. government actions in the Middle East over which he has no control, and that as a journalist he cared about the weak and oppressed.

"I want what every mother wants, to live to see her children's children," she said. "I plead with you to grant me this."

Shirley Sotloff cited by name the leader of the Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who has described himself as a caliph intending to lead the Muslim world. She asks him to show mercy and follow the example of the prophet Muhammad in protecting people of Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths.

"You, the caliph, can grant amnesty. I ask you please to release my child. I ask you to use your authority to spare his life," Shirley Sotloff said on the video.

The video was aired on the Al-Arabiya television network. A telephone message left at the Sotloffs' suburban Miami home was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Sotloff was last seen in August 2013 in Syria. He was threatened with death by the militants on a video unless the U.S. stopped air strikes on the group in Iraq. The same video showed the beheading of fellow American journalist

look at the situation.' It's killing him, and he's trying his best to stay on an even keel."

Just how Sotloff made his way from Florida to Middle East hot spots is not clear. But Lotzia told the UCF student newspaper, the Central Florida Future, that Sotloff was doing what he loved.

"A million people could have told him what he was doing was foolish, it seemed like it to us (as) outsiders looking in, but to him it was what he loved to do and you weren't going to stop him," Lotzia said. "Steve said it was scary over there. It was dangerous. It wasn't safe to be over there. He knew it. He kept going back."

According to a society notice in The Miami Herald's archives, Sotloff graduated from Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire in May 2002 and began attending the University of Central Florida that fall. The notice says Sotloff was co-editor of the student newspaper, The Kimball Union, and received an award for student journalism.

UCF spokeswoman Zenaida Gonzalez Kotala said school records show Sotloff was a student majoring in journalism from fall 2002 until fall 2004. She said the school has no record of him graduating.

UCF student newspaper archives show Sotloff wrote frequently for the publication on topics ranging from presidential politics to a fire at a campus-affiliated apartment complex.

More recently, Sotloff published articles from Syria, Egypt and Libya in a variety of publications, including Time.com, the World Affairs Journal and Foreign Policy. He posted links to many of them on

his Twitter feed, and several focus on the plight of average people in war-torn places such as Aleppo, Syria.

James Denton, publisher and editor in chief of World Affairs, said Sotloff was an occasional and well-regarded contributor.

"He is known to us as an honest and thoughtful journalist who strives to understand the story from local perspectives and report his findings straightforwardly," Denton said in an email statement. "He is certainly courageous."

Aside from the Middle East, Sotloff's Twitter feed shows he was a big fan of the NBA's Miami Heat.

"Is it bad that I want to focus on #syria, but all I can think of is a #HEATFinals repeat?" he tweeted in June 2013 before the team won its second consecutive title.

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Covenant Hospice offers training for new volunteers

Covenant Hospice is seeking individuals who are interested in making a difference in the lives of patients and families facing end-of-life issues and in supporting the organization.

A volunteer workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Covenant Hospice, located at 4215 Kelson Avenue, Suite E, Marianna.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Food and drinks will be provided.

Patient and Family Support Volunteer Training will provide an overview of hospice care, including Covenant's programs and services and the special roles that volunteers fill.

This training prepares individuals to volunteer in a variety of ways. Volunteer choices include visiting and companionship for patients, supporting family members by offering emotional support and practical help, assisting with fundraising events,

providing administrative support in a Covenant office, serving as an outreach ambassador and much more.

Volunteers who choose to volunteer with patients and families are asked to commit to 50 hours of service annually, or a little more than four hours each month.

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Clinton Elwood Holley

Clinton Elwood Holley age 81 of Cottondale, passed away Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in the Campbellton Graceville Hospital following an extended illness.

Clinton was native of Cottondale and was born on January 22, 1933 to the late Whittle Maxwell (Mac) Holley and Latrella Wright Holley. A graduate of Cottondale High School where he played on the basketball team, was All State for 5 years, All State for 4 years, served as All State Captain, and helped his team to a State Championship in 1951. After graduation he received basketball scholarship offers from Murray State Kentucky and Chipola Junior College. He had lived in Cottondale for 25 years and lived in Daytona Beach, Florida, Dallas, Texas, Wichita Falls, Texas, Brunswick, Georgia and Tallahassee, Florida for 40 years. He was a member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church where he was an ordained deacon, on various church committees and a Gideon, he also was a Foster Grandparent Volunteer.

Mr. Holley was preceded in death by his first wife of 54 years, Elaine Christmas Holley and grandson James Clinton Holbrook.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Harvell Holley; son, David Clinton Holley of Fairmount, GA; daughters, Janet Reynolds of Tallahassee, FL, Lisa Pittman (Kenny) of Madison MS, Angela Gaskins (Keith) of Tallahassee, FL, Teresa Kinnard (David) of Addison, TX, Mary Shoun (Dennis) of Mill brook, AL and Marilyn Rogers of Brunswick, GA. Stepchildren, Curtis Harvell (Judy) of Cottondale, FL, Joel Harvell (Barbara) of North Carolina and Sonja Brownhill (Calvin) of Bainbridge, GA, sister Jewellene Register of Dothan, AL, 20 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in the Piney Grove Baptist Church, Cottondale, FL with interment to follow in the church cemetery. A time of visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to

thank Dr. Steve Davis, the hospital staff and Covenant Hospice.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Holley may be made to the Piney Grove Baptist Church Building Fund.

Marianna Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted online at www.mariannachapelfh.com.

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Addie Mae Fussell Watson

Addie Mae Fussell Watson, 94, of Grand Ridge, died Tuesday, August 26, 2014 in Marianna.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Jackson County, Florida. Mrs. Watson Retired from Florida State Hospital as a Charge Aide. Following her retirement, she worked with Jackson County Senior Citizens for more than 15 years. Mrs. Watson was a member of Grand Ridge Church of God.

Preceded in death by her husband, Roy L. Fussell and grandson, JoJo Fussell.

Survivors include two sons, William Roy "Billy" Fussell and wife, Beverly of Grand Ridge, Wayne Fussell and wife, Brenda, of Grand Ridge; one daughter, Betty Joyce Fussell Collins and husband, Ronnie of Jaxin, GA; one sister, Vinnie Merl Worrells of Chattahoochee; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2014 at Cypress Grove Assembly of God Church with Revs. Charles Hewett, Eva Howell & Chaplin Jack Howell, of Covenant Hospice officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery near Altha, with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 2014 at Cypress Grove Assembly of God Church.

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Johnson, Nichols, Stacy Goodson and Kenny Griffin.

"We have a lot of diversity and we each bring a different strength to the table."

Asked if she had set goals for her coming term in office, Gardner said she had, but declined to offer details.

"My goals may not be everybody's goals and we need to work together."

Gardner said the board had "a lot of challenges" in front of it, adding:

"We need to know where the state is guiding us, academically and assessment-wise."

"I know our teachers are up to the challenge, but we have to know what the challenge is."

Fellow board member Chris Johnson enjoyed a healthy 1,534-427 win over challenger Quitman Varn.

Johnson said he got word of early results while at the Sneads precinct, but later arrived at the county elections office in Marianna to hear the final numbers.

Now set to start his third term on the school board, Johnson noted the help of his family, specifically his mother Wilma Johnson and his wife Andrea Johnson, and supporters in helping him with this year's win, which he says was partly the result of door-to-door campaigning, visits to civic clubs and staying visible and accessible at community and school events.

Talking with constituents, Johnson said frustration over standardized tests was frequently a topic.

"School board is a big task and it's also a big opportunity," Johnson said Wednesday.

"We need to work together for the best of the students

"Our test scores are not where I would like them to be," he said, adding that he didn't think state-mandated assessments should stand in the way of Jackson County's success.

"We are very capable. I don't see why our kids can't be the best in the state."

