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Malone couple facing child abuse charges

BY ANGIE COOK
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A Malone couple is facing abuse charges after a child sustained injuries at the hand of his stepfather and the child's mother failed to report the incident, authorities say.

According to a statement from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, on Monday deputies responded to Malone Elementary School in reference to a reported child abuse. The child initially

told law enforcement and school officials his injuries were caused by an older cousin, who had beat him up.

The child's mother, 38-year-old Marion Mlckovsky of Malone, was contacted by school officials and told about his injuries. The JCSO statement says she told school officials



Fears



Mlckovsky

Malone.

Investigators say the child had multiple injuries to his face, neck, arms and back that were the result of being spanked with a belt

and the use of Roy Fears' hand. Mlckovsky, authorities say, had knowledge of the child's injuries, but did not report them.

Fears and Mlckovsky were taken into custody without incident.

The child's injuries were not life-threatening and did not require immediate medical treatment.

In interviews on Monday, investigators say Mlckovsky acknowledged that she had lied to school officials about the child's injuries and failed to report them

to authorities. She was charged with child abuse neglect.

Fears was also interviewed and acknowledged that the injuries sustained by the child were a result of him "disciplining the child too harshly," according to the sheriff's office.

He was charged with aggravated child abuse. It was also discovered that Fears is currently on probation, so he faces an additional charge of violation of probation.

QUEEN CROWNED



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Senior Shakela Johnson was crowned Graceville High School's homecoming queen during halftime of the homecoming game Friday. Johnson was escorted by her uncle, Elzaron Martin. Other attendants in the homecoming court were ninth-grader Tristan Jessie, 10th-graders Georgia Nichols and Tyra Collins, 11th-graders Shyair Smith and Ashley Wesley and seniors Cristina Ramirez, Madison McDaniel and Megan Aultman. On Thursday night senior Jared Padgett was named Mr. GHS. Also in the running for that title were seniors Qua'Jun Andrews, Marquavious Johnson and Eddie Myrick.

Spanish Trail Project continues

Landowners added to permit app as county seeks review discount

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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As work continues in the effort to have a 192-acre site along old Spanish Trail near the State Road 71 Interstate exchange officially certified as essentially "shovel ready" for development, action from Jackson County Commissioners on Tuesday helped the process keep moving forward.

Although officials say there is no particular tenant or purchaser interested in locating there right now, the Jackson County Development Council, as well as engineers working with that entity and the consultant are working on an extensive checklist of preliminary steps that can be taken in the long-term and multifaceted project.

For instance, JCDC has agreements with the owners which hold the involved parcels of land in limbo for a certain amount of time for potential purchase as a home for a job-rich industry if such a tenant or buyer were to come along.

During that time, the parties are working to get certain work permits in hand by doing environmental studies and other work that would eventually be necessary in the event that the project were to come to fruition.

Having those things in hand when an interested business came calling would go a long way toward keeping the prospect interested because it would speed up and make the startup less complicated for the business coming in.

Having recently asked the Northwest Florida Water Management District to review an associated permit application that would allow dredge

and fill work needed in certain wet areas of the land, commissioners have also asked that agency for a roughly \$9,000 reduction in the permit review fee.

In light of the county's formal status as a fiscally constrained county of critical state concern, the fee could be reduced to \$100 instead of thousands.

But because the land is not owned by the county, the agency has said that the actual owners need to be part of the permit application process, rather than solely on the signatures of the county administrator and the JCDC leadership.

On Tuesday, commissioners voted to add those owners to the application, if the owners agree, and to also explain more fully why the county considers itself to have "sufficient real property interest" in the permitting process.

The county reviewed

and approved a letter that will be sent to the water management district in the county's name on that subject.

The letter was drafted in response to a request for more information on the county's interest in the property involved in the permitting.

The county points out that it is paying for part of the work being done by the consultant in the attempt to have the site certified.

The county board has already agreed to put roughly \$15,750 into the project, a cost that will be paid in phases.

Further, the county says, the local government has received a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity's Rural Infrastructure Fund to pay for the certification tasks.

That grant award, the county says, should be viewed as further proof

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Jacoria "AI" Borders stands in front of the Florida A&M University sign.

FAMU visitors to include familiar faces

Big recruiting event planned at Russ House on Sept. 13

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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A native of Jackson County who now holds a powerful position at FAMU, and two other former Jackson County residents making names for themselves there, will return home Saturday on a recruiting mission for the school and they'll have scholarship applications in hand.

Dr. William Hudson, Jr., graduated from Graceville High School in 1990 and is still a member of the St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Jacob. Now the vice president of Student Affairs at FAMU, Hudson will be the keynote speaker at the Sept. 13 recruiting event at the Russ House in Marianna. It starts at 2 p.m. that day. He said he's looking forward to the trip.

"I have a responsibility as a person who lived in the community, grew up in the community and benefited from the community, to come back and bring opportunities for education to the students of that community," Hudson said. "It means a lot to me to be able to do that. It was instilled in me by the community. My mom and dad (Mary Blount Hudson and William Hudson Sr.) graduated from Chipola, went on to FSU, and so much of my

upbringing was enriched by the community that we were part of. At FAMU, we're looking to expand our brand in northwest Florida, period. FAMU is known as a historically black college, but the fact is it is also a very diverse campus with lots of opportunities for everyone. We want people to get to know us better and that's what we're coming there to do, and to show students all the scholarship opportunities we have across a wide range of subjects, the full rides we're coming prepared to offer, and answer any questions they and their parents might have."

A number of other speakers will take a turn at convincing students and their parents that FAMU is the best place to seek higher education.

Jacoria "AI" Borders, a 2010 Marianna High School graduate and the daughter of Jackson County resident Gwendolyn Borders, is a student at FAMU now and serves as the Student Government Association's "surgeon general," meaning she leads campus health care initiatives for the student population. Right now, for instance, she's getting ready to embark on a "Get Fit FAMU" campaign that kicks off on Sept. 22 and is in charge of an upcoming cancer awareness fundraiser on campus. Borders is a biology major and pre-med candidate. She is also the executive vice president for the FAMU Student National Alumni Association and is

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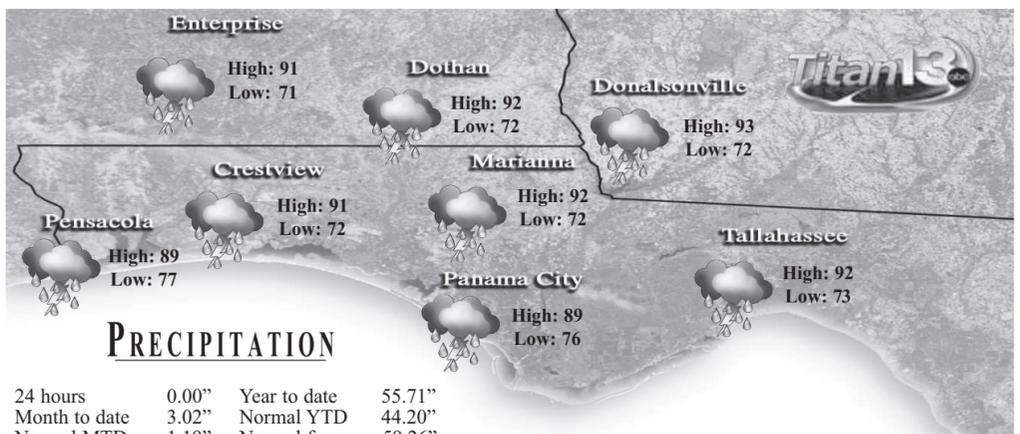
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Community Calendar

TODAY

- » **Pink Cares Goes Country Dinner and Auction Reservation Deadline Sept. 19** — Jackson County Agricultural Center, 2741 Penn Ave. Marianna. Reception 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. silent auction 6 – 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person \$90 per couple. Dress: casual, western wear. Contact for tickets: Lori meadows 573-0229, Clay New 209-4314 or Judy Smith 272-1337. Proceeds benefit families battling cancer.
- » **Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida Board of Directors Meeting** — 11 a.m. Career-Source Gulf Coast, 625 Hwy 231, Panama City.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **"Stand in the Gap" for our children educational seminar** — Noon Oaks Restaurant, Marianna. Speakers include: Luca Bocci from Italy talking on the impact of Common Core ideology. Linda Murphy former Secretary of Education in Oklahoma and Troy Towns, a motivational speaker. Admission is free.
- » **First Special Budget Meeting** — 5:01 p.m. City Hall, 2898 Green St., Marianna.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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- » **Marianna City Farmers Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring Panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
- » **Jackson County Community Healthy Partnership Meeting** — 9-10:30 a.m. Multipurpose Room of the Florida Department of Health Jackson County Health Department. Stakeholders and partners interested in working together to improve the health of our community are invited to attend. Call 526-2412 ext. 282 for more info.
- » **St. Anne Thrift** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Fall and winter clothes, ready for the holidays! Welcome donations: household items, clothing and jewelry. Proceeds go to help less fortunate in our community. Call 482-3734.
- » **OneBlood** — 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Baptist College, Graceville. Receive a "Sunshine State" T-shirt.
- » **Chipola Civic Club Meeting** — Noon at The Oaks

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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- » **Hooks and Needles** — 10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna branch. New and experienced handcrafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.
- » **Madison Street Park Farmers Market** — 4-7 p.m. at Madison Street park. Will be open each Friday evening. FMNP and Sr. FMNP vouchers are accepted. Call 693-4078.
- » **34th Graceville Harvest Festival Beauty Pageant** — 6 p.m. Graceville Civic Center. Entry fee \$60 with proceeds going to Graceville Harvest Day Celebration. Photogenic category optional for an additional \$10. Open pageant. \$5 door admission. Tiny Baby Miss, Baby Miss, Toddler Miss, Tiny Miss, Future Little Miss and Little Miss.
- » **Chess Club** — 6-8 p.m. First United Methodist Church on Clinton St. in Marianna. Sponsored by Marianna Optimist Club for students for students 8-18 years of age in Jackson County. All students and their parents are welcome. Players of all skill levels including beginners are welcome. Call 693-0473.

- » **Celebrate Recovery** — 7 p.m. at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. Adult and teen meetings to "overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups." Dinner: 6 p.m. Child care available. Call 209-7856, 573-1131.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- » **Pink Cares Goes Country Dinner and Auction Reservation Deadline Sept. 19** — Jackson County Agricultural Center, 2741 Penn Ave. Marianna. Reception 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. silent auction 6 – 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person \$90 per couple. Dress: casual, western wear. Contact for tickets: Lori meadows 573-0229, Clay New 209-4314 or Judy Smith 272-1337. Proceeds benefit families battling cancer.
- » **Cemetery Cleaning** — Kent Cemetery, three miles southwest of Alford. Arrive early and bring tools. Fish fry at noon following cleaning. Bring covered dish and tea for lunch.
- » **Partners for Pets Share Day** — El Rio Mexican Restaurant, 2914 Optimist Dr. Marianna. Ten percent of all profits day and night donated to Partners for Pets.
- » **Marianna City Farmers Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring Panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8 a.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **The Chipola Beekeeper Club Conducting Class on Building and Assembling a Beehive** — 8 a.m. to noon Jackson County Extension Office, 2471 Pennsylvania Ave., Marianna. Light lunch will follow. Cost \$175 which includes compete 10-frame hive, bottom board, deep body, a honey super a queen excluder, drilled top for feeding jar, all foundation frames and plastic cell for entire hive. Also include hive tool, gloves, head net and smoke. Bees are not included in the cost.
- » **Jackson County 4-H Livestock Clinic** — 8:30-11:30 a.m. Jackson County Agriculture Center, U.S. 90, Marianna. Topic to be covered: animal nutrition and health, showmanship, bio-safety and record books. Open to public.
- » **Artist Guild of NW Florida Artist Dialogue** — 9 a.m. to noon Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St., Marianna. Led by artist Richard Tabor. Bring your completed or almost completed artwork for critiquing. Open to public.

Police Roundup

MARIANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marianna Police Department reported the following incidents for Sept. 8, the latest available report: One traffic stops, two abandoned vehicle reports, one suspicious vehicle, one escort, one highway obstruction, one burglar alarm, one trespass complaint, one illegally parked vehicle, three animal complaints, one fraud complaint, and 19 home security checks.

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office and county fire/rescue reported the following inci-

dents for Sept. 8, the latest available report: Two accidents, one hospice death, one missing adult, one abandoned vehicle, one reckless driver, three suspicious vehicles, two suspicious incidents, one arrest, one escort, two reports of mental illness (one with violence), three burglaries, one physical disturbance, four verbal disturbances, two fire calls, one drug offense, 13 medical calls, two traffic crashes, one medical transport, four burglar alarms, one robbery alarm, four traffic stops, one larceny complaint, one civil dispute, one trespass complaint, three



follow-up investigations, one assault, one noise disturbance, nine property checks, two assists of motorists or pedestrians, one retail theft, three assists of other agencies, two child abuse complaints, one public service call, two welfare checks, three transports, two threat/harassment complaints and one report of counterfeit money.

JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The following people were booked into the county jail during the latest reporting periods:
 » **Kenneth Garrett**, 28, 3086 Calhoun Road, Greenwood, aggravated stalking, violation of injunction.

» **Joseph Adkison**, 22, 504 Vann Drive, Wewahatchka, kidnapping, burglary of a dwelling, aggravated stalking, false imprisonment, domestic battery.
 » **Jadie Judy**, 35, 2839 Wynn St., Marianna, failure to comply with sex offender registration.
 » **Marian Mickovsky**, 38, 35 Indigo Pond Road, Gordon, Ala., child abuse by neglect.
 » **Roy Fears**, 50, 5643 Banner Road, Malone, aggravated child abuse, violation of state probation.

Jail Population: 206

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Baptist College Preview Day quickly approaching

Although the semester has just begun, the faculty and staff at The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville are already preparing for the upcoming Preview Day which will be held on October 24. Prospective students and their families will have an opportunity to visit the campus and determine if BCF is where they should start or continue their college education.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the BCF Wellness Center which is located in the center of the campus. During a special meet and greet time, prospective students will be able to experience what life is like for BCF students, as well as speak with faculty members and staff representatives, obtain information about all of the degree options, financial aid, computer access, and meet the dorm advisors and division chairs.

Before a time of student-led praise and worship in the R. G. Lee Chapel,



BCF Spring Preview Day 2014

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BCF Teacher Education group at the photo booth during Spring Preview Day.

Preview Day guests will have the opportunity to visit classes on selected majors in missions and

theology, business, education, music and worship, and Christian counseling. Participants may also

elect to attend the informative financial aid brief to become familiar with the Free Application for

Federal Student Aid and all of the tuition assistance and scholarship programs available to students.

President Thomas A. Kinchen will offer a word of welcome and encouragement to Preview Day guests during the chapel service followed by lunch and performance by the BCF Jazz Band. After a time of fellowship and lunch, admissions counselors will be available for campus tours of the writing center, library, computer lab and Wellness Center and BCF resident directors will offer dorm tours of on-campus housing.

The \$25 application fee will be waived for students who apply on Preview Day and all of the names of prospective students attending will be entered into a drawing to win one of the two \$500 scholarships.

If you are looking for a college to prepare you to change the world, Preview Day is the perfect time to see if BCF is that place! To register for Preview Day, contact the Admissions Office at 328-2660 ext. 513 or register online at www.baptistcollege.edu.

Two cadets excel in Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The three missions of the CAP include emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs. The focus of this article is on two cadet members of the Marianna Composite Squadron, Florida Wing: Cadet Captain Jacob Watford and Cadet Airman First Class Seth Ham. Both cadets are active members of the Squadron. C/AIC Ham, who joined CAP in October 2013, is a 12-year-old sixth-grade student at Marianna Middle School. His goal of joining CAP is to join the U.S. Air Force in order to continue the family tradition of military service, as his father, uncle, and grandfather served in the U.S. military.

C/Capt Jacob Watford is 16 years old and a junior at Cottonwood High School in Cottonwood, Alabama. He joined CAP about five years ago with a goal of being accepted to the highly competitive and prestigious U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado to study aerospace engineering and/or special operations.

Both cadets attended the Florida Wing Conference in Orlando on March 14 - 16, and chose the same classes; however, they learned different lessons. The classes included public speaking, CAP myth busters, and motivational movies. This was C/AIC Ham's first Wing Conference and C/Capt Watford's fifth. Both learned useful information which they could apply now and in the future. The guest speaker was Mary Feik who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Feik, in addition to her many achievements, was the first female engineer in research and development in the Engineering Division of the Air Technical Service



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Pictured at the 2014 Florida Wing Conference are (left to right): C/2d Lt. Allyson Blakeley, C/MSgt. Brianna McDonald, Col. Mary Feik, C/AIC Seth Ham, and C/Capt. Jacob Watford.

command. C/AIC Ham stated that it was "cool to be with a part of history."

Regarding the public speaking class, C/Capt Watford said "Public speaking is something no cadet really likes to do but it has to be done." He also made this insightful statement: "The class is a little different every year, cadets pick up something new every year, and then the cadets decide what works best for them through the practice they get at group classes and other training." The class was C/AIC Ham's first taste of public speaking. He summed up his experience by stating "Public speaking taught us how to project your voice and speak properly...A lot of it was new."

CAP Myth Busters is a class that distinguishes, for the cadets, the difference between regulation and myth of old customs and no longer in use. This distinction is very important for the cadets, especially

the newer members. C/AIC Ham stated "It had a lot of information that I didn't know." According to C/Capt Watford, "everywhere involving CAP regulations are carried out differently." Therefore, this class is particularly important to the newer cadets, enabling them to not pick up bad habits.

The final class, Motivational Movies, was new this year and both cadets identified it as the most informative class they took. They would like to see it next year, possibly using film clips from other military-related movies versus "Band of Brothers" and "Full Metal Jacket" where the focus is on leadership styles and how they are portrayed in real life. C/Capt Watford felt that this class was important to newer cadets that are vulnerable due to having recently started in CAP. He made a point to articulate that this class gives new cadets a foundation of

where to start and what needs to be done to further their careers. C/AIC Ham learned much about the characters in the aforementioned movies and how they motivate.

As illustrated, both cadets' experiences were very different; however, both have matured, developed self-confidence, become goal-oriented, and know what teamwork is through CAP I and other senior members have seen an increase in self-confidence as well as additional positive attributes. This growth will serve both cadets well into the future.

CAP continues to encourage other youths between the ages of 12-20 years of age to join this relatively new program and reap the positive life-altering experience. Senior members are part of the lifeline for the organization and provide the support and education of the cadets. C/Capt Watford is proud to be in CAP

and has excelled, earning just about every award possible and C/AIC Ham continues to diligently work to accomplish the same. Both cadets are great assets to their peers, country, and the United States Air Force.

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Other Opinions

Government transparency

Among Florida's recent governors, none has a worse record on transparency and open government than incumbent Rick Scott. Now Mr. Scott is apparently trying to render Florida's public records law effectively meaningless by adopting a policy that makes it next to impossible to obtain access to public communications.

His latest effort to skirt the obligations of transparency, revealed in a lawsuit over his secret plans to raise money for a project involving the Governor's Mansion, was justified by a claim that public employees can routinely conduct state business using private email accounts. They then become "custodians" of their own records.

This is a stunning assault on Florida's constitutional right of public access, but well in keeping with the pattern and practice of a governor who has never seemed to understand, or appreciate, the obligations of transparency imposed on Florida's public officials. He acts more like the CEO of a privately operated hospital chain, which he once was, than a public servant required to conduct the public's business in public.

Until now, all emails and communications by public officials have been a matter of public record, accessible via a public-records request. By allowing public employees to use private email accounts to conduct business, however, Mr. Scott and state employees can deny that any such public records exist in state files.

Anyone wanting access, therefore, has to determine which state employees — current or former — may have those communications. Seekers of information may be obliged to file lawsuits. The burden is on the employee to release them or fight the request. They are the ones who have to hire lawyers.

This is a policy never before employed by state government, a reversal of precedent that makes the public-access law inoperable on a practical level. It effectively takes the state out of the loop on state business and creates a barrier that blocks public scrutiny of public affairs.

... Ever since he was elected, Mr. Scott has displayed a disturbing tendency to conduct the public's business in secret.

Florida has a proud tradition of open government that Gov. Scott apparently considers an inconvenience. Floridians deserve a governor who honors that tradition instead of one trying to destroy it.

Miami Herald

Endangered manatees

Manatees can be seen swimming near the shores of coastal Florida, but they're not doing swimmingly as a species.

The 830 manatees that died in 2013 set a new mortality record. It is more than double the average annual mortality and eclipsed the second-highest record of 766 manatee deaths in 2010.

Despite this, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering whether to downlist manatees from being classified as "endangered" to the lesser classification of "threatened."

Although manatees have benefited from protections associated with its status under the Endangered Species Act, the potential danger of extinction should weigh heavily on the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The agency's staff has, in the past, recommended the change; their expertise should be given due consideration.

However, another expert — James Powell, a biologist with a doctorate and other advanced degrees — makes a compelling case against the change.

Powell has studied manatees in Florida and throughout the world. He formerly administered the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's research program on manatees; today he is executive director of Sea to Shore Alliance, a nonprofit organization he founded.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will weigh five factors in its decision: threat to habitat; overutilization of habitat; disease or predation; inadequacy of regulatory mechanisms; and other natural or man-made factors.

Here are Powell's thoughts on the factors:

Habitat threats: Threats include reduction of warm-water sanctuaries, water quality, water pollution and loss of food sources such as sea-grass beds. The threats are expected to increase and intensify.

Boat strikes: With increasing human and boat populations in Florida, boat collisions with manatees will likely rise as boating activity increases following the recession.

Cold-related illness and death: Despite natural warm springs and power plant discharges, manatees can still experience high levels of mortality during a cold winter. This is likely to increase as power plant operations are modified over the next few decades and sources of natural warm water diminish.

Overall population: The 2014 minimum population estimate (4,824) is not many, considering we had more than 800 manatee carcasses last year. These numbers are worrisome.

Despite the slow and slight increase in the number of manatees during the past 50 years, threats to survival have increased. Since 2007, Florida manatee mortality has increased more than 50 percent.

The mortality numbers are a clear indication that threats to the species have not been lessened, and in fact have increased and broadened.

Clearly, the science that analyzes the existing and emerging threats indicates a "no" to a move to threatened status at this time.

The Gainesville Sun



Struggling with the presidency

Two startling announcements, only a half-dozen years apart, both made from the Oval Office: In 1968, Lyndon B. Johnson says he will not run for another term as president. Six years later — we mark the 40th anniversary Monday — Gerald R. Ford decides to pardon Richard M. Nixon.

Both decisions were postponed by presidents uncertain of their own minds, badgered by their own advisers and anxious about the implications of their acts. Both changed the trajectory of American politics. And both offer important insights into how, and why, presidents make decisions.

Johnson's decision reflected his own struggle with Vietnam and his agony as he watched his Democratic Party convulse in dissent over his leadership. It is a settled matter today. Nobody debates its origin or significance.

Ford's decision removed the Watergate trauma from his presidency, but replaced it with questions about his character and independence. It is far from a settled matter. It scarred his presidency and is perhaps the issue from the 1970s that retains the most mystery and contention four decades later.

Did Ford make a deal with Nixon before the presidential resignation in August 1974? Was the new president pressured into the pardon by old Nixon retainers like Alexander Haig, the White House chief of staff, or Leonard Garment, a longtime Nixon adviser? Did the pardon liberate his presidency or doom his presidency and seal his eventual defeat to Jimmy Carter 26 months later?

The Ford pardon produced an instant uproar. His press secretary, beloved by the Ford family and trusted by reporters, resigned. Conspiracy theories filled the air. The trust that the new president won and the new atmosphere that he helped create swiftly disappeared.

Ford became the third president in a row whose motives were



David Shribman
National Perspective

suspect. At the time, that seemed a phenomenon. Today, it is an unremarkable but entirely regrettable aspect of the American presidency. Vietnam and Watergate did that, and Ford sealed it.

But increasing numbers of historians and other Americans have come to view the decision Ford made 40 years ago this week not only as justifiable but also as judicious.

The Nixon resignation established that no American, not even the president, was above the law. That was a major achievement, an important principle accomplished in the stroke of a pen.

But what is intriguing about the Ford decision — and, in turn, about the Johnson decision that preceded it by six years — is that they both occurred on the second, or maybe even the third, try.

Johnson constantly thought out loud about not running for re-election after his first elected term was up.

In the end, Johnson announced his intention during a 9 p.m. speech on Vietnam from the Oval Office on March 31, 1968. In his memoir, he said he made the final decision at 9:01 p.m., and he revealed it in a single sentence embedded at the end of his speech. The text distributed to reporters did not include that sentence.

Ford's decision was similarly postponed and similarly portentous.

As the 38th president was preparing for his first press conference, Garment worked on a legal brief to justify the pardon and speech-

writer Ray Price, who had worked for Nixon as well, prepared some remarks for the president. He didn't use them, however.

"(F)or the next 10 days," James Cannon, a presidential assistant, wrote in an account of the Ford years, "the resolution of Nixon's status preoccupied and engaged not only President Ford, but also two other principals involved: Leon Jaworski, Watergate special prosecutor; and Nixon himself, secluded in his compound in San Clemente, Calif., waiting in fear and anguish that he would be indicted, put on trial and sent to jail."

No presidential decision of the decade was remotely as controversial as Ford's pardon. He based it on his judgment that, as he said that fateful Sunday, a pardon of the president would "not cause us to forget the evils of Watergate-type offenses or to forget the lessons we have learned."

At the time, that was a throwaway line. Today it is palpably true.

This episode reminds us that our perspectives change with time. A half-century ago this year, the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution set America on a war trajectory in Vietnam. It was regarded as so wise a decision that only two senators opposed it. Today it is regarded as a monumental error predicated on a falsehood.

The Ford pardon is just the opposite. In early September 1974, the public opposed the pardon by a margin of 53 percent to 38 percent, according to the Gallup poll. By the spring of 1986, the result was almost exactly the reverse, with Ford supported by a 54-39 margin. Ford's growing prestige among historians and commentators is grounded in part on the act that so alienated his contemporaries. History's judgment is never predictable, but it is never final, either.

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Letter to the Editor

Citizens need to repair 'broken' government, values

The Give Me Liberty Tour was well attended at the East Side Baptist Church Friday night. Those who attended were blessed by the message from the speakers.

Prior to WWI there has been a plan to destroy America. Leon Trotsky, a proponent of the plan, defined it: remove God; infiltrate the churches; eliminate prayer in schools; desecrate the American Constitution; infiltrate a major political party; present homosexuality as normal, natural and healthy; promote pornography, obscenity in books, movies and now television.

The plan has worked. Our families are broken, our government is broken. It is our fault and is not Obama's, who is not more powerful than God. Throughout history,

big government and all powerful governments have had two objectives: weaken and destroy the family to create a dependency on the government; and silence and destroy the church. The family is the primary incubator of our liberty, our freedoms are given by God and the church represents God.