Asked how he and fellow board members could guide students to that end, Johnson talked about a return to local authority on



Jackson County School Board member Chris Johnson talks about his successful bid for re-election, Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the county elections office in Marianna.



Charlotte Gardner speaks during a campaign event at Jim's Buffet in Marianna earlier this month.

school board issues.

"We've got to be unified. We've to identify the problem and attack."

"Most of the people I've talked to have been positive about it," he said about the plan, "especially when you look at what it's going to cost and what we're going to get from the state."

This week, though,

Johnson is taking a moment to enjoy his victory.

"I'm just humbled by people re-electing me."

"I'm truly grateful for the public education system and people having confidence in our public education system."

Gardner, Johnson and Nichols will be sworn into office this November.

State Briefs**Ex-Expressway board member guilty**

ORLANDO — A former Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority board member has been found guilty of offering a multi-million dollar agency contract to a consultant on the condition that his friends were also hired.

An Orange County jury found 38-year-old Richard "Scott" Batterson guilty Wednesday of two second-degree felony charges. Batterson faces 15 years in prison and fines on each of the counts of bribery and solicitation for receiving unlawful compensation.

The prosecution called five witnesses during the three-day trial. The defense chose not to call any witnesses.

The Expressway Authority was replaced by a regional operation last month.

Batterson was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott in 2011. He was suspended after his indictment in April.

Scott asks Ed. Dept. for learner flexibility

MIAMI — Gov. Rick Scott is asking the U.S. Department of Education

not to hold Florida schools and teachers accountable for English language learner student achievement until after two years of instruction.

Scott made the request alongside Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho on Wednesday.

Carvalho said counting the scores of English learners in achievement measures after one year was "unfair and unreasonable." He said there is a notable jump in proficiency after two years.

Florida was granted a waiver extension from No Child Left Behind earlier this month, but federal officials declined Florida's request regarding English language learner student accountability.

Scott said that if their request is denied, he will "review every legal option available to us."

Garcia: Block Venezuela's sale

MIAMI — U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia and Venezuelan opposition leaders in Miami called on the Obama administration Wednesday to block Venezuela's sale of U.S.-based Citgo Petroleum Corp.

Garcia said the sale of Venezuela's oil refining and distribution network in the U.S. would hurt national interests, noting a number of American corporations are owed large amounts of money by the Venezuelan government and that the country has few significant remaining assets in the U.S.

"The last thing we want them to do is delink themselves from the United States and then not pay their debtors," Garcia said.

He said Citgo's value is also "severely diminished" when no longer tied to Venezuelan oil reserves, hurting both nations' assets in the long term.

"We believe allowing this government to monetize this part of the Venezuelan patrimony would be a grave mistake," Garcia said.

Venezuela has been in the throes of economic crisis and analysts have said the sale likely reflects the socialist government's urgent need for cash.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said earlier this month Venezuela would sell Citgo for the right price. The company is believed to be worth as much as \$15 billion, and Ramirez has said any sale

must be for at least \$10 billion to be considered.

Houston-based Citgo operates refineries in Texas, Louisiana and Illinois and sells fuel through thousands of gas stations in the U.S. Late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez discussed selling the company but also used it to try and garner political support among the poor in the U.S.

More than 1.7 million people have received heating oil from Citgo to keep warm during the winter months, according to the oil subsidiary.

Horacio Medina, a former manager with Venezuela's state oil company PDVSA, said the proposed Citgo sale price is "much less than its actual value."

"We believe in the Venezuela of the future and we know access to the U.S. market is fundamental," he said.

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FORT LAUDERDALE — A grand jury has charged a child welfare caseworker and three other women following the death of a severely disabled girl who died while under state care.

WALDO — Five Florida police officers told the Waldo City Council that they've been under a quota to write traffic tickets, which is a violation of Florida law.

The Gainesville Sun reports Officer Brandon

Roberts told council members on Tuesday night they were required by Chief Mike Szabo to write 12 speeding tickets per 12-hour shift, or face punishment. He offered an electronic presentation and printed emails as evidence.

Roberts said they were speaking up because they no longer have faith in their "chain of command."

Waldo was ranked as the nation's third worst speed trap by a national publication in 2012. The Sun reports that documents show about half the city's \$1 million budget comes from an item listed as "police revenue."

Szabo was suspended Aug. 12 pending a state investigation.

From wire reports





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David Barajas (right) walks through the hallway with his attorneys Sam Cammack (center) and Phil Morin as the jury deliberates at the Brazoria County Courthouse on Wednesday in Angleton, Texas. Barajas is accused of fatally shooting Jose Banda in December 2012 near Alvin, minutes after Banda hit a truck Barajas and his two sons were pushing after it ran out of gas. Twelve-year-old David Jr. and 11-year-old Caleb were killed.

Dad acquitted in slaying of driver who killed sons

The Associated Press

ANGLETON, Texas — A jury on Wednesday acquitted a southeast Texas man of murder in the fatal shooting of a drunken driver who had just caused an accident that killed the man's two sons.

David Barajas cried after the verdict was read and he hugged his wife, Cindy, who also was crying. He could have been sentenced to up to life in prison, if he had been convicted.

Prosecutors alleged that Barajas killed 20-year-old Jose Banda in a fit of rage after Banda plowed into Barajas and his sons while they were pushing a truck on a road near their home because it had run out of

gas. Twelve-year-old David Jr. and 11-year-old Caleb were killed.

Defense attorney Sam Cammack said Barajas didn't kill Banda and that he was only focused on saving his sons. The gun used to kill Banda wasn't found and there was little physical evidence tying Barajas to the killing.

Authorities said that after the crash, Barajas, 32, went to his home about 100 yards from the crash site, got a gun and returned to shoot Banda.

Legal experts said prosecutors likely would have to overcome jury sympathy for Barajas, who had the support of many residents of Alvin, which is about 30 miles southeast of

Houston. Further complicating their case was that there were no witnesses who identified Barajas as the shooter and gunshot residue tests done on Barajas came back negative.

Investigators testified that a bullet fragment found in Banda's car could have come from a .357-caliber gun, and that ammunition for such a gun was found in Barajas' home, along with a holster. Cammack said his client never owned a gun and that tests showed the bullet fragment also could have come from another weapon.

A forensic scientist testified that blood found on the driver's side door and driver's arm rest of Banda's car was consistent with

that of Barajas.

The defense called only three witnesses to testify during the trial, which began last week.

But prosecution witnesses told jurors during questioning by Cammack that more gunfire had taken place well after Banda was shot — pointing to the possibility that the actual shooter was still at large — and that a search of Barajas' home failed to find any evidence that directly or indirectly linked him to the crime scene.

Cammack also suggested that Banda could have been shot by his own cousin or half-brother, who told investigators that they witnessed the crash but fled the scene.

Both testified that they line that suggested Barajas did not shoot Banda. Cammack also used enough time to shoot 911 calls to create a timeline that suggested Barajas would not have had enough time to shoot Banda.

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Shooting by 9-year-old girl stirs debate over guns

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — "All right, full auto," the firing-range instructor tells a 9-year-old girl. She braces the Uzi submachine gun and opens fire at a black-silhouette target. But the recoil wrenches the fully automatic weapon upward, and the instructor is shot in the head and killed.

The death has set off a powerful debate over

youngsters and guns, with many people wondering what sort of parents would let a child handle an Uzi.

Instructor Charles Vacca, 39, was standing next to the girl Monday at the Last Stop outdoor shooting range in White Hills, Arizona, about 25 miles south of Las Vegas, when she squeezed the trigger.

Sam Scarmardo, a former Lake Havasu City Council member who

operates the shooting range, said Wednesday that the girl's parents had signed waivers saying they understood the rules of the range and were standing nearby, video-recording their daughter, when the accident happened.

This isn't the first accidental shooting by a child using an Uzi. An 8-year-old boy died after shooting himself in the head at a gun expo near Springfield, Massachusetts, in 2008. Christopher Bizilj was firing at pumpkins when the Uzi kicked back.