We live in the sovereign State of Florida. Florida has not stood up as a sovereign state. The states have given their authority to the federal government in the name of security and safety.

Washington has only 17 powers that are defined in the Constitution. Washington is broken; we elect good people, and they get minimized. The only way to fix Washington is by electing biblically and constitutionally sound

candidates at the county, city and state level. As the federal government grows in size, our freedoms are diminished.

The battle is liberty versus tyranny. Liberty has a cost, as evil will always try to encroach. We are either too busy or too distracted to understand the costs, and how close we are to losing our liberty and freedom. We either engage or surrender, and ignoring what is going on is surrender.

The war we are in is for the soul of America.

We need to change the landscape from political to biblical. We must re-establish a culture based on state sovereignty as defined in the Constitution, and choose our leaders based on values and character as opposed to continuing to watch the candidates with the most money buy elections.

Action items can be found at giveliberty-tour.com, or by calling (877) 634-2279.

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Letters to the Editor

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U.S. 231

Night work re-scheduled

From staff reports

Monday's inclement weather resulted in the cancellation of the first of two nights of work planned on the Interstate 10 over-

pass at U.S. 231 in Jackson County, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

The work picked up again last night and will continue tonight, from 9

p.m. to 5 a.m. Drivers will encounter alternating lane closures during these times on U.S. 231 beneath I-10 as construction crews install fiber optic conduit on the overpass.

Holmes County Students Sign Take Stock Scholarships

From staff reports

Two Holmes County ninth graders recently signed contracts with Take Stock in Children which will provide scholarships to Chipola College.

Paige Lumpkin, from Holmes County High school, and Ryan Eldridge, from Ponce de Leon High school, will earn the scholarships if they maintain above a "C" average, remain drug/crime free, have good

behavior, and maintain respectable attendance throughout high school. Funds to purchase these scholarships were raised through Take Stock in Children fundraisers held locally in Holmes County.



Ryan Eldridge, a ninth grader from Ponce de Leon High school, recently signed a contract with Take Stock in Children which will provide a scholarship to Chipola College. Pictured from left, are: (front) Keith Eldridge (father), scholarship recipient Ryan Eldridge, Amy Eldridge (mother), (back) Anna Taylor (TSIC Regional Director), Debbie Kolmetz (School Board Member), Buddy Brown (HCHS Principal), Eddie Dixon (Superintendent) and Mary Helen Smith (Take Stock Program Manager). Not pictured: Karen Anderson (Guidance Counselor).



Paige Lumpkin, a ninth grader from Holmes County High school, recently signed a contract with Take Stock in Children which will provide a scholarship to Chipola College. Pictured from left, are: Crystal Pearson (mother), scholarship recipient Paige Lumpkin, Mark Lumpkin (father), (back) Jim Goodman (Holmes County Deputy Superintendent), Matt Tate (Assistant Principal PDLHS), Eddie Dixon (Holmes County Superintendent), Cindi Davis (Take Stock Mentor), Mary Helen Smith (Take Stock Program Manager) and Shawna Lumpkin (step-mother).



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Catherine Rodriguez, public information officer for the Walton County Sheriff's Office in DeFuniak Springs, Fla., visits with Moses the donkey. Walton County Sheriff's officials tried to auction off a stray donkey they've been caring for, but no one showed up. Now, they're trying to find someone to adopt the donkey they've named Moses.

Sheriff's office seeks home for stray donkey

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Walton County Sheriff's officials tried to auction off a stray donkey they've been caring for, but no one showed up. Now, they're trying to find someone to adopt the donkey they've named Moses.

The donkey was dropped off at the sheriff's office about three weeks ago after the person who found him said he became too expensive to feed.

Since then, he's been living in a barn near the sheriff's headquarters. Deputy Tammy Henderson named him and has been feeding him every day. She told the Northwest Florida Daily News that Moses loves peppermints.

Officials placed a legal ad, but no one claimed

the donkey. And no one bought him at the auction.

Spokeswoman Catherine Rodriguez says

they're just hoping to find someone to give Moses a nice home.

From wire reports



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Briefs

Coalition wants Supreme Court to hear map case

TALLAHASSEE — A coalition challenging Florida's congressional districts wants the state Supreme Court to hear their case.

The groups, which include the League of Women Voters of Florida, asked an appeals court on Tuesday to send the case immediately up to the state's highest court.

A Florida judge approved a new congressional map in August. The new map alters seven of the state's existing 27 districts, but the changes will not take effect this year.

Voters in 2010 passed an amendment that says legislators cannot draw up districts to favor incumbents or a political party. A circuit judge in July ruled that two districts were invalid so legislators changed them.

Coalition lawyers want the state Supreme Court to hear the case so a decision is made before the 2016 elections.

4 candidates chosen as FSU job finalists

TALLAHASSEE — Four candidates are moving ahead in the search for a new president at Florida State University.

A FSU search committee on Tuesday voted to choose powerful politician John Thrasher as one of the candidates.

The other candidates

include former West Virginia University Provost Michele Wheatly, Michael Martin, chancellor of the Colorado State University System and Richard Marchese, a vice president at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The committee debated, but ultimately decided against including FSU

interim president Garnett Stokes on the list.

The finalists will participate next in forums with students and faculty.

FSU has been without a president since Eric Barron left in April to take the top post at Penn State University.

From wire reports



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EMERALD COAST HOSPICE THANKFUL FOR MALONE SCHOOL



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Malone School gives back to community by donating to the Emerald Coast Hospice 10th Annual Food Drive that went on the month of August to benefit local food pantries in the community. Shown are Malone students Tykajah Jackson and Jessie Harris as well as Manager of Volunteer Services at Emerald Coast Hospice Margo Lamb and Principal of Malone School Doug Powell.

FLORIDA PANHANDLE REGENTS COUNCIL MEETS IN MARIANNA



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Past Florida Society Children of the American Revolution Senior Corresponding Secretary Mary Robbins (left) with Cyndi Brock, the new senior president of Blue Springs Society, N.S.C.A.R.



New FPRC officers (from left): Chaplain Sherrie DeBoer (Fort San Luis Chapter); Treasurer Sharon Wilkerson (Chipola Chapter); and President Maryann Wyrick (Pensacola Chapter).



Chipola Chapter, NSDAR members pictured at the FPRC meeting are from left: Betty Roberts, Joyce Dennis, Dorcas Jackson, Cyndi Brock, Carolyn Jordan, Sharon Wilkerson, Mary Robbins, and Katelyn Miller.

From staff reports

The Florida Panhandle Regents Council held its August meeting in Marianna on Aug. 23.

The council is composed of the regents and vice regents of the 10 DAR chapters from Tallahassee to Pensacola.

Other DAR members are encouraged to attend without the privilege of voting. Chipola Chapter, NSDAR of Marianna was well represented with eight members attending.

New council officers were elected and installed. Chipola Chapter Vice Regent Sharon Wilkerson was elected Council Treasurer. Past Council President Mary Robbins issued invitations for the C.A.R. North Florida workshop to be held in Marianna on Sept. 13, the DAR/C.A.R./SAR Constitution/Week luncheon on Sept. 20, and the

Battle of Marianna History Commemoration events on Sept. 23, 26, and 27.

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Smart Money

By Bruce Williams

Dear Bruce: What is the difference between a checking and a savings account?

— JENNY

Dear Jenny: A savings account is simply an account used to deposit money into an institution, usually a bank or

credit union, with the idea that the money will stay there and earn interest. In today's world, I see no reason to have a savings account since it effectively pays no interest.

A checking account is a different matter altogether. With a checking account, you are allowed to write checks for the

amount of money on deposit at any given time. A check is simply a way of conveying money from your account to someone else's account. There are penalties involved if you overdraw money, and you may have to leave a minimum amount in the account to avoid paying a service fee for each check written.

Save at the supermarket

From Consumer Reports

Whether or not you're into coupons, you're in luck! ShopSmart, the shopping magazine from the publisher of Consumer Reports, has rounded up ways to save that will also save you time, because you don't have to use coupons to get great grocery deals.

» Get carded. If you don't sign up for loyalty cards and use them every time you shop, you're missing out on members-only coupons and special offers. Here's how to maximize your savings: Scan store circulars at Spoofoe.com or SundaySaver.com for featured sale items to put on your list. Those are "loss leaders" designed to get you into the store, and you're unlikely to find them cheaper anywhere else. Typical loss leaders include staples such as cereal, bacon and detergent. Also, see whether your store rewards you for spending more. Safeway's and Stop & Shop's programs, for example, give you discounts on gas at partnering stations.

» Buy the bag. Maybe you like to pick your potatoes, but buying spuds and other products in a bag or multipack can mean big-time savings. ShopSmart's secret shoppers saved as much as 36 percent. They priced bagged produce (apples, garlic, lemons, onions, oranges and potatoes) and multipacks of grocery items such as cat food, soap and soda at supermarkets, Target and Wal-Mart. The best package deals they found: 36 percent savings on russet potatoes and an 18 percent discount on Chobani Greek yogurt.

» Hit the deli. Ham, turkey and American and Swiss cheeses don't necessarily cost more if you buy them fresh-sliced at the deli counter rather than grabbing them pre-packaged from the refrigerator case — they may even cost less! When ShopSmart's secret shoppers found the same brands (Alpine Lace and Boar's Head) in both places in the same store, the deli was often a better deal, with savings as big as 30 percent for cheese and 18 percent for ham.

» Check out the clearance racks. They're often in the back of the store, and they are usually a jumble of imperfect-looking or repackaged produce or discontinued items. But ShopSmart's price checkers found

markdowns up to half price. If you're worried that stuff is past its prime, check expiration dates.

» Try more store brands. Whenever ShopSmart's price checkers pit name-brand foods against store brands, they find that you can save as much as 60 percent. The average savings is about 25 percent. And when it asks its taste testers to try them out, store-brand products often taste just as good as, if not better than, brand-name products. For example, A&P's America's Choice Ginger Ale tasted almost identical to Canada Dry but cost 45 percent less.

» Head to big-box stores. In almost every price scan, Target and Wal-Mart are the low-price leaders. ShopSmart found savings of more than 70 percent on drugs, toiletries and other items. And if you find a better price at another store, Target and Wal-Mart will match those deals.

» Visit dollar stores. They've been steadily increasing the amount of food they carry; at some stores, food makes up 66 percent of sales. Family Dollar recently added 400 food items and cut prices on an additional 1,000 items. In ShopSmart's last price scan in 2012, it found savings up to 28 percent over supermarkets.

» Join the club. Clubs are a great place to save if you have the storage space. In its price scans, ShopSmart has found savings of as much as 63 percent! And in its lab tests, Costco's Kirkland products often come out on top; examples include bacon, laundry detergent and toilet paper.

» Size it right. (Hint: Bigger is better, but not always.) Buying small sizes never pays. But sometimes the medium size is as good a deal as the big one. So check unit prices — just make sure they're the same unit of measure!

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Apple reveals smartwatch and new, larger iPhones

The Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple unveiled its long-anticipated smartwatch Tuesday, introducing a device that aims to put many of the functions of a smartphone onto a smaller screen that's never more than an arm's length from the wearer's eyes.

The Apple Watch, the company's first completely new product in four years and its first wearable device, is also Apple's most ambitious expansion since CEO Tim Cook replaced Steve Jobs three years ago.

The watch made its debut alongside a service that seeks to turn Apple mobile devices into a payment system that will eliminate the need for consumers to bring cash or plastic cards to the checkout stand.

Apple Inc. also used the occasion to present the next generation of its iPhone — two larger models that reflect the company's attempt to catch up with rivals that have been winning over fans with bigger screens that enhance videos and game playing.

The bigger iPhones are expected to unleash pent-up demand among Apple zealots who have been pining for a larger screen, virtually assuring the new models will be a hot commodity this fall and through the crucial holiday shopping season.

Although the iPhone figures to be Apple's main moneymaker for the foreseeable future, the new smartwatch was the marquee attraction of Tuesday's show.

The Cupertino company held Tuesday's coming-out party in the same Silicon Valley auditorium where Jobs unveiled the Macintosh computer 30 years ago.

Just as the Mac convinced more people to buy PCs for the first time, Apple is convinced that its new watch will become a must-have accessory for the masses after it goes on sale early next year.

The device also may turn into a proxy for how well Apple is faring under Cook. Apple has not entered a new market since Jobs died in October 2011, raising questions whether the company's innovative powers have been waning under Cook.

Apple is a late arrival to



Apple CEO Tim Cook discusses the new iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus Tuesday in Cupertino, Calif. The iPhone 6 will have a screen measuring 4.7 inches, while the iPhone 6 Plus will be 5.5 inches.

the still-nascent market for wearable technology. Several other companies already sell smartwatches that have been greeted with widespread indifference.

But Apple has a reputation for igniting dormant markets after the company shifted the direction of digital technology with the iPod, iPhone and iPad. Other MP3 music players, smartphones and tablet computers were first to market, but the devices didn't enthrall consumers until Apple imbued them with its magic touch.

Here's what unfolded at Tuesday's event:

Larger iPhones

The iPhone 6 will feature a 4.7-inch screen, up from the 4-inch screen on the models released in each of the previous two years. The iPhone 6 Plus will boast a 5.5-inch screen and other improvements, including longer battery life, that will cost an additional \$100. The screen resolution on the Plus version will be sharper than previous iPhones.

With the larger screen comes a new horizontal view of the home screen. Usually, icons are stacked vertically, even when the phone is turned horizontally. App developers will also have new tools to rearrange their content to take advantage of that larger screen.