Ronald Scott, a Phoenix-based firearms safety expert, said most shooting ranges have an age limit and strict safety rules when teaching children to shoot. He said instructors usually have their hands on guns when children are firing high-powered weapons.

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High School Volleyball

Lady Pirates breeze by GHS in 3 sets

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Sneads Lady Pirates got their regular season started Tuesday night with a dominant three-set victory over the visiting Graceville Lady Tigers, winning the first two sets 25-5 each and finishing it out 25-12 in the third.

Sneads was coming off of an exciting weekend of preseason volleyball at the Leon Preseason Classic that included a pair of five-set matches: a win over Choctawhatchee and a loss to Arnold.

Tuesday's action was far less eventful, with the defending

state champions winning their 43rd consecutive district match since moving to 1A in 2011.

Ashlyn Roberts led Sneads with 13 ace serves and seven kills, while Shelly Glawson, Madison Pickens, and De'Aryll Green all had four kills each.

Aaliyah Williams added five ace serves and Taylor Roberts three, with Logan McCord leading the team with nine assists, and Mallory Beauchamp in digs with three.

The Lady Pirates were sharp from the start Tuesday, which was not the case in Saturday's action at Leon, with Sneads drop-

ping the first two sets against Choctawhatchee before rallying to take the final three and beat the Lady Indians.

"We started off slow and I was kind of worried," Sneads coach Sheila Roberts said of her team. "I was concerned with my lineup. We had some players who were a little nervous and jittery. We made a couple of changes and put some more experienced players on the court that were playing a little out of position, but they calmed down and we won pretty handily the last three sets."

The next match against Ar-



nold was another five-setter and even more closely fought, with Sneads actually winning five more points over the course of the match but falling short in the fifth set 15-13.

Despite the loss, Roberts said she was pretty satisfied with what she saw from her team to start the year.

"I would've liked to have come away with a win, but I told the girls that, with the way they fought, I couldn't have asked for anything more," she said. "The outcome could've been different with a couple of things here and there. There was just so much energy in that gym and it was great volleyball. It was intense,

high energy, and really exciting volleyball. I can't complain."

Sneads will turn its attention to another long-time nemesis in Florida High, who has defeated the Lady Pirates in each of the last four seasons, the last three of which have come in straight sets.

Florida High was also in action Saturday at Leon, giving both teams a chance to see and scout each other ahead of today's match at 6 p.m. in Sneads.

Roberts said she was impressed by what she saw, but she believes this SHS team may have the best chance yet to break through against the Lady Seminoles.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bullpups out for revenge

MMS ready for long-awaited rematch with Taylor County

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Marianna Middle School Bullpups opened the 2013 season with high hopes of an undefeated season, only to have that dream immediately dashed by Taylor County in a thrilling 34-30 home defeat.

The Bullpups begin the 2014 campaign tonight with a chance to get a bit of revenge, as they travel to Perry for a rematch at 6 p.m.

MMS coach Brad Cross said it's a game that his 18 returning players remember well, though not very fondly.

"It's definitely motivation for them," he said. "They also remember the end of the game hearing them hooting and hollering on the bus because they won, and they remember how that felt."

Brad Cross,
MMS head coach

Reaves finished the game with 190 yards of total offense and has since moved on to play for the Taylor County varsity team, with both he and Mixon no longer standing in the way of an MMS win.

However, Cross said that doesn't mean doing so will be any easier this time around.

"They're about the same size as us and have a lot of team speed. Every year, they're about the same size as us and same speed. It kind of comes down to who wants it more whenever we play each other," he said. "But we like playing teams like this. It's a good measure to see how good you are."

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KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Ty Highsmith takes the hand off during Marianna Middle School practice earlier this month.

Sports Briefs

LADY BULLDOGS FALL IN 4



KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Kaleigh Bruner (22) serves for Marianna against Cottontdale in a game Monday night. The Lady Bulldogs lost to Chipley in four sets on Tuesday night. The Marianna junior varsity won in two sets.

Sports items

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JV Football

Graceville takes jamboree win over Bonifay

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Graceville Tigers junior varsity got its first live action Tuesday night in a preseason jamboree in Vernon and came away with an 8-2 victory over Bonifay Middle School in two quarters.

Bonifay missed a chance to take the lead early with an opening drive that marched all the way inside the Graceville 5-yard line thanks to a fumble at the goal line.

However, the Tigers were dropped for a safety on the ensuing play to put Bonifay up 2-0, but Graceville turned the game's momentum back in its favor with an interception by Jaquez Davis that was returned to the Bonifay 40-yard line.

Graceville couldn't capitalize after a 35-yard touchdown run by Charlie Nichols was negated by a holding penalty, but the Tigers' defense continued to stiffen and gave the Tigers another chance to take the lead, which they did on a 1-yard TD run by quarterback Parker Aultman.

Joseph Clayborn converted the two-point play to make it 8-2, and the Graceville defense stopped Bonifay on downs with 20 seconds left to seal the victory.

"We came out in the first quarter and looked nervous," Tigers coach Butch Burrell said. "Bonifay had some big kids, but after the guys figured out we could play with them, we were a whole different ball team."

The coach praised the performance of his defense following the opening drive of the game, especially the play of defensive ends Gabriel Elrod and Jaret Cassidy.

However, Burrell said the jamboree also taught the Tigers that what they are right now isn't what they need to be.

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College Football

Florida eager to get started, change 4-8 to 1-0

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — It might be hard to find a team more eager for the season to begin than Florida.

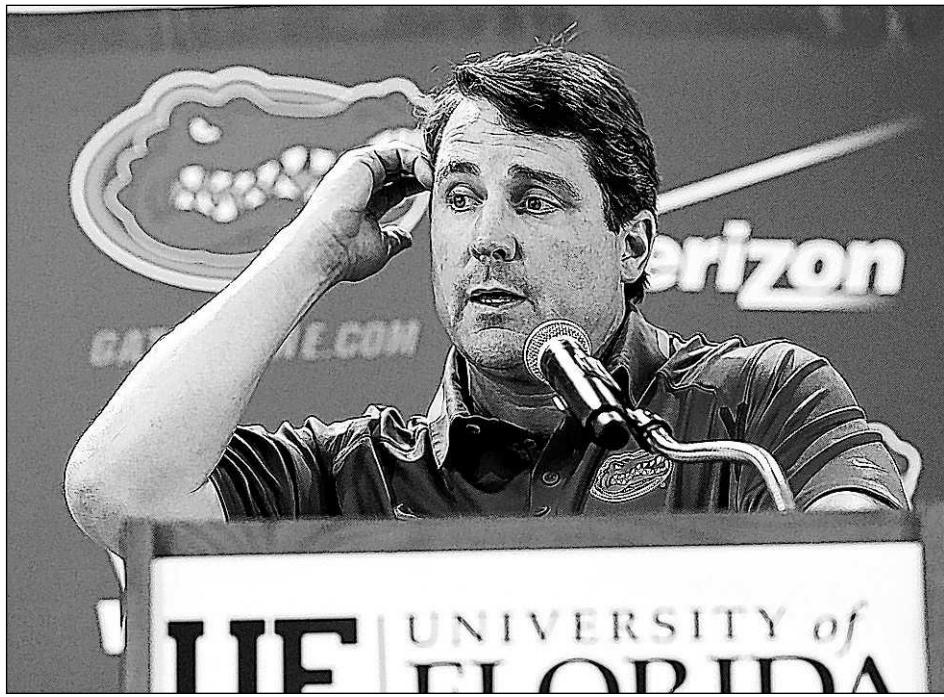
Coming off their worst year since 1979, the Gators are ready to start anew, end a seven-game losing streak and prove last year's 4-8 debacle was a fluke.

Florida opens Saturday against six-touchdown underdog Idaho, which has just four wins over the last three years.

"Everybody starts out the season undefeated, so I think it's a good chance to start fresh and really showcase all we've done throughout the spring and summer," quarterback Jeff Driskel said Tuesday. "We've done some good things. We just have to carry them over to the games. ... There's a lot of excitement around our program right now."

Florida figures things have to be better than last season's injury-filled meltdown.

The Gators lost Driskel in the third game of the season with a broken leg and



Florida head football coach Will Muschamp fields questions from the media during the team's Media Day in Gainesville on Aug. 3.

were unprepared to play without him. Making matters worse, the team also lost defensive tackle Dominique Easley, receiver Andre Debose, running back Matt Jones, right tackle Chaz Green and several others to season-ending injuries.

The injuries led to losses

— including a humbling one-to-lower-division Georgia Southern — which led to lost confidence inside the locker room, which led to finger pointing, which led to the dismissal of offensive coordinator Brent Pease and offensive line coach Tim Davis.

The personnel changes

led coach Will Muschamp to hire Duke offensive coordinator Kurt Roper and USC offensive line coach Mike Summers. Roper and Summers revamped Florida's offense, which combined with Driskel's return, has created optimism for 2014.

"We're more talented,

that's No. 1," Muschamp said. "We could line up and run the run-and-shoot for all I care. We're more talented. We are more talented at running back than we've been. We're more talented at receiver. We're more talented at tight end. We're better up front. And we're better at the quarterback position.

"It starts with talent ... and then I like what we're doing schematically."

Florida has switched from a ground-and-pound, pro-style system to an up-tempo, spread scheme. The Gators scored 25 touchdowns in 12 games last season, averaging a paltry 18.8 points, and were far from what Florida's faithful had grown accustomed to with former coaches Steve Spurrier and Urban Meyer on the sideline.

How the revamped offense performs could determine Muschamp's fate. The first-time head coach is 22-16 in four seasons at Florida, creating doubt about his future and the direction of the program. Even Muschamp has refused to blame last year's

failures solely on injuries.

Florida's last win came against Arkansas in early October, so it's been nearly 11 months without a victory celebration.

"Too long," linebacker Mike Taylor conceded.

That should change Saturday. Idaho has been routed by nearly every major program its played in recent years, losing at Florida State (80-14), at Mississippi (59-14) and at Washington State (42-0) last year, getting blown out at LSU (63-14) and at North Carolina (66-0) in 2012 and falling 37-7 at Texas A&M in 2011.

Florida would like to be next so it can end the losing streak and start talking about 1-0 instead of 4-8.

"The seven-game losing streak was definitely tough to bear, to have to play through and witness," Taylor said. "Getting a win will definitely help the whole feeling around the stadium. ... We're definitely excited to get this thing started, the whole campus is excited, coaches excited, players excited, so we're definitely ready to showcase our talent."

Several top 25 teams dealing with key injuries

The Associated Press

Braxton Miller's season-ending shoulder injury has the potential to shake up the national title race, leaving a loaded Ohio State team without one of the country's most dynamic quarterbacks.

While Miller's injury has drawn the most attention this preseason, the Buckeyes aren't the only ones trying to replace a key player who went down with an injury.

These teams have also been stung by the injury bug in a big way.

No. 6 Auburn. The defending Southeastern Conference champions lost two key linemen before camp started. On defense, end Carl Lawson, the team's best returning outside pass rusher, had knee surgery in May. The Tigers haven't ruled out his return. On offense, the loss of guard Alex Konz (back surgery) for the season leaves the Tigers' powerful running game without one of its best blockers.

No. 3 Oregon. The Ducks' offensive line took a hit when left tackle Tyler Johnstone re-tore the ACL in his right knee during practice. The first injury happened during last season's Alamo Bowl victory against Texas. Johnstone is out for the season, leaving the Ducks vulnerable on Marcus Mariota's blind side. The loss of Johnstone comes on top of the injury to receiver Bralon Addison, who went down with a knee injury in the spring. Addison hopes to play this season.

No. 22 Nebraska. Early in camp, the Cornhuskers



Louisville's Devante Parker answers a question during the Atlantic Coast Conference Football Kickoff in Greensboro, N.C., on July 20.

seemed to be on about an injury-a-day clip. The worst hits came on the defensive side, where both nickel back Charles Jackson and linebacker Michael Rose are out with season-ending knee injuries. The Huskers also lost tailback Adam Taylor to a broken ankle, which eats into their depth behind star Ameer Abdullah. The losses on defense are compounded by the season-long suspension of safety LeRoy Alexander and the departure of defensive tackle Aaron Curry, who transferred.

Duke. The Blue Devils will be defending their ACC Coastal Division title without two key players. Linebacker Kelby Brown went down with a left knee injury during Duke's first pre-season scrimmage. Brown made 114 tackles and had two interceptions last season. A few days later, the Blue Devils lost tight end Braxton Deaver, who had

46 catches last season, to another knee injury.

Kansas. The Jayhawks' chances for a turnaround in Year 3 under coach Charlie Weis took a major hit in about a 24-hour span earlier this month. Tailbacks Brandon Bourbon (knee) and Taylor Cox (Achilles), who occupied the top two spots on the depth chart, are both gone for the season.

Louisville. The Cardinals will enter the Atlantic Coast Conference without their most accomplished playmaker. Receiver Devante Parker broke his foot at practice late last week and is expected to miss at least six weeks. Parker set a school record with 12 TD catches last season and has first-round draft pick talent. Louisville is deep at receiver, but it would have been nice to have Parker around while breaking in new starting quarterback Will Gardner.

USC's Shaw admits to lying about injuries, rescue

The Associated Press

Shaw issued a short statement through an attorney on Wednesday after being suspended.

"On Saturday, August 23, 2014, I injured myself in a fall," Shaw said. "I made up a story about this fall that was untrue. I was wrong not to tell the truth. I apologize to USC for this action on my part. My USC coaches, the USC athletic department and especially Coach Sarkisian have all been supportive of me during my college career and for that, I am very grateful."

Within hours after Shaw's tale was made public, the football program received phone calls contradicting Shaw's version of his injuries. Sarkisian has not said who made the calls, but the school acknowledged the discrepancies Tuesday morning and began investigating Shaw, who initially stuck to his story.

"I appreciate that Josh has now admitted that he lied and has apologized," Sarkisian said. "Although this type of behavior is out of character for Josh, it is unacceptable. Honesty and integrity must be at the center of our program. I believe Josh will learn from this. I hope that he will not be defined by this incident, and that the Trojan Family will accept his apology and support him."

Shaw didn't attend practice Wednesday, missing his second straight day of workouts.



Southern California cornerback Josh Shaw (left) lines up against California defensive back Isaac Lapite during the game in Berkeley, Calif., on Nov. 9, 2013.

College Football Briefs

Fedora: No. 23 UNC suspends 4 players for opener

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina coach Larry Fedora says the team has suspended four players for this weekend's season opener, a day after a report of an alleged hazing altercation that left a walk-on receiver with a possible concussion.

Fedora said Wednesday the four players were suspended for a "violation of team policy," but offered no other details about what rules were broken. The players suspended were sophomores Des Lawrence and Brian

Walker, redshirt freshman Donnie Miles and true freshman M.J. Stewart.

North Carolina has said it is conducting an investigation of what it described as an incident involving members of the team. That statement was released in response to a Yahoo Sports report, but did not confirm it was a hazing incident.

The No. 23 Tar Heels host Liberty on Saturday night.

Gamecocks LB Moore won't start opener

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina line-

backer Skai Moore, the team's leading tackler last season, won't start the season opener against Texas A&M on Thursday night after missing a treatment session for a shoulder injury.

Gamecocks defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward said sophomore Jonathan Walton would start over Moore, who led No. 9 South Carolina with 56 tackles and four interceptions as a freshman. Ward said the move was to make sure that Moore does what he's supposed to do in the future.