The new phones are not as big as Samsung's latest flagship phones — 5.1 inches for the Galaxy S5 and 5.7 inches for the Note 4 — but they will be large enough to neutralize a key advantage Samsung and other Android manufac-

turers have had.

Notably, Samsung's Note phone isn't getting bigger this year. Last year's Note 3 was 5.7 inches. Instead, Samsung is emphasizing other hardware features, such as a sharper screen. It's also releasing a model with a curved edge to display weather, time and other information on the side of the phone.

Apple says the new phones will be faster and have better battery life than previous versions. The phones will also have a barometer to estimate how much users climb stairs, not just how far they walk or run.

Of course, some people still use their phones to make calls. So when there's poor cellular reception, iPhone owners will be able to make regular calls over Wi-Fi. The handoff between the two networks will be seamless. In the U.S., this feature will initially be available through T-Mobile.

The resolution on the camera is staying at 8 megapixels, while rival Android and Windows phones have been offering up to twice that amount. However, the number of megapixels is only one factor in what makes a good photo. Apple says it is putting in new sensors for better shots.

Apple is also improving a slow-motion video feature by allowing even slower shots. The camera will be able to take 240 frames per second, double what's in last year's iPhone 5s. Normally, video is at 60 frames per second.

The new phones will

start shipping in the U.S. on Sept. 19, with advance orders to begin Friday. Starting prices will be comparable to those in the past — \$199 with a two-year contract for the iPhone 6 with 16 gigabytes of storage.

However, the step-up models will have double the memory as before — \$299 for 64 gigabytes and \$399 for 128 gigabytes. The iPhone 6 Plus phones will cost \$100 more at each configuration.

Mobile Payments

Apple is calling its new payment system Apple Pay.

Consumers will be able to use their phone cameras to capture a photo of their cards. Apple will verify it behind the scenes and add it to the phone's Passbook account so people can make payments at a retailer. Apple announced several merchants that will accept this system, including Macy's, Whole Foods, Walgreens and Disney stores — and Apple stores, of course.

Many companies have tried to push mobile payment services, but none has caught on widely. Cook says that's because the business models have been centered around companies' self-interest instead of the user experience. The latter, Cook says, is "exactly what Apple does best."

For security, the card number is stored only on the device. Each time you pay, a one-time card number is created to make the transaction.

A Smartwatch

The audience erupted

Ferguson plans reforms after fatal police shooting

The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — City leaders in Ferguson, where the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer sparked days of sometimes violent protests, say they will establish a review board to help guide the police department and make other changes to fix the city's relationship with its residents.

The Ferguson City Council was set to meet Tuesday for the first time since the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown by officer Darren Wilson. The shooting exposed an undercurrent of racial unrest in Ferguson and other nearby suburbs in mostly black communities of north St. Louis County.

Changes the City Council plans to make include reducing the revenue from court fines used for general city operations and reforming court procedures, according to a statement

from a public relations firm hired by Ferguson. Critics say reliance on court revenue and traffic fines to fund city services more heavily penalizes low-income defendants who can't afford private attorneys and who are often jailed for not promptly paying those fines.

"The overall goal of these changes is to improve trust within the community and increase transparency, particularly within Ferguson's courts and police department," Councilman Mark Byrne said in the statement. "We want to demonstrate to residents that we take their concerns extremely seriously."

The U.S. Justice Department announced last week that it was launching a broad investigation into the Ferguson Police Department, looking for patterns of discrimination. That inquiry is separate from the one into Brown's death, which a local grand jury is also investigating.

Ferguson, a city of 21,000, is about 70 percent black. Its 53-member police department has just three black officers. The mayor and five of the six City Council members are white.

A 2013 report by the Missouri attorney general's office found that Ferguson police stopped and arrested black drivers nearly twice as often as white motorists, but were less likely to find contraband among the black drivers.

In the last fiscal year, court fines and fees accounted for \$2.6 million, or nearly one-fifth of the city budget. That's nearly twice as much as the city collected two years earlier.

ArchCity Defenders, a St. Louis legal group that represents indigent

defendants, recently singled out courts in Bel-Ridge, Ferguson and Florissant as "chronic offenders" among a group of 30 municipal courts where problems were documented.

In Ferguson, defendants described a system so overwhelmed by crowds that bailiffs would lock the door five minutes after the scheduled start time — then issue failure to appear warrants for those who arrived late.

Police have said the shooting of Brown came followed a scuffle after Wilson told Brown and a friend to move out of the street and onto a sidewalk. Some witnesses have reported seeing Brown's arms in the air before the shooting. Autopsies concluded he was shot at least six times.

with cheers as Cook proclaimed that he had "one more thing." It was how Jobs used to close his keynote addresses.

That one more thing was named the Apple Watch, rather than the iWatch that many people had been speculating.

Cook says Apple had to invent a new interface for the watch because simply shrinking a phone would not work. Much of the interaction will be through the dial on the watch, which Apple calls the digital crown. It's used to zoom in and out of a map, for instance.

Apple also worked with app developers to create new functionality. Users will be able to unlock room doors at Starwood hotels or remind themselves where they parked cars with a BMW app.

The new watch will come in a variety of styles and straps, with a choice of two sizes. Watches from competing vendors have been criticized for being too big for smaller wrists.

The watch will require one of the new iPhones or an iPhone 5s or 5c. It will be available early next year at a starting price of \$349.

New Software

Though much of the attention has been on new gadgets, the software powering those gadgets is getting its annual refresh. Apple considers iOS 8 to be its biggest update since the introduction of the app store in 2008.

Existing iPhone and iPad users will be eligible for the free upgrade, too.

Among other things, iOS 8 will let devices work better in sync. For instance, it will be possible to start a message on an iPhone and finish it on an iPad. With an upcoming Mac upgrade called Yosemite, it will be possible to continue working on that same message on a Mac computer as well.

These handoff features will extend to the new Apple Watch, too.

The new software will be available to existing users on Sept. 17.

Closing out the event, U2 performed on stage before Cook made its new album, "Songs of Innocence" available for free to all customers of Apple's iTunes.

Apple's stock was up 1 percent to \$99.36 in Tuesday's late afternoon trading.

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of the county's sufficient interest in the project and the land that the district's permitting process involves.

Gulf Power Company is paying a full half, \$31,500, of the estimated \$63,000 it will take to initially evaluate the properties and seek certification, a multiphase process.

And, if certification is achieved, other funding for associated costs will be sought in grants and other forms of support from state and

federal agencies.

McCallum Sweeney Consulting is carrying out the initial evaluation and certification effort.

The other funding would be needed to make the sites ready once the evaluation helps determine what's needed at the locations to make them business-ready.

Gulf Power is the driving force behind the certification process, creating it as a means of identifying, developing and marketing various areas around the county.

McCallum Sweeney is also working on a similar certification process 500-acre parcel

located in the combined Marianna/Jackson County Distribution Park and Construction Services Park, the same complex where the Family Dollar Distribution Center and Hanson Concrete plants are located.

It will also attempt to certify the entire 1,600-acre Marianna Airport and Industrial Park.

The Spanish Trail Industrial Site project is the only privately held parcel currently involved in the certification attempt.

If the land ultimately stays in private ownership, the certification would become an asset of the owners.

FAMU

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a programming assistant in the office of student activities, which deals with all on-campus student events, like homecoming.

Borders said she wants to get across one big point when she gets the attention of local students this weekend. "My main message is this: You can do absolutely anything you put your mind to," Borders said. "The choices you make are important and as long as you keep your eyes on the prize while you're making those choices, anything is

possible," she said. "Thankfully I grew up in Jackson County, where great community leaders shaped me and made me the person I am today. I will never forget where I came from, and I want to reach out to the younger people and let them know that we're here for them."

Rounding out the trio of speakers well known in Jackson County is Lawrence Brown. He is FAMU's First Year Experience coordinator. He's partnering with the Northwest Florida Chapter of the FAMU Alumni Association to carry off the Sept. 13 event in Jackson County. Brown taught at Marianna High

School in 2002 and at Sneads High School from 2004-07. His job at FAMU, essentially, is to make sure all freshmen students transition well from high school into the college environment.

Brown says there are several other speakers scheduled to appear as well, and that the FAMU contingent will have scholarship applications with them, ready for students to fill out.

There's a very good chance, Brown said, that if they qualify, many local young people could find out in a few weeks time that they've snagged one of them.

NYC police: Terror threat more complex than ever

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Air strikes in Iraq, ongoing unrest in Syria and the beheadings of two American journalists are casting a long shadow over the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

While there is no specific threat against New York ahead of the Thursday commemoration, the rising power of disparate militant groups around the world presents the most complex terrorism danger since the twin towers were destroyed, New York intelligence officials said this week.

"It is layer upon layer upon layer — not all coming from the same place or ideology," said John Miller, the New York Police Department's deputy commissioner of intelligence and counterterrorism.

That differs from five years ago, when the risk was chiefly from al-Qaida, Miller said.

Now, he said, the threat is also coming from the well-funded, highly sophisticated "mass marketing of terrorism" — affiliate groups, foreign fighters, uprising militants and the idea of "al-Qaida-ism."

"When you look at the level of sophistication, the amount of slickness applied to their video production, the amount of thought that goes into creating a narrative," he said, "They're doing the

same kind of thing as we've seen in commercial publishing or in the ad industry."

New York remains the top target, and that makes preparing for big events, including the U.S. Open tennis tournament, the United Nations General Assembly and the Sept. 11 commemoration, that much more critical, officials said.

Plus, President Barack Obama plans this week to outline an expanded U.S. campaign against militants in Iraq and Syria following the beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff.

The White House said in a statement that Obama met Tuesday with senior administration officials to review security threats and preparedness ahead of the 9/11 anniversary.

New York Police Commissioner William Bratton said the department is prepared.

"We will, as always, ramp up intelligence gathering and visibility," Bratton said.

That means thousands of officers in specialized teams, bomb-sniffing dogs who can detect not only the scent of a bomb but the vapors of a moving target, undercover officers and teams of police using radioactive detection devices and other high-tech tools.

Intelligence officers around the globe will be

reporting in regularly and monitoring events around the world. If something happens in Gaza, it's instantly felt in New York because of the large Jewish and Palestinian populations.

"Things ricochet real quick here," said intelligence chief Thomas Galati.

The private anniversary ceremony will be held on the National September 11 Memorial & Museum plaza on Thursday morning.

The tribute has centered on reading the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed in New York, at the Pentagon and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the 2001 attacks, as well as recognizing the six people killed in the 1993 trade center bombing.

But for the first time, the memorial plaza will be open to the public this year from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Sandy Kowalchik, 49, of San Jose, California, said she was aware of the security concerns but it didn't change her plan to visit New York this week.

"It seems like authorities in the U.S. and the city are much more aware of anything going on," she said, standing near the reflecting pools at the 9/11 memorial.

"Heightened awareness makes people nervous, but it makes you more cognizant of what's around you."



In this Sept. 11, 2013 file photo, a police officer provides security at the National September 11 Memorial at the World Trade Center during ceremonies marking the anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York. New York City police plan heavy security for the anniversary ceremony on Thursday.

Terror plotter Padilla gets new 21-year sentence

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Convicted al-Qaida terrorism plotter Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen jailed for years as an enemy combatant, was handed a new 21-year prison sentence Tuesday because an appeals court determined his previous 17-year term was too lenient.

A jury found the Brooklyn-born Padilla guilty in 2007 on charges of supporting al-Qaida and terrorism conspiracy, which carried a possible life sentence. Evidence showed he attended an al-Qaida terrorist camp in Afghanistan before returning to the U.S. in May 2002 on what authorities originally claimed was a mission to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb" in a major city. Those accusations were later discarded when the "mission" was deemed only a sketchy idea.

Over Justice Department objections, U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke originally gave Padilla credit for his three-plus years in harsh Pentagon custody at a Navy brig in South Carolina. The new sentence essentially takes away the credit for those years. She rejected prosecutors' request for a 30-year term.



In this Jan. 5, 2006 file photo, Jose Padilla (center) is escorted to a waiting police vehicle by federal marshals near downtown Miami. Padilla is set to be sentenced a second time by a federal judge Tuesday in Miami because the original prison term of 17 years was too lenient. Padilla was arrested by the FBI in 2002 on what authorities said was an al-Qaida mission to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb" inside the U.S. Those accusations were later discarded.

Cooke, an appointee of President George W. Bush, whose administration approved Padilla's treatment, said she remained concerned that he had been held for so long without criminal charge, had almost no access to a lawyer and under conditions few U.S. citizens have experienced in this country.

"I was then, and am now, dismayed by the harshness of Mr. Padilla's prior confinement," Cooke said. Assistant U.S. Attorney

Assistant U.S. Attorney

His mother, Estella Lebron, called the case against Padilla "fabricated from the beginning."

"The way they treated my son, they don't treat an animal in America or anywhere else," she said.

The new sentence was imposed because the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2011 determined that Cooke erred in giving Padilla credit for the big years and also failed to properly account for his "heightened risk of dangerousness" due to the al-Qaida training. In addition, the appeals judges ruled that Padilla — a former Chicago "Latin Kings" gang member — deserved a longer sentence because of his 17 previous arrests.

Padilla, 43, was arrested in 2002 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport during the tense months after the 9/11 attacks and accused of the "dirty bomb" mission. It later emerged through U.S. interrogation of other al-Qaida suspects that the "mission" was only a sketchy idea, and those claims never surfaced in the South Florida terrorism case.

Before his 2005 indictment, Padilla's attorneys challenged the right of the Bush administration to continue holding a U.S.

citizen like him as a combatant without charge. Because he was finally charged criminally, the U.S. Supreme Court never got a chance to rule on the question.

Trial testimony showed that Padilla had begun frequenting a Florida mosque where his co-defendant, Adham Hassoun, was recruiting fighters for Muslim jihad overseas. Padilla eventually traveled to Egypt and on to Afghanistan. A key piece of evidence against him was his name on an al-Qaida form listing attendees at the al-Farooq terrorism training camp.

Hassoun and a third defendant, Islamist propagandist Kifah Janyoussi, were also convicted in the case. Hassoun is serving 15 years and Janyoussi 12 years. They are scheduled for release in 2017, another factor in Cooke's decision not to give Padilla a longer sentence.

"Mr. Hassoun and Mr. Janyoussi clearly manipulated Mr. Padilla," she said.

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Middle School Football

Bullpups cruise to 46-26 victory over Warriors

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Marianna Middle School Bullpups jumped out to a fast start and cruised to an easy 46-26 victory over the Walton Middle School Warriors on Tuesday evening at Bulldog Stadium.

It was the second straight win for the Bullpups, who improved to 2-1 on the young season.

Marianna scored the first 24 points of the game, going ahead by two scores before the Warriors took their first snap.

Ja'Tavis Groomes scored on a 26-yard touchdown run on the Bullpups' fourth play from

scrimmage, with Deshon Pollocks converting the two-point play.

The Bullpups got it right back by recovering an onside kick and needed just one play to reach the end zone again, as Robert Davis scored from 38 yards out and Pollocks again converted the two to make it 16-0 with 6:07 on the first quarter clock.

Davis struck again with a special teams score moments later, returning a Walton punt 60 yards for a touchdown, with Pollocks providing the conversion for a 24-0 edge.

Walton came back with a 46-yard touchdown pass from Eli-

jah Neal to Kentrel Parker for the first Warriors score of the night with 3:42 left in the first period, and scored again on a halfback pass when Tyrese Stuckey hit Parker from 20 yards out.

That cut the margin to 24-12 with 7:22 to halftime, but Marianna responded with a five-play, 53-yard drive capped off by a 23-yard TD run by Stephon McMillian, with Pollocks again getting the two to make it 32-12.

The Bullpups' defense came up with the next big play for MMS, as Groomes intercepted



Marianna's Trey Freeman (20) sacks the Walton quarterback near the 30 yard line in a game Tuesday night.

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Sports Briefs

High School Football

Friday - West Gadsden at Cottondale, 7 p.m.; Graceville at Blountstown, 7 p.m.; Marianna at Wakulla, 6:30 p.m.; Sneads at Franklin County, 7 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

Thursday - Wewahitchka at Cottondale, 6 p.m.; Bay at Marianna, 6 p.m.; Port St. Joe at Graceville, 6 p.m.

High School Volleyball

Tuesday - Sneads at Cottondale, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Altha at Marianna, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Graceville at Bethlehem, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Southern Elite

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

GETTING BACK ON TRACK



The Sneads Pirates prepare for kick off against West Gadsden in a game Aug. 22.

KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Pirates try to bounce back against Seahawks

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Sneads Pirates will look to bounce back from a frustrating loss to Baker last week when they head to Eastpoint on Friday to face the Franklin County Seahawks.

Sneads (1-1) opened the season with a dominant 42-0 win over John Paul II Catholic, the Pirates followed with their first loss after traveling to Baker and falling to the Gators 21-7.

"I was disappointed after the game. I thought we would play much better," Sneads coach Bill Thomas said. "It was one of the worst offensive nights we've had since I've been here."

The Pirates picked up just seven first downs all game while managing only 140 total yards of offense.

It didn't help that the team's top rusher, senior Javarris Goodson, suffered an ankle injury in the first quarter and did not return.

Goodson will be out again this week and most likely for the next two games, with fullback Bacarius Boykin taking his place in the backfield.

Boykin rushed for 44 yards on 10 carries against Baker, while Chris Greene had 27 yards on six attempts.

With Boykin becoming the primary ball-carrier, Thomas said he would need to take the senior off of his starting defensive tackle position to preserve his energy.

"I thought (Boykin) ran well the other night. The problem was he got worn out," the coach said.

"He got tired because he was going both ways, so we're going to try to just play him on offense this week and see how it works."

Sneads will get a boost on the defensive front from the return of Gavin Pittman, who is back after missing the first two weeks due to concussion symptoms.

The Pirates have been pretty banged up to start the year, with both starting right guard Bailey Beauchamp and starting right tackle Ethan Beauchamp sitting out Friday with ankle injuries.

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High School Volleyball

Marianna, Graceville suffer district disappointments

BY DUSTIN KENT
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Marianna's Lexie Basford (23) goes for the spike Monday night in the game against Pensacola Catholic.

KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

The Marianna Lady Bulldogs lost their second straight district game Monday night at home, falling to the Pensacola Catholic Lady Crusaders in three sets.

Pensacola Catholic won by scores of 25-13, 25-8, and 25-7 to improve to 2-0 in District 1-4A competition, while the Lady Bulldogs dropped to 0-2 after losing their league opener last week to Walton.

Both losses were in three sets, though Marianna coach Rochelle Summerwell said there was a stark difference in the performance of her players.

"We did not play as well (Monday night) as we did against Walton," she said. "Our movement and communication were lacking. We started off strong and went ahead 6-1 (in the first set),

but when (Pensacola Catholic) got ahead of us, it took the wind out of us, and our communication and movement slacked off.

"The girls got into a slump and we made a couple of mistakes and weren't really able to get out of that."

Marianna was scheduled to host Altha on Tuesday night before welcoming in Graceville on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Graceville downed by Wewa
The Graceville Lady Tigers were dealt their fourth straight loss Monday night in Wewahitchka, falling to the Lady Gators in three sets by scores of 25-14, 25-22, and 25-19.

The loss dropped Graceville to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in District 2-1A play.

"We played OK. It wasn't the best of situations with the weather and everything making us get there late. We rushed

to get ready, but that's no one's fault," Graceville coach Josh Graham said. "We didn't play to our potential. We made a rally in the second set, but by the third the body language wasn't good. We looked defeated."

After winning their season-opener against Holmes County, the Lady Tigers have lost four straight games without winning a set.

Graham said it has been a bit disappointing to see his team unable to build on the momentum of the opening win.

"We're just not playing up to our full potential. Everyone who sees us who knows volleyball keeps telling me that we've got a group of talented girls, but we're just not playing up to the potential," he said.

"We just have to find what the key is to flip that switch and roll with it. We're just not there yet."

Nike, others end business relationship with Rice

The Associated Press

Ray Rice's indefinite suspension from the NFL for domestic violence will cost him income from endorsements in addition to his \$4 million in salary.

Nike and Electronic Arts are among the businesses that announced Tuesday they have cut ties with Rice following the release of a video showing the former Baltimore Ravens running back striking his then-fiancee in February.

Nike Inc. confirmed its decision to end its relationship with Rice via an email. EA Sports made the announcement that it will take his image out of the Madden '15 video game on its "Madden NFL" official Twitter account.

Two other companies, BodyArmor sports drink and VertiMax sports training equipment, disassociated themselves from Rice earlier this year.

Rice made an estimated \$1.6 million a year from endorsements, according to Forbes magazine.

On Monday TMZ Sports released a grainy video showing Rice and Janay



In this May 23 file photo, Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice (right) speaks alongside his wife, Janay, during a news conference. He has since been released by the Ravens and suspended indefinitely after more video was released from the elevator where Rice struck his then-fiancee Janay Palmer in an Atlantic City casino.

Palmer in an elevator at an Atlantic City, New Jersey, casino. Each hits the other before Rice knocks Palmer off her feet and into a railing. Months ago, a TMZ video showed Rice dragging Palmer, now his wife, from the elevator at the Revel casino.

"He may have had a slight chance of saving his marketability before that video came out

(Monday)," San Francisco sports marketing analyst Bob Dorfman said. "The violence of the video, and just the horrific nature of it, you've seen what it's done to the public opinion of him."

The Ravens said on Twitter that they're planning to offer an exchange for Rice jerseys. His No. 27 jersey no longer is available on the NFL fan shop website,

and Dick's and Modell's are among the sporting goods stores that have pulled the jerseys from their racks.

Before the latest video was released, Rice also had been removed as a spokesman for East Coast-based M&T Bank.

Rice is among the high-profile athletes cut by Nike because of scandal. Cyclist Lance Armstrong and track star Justin Gatlin

were let go after they were found to have used performance-enhancing drugs and South African paralympic sprinter Oscar Pistorius after he was accused of murdering his girlfriend.

The athletic clothing and footwear giant Stob by Tiger Woods and Kobe Bryant after their infidelity made headlines. Nike dropped Michael Vick for his involvement in dog fighting, but the company re-signed him upon his re-entry to the NFL.

"Nike does not drop their athletes unless it is something very, very heavy," Dorfman said. "Basically what they do is keep you on contract and maybe go dark with advertisements or marketing and wait for things to blow over and bring you back. It's very rare that they terminate with somebody."

Dorfman said Rice presented a wholesome image prior to the assault, noting that Rice became spokesman for the Milk Mustache's "Got Milk?" campaign after the Ravens won the 2013 Super Bowl. The horrific nature of

the video of Rice punching Palmer will make it difficult for Rice, even if he returns to the NFL, to resuscitate his marketing potential.

Dorman described Rice as "toxic, totally radioactive, untouchable."

Rice had signed with BodyArmor in 2012, but his picture was removed from the company website days after his February arrest.

"Ray Rice is no longer a BodyArmor partner," company spokeswoman Lindsey Raivich wrote in an email Tuesday. "When his contract expired the brand chose not to renew."

Raivich declined further comment.

Vertimax dropped Rice on Monday, according to ESPN.com. A message was left for company publicist Al Marez.

In a statement to ESPN.com, VertiMax CEO Michael Wehrell said, "After internal discussion about the events that transpired, we determined that a future relationship with Ray did not align with our goals as a company."

49ers wants to give McDonald 'due process'

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco 49ers CEO Jed York said Tuesday that he will let "due process take its course" before deciding whether to discipline Ray McDonald after the defensive tackle was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence.

In his first public comments since McDonald's arrest Aug. 31, York told San Francisco's KNBR radio that he will not punish McDonald until he sees "evidence that it should be done or before an entire legal police investigation shows us something."

"I would much rather take shots at my reputation than to put somebody down and judge them before an entire investigation has taken place," York told the radio station.

York's comments echoed many of the remarks made by 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh and general manager Trent Baalke in the last two weeks. He reiterated that the team will not tolerate domestic violence and he considers McDonald's arrest serious, however, he repeatedly said he will not act until the investigation is completed.

"I'm comfortable if my reputation is going to take shots throughout this process," York said. "But my character is I will not punish somebody until we see evidence that it should be done or before an entire legal police investigation shows us something."

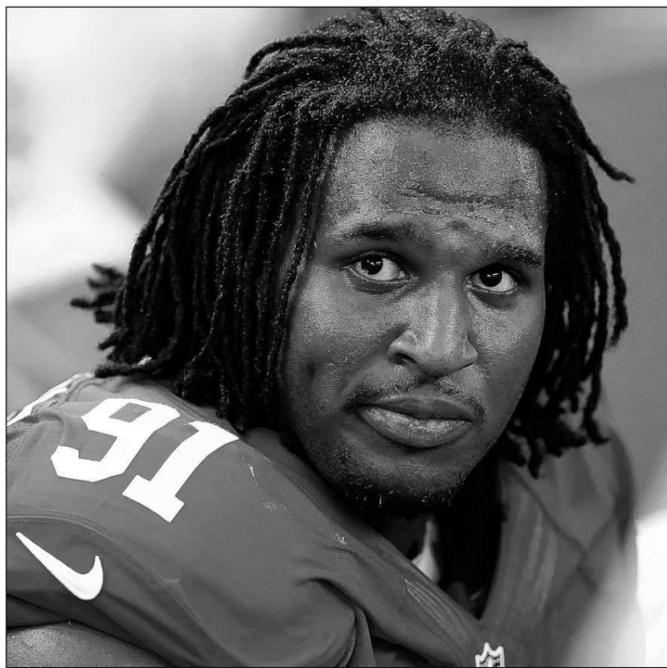
McDonald practiced all of last week and started in San Francisco's 28-17 win at Dallas on Sunday.

Public pressure has been building on the 49ers to sit McDonald down while prosecutors decide whether to charge him. The uproar escalated Monday following TMZ's release of new video showing Ray Rice knocking out his then-fiancee in an elevator.

The running back has been released by the Ravens and suspended indefinitely by the NFL, which initially suspended Rice two games.

York stressed that the public should not lump McDonald and Rice together just because both were arrested on domestic violence charges.

"Each case is its own separate case. Ray McDonald is not Ray Rice," York said. "And if there's another one, it's not the same as the previous. Each case is its own individual entity. And as a society, we have a sense of saying, 'Well,



In this Sept. 7 file photo, San Francisco 49ers' Ray McDonald sits on the bench during the second half against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

you didn't do it right with Ray Rice right away so you need to overdo it with Ray McDonald or whoever else it is.' And I don't believe that's the country that we live in. I don't think that's a fair way to approach it."

McDonald is out on \$25,000 bail following his arrest at his San Jose home where he was celebrating his 30th birthday with teammates and friends.

San Jose police have released few details surrounding McDonald's arrest, only saying that officers at the scene saw the alleged victim with "visible injuries." McDonald's arrest came just days after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced tougher penalties for players accused of domestic violence, including a six-week suspension for a first offense and at least a year for a second.