Ward said Moore's injury would not keep him from playing early on in the season opener against the

21st-ranked Aggies. Moore was a member of the Southeastern Conference's all-freshman team a year ago.

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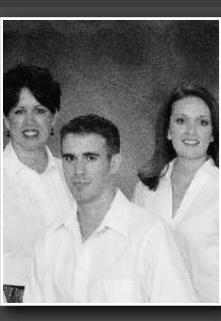
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College Football

Wisconsin, LSU play QB games before opener

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin hasn't officially named a starting quarterback. LSU has declared it will use two.

It might be that Wisconsin and LSU are both really that undecided about the starting quarterback job. Or both teams might really go with a two-QB system.

Welcome to the coaching chess match before the high-profile season opener between the No. 14 Badgers and No. 13 Tigers on Saturday night in Houston.

"I hope I'm in," said



Andersen



Miles

over incumbent Joel Stave. Rumors floated on social media that Andersen said were fueled in part by a fake Twitter account.

Finally, star running back Melvin Gordon this week let out the worst-kept secret in Madison, apparently by mistake.

"I think Joel's a great player, people definitely overlook him," Gordon said. "But, even though Tanner was named the starter, I think Joel will continue to work and wait for his chance."

All of this has forced the Tigers to devote attention to two different kinds of

quarterbacks — and that might be just as important to the Badgers as anything else.

The 6-foot-6 McEvoy went to South Carolina for a year before transferring to Arizona Western College. He arrived at Wisconsin in 2013 and got moved to receiver before shuffling to safety following a wrist injury.

McEvoy is considered more athletic than Stave, who has the edge in experience.

"So we are really preparing for both guys. But I think somebody said that Tanner McEvoy may well

be the starter," Tigers coach Les Miles said. "Doesn't make any difference at this point. We're preparing for what is Wisconsin's best."

Miles plans to play both sophomore Anthony Jennings and freshman Brandon Harris. Jennings was the backup last year as a freshman to Zach Mettenberger.

Harris challenged Jennings in spring drills and preseason camp after enrolling in January.

"Well, right now, if there was one quarterback that gave us all the advantages to play, then at some point in time, that guy would be

our starter after he determined that it was an advantage to his team to play him in all situations from start to finish," Miles said.

"That separation has not occurred. We are preparing to play both guys," he added. "If those things happen, it will certainly play out in front of us, but competition will make that work."

It's a little extra wrinkle for Wisconsin's defense to keep in mind as it breaks in eight new starters, including its entire front seven. Andersen did rotate players regularly, so there is experience among the new starters.

NFL

Browns WR Gordon suspended for season

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Josh Gordon's wait is over, so is his 2014 season. The star wide receiver's career is now in peril.

The Cleveland Browns learned Wednesday that Gordon's indefinite suspension by the NFL has been upheld and he will miss at least 16 games for another violation of the league's substance abuse policy. A repeat drug offender, Gordon had appealed the penalty, hoping it would be reduced so he could play this season.

The NFL, though, came down hard on Gordon, who must now pay the price for stepping out of bounds.

The league announced that arbitrator Harold Henderson supported Gordon's yearlong suspension for marijuana use. The Pro Bowler, who was subject to more frequent testing, will begin serving his suspension immediately and the league said in



Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon (12) warms up before a preseason game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md., on Aug. 18.

its statement that his "eligibility for reinstatement will be determined following the 2014 season."

In the meantime, Gordon is not allowed to practice with the team, attend meetings or other club functions. The Browns had no immediate response to the ban.

They had feared for months this would be the outcome, and now that it's

official, the club will have to somehow make up for the league-leading 1,646 yards, 18.9 yards per catch and nine touchdowns Gordon produced last season.

"I'd like to apologize to my teammates, coaches, the Cleveland Browns organization and our fans," Gordon said in a statement. "I am very disappointed that the NFL and its hearing office didn't exercise

better discretion and judgment in my case. I would like to sincerely thank the people who have been incredibly supportive of me during this challenging time, including my family, my agent, my union, my legal team and the Cleveland Browns staff."

While he's out, Gordon, who served a two-game suspension for a drug violation last season, will need to pass drug tests, comply with treatment and apply for reinstatement with Commissioner Roger Goodell before he plays again. Gordon could possibly return inside a year if he stays clean.

Gordon met with league officials in New York on Aug. 4 to appeal his suspension. As the days past, there was growing speculation he might not be punished to the letter of the collective bargaining agreement. But Henderson sided with the league's initial ruling after an exhaustive process.

Experts want to see NFL act on domestic violence

The Associated Press



Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice (27) carries during a preseason game against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas on Aug. 16.

To The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made on such a decision.

"The first time with marijuana is different from the first time you are knocking your wife unconscious," said Judy Harris Kluger, executive director of Sanctuary for Families and a former judge in New York City. "It's not what they did was such a small sort of slap on the wrist. Punishment to me, they should have suspended for a season at least and let him appeal. At least you send a message that this

is not tolerated, that this matters."

Rice's suspension begins Saturday, a punishment handed down after grainy video showed him dragging his then-fiancée off a casino elevator unconscious Feb. 15. He has not divulged what happened in the elevator except to call his actions "totally inexcusable."

His assault charges could be expunged once he completes a diversion program. So the NFL gave him the only punishment he likely faces in a suspension and a fine that totals more than \$500,000.

"My daughter is 2 years old now. One day she's going to know the power of Google. Me having to explain that to her, what happened that night, that's something I have to live with the rest of my life," Rice said at training camp.

By comparison, Washington safety Brandon Meriweather was handed a two-game suspension for a hit during an exhibition game for a sixth violation of player safety rules. Broncos kicker Matt Prater has been suspended four games for violating terms of the league's alcohol program as a repeat offender. Gordon was suspended for two games last season, and his appeal of his one-year ban for violating the substance abuse policy at least a third time was rejected Wednesday.

The NFL has guidelines bargained with the NFL Players Association setting out penalties for using illegal and performance-enhancing drugs. Domestic violence, covered under personal conduct, has been left to the discretion of the commissioner.

"That would be awesome. We would love it," the coach said. "The girls felt good about how they played against Arnold. I think everything happens for a reason, and I think (the loss) leaves you kind of hungry. When you lose a close game where you get so close and come up short, it gives you a sick feeling. This will be the same kind of match (as Arnold)."

"This is a very big match for us. We're trying to encourage folks to come out and watch. I guarantee they'll get their money's worth. It will be a battle. As long as we play well, I'll be happy, but a win would really go a long way to motivate the girls."

Cottondale gets on the board

The Cottondale Lady

Hornets notched their first victory of the 2014 season Tuesday night, going to Bonifay and beating Holmes County in three sets by scores of 25-13, 26-24, and 25-17.

CHS was coming off of a four-set loss to Marianna in Monday's season-opener but got a better overall performance Tuesday, according to coach Tara Jurgonski.

"We played really well. We were trying to communicate a lot, which was really nice after the game on Monday," she said.

Connor Melvin led the Lady Hornets with five kills, while Cameron McKinney had six digs, Sue Ellen Mosier 15 assists, and Rebecca Mullins three aces.

Cottondale will make its home debut today against Vernon at 6 p.m.

Bullpups

From Page 1B

It's the first of two potential matchups this year between the teams, who are now on different sides of the newly-formed Big Bend Conference, with the winners of each side to face off in a bowl game on

Oct. 23.

"This is what we'll face all year. If we want to win the conference championship, this is the kind of competition we'll have to beat," Cross said. "It's a good measuring stick for us. The first game always sets a tone for the rest of the year."

The coach said he feels

more prepared to face the wide-open offensive attack of Taylor County that caused the Bullpups so many problems in last year's game.