Asked about Goodell's handling of Rice's situation and if he should be reprimanded by owners, York said "it was obviously acknowledged that it was bungled by the league, and they came back and corrected it. Ray didn't take the field in the regular season. He was already down. They suspended him for the year. Could it have happened sooner? I don't understand the video,

what was seen, when it was seen, how it wasn't seen. I don't know the answers to that."

York said he hadn't spoken publicly about McDonald's arrest until now because the 49ers speak in "one voice." He said his views were expressed earlier by Harbaugh and Baalke, and he felt that was enough.

With multiple arrests in the past few years, York admitted the 49ers "haven't lived up to that expectation" of acting in a responsible way off the field. He said the team is doing everything it can to make changes.

As far as enforcing discipline, though, York cited flaws in the league's collective bargaining agreement with the players' union.

"We certainly need to take a very hard look at ourselves as a league and figure out a better way to do this," York said. "Coming back to Ray McDonald, we've got a collective bargaining agreement in place that makes it difficult for the teams to take an action, for the league to take action. We need to set any negotiating aside and figure if there's a better way through collective bargaining and through everything to look at domestic violence."

Union could vote on drug policy changes

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The 32 player representatives to the union could vote Tuesday on changes to the NFL's drug policy that potentially could implement HGH testing.

A person familiar with the talks over the past few weeks told The Associated Press that a conference call vote could come Tuesday evening "depending on the type of proposal" the league presents to the players association.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because drug policy negotiations between the union and league are confidential.

Both sides have

discussed changes to the policy on substance abuse and driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol. The union also is pushing for neutral arbitration in the appeals process and is seeking higher thresholds for positive marijuana tests. But the key element could be a test for human growth hormone.

HGH testing was agreed upon in the 2011 collective bargaining agreement that ended the lockout of the players. But the union has been uncomfortable with the science and the procedures for the testing, as well as how appeals would be handled. The league did agree to an appeal process several years ago.

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Pegulas reach definitive agreement to buy Bills

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Ralph Wilson's legacy to keep the Bills in Buffalo will be preserved after NHL Sabres owner Terry and Kim Pegula reached what was called "a definitive agreement" to purchase the NFL franchise on Tuesday.

The deal was announced in a statement issued by the trust overseeing the late Hall of Fame owner's estate.

"Ralph would have been

pleased with the sale of the team to the Terry Pegula family, who have been so committed to Buffalo and the western New York region," Wilson's widow and Bills controlling owner Mary Wilson said. "He loved his team and he cherished the fans, and his legacy will remain for all-time."

Wilson was the team's founder and sole owner, who often spoke out and voted against franchise relocation.

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Arizona Cardinals quarterback Carson Palmer (3) is hurried by San Diego Chargers outside linebacker Dwight Freney (left) during the second half in Glendale, Ariz., on Monday. The Cardinals won 18-17.

Palmer, Brown gives Arizona win

The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — John Brown made his first NFL touchdown a big one. The Arizona Cardinals believe many more are to follow.

The small, speedy rookie wide receiver from little Pittsburg State (Kansas) caught a 13-yard scoring pass from Carson Palmer with 2:25 to play, and the Arizona Cardinals rallied to beat the San Diego Chargers 18-17 on Monday night.

"It was a sweet little touchdown," Palmer said. "That's what he does. He's so shifty. It's like somebody's controlling him with a joystick. He is so quick and so hard to find on those little quick screens."

Brown took the short toss in the flat and eluded tacklers into the end zone, capping an 11-play, 91-yard drive.

"When I first caught the ball, I saw a Charger player coming, and I saw our guy block him," Brown said, "and I saw another Charger dude coming, and I took a step inside and he got blocked, and I ran right in the end zone."

Arizona trailed 17-6 after three quarters.

"We had some ups and downs," Cardinals coach Bruce Arians said. "It wasn't the prettiest game, but a win is a win."

Jerry Attaochu blocked a punt and forced a fumble, setting up 10 Chargers points.

"Too many mistakes. Too many mistakes in crucial times," Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers said. "We had plenty of opportunities. Offensively, we had too many mistakes

in crucial times that turned into points."

With his team trailing 6-3 at the half, San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers went 6 for 6 for 82 yards on a drive to open the second half. His six-yard pass to Malcom Floyd for the TD put the Chargers ahead 10-6.

After Attaochu forced Palmer's fumble, Ryan Mathews ran 20 yards for a touchdown that made it 17-6.

The Cardinals finally got a touchdown on a 10-play, 64-yard drive. Palmer scrambled and then tossed five yards to Stepfan Taylor to cut the lead to 17-12 with 12:30 to play. The two-point conversion try failed.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Chargers appeared to be headed for at least a field goal, but the snap from backup center Rich Ohrnberger bounced off of Rivers. By the time he fell on the ball, San Diego was out of field-goal range.

"I'm not looking for any excuses," Chargers coach Mike McCoy said. "I saw it on the big screen like everyone else saw it in the game. No excuses. It can't happen in that situation. That was a killer for us."

The Cardinals took the punt at their 9-yard line with 6:50 to go and mounted the long scoring march.

Arizona rookie Chandler Catanzaro kicked field goals of 44 and 22 yards.

The Cardinals had a 211-108 advantage in yards in the first two quarters but led only 6-3 on Catanzaro's 44-yarder as the half ended.

Jerraud Powers intercepted Rivers' pass at the Arizona 44 with 16 seconds left in the half. Palmer threw five yards to Andre Ellington, then 2 yards to Ted Ginn Jr. to set up the kick.

Arizona scored first on Catanzaro's 22-yard field goal with 12:42 left in the first half.

San Diego's lone first-half score came after Drew Butler's punt was blocked by Attaochu. Butler had been signed earlier Monday and took the place of regular punter Dave Zastudil, who was out with a groin injury.

Again, Arizona's defense shut down the Chargers, and Nick Novak's 36-yard field goal tied it 3-3 with six minutes to play.

The only big play of the first quarter was Palmer's long pass that hit Michael Floyd in stride for a 63-yard gain to the Chargers 28. But two plays later, Marcus Gilchrist wrestled the ball away from Andre Ellington.

The ball bounced downfield, where Arizona tackle Bobby Massie tried to pick up the ball rather than fall on it. Initially, officials ruled Massie had recovered, but Chargers coach Mike McCoy challenged and the call was reversed. Donald Butler recovered the ball for San Diego at the Chargers 28.

Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald caught one pass with 4:04 to play to keep alive his streak of at least one reception in 150 consecutive games.

Notes: Kurt Warner was inducted into the Cardinals' Ring of Honor in a halftime ceremony. ... Arizona defensive tackle Frostee Rucker left the game early due to a calf injury. ... San Diego starting center Nick Hardwick left the game in the first half with a left ankle injury. ... Ellington had been listed as questionable with a left foot injury.

Stafford leads Lions to win over Giants

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Matthew Stafford was at his best when improvising — and that alone may be a sign of improvement.

Stafford threw two early touchdown passes to Calvin Johnson, and Detroit beat the New York Giants 35-14 on Monday night in Jim Caldwell's first game as Lions coach. It was a bright start for the Lions and their quarterback after the team collapsed down the stretch in 2013 — in part because of Stafford's turnovers.

"I don't work on my moves a lot during practice, but I know I have to be better with my feet this year so that we can keep playing alive," Stafford said. "On both of the touchdown passes to Calvin, the offensive line got me a lot of time, and he was able to uncover himself and find somewhere open."

The Lions intercepted Eli Manning twice in their first Monday night opener since 1971. Stafford went 22 of 32 for 346 yards, and Johnson had seven catches for 164 yards. Manning was 18 of 33 for 163 yards and a touchdown for the Giants, who started 0-6 last season and never led in their 2014 opener.

"No excuses. We played very poorly," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "We don't have a lot to be proud of here. Couldn't move the ball, couldn't stop them, turned the ball over, got into that business again. Got a punt blocked, so you name it. It was a nightmare performance."

Stafford scrambled to his right and threw deep to Johnson on the game's first drive, and defensive backs Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Stevie Brown appeared to collide. Nobody else on the Giants was anywhere near Detroit's star receiver, who was able to jog into the end zone for a 67-yard touchdown.

Later in the first, Stafford scrambled to his left, and then threw back to his right. Johnson made a diving catch in the back of the end zone for a 16-yard TD and a 14-0 lead.

"When Matt breaks the pocket, I know I have to keep working, because he can put the ball anywhere on the field," Johnson said. "We worked out together a lot during the offseason, and we did a lot of footwork drills. You can see that it is paying off for him. He's making moves."

Stafford's two touchdown passes came on what looked like broken plays, and so did his 5-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. He scrambled up the middle on that one and cut to his left to avoid a potential tackler.

The Giants also missed the playoffs last season, thanks mostly to that terrible start. They were eager to begin on a better note against the Lions, but barely five minutes into the game, defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul went down with a neck injury. He was able to walk off the field, but he was taken in for X-rays.

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Chiefs sign Vickerson amid several moves

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs began reworking their injury-depleted defense Tuesday, signing former Denver Broncos tackle Kevin Vickerson amid a flurry of roster moves.

The deal for Vickerson is a one-year contract, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because terms were not disclosed.

Vickerson will have the opportunity to start right away. The Chiefs lost

defensive tackle Mike DeVito for the season with a ruptured Achilles tendon in Sunday's 26-10 loss to Tennessee.

The Chiefs also moved to shore up the linebacker spot after losing Derrick Johnson to his own ruptured Achilles tendon, and with Joe Mayes on injured reserve following wrist surgery.

Third-year linebacker Jerry Franklin, who played in 10 last season for the Chicago Bears, was signed from the Chiefs' practice squad to the 53-man roster ahead of Sunday's game in Denver.

In other moves, the Chiefs activated wide receiver Dwayne Bowe from the suspended list; signed wide receiver Armon Binns, tight end Adam Schiltz, cornerback Robert Steeples, defensive tackle Jerel Worthy and offensive tackle Curtis Feigt to the practice squad; and waived from the practice squad fullback Jordan Campbell, defensive tackle Hebron Fangupo, center Ben Gottschalk and wide receiver Darryl Surgent.

The 31-year-old Vickerson spent the past four seasons in Denver and

was waived prior to the season. He played well two years ago, making 40 tackles and a pair of sacks, but had his season end prematurely last year when he dislocated a hip against New England in November.

He began his career in Tennessee and has made 153 tackles and 6 1/2 sacks in seven seasons.

Jaye Howard took the majority of snaps after DeVito left the game last Sunday. Vance Walker will also have a chance to earn playing time after signing as a free agent in the offseason.

Aaron Hernandez seeks to suppress cell phone evidence

The Associated Press

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Lawyers for former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez have asked a judge to suppress evidence from his cell phone, saying state police didn't have a warrant to take it after his arrest last year.

The motion filed Monday in Bristol Superior Court says prosecutors misled his attorneys and improperly relied on warrants they had to search Hernandez's home and the phone. The filing says that when prosecutors

learned Hernandez's attorneys had the phone, they should have sought a separate, more stringent, search warrant for the law firm.

The court filing says prosecutors "deliberately induced Mr. Hernandez's lawyers to turn over his cell phone based upon a false claim of legal authority."

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to murder in the fatal shooting of semi-professional football player Odin Lloyd in June 2013. Lloyd, of Boston, was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée.

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Basketball World Cup



Anthony Davis (left) and James Harden (right) of the U.S. vies for the ball with Slovenia's Domen Lorbek during the Basketball World Cup quarterfinal between Slovenia and United States in Barcelona, Spain on Tuesday.

US beats Slovenia in quarterfinal game

The Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Klay Thompson scored 20 points and James Harden had 12 of his 14 in the third quarter after a scoreless first half, helping the U.S. turn a close game into a 119-76 rout of Slovenia on Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the Basketball World Cup.

Kenneth Faried also had 14 for the Americans, who will play Lithuania on Thursday in Barcelona for a spot in Sunday's gold-medal game in Madrid. Lithuania beat Turkey 73-61 earlier Tuesday.

Derrick Rose finished with 12 points after coming into the game shooting 8 for 37 in the World Cup.

Goran Dragic of the Phoenix Suns lead Slovenia with 13 points.

The Americans led by only five points early in the third quarter before tearing off a 27-10 run. Harden and Stephen Curry finally got going after the All-Stars combined to miss all 12 shots in the first half.

That made it 76-54 with about two minutes left in the period, and the game

turned altogether lopsided after the Americans scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter to lead 96-64.

So the scoreboard ended up looking much like the Americans' 101-71 exhibition rout the week the tournament opened, when they rode huge advantages in points in the paint and at the free throw line.

But it didn't look that way for a while for a U.S. team that had been mostly unchallenged in the tournament while beating opponents by 31.5 points a game.

The Americans shot poorly at the start, but that just gave them more opportunities to pad their rebound totals. They missed 21 shots in the first quarter but grabbed 14 offensive boards and scored 15 second-chance points, though their lead was only 29-22 after one.

The U.S. lead grew to 12 in the second quarter, but the Americans managed only a 3-pointer by Rudy Gay over the final 2 1/2 minutes, and Zoran Dragic's 3-pointer with 36 seconds remaining cut it to 49-42 at the break.

Lithuania beats Turkey to reach the semifinals

The Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Renaldas Seibutis scored 11 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter and Lithuania outshot Turkey from behind the 3-point line to win 73-61 on Tuesday and earn a spot in the semifinals of the Basketball World Cup.

Lithuania, the reigning bronze medalists, will play the winner of the other quarterfinal between the United States and Slovenia later at the Palau Sant Jordi.

Backup guard Martynas Pocius added 13 points off the bench as Lithuania's substitutes outscored Turkey's 28-6 to help eliminate the 2010 silver medalists. Kerem Gonlum paced Turkey with 13 points.

A game featuring two NBA big men in Lithuania's Jonas Valanciunas and Turkey's Omer Asik was decided from beyond the arc.

Turkey had needed two last-minute 3s by Emir Predzic to overcome a five-point deficit and stun Australia in the round of 16. But the Turks only shot 3-of-18 from long range against a Lithuania team that made 10-of-19.

As Lithuania coach Kazlauskas put it: "All Lithuanians can shoot. Me too." "They were concentrating on the inside so we had a lot of space on the perimeter," Kazlauskas added.

Asik started strong for Turkey with six of his 11



Turkey's Omer Asik (left) vies for the ball with Lithuania's Ksistof Lavrinovic (center) during their Basketball World Cup quarterfinal match in Barcelona, Spain on Tuesday.

points in the opening period to help build an early 14-6 lead. But the New Orleans Pelicans center was limited by fouls as the game wore on and Turkey's guards lost their shooting touch. Predzic looked set for another big night when he made his first three baskets, but he managed only four more points for a total of 10.

Valanciunas kept Lithuania afloat with six first-quarter points while its guards struggled early.

The Toronto Raptors center finished with 12 points and a game-high

13 rebounds, after several bruising battles with Asik in the low post. One no-call on what he deemed a foul earned Valanciunas a technical for protesting, but after cooling down on the bench he returned to help Lithuania dominate the final quarter when its shots started to fall.

Three 3-pointers by reserve big man Darjus Lavrinovic at the start of the second period with Valanciunas on the bench sparked a 27-14 run to send Lithuania into halftime up 33-28.

NBA

Hawks discipline GM Ferry for racist comments

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta Hawks CEO Steve Koonin said Tuesday he is sticking with Danny Ferry even though the team's new majority owner wants the general manager to be fired.

Koonin told the Atlanta's 92.9 The Game, the Hawks' flagship radio station, he made the decision to discipline Ferry but keep him in place as GM. He said he relied on Atlanta law firm Alston and Bird's three-month investigation of Ferry and his racially charged description of Luol Deng.

Ferry made the inflammatory comments about Deng in a conference call with the Hawks' ownership group in June when the team pursued Deng as a free agent.

Atlanta media outlets obtained a letter Monday night from co-owner Mi-

chael Gearon Jr. which cites Ferry telling the ownership group that Deng "has a little African in him."

Gearon's letter on June 12 to co-owner

Bruce Levenson said Ferry went on to say, "Not in a bad way, but he's like a guy who would have a nice store out front and sell you counterfeit stuff out of the back."

Added Gearon: "Ferry completed the racial slur by describing the player (and impliedly all persons of African descent) as a two-faced liar and cheat."

Deng, 29, was born in what is now South Sudan. His father moved his family to Egypt and then England. The 10-year NBA veteran is now a British citizen and played for England in the

2012 Olympics. Deng, like Ferry, also played at Duke.

Koonin said the firm went through 24,000 documents, conducted 19 interviews and read "every email Danny Ferry has ever sent as general manager of the Atlanta Hawks." Koonin said no other negative information on Ferry was found in the probe.

"I took their advice and far exceeded their advice," Koonin said of the undisclosed punishment he imposed on Ferry.

Hawks spokesman Garin Narain said the investigation of Ferry's comments uncovered a racially inflammatory email written two years ago by Levenson. That discovery led to Levenson's announcement Sunday that he will sell his controlling share of the team.

In his letter, Gearon rec-

ommended that Ferry resign or be fired.

"I understand that emotion," Koonin said of Ferry's recommendation. "I certainly understand that emotion. I know people who have said that to me. But if we sentence people based on what everybody wanted, we wouldn't have a justice system."

"I listened to what (the law firm) said because they had done the work ... so that's a decision I'm willing to live with."

Gearon warned Levenson he believed Ferry's comments "could be fatal to the franchise" if made public.

Gearon said he and the other co-owners "were appalled that anyone would make such a racist slur under any circumstance, much less the GM of an NBA franchise on a major conference call."

NBA Brief

Pistons center Greg Monroe suspended 2 games

NEW YORK — Detroit Pistons center Greg Monroe has been suspended for two games without pay for pleading guilty to driv-

ing while visibly impaired in Michigan.

The NBA announced the penalty Tuesday, a day after the Pistons signed the restricted free agent to a \$5.48 million, one-year qualifying offer.

Monroe's suspen-

sion will begin with the first game of the regular season.

He apologized to his family, the team and fans in a statement released by the Pistons. Monroe says he takes "full responsibility" and made a "regret-

table mistake." The team says he has "taken responsibility in a conscientious manner."

The 24-year-old player averaged 15.2 points and 9.3 rebounds last season.

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Florida State uses off week to heal

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — No. 1 Florida State gets an early open date this year, and it comes at a nice time for the banged-up Seminoles.

Florida State had three defensive linemen go down with lower leg injuries last week and the extra time could allow them to return to the lineup in time for No. 23 Clemson on Sept. 20 — arguably their toughest conference game of the season.

“I think it does (help),” coach Jimbo Fisher said. “You get to watch more film, but sometimes you get to overthinking things, too. What I like about the week is getting fundamentally sound again.”

“And it came at a good time because of our health. Off weeks, you think they’re at the right times before games, but this one turned out to be pretty good because of our health. Let some guys get healthy, get some other guys back hopefully and see where we’ll go.”

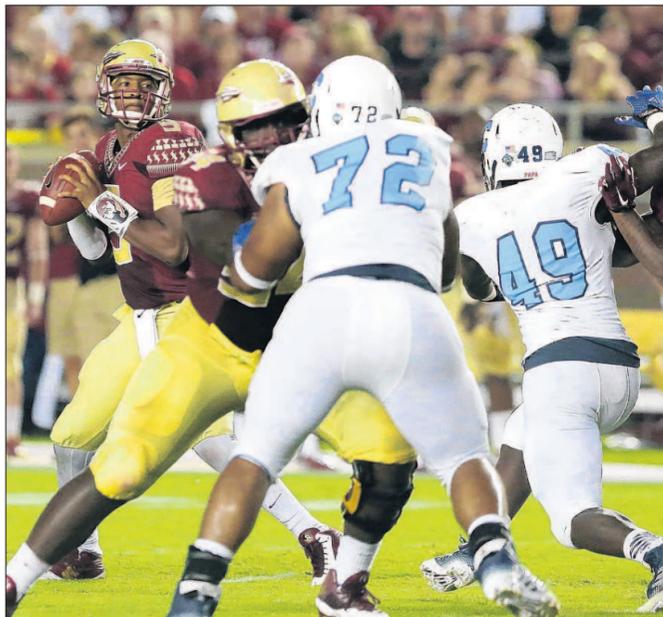
Defensive linemen Eddie Goldman and Nile Lawrence-Stample missed practice Tuesday after they were injured during the Seminoles’ 37-12 win against The Citadel last weekend. Backup defensive tackle Justin Shanks also sat out.

Fisher said all three will be “evaluated day by day,” but didn’t give any specifics about the injuries.

The linemen have lower-leg injuries that were being attributed to cut blocks used by the Bulldogs in their triple-option scheme. Goldman was seen on crutches with his left foot in a walking boot after the game.

Cornerback P.J. Williams was not in pads as he recovers from a hamstring injury that he aggravated in the season opener. He didn’t play last week.

The Seminoles are 3-1 against Clemson since Fisher took over the program, so the coaching staff knows the Tigers as well as any opponent. FSU went into Clemson last year and won 51-14 in a rout that



Florida State's Jameis Winston (far left) looks down field for a receiver as he attempts a pass against the Citadel defense in Tallahassee, Fla., on Saturday.

propelled the team to the national championship.

Defensive end Derrick Mitchell Jr. said he plans to use some of the extra time from the bye week to watch Clemson’s 45-21 loss to Georgia from two weeks ago. Former FSU defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt holds the same position at Georgia and Mitchell wants to see what the Bulldogs did that worked well.

“Clemson has a very unique offense,” Mitchell said. “Just having that extra time to break down their film.”

Offensive lineman Cam Erving said an off week is always a positive, but agreed with Fisher that the extra time can lead to unnecessary nitpicking.

“You can never watch too much film, but I’ve watched so much film that I started second-guessing

myself as to what I was doing,” Erving said. “There’s pros and cons to it all. You just have to make sure that you know what you’re looking at and have the discipline to just stay within the framework of what you’ve been taught.”

The Seminoles did get linebacker Ukeme Eligwe back on the practice field for the first time since spring on Tuesday. He’s been out with a foot injury, but the Clemson game has been a target for his return.

“Very athletic, looked very good,” Fisher said. “We’ll bring him along here as we go, as quickly as he can go.”

“We have a little plan for him. It was his first day out at practice, we have to see how it reacts, if there was a lot of soreness, any swelling, I don’t anticipate any, but you have to wait to see.”

June Jones resigns

The Associated Press

DALLAS — SMU coach June Jones resigned Monday only two games into his seventh season at the school, citing unspecified personal reasons for the decision.

The resignation, effective immediately, came after the Mustangs scored only one touchdown while losing their first two games this season.

“It was a very difficult decision for me to make, as you can imagine. I have devoted my life for the last 50 years to playing and coaching this game and it has been a great journey,” Jones said in a statement released by the school. “This job has a lot of demands, as you know, and along with that journey comes

a price that is paid. I have some personal issues I have been dealing with and I need to take a step away so I can address them at this time.”

The 61-year-old Jones, who was 36-43 at SMU after nine seasons at Hawaii, didn’t elaborate on what those personal issues were. The former NFL coach didn’t return a message left on his cell by The Associated Press.

Jones’ agent, Leigh Steinberg sent out a tweet Monday in which he wrote that Jones “had felt for some time he had accomplished mission to turn around program and needed a break.”

Defensive coordinator Tom Mason, who was Jones’ associate head coach, was elevated to the top job for the rest of the season.

Wake Forest QB Sousa suspended indefinitely

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest says it has indefinitely suspended reserve quarterback Kevin Sousa for a violation of team rules.

The redshirt junior hadn’t played in either of the first two games for the Demon Deacons (1-1) and hasn’t thrown a

college pass.

He redshirted the 2011 season and played in two games off the bench the following year. He moved from quarterback to receiver midway through last season and played in the final two games as a reserve but didn’t record a catch.

He moved back to quarterback in the spring.

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Penn State coach grateful for bowl chance

The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State coach James Franklin has been flooded with congratulatory messages about his football team’s bowl prospects now that the NCAA has lifted the most severe sanctions to the program for the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

Not so fast. The Nittany Lions aren’t in a bowl yet. But the chance for a late December bowl berth is something that was missing from their early-season hopes.

“Now, there is nothing being held back from them in terms of opportunities,” Franklin said Tuesday. “They have the ability to chase their dreams now.”

The sanctions were first imposed two years ago, including a four-year postseason ban. The announcement moved the university a step farther away from the fallout from Sandusky, a former assistant coach convicted of sexual abuse of 10 boys, including acts at university facilities.

Tom Kline, a lawyer who negotiated a settlement with Penn State for one of the eight victims who testified against Sandusky at trial, said it made sense to ease the penalties, given the university’s reforms and other actions.

“I believe that the university should be able to move forward positively, based on everything they have done,” Kline said. “Lifting the sanctions is something that is earned, deserved and is a correct decision.”

Former NCAA enforcement officials criticized the easing as potentially setting a precedent for other schools that misbehave.

In addition to postseason play, Penn State also will be allowed to have the full complement of football scholarships in 2015.

“It will have an impact on this class,” Franklin said. “I don’t know if it will be as big an impact as some people think.”

Franklin said Tuesday there are 49 players who could have left when the sanctions hit. They were all given a standing ovation at a team meeting

Monday night.

“We are all in debt to them,” Franklin said. “We’re going to play for them because they were here for this program and this university when we needed them most.”

Penn State senior linebacker Mike Hull said he was eating lunch with teammates at a Chik-fil-A when they all found out on Twitter. Hull was one of the holdovers who never wavered in his commitment toward the program.

“I’m a Penn State guy at heart,” Hull said, adding that he never thought the bowl ban would be lifted.

There was a peaceful, jubilant celebration on campus late Monday night after the lifting was announced. The mob of students chanted former coach Joe Paterno’s name and, of course, threw in the popular “We Are” chant.

The rally was much different from violent reactions seen 2½ years ago when disgruntled students learned Paterno was fired.

Good times — and big games — are back at Penn State.

“Last night was an opportunity maybe for that pride and that excitement to explode,” Franklin said. The scandal badly tar-

nished what had been one of college sports’ most respected programs, led to charges of a criminal cover-up against former university administrators Graham Spanier, Gary Schultz and Tim Curley — whose cases are still pending.

Some of the 40 scholarships the program was originally docked were restored earlier than expected a year ago.

The university still must pay a \$60 million fine, vacate 111 wins that came under Paterno, plus another victory under interim coach Tom Bradley, and the school will remain under monitoring.

“It’s never as clean as everybody thinks it is,” Franklin said.

Former Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe, who worked in NCAA enforcement during the 1980s, said rolling back the sanctions gives the appearance of the NCAA acknowledging it might have overreached by getting involved with the Sandusky scandal.

“My first blush is I don’t know how it could be perceived differently,” he said. “I’d be very curious to dive into (the NCAA’s) rationale.”