"I thought they were probably one of the best throwing middle school teams I've ever seen, but now that we know it's coming, I think we'll be a lot

better against it," he said. "I'm proud of the way the kids have bought into (the game plan), especially on the defensive side. They've learned what they need to learn and I think we'll be able to handle it a lot better this year, especially since (Reaves) is not out there. He was a heck of a player."

"We didn't play bad; we've just got some simple things we've got to fix," he said. "Overall, we didn't play too bad for the first time in game action. We just need to fix a couple of things on defense, and offensively we've got to block better."

Grand Ridge will open the regular season Tuesday with a road trip to Vernon.

Tigers

From Page 1B

"We figured out that we have not been practicing hard enough, so we have to turn up the intensity in practice just a little," he said. "But it was good for us. It was what we needed."

Grand Ridge opens with Blountstown jamboree

The Grand Ridge Indians also saw action for the first time Tuesday night with a jamboree at Blountstown, with the sixth grade team and the eighth grade team each playing quarters against Liberty County and the hosts.

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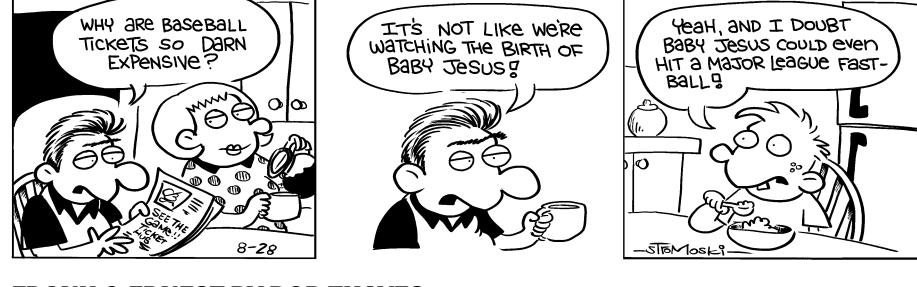
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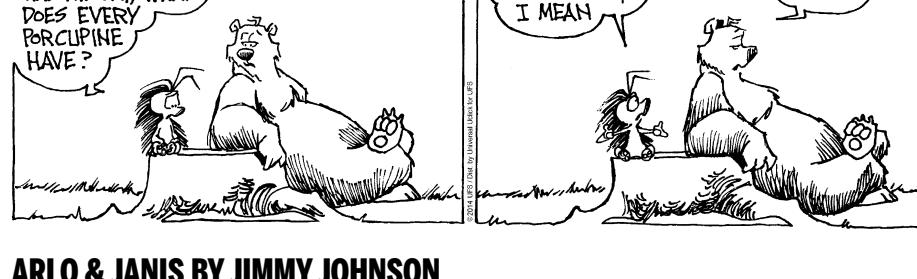
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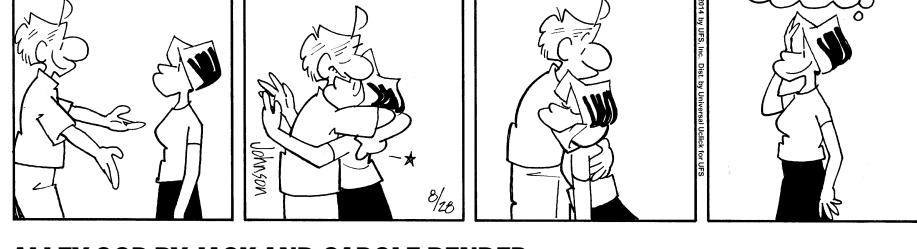
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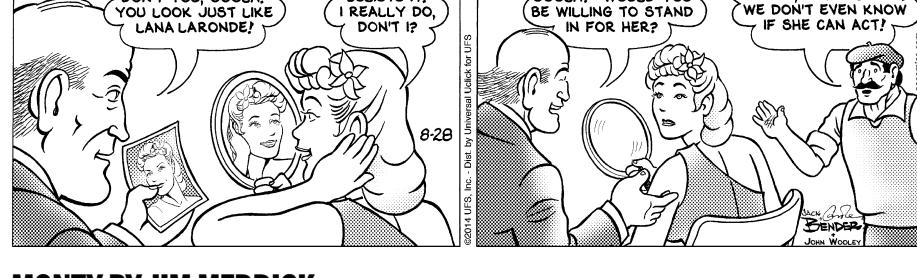
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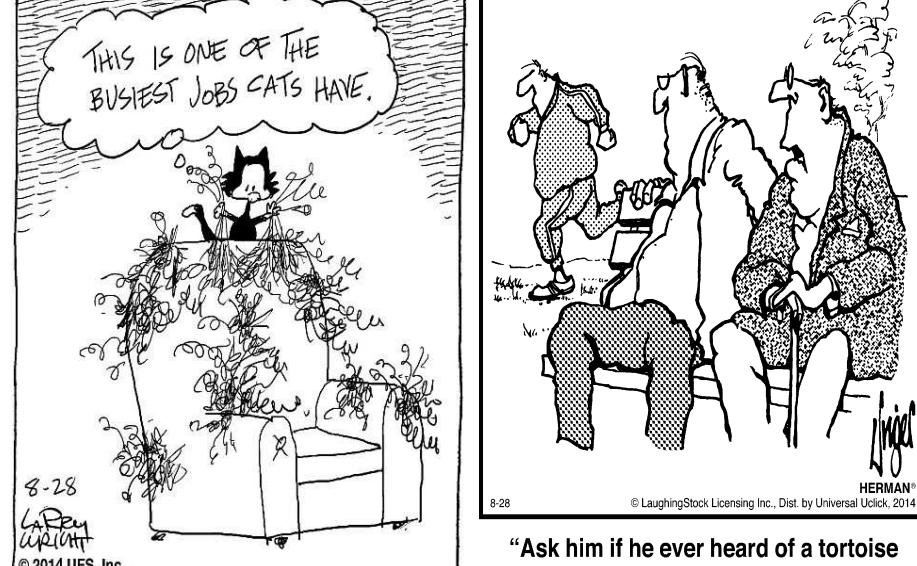
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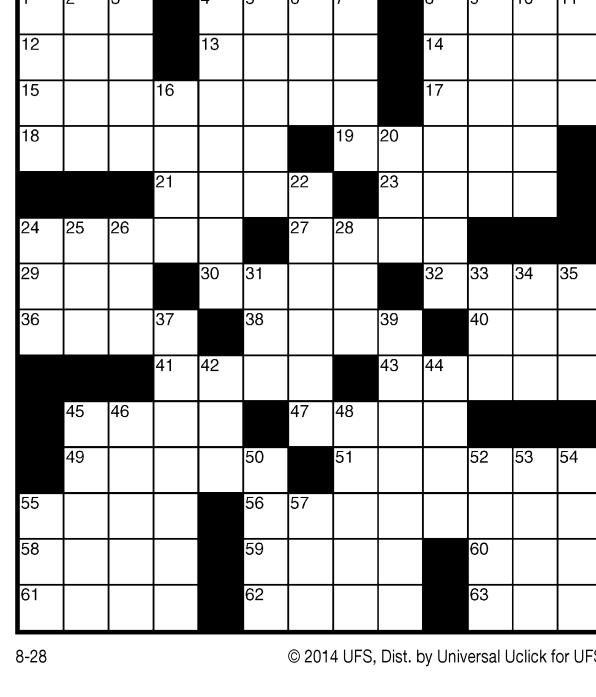
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8 Dog's treat	56 Medieval weapon
12 — Rogers	58 Breezed through
13 Wine valley	59 Zenith
14 Mr. Bunuel	60 Sun Devils sch.
15 Ladies' bows	61 Brave one
17 She taught in Siam	62 M., to Einstein
18 Zeno followers	63 Candied dish
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27 Prison room	3 Neophyte
29 Mine find	4 Remove, in a way
30 Cashmere	5 Elevate
32 Oxen's harness	6 Chest-beater
36 Fizzy drink	7 Tie with a rope
38 Stumble	8 Vacantly
40 Laid up	9 Cup fraction
41 Show of hands	10 High digits
43 Rudders	11 NASA counterpart
45 Welcome benefit	16 Gratuities
47 Be adventurous	20 Wiggly fish
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by Luis Campos

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TODAY'S CLUE: *r sienje A*

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Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you are ambivalent about your current career, look into other options. It's never too late to change your direction, go after a dream or pick up a new skill.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may be feeling uncertain about a situation at work. If immediate action isn't necessary, focus on doing the best job possible. Keeping busy will help free your mind from worry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let anyone push you to make a hasty decision. Take all the time you need to investigate the details of a pending financial, legal or medical matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your popularity is growing within your peer group. Don't take any of your relationships for granted, or the tables will turn. Nurturing what you have built with others will always be necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't listen to someone who is cynical. Once you have decided the best route, keep moving forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Make sure that everyone around you is clear about your intentions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You are a dependable and dedicated person, but it's also important to take time to replenish and rejuvenate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A hasty decision could turn out badly if you haven't checked your sources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Procrastination will be your downfall. You have decided on your direction, so don't waste time second-guessing your moves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You don't have to blow your budget to enjoy some lively entertainment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your opponents will not give an inch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Good advice is useless if you don't take it.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My boss insists that all of

her employees eat lunch with her in the cafeteria every day. She really gets out of whack if we decide to use our "unpaid" time to do what we want. She says we aren't team players if we don't eat together. And for the most part, lunch is all about her. She controls the conversation, which is all about her life. Today, she shared that she scolded a family member for bringing their cellphone to the family dinner table. A few of us at the table had cellphones with us at the time.

I don't know how to handle this. We're a small operation and can't avoid one another. I think I should be able to text my kids during my lunch hour. She can't stand to be argued with and never apologizes. We all need our jobs.

What can we do?

— CORNERED IN N.Y.

Dear N.Y.: It is unfortunate that your boss is so clueless and narcissistic. Does she have a supervisor? If so, that is the person to whom you need to direct your complaint. You also could approach your boss as a group, perhaps sending her a letter signed by everyone, explaining that lunch together is nice, but you also need a break during the day to handle personal things that come up while you're at work, and you don't want to do it on company time.

You can ask whether she would be willing to set aside half of the lunch hour for personal time and let her know how much all of you would appreciate it. But only you can assess how much you value this job and what you risk by pursuing this.

Bridge

Livy, a Roman historian who died in A.D. 17, said, "The troubles that have come upon us always seem more serious than those that are only threatening."

This week we are looking at active and passive defense. The defenders either strive to take winners (active) or sit back and wait for declarer to give them tricks (passive). First, the defenders listen to the auction. But when that does not help them to know which plan to adopt, they must take the dummy into account. Is it threatening or not?

Threatening is a dummy with a short suit, giving declarer ruffing tricks, or a long side suit, offering declarer a second source of winners. Unthreatening is a balanced hand.

In this example, how should East defend against four spades after West leads the diamond two and East takes dummy's queen with his king?

I would have raised to three no-trump with that North hand because of the strong doubleton -- and gone down in flames after a diamond lead.

East, since the dummy is so flat, should return a diamond at trick two, which removes that dummy entry.

If declarer is psychic, he can make the contract: heart to the queen, two rounds of trumps, diamond ruff in the dummy, second heart finesse, cash the heart ace, and run the club nine. East wins with his

10 and returns a low club, but South plays low from his hand to lose only one diamond and two clubs. However, he is unlikely to find that line and will go down.

With a relatively flat dummy, stay passive.

North 08-28-14

♦ 9 7 6 3
♥ 8 5 4 2
◆ A Q
♣ J 3 2

West

♦ 10 4 2
♥ 10 6 3
◆ J 9 5 2
♣ A 7 6

East

♦ 8 5
♥ K 9 7
◆ K 10 7 6
♣ Q 10 5 4

South

♦ A K Q J
♥ A Q J
◆ 8 4 3
♣ K 9 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

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What rating do you give Hamlin's toss of his HANS?

GODSPEAK: It didn't look like he did a complete windup, so I would have ruled it a balk.

KEN'S CALL: No more than a 5, but a HANS is awkward to throw; should've cracked the steering wheel.

Is Darlington regaining its Labor Day date a good thing?

GODSPEAK: It is fantastic. Certain races belong on certain holidays, and this is the right fit for the Southern 500.

KEN'S CALL: Yes, for the romantics, but remember how hot it gets there? Remember to pack the Gold Bond.

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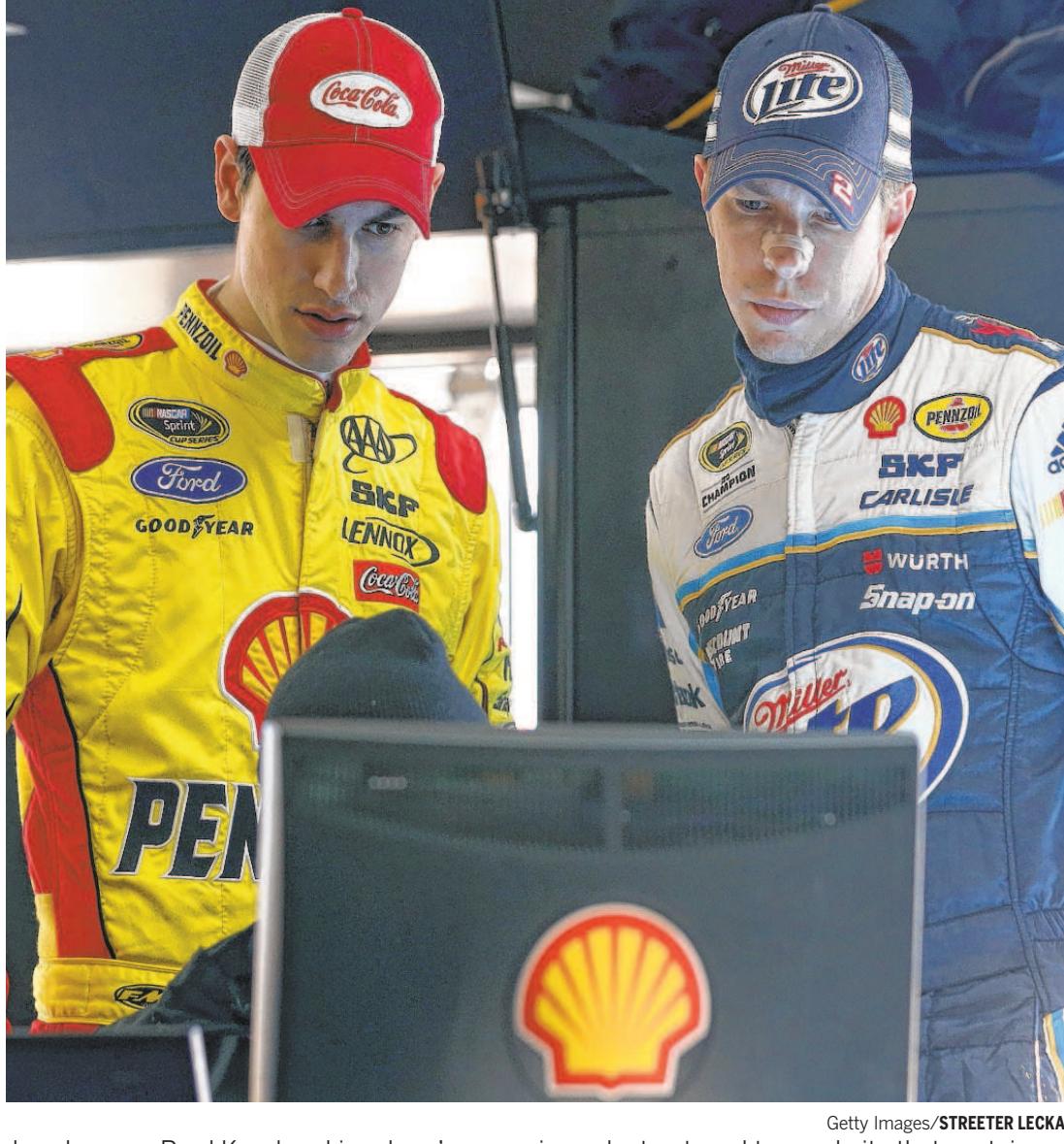
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23. Casey Mears	561
24. Aric Almirola	559
25. Martin Truex Jr.	540
26. Tony Stewart	537
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	514
28. Danica Patrick	462
29. Justin Allgaier	425
30. David Gilliland	376
31. Michael Annett	370
32. David Ragan	353
33. Cole Whitt	339
34. Reed Sorenson	320
35. Josh Wise	296
36. Alex Bowman	295
37. Ryan Truex	181
38. Michael McDowell	166
39. Travis Kvapil	144
40. Jeff Burton	87
41. Terry Labonte	77
42. David Stremme	56
43. Bobby Labonte	54