The Nittany Lions (2-0) play Saturday at Rutgers. If the Nittany Lions win the East division, they will be eligible to play in the Big Ten championship game.

Penn State went 15-9 during the first two seasons of the sanctions under coach Bill O’Brien, who was hired to replace Paterno.

Paterno was the winningest coach in major college football history when he was fired not long after Sandusky, his former defensive coordinator, was charged in November 2011. Paterno died in January 2012 and lost his record when the NCAA vacated those 111 victories.

O’Brien left for the Houston Texans of the NFL after last season and Franklin was hired away from Vanderbilt to take his place.

Franklin said no one at Penn State ever told him during his job offer that the sanctions would be eliminated.

“That carrot was never dangled in front of me, that carrot was never dangled in front of recruits,” he said. “It was very black and white. These are what the sanctions say right now. This is what we’re living with and we’re moving forward.”

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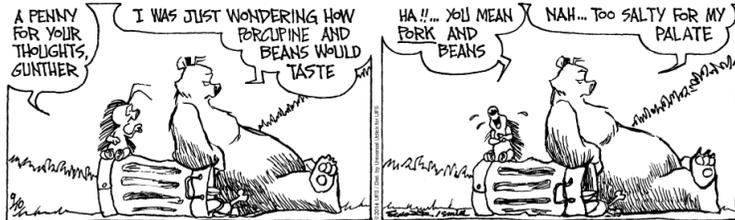
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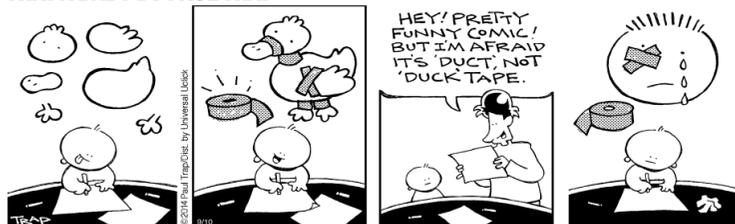
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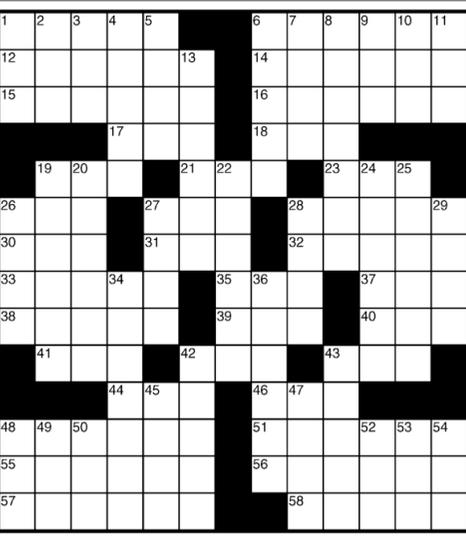
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TODAY'S CLUE: *g s j e m b e u*

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Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is not the day to try to outwit the opposition. You will get further if you spend some downtime doing things you find relaxing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't allow anyone to undermine your integrity. Stay in control and in command. Be firm regarding your intentions, and refuse to let anyone steal your ideas or take credit for your work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Put your ideas into practice. Stop procrastinating, and finish what you start. If you keep jumping from project to project, you can't expect to get ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your day will bring you more benefits than you anticipate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Plan your next move carefully. If you rush ahead without considering the consequences, you will be disappointed with the results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You are a prime candidate for a leadership position. Invest in yourself and let your dynamic personality propel you forward.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't act irrationally. Think twice before you decide to eliminate people or possessions from your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Watch out for damaging gossip about you that is currently circulating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Add comfort and value to your home with renovations or upgrades.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An upsetting turn of events will work out to your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't get hung up on what's happening around you. Keep your emotions out of the equation. If you can remain focused, you will knock a lot of items off of your to-do list.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Romance is looking good for you. This will be a great day to seek recognition for your work on a current project.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: We were happy to see a vacant house on our block sell and were pleased to meet the new neighbors. We were willing to overlook the reek of tobacco and the cigarette butts in our driveway. The cat droppings in our flower and vegetable beds were harder to take. The real problem is that their teenagers race up and down the street at all hours and then park in front of our house smoking and playing with their phones while revving their very loud engines, setting our teeth on edge. These folks have a two-car garage, a concrete parking pad and a long driveway. Why are they parking on the street, let alone in front of the neighbors? We wanted to like these people, but now we just wish they would move out. Any suggestions? Talking to them didn't help.

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Bridge

Shoshana Zuboff, who recently retired from her post as the Charles Edward Wilson Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, said, "Activities that seem to represent choices are often inert reproductions of accepted practice."

There are bridge deals that appear to fit a mold, but with careful analysis, one can see that they are not an inert reproduction of accepted practice.

In today's deal, South is in two no-trump. How should he plan the play after West leads the heart queen and East signals with his nine?

South starts with six top tricks: two spades, one heart and three diamonds. There are two routes to eight tricks: four spades, one heart and three diamonds; or two spades, one heart and five diamonds. Getting four spade tricks seems to require the finesse to work -- a 50 percent chance; while collecting five diamond winners is a 54 percent shot.

So it seems right to play on diamonds. Here, though, when the diamonds break badly, South does not have a hand entry to take the spade finesse. He will cash the spade ace and king to drop the queen, but that only provides three tricks in the suit, not four.

The right line, after winning with the heart ace, is to lead the spade jack to encourage West to cover if he has the queen. But after he plays low, declarer wins with dummy's king and cashes the spade ace.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 13000819CAAXMX
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL

LEGAL NOTICES

ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP T. CRAWFORD; JENNIFER C. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 14, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000819CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for JACKSON County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and PHILIP T. CRAWFORD; JENNIFER C. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE NORTH DOOR, at 4445 LAFAYETTE STREET, MARIANNA in JACKSON County, FLORIDA 32446, at 11:00 A.M., on the 2nd day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE WEST 73.92 FEET OF LOT 15, BLOCK 2, OF DEERING ADDITION TO THE PLAT OF THE CITY OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA, BEING IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Dated this 14th day of August, 2014.

DALE RABON GUTHRIE
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By Tammy Bailey
As Deputy Clerk

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LF160166 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO: DR-2014-900069
In Re: The Marriage of TRAVIS HOWARD GILL, Plaintiff, vs: RUBY FAYE DUKE, Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Ruby Faye Duke, Defendant, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Travis Howard Gill, Plaintiff Complaint for Divorce and other relief by the 24th day of September, 2014, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in the above-captioned case number DR-2014-900069, now pending in the Circuit Court of Cherokee County, Alabama.

DONE this 11th day of August, 2014.

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Oklahoma coach Stoops' rivalry with SEC continues

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Bob Stoops toned it down, at least for a day.

Oklahoma's coach knew questions about his vocal disdain for the Southeastern Conference's perceived superiority were coming Monday as his fourth-ranked Sooners prepared for SEC member Tennessee.

He shook most of them off, but when asked about the SEC's supposed belief that its athletes are a cut above, Stoops delivered the closest thing to a quip he would offer.

"I don't know," he said. "That hasn't been the case in our experience. Whoever we've played, that hasn't been much of a difference."

Oklahoma linebacker Geneo Grissom was more direct about his coach's thoughts.

"We all know coach Stoops' feelings about the SEC," Grissom said. "As his guys, we're 100 percent behind him. We're going to make sure we help him out there and make a statement in that aspect."

Stoops has criticized the SEC as far back as the spring of 2013, when he



Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops (left) and associate head coach Mike Stoops (center) argue a call with an official in the first quarter against Louisiana Tech in Norman, Okla., on Saturday.

called some of the stories about the league's supremacy "propaganda."

He had little to go on because his Sooners had lost three straight against SEC opponents and had just been routed by Johnny

Manziel and SEC member Texas A&M 41-13 in the Cotton Bowl.

Stoops got some ammunition when Oklahoma stunned Alabama 45-31 in the Sugar Bowl and took significant momentum

into the offseason. This past summer, Stoops took exception to Alabama coach Nick Saban's comment that the Sugar Bowl was a consolation game. On Oklahoma's media day, when asked about his ini-

tial response to Saban, he replied: "Oh, get over it. Again, where am I lying?"

Even in weeks the Sooners don't play SEC teams, Stoops gets questions about the conference. A week ago, when asked

if Alabama's close call against West Virginia was another example of the SEC struggling to stop a Big 12 spread offense, he wouldn't get into it.

"I'm not gonna sit here and talk about that," he said. "You guys are more than capable of doing that without me. I cause enough waves. This isn't the out-of-season where I cause waves."

While Stoops isn't necessarily a fan of the SEC's hype, he's fine with Tennessee and coach Butch Jones.

"We've got respect for the program," Stoops said. "The coach is getting in their second season now."

"They're a better football team than they were a year ago. They've recruited really well in the last couple of years. They're 2-0, and they've looked really good to this point."

The players know that the game is important because of the matchup of the conferences, but they also say they need to focus on themselves to be at their best so they can make the right impression.

"These are the games that most people are going to sit down and watch," Grissom said.

Arkansas hopes to slow Texas Tech's Air Raid

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Robb Smith tried his best to stay awake until the end of Texas Tech's late-night win over Texas-El Paso on Saturday.

Arkansas' defensive coordinator figured he had better get an early start on preparing for the Red Raiders' Air Raid attack.

"First half was on the couch, second half was in bed," Smith joked.

After snapping a school-worst, 10-game losing streak with a 73-7 win over Nicholls State last week, Smith and the Razorbacks (1-1) face a much more difficult test this week when they travel to take on Texas Tech (2-0) in Lubbock for the first time since the schools were Southwest Conference members in 1991.

The step up in overall competition, however, isn't the only area in which Arkansas is likely to be challenged.

Under second-year coach Kliff Kingsbury, the Red Raiders have returned to their pass-happy ways that were prevalent under Mike Leach — who coached Kingsbury as a quarterback at the school.

Slowing the up-tempo approach is a difficult task for any team.

For the Razorbacks, shutting down the opponent's passing game has been a particularly daunting task in recent years — a trend coach Bret Bielema hopes to end on Saturday by

controlling the ball and time of possession to slow Texas Tech.

"Obviously, the more that we can monopolize the clock and the more efficiently we can operate and do certain things, it's only going to help our defense," Bielema said.

Arkansas was next to last in the Southeastern Conference last season in pass defense efficiency, allowing opposing quarterbacks to complete 64.9 percent of passes for 25 touchdowns with eight interceptions. The numbers were even worse against SEC opponents, who combined to complete 70.3 percent of passes for 19 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

While the Razorbacks had little trouble with the Football Championship Subdivision Colonels last week, their pass-defense woes were again prevalent in a season-opening loss at No. 5 Auburn.

Tigers quarterbacks Jeremy Johnson and Nick Marshall combined to finish 16-of-22 for 293 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the 45-21 win, picking apart what Smith had hoped would be a revamped secondary in his first season at Arkansas.

"We needed to shore some things up there, and I think our guys worked hard last week to improve those things and were anxious to go out and do it against another opponent this week," Smith said.

The Razorbacks increasingly turned

to their younger players against Nicholls State, with freshman Henre' Toliver and sophomore D.J. Dean seeing extended action at cornerback. Also, freshman Josh Liddell played at safety and is expected to continue seeing more playing time this week.

They will all be needed in support of starters Jared Collins, Carroll Washington, Alan Turner and Rohan Gaines if Arkansas' secondary is to have success disrupting the timing and efficiency of Texas Tech's passing attack.

"After watching the first couple games this year, they're much improved, definitely," Kingsbury said. "They've got guys back in the secondary that have played a bunch. It will be a challenge."

Texas Tech struggled to put away either of its first two opponents in Central Arkansas or UTEP but little of the blame can be placed on sophomore quarterback Davis Webb. He is 20th in the country in passing efficiency through two games, completing 56 of 83 passes (67.5 percent) for 730 yards and seven touchdowns with two interceptions.

"That position is going to get better every week in their program," Bielema said. "It's a mainstay for what (Kingsbury) believes in, and he's directly in charge of it. So my guess is that (Webb) will continue to improve and take the opportunities that he gets each week."

Pirates

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The winless Seahawks would seem a good candidate to get well against, though Thomas said his team can take nothing for granted at this point.

"With as thin as we are right now, no matter who you're playing, it's going to be a struggle," he said. "I think (Franklin County) is better than they were last year."

"They're still young with their skill guys, but they've got good speed. I think they're a couple of years away from being very competitive again, but they're much better than they were last year and they're coached very well."

Franklin County suffered a 40-7 loss in the opener to Evangelical Christian before falling 28-14 to Eagle's View last week.

Sneads beat the Seahawks 41-6 in last year's matchup, a game which also followed a two-touchdown loss to Baker for the Pirates.

To get the same response this season than they got last year, Thomas said the Pirates will need to do a better job of eliminating crucial mistakes.

"We're fixing the things we didn't do right last week and trying not to beat ourselves. That's been our focus," he said. "It's kind of like it is every week; we're not focusing so much on our opponent as we are just making ourselves execute better."

Bullpups

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a Neal pass and raced back 45 yards to the end zone to make it 38-12 with 3:50 left to play before halftime.

Marianna's final score of the night came on a 2-yard TD run by quarterback Jackson Beach, with Trey Freeman converting the two-point play to make it 46-20 with 7:38

remaining.

Davis led the Bullpups with 64 yards on five carries, followed by McMillian with 51 yards on six attempts.

Parker had 111 yards on the ground and 66 yards receiving to lead the Warriors. Neal completed 4-of-7 passes for 72 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 35 yards on seven carries.

Marianna will next play Sept. 18 at home against Wakulla.

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