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

Penske Power



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Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski and, we're guessing, a laptop tuned to a website that contains the secret to racing momentum ("Go fast, turn left, repeat").

The most impressive team of the 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series may be Team Penske, which has six wins and both of its drivers squarely qualified for the Chase playoffs.

Penske "twins" Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski flexed their motor muscles Saturday night at Bristol Motor Speedway by sweeping the top two positions.

Logano matched Keselowski's win total of three, and now some think the Cup Series championship could be decided between these young drivers.

Keselowski won the 2012 title and liked the taste of champagne (and his sponsor's beer, of course).

"We're entering the Chase strong in a lot of different ways, and I think we're both legitimate threats to win the championship this year, and I'm proud of that," Keselowski said.

"Hopefully we can keep that momentum rolling in weeks to come. As far as Bristol and the rest of it is concerned, running second is certainly something to be proud of."

Keselowski has been in the championship fight before and won. This will be new territory for Logano, who has excelled since leaving Joe Gibbs Racing. "I think he (Logano) has a tremendous shot at winning the championship, and I don't underestimate him," Keselowski said. "I don't want to speak for my competition and what they think; I'll let them speak for themselves."

Logano said don't overestimate or underestimate his No. 22 Ford team, which seems to be hitting its stride at just the right time.

"We're gonna go out there and do the best we can do," he said. "Do what we've been doing. (Crew chief) Todd Gordon and myself have been working very good together and communicating a lot with our race car. We've got a really good shot."

CAGE MATCH

It looks like Matt Kenseth will get into the Chase on points since he is 41 points ahead of 14th-place Ryan Newman. Greg Biffle is 16th in points, but if a new winner emerges at Atlanta this Sunday, that would bump him out of the Chase standings. If that happened, then Clint Bowyer, Newman and Biffle — who are separated by just 16 points — would be slugging it out at Richmond for the final Chase position, either by going for the win or gaining points on the drivers in this scramble.

DREAM WEEKEND

Ford had a dream weekend at Bristol. Ford machines swept all three NASCAR races — Trucks, Nationwide, Cup. Ford hasn't won all three national series at the same track on a race weekend since 2006, when Mark Martin and Matt Kenseth did it for Roush Fenway Racing at Bristol. Ford Racing's nine Cup wins this season are the most for the manufacturer since 2008, when it enjoyed 11 victories. And just for the record, Logano's win was Ford's 627th all-time Cup Series victory and the 35th by Team Penske with Ford.

GODWIN'S ATLANTA PICKS



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Winner: Kasey Kahne
Rest of the top five: Ryan Newman, Greg Biffle, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth
Dark horse: Martin Truex Jr.

Disappointment: Joey Logano
First one out: Kurt Busch
Don't be surprised if: We see a 13th Cup Series driver get a win at this fast, slippery track.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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Looking for answers, looking for speed, looking for a break ... and Kasey's hoping for a Chase ticket.

How surprising is Kasey Kahne's season of struggles?

When you look at the current standings and see the guys who are battling to make the Chase, his name definitely jumps out at you. He was, after all, on everyone's list of championship contenders entering 2014. Of course, all of those opinions followed the words, "In case Jimmie Johnson doesn't win again ..." So, yes, surprising, but not exactly shocking.

OK, why not shocking?

Kasey Kahne's numbers show that throughout his 11-year Cup career, just when you get accustomed to seeing him as a real contender, he takes a step back. Won six times in '06, none in '07. Tenth in points in '09, 20th in 2010. Consecutive Chase berths and four total wins in 2012-13, and now this year's flop.

How 'bout a disclaimer?

You got it: Having said all that, Kasey Kahne can still become the 2014 Cup champ. A win in the next two weeks, or a mild points rally, and he's Chasin', and once Chasin', everyone has a chance (well, except Aric Almirola and AJ Allmendinger).

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



DENNY HAMLIN KEVIN HARVICK

Denny Hamlin vs. Kevin Harvick: Hamlin was leading the race at Bristol when Harvick came along and wrecked him out of the race.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Both these drivers are strong-willed. This will either escalate or go away very quickly. There's no in between."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Oral-B USA 500

SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 2:30 p.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 7:10 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 2, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.).

Sunday, race (ESPN, coverage starts at 7 p.m., green flag at 7:46 p.m.)

NATIONWIDE: Great Clips 300

SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 2, 4:00 p.m.), race (ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.)

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS: Silverside 250

SITE: Canadian Tire Motorsports Park
SCHEDULE: Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, 1:30 p.m.)



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

JOEY LOGANO	BRAD KESELOWSKI	JEFF GORDON	JIMMIE JOHNSON	JUNIOR EARNHARDT	KEVIN HARVICK	MATT KENSETH	CARL EDWARDS	KYLE BUSCH	RYAN NEWMAN
On a serious pre-Chase roll	Team Penske gets our top two spots	Not afraid of that Penske power	Quietly regaining his footing	Shopping for sheet metal	Erased from Hamlin's "Familly" list	Just as many wins this year as you	PODS truck will soon replace hauler	Nice time to get crew chief angry at you	See Kenseth
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

BRISTOL REWIND

Austin Dillon talks about gaining experience and looks ahead

Austin Dillon is not only battling Kyle Larson for Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year, but he has only two more chances to make the Chase playoffs. The driver of the No. 3 Chevy is 19th in points and 40 points behind 16th-place Greg Biffle. Dillon has to win at Atlanta or Richmond, or gain serious ground in points, to make the Chase.

Dillon talked to the media before Saturday's Cup Series race at Bristol.

Are you feeling a sense of panic to win a race? How are you going to approach the last two races before Richmond?

"If you look at us right now I would probably say you are right as far as what the points look like. For me being a rookie, I don't have much to lose. There has never been a rookie make the Chase."

"Atlanta ... I'm really looking forward to. I don't feel a huge sense of urgency. I hope we can put our Dow Chevrolet in the Chase."

What are a few of the things you would do differently if you had that chance?

"It's such a long season. I did the same thing in Truck and Nationwide after the first year. I sat

down and had to re-evaluate myself at the end of the year."

"You just have to take it to another level. There is always that level that you have to push yourself to, and you don't realize that level — at least for me — until you have experienced a full year."

"I was able to come back and win championships in the other two series after our first year. I would love to be able to do that in the Cup Series. I think it's a possibility."

"You just have to reset and set goals higher and then, also I think, as far as keeping your body

mentally and physically in shape for the entire year. I feel like I'm physically in shape ... I think mentally the Cup Series is draining because of how long it is. You learn that and how to cope with it. I feel like I've figured it out, but there is a full section of our series where you go through a lot of different tracks and you have to stay focused during that era."

"Looking back, I could probably have improved on some of those races, and now having a notebook going back for those races is just going to help. Anytime you get experience it is just better."