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Woman critically injured in crash

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Altha resident Betty Louise Grover, 72, was critically injured Monday morning when she lost control of the vehicle she was driving and wrecked on State Road 73 south of Marianna. A medical helicopter landed on the roadway and picked her up for transport to a Panama City hospital.

The 1986 maroon Oldsmobile 98 she was driving landed upside down on the grass alongside the road and medical teams had to extricate the victim from the car.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, she was rebound when the car left the travel lane and entered the east shoulder of the road. The car traveled 870 feet before crossing the road and entering the west shoulder. The car then struck a culvert near Tupelo Drive, the impact causing the car to vault roughly 100 feet, before landing and overturning onto its roof.

The car came to rest on the west shoulder upside down. Grover was taken by medical helicopter to Sacred Heart/Bay Medical in Panama City.



DEBORAH BUCKHALTER/FLORIDIAN

Emergency workers finish some post-crash tasks after the driver of this wrecked vehicle was transported to a Bay County hospital.

School board set to finalize budget

Public hearing, meeting today

BY ANGIE COOK
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MARIANNA — The Jackson County School Board will conduct a final public hearing today on adopting the final millage rates and budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The differences between the tentative budget and the final budget, which was discussed in a public hearing on Thursday, represent expenditures that occurred over the summer and revenue brought in during June, according to Finance Director Kathy Sneads. The school district's total budget for 2014-2015 now comes to \$77,519,889.05.

Sneads also presented the district's general fund balances, which totaled \$11.3 million at the end of the most recent fiscal year. Of that total, nearly \$5,789,796.39 falls in the "unassigned" category, which means the money is not locked into a particular use.

"For the board," Chris Johnson said, "that's the number we want to see go up."

The unassigned fund balance is up over \$300,000 from where it was last year.

Kenny Griffin described the nearly \$5.8 million in unassigned funds as "sort of like a savings account."

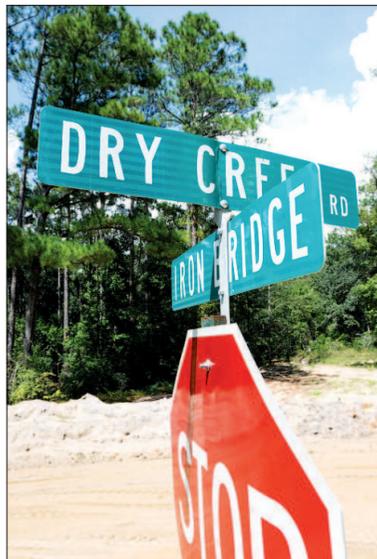
"You don't want to deplete it; you never know when a tire's going to go flat."

The school district is set to finalize a total tax rate of 6.160 mills today. One mill equates to \$1 in taxes per \$1,000 of a property's assessed taxable value.

The 6.160-mill rate breaks down into three categories: Required Local Effort (5.042 mills), Basic Discretionary (0.748 mills), and Capital Outlay (0.370 mills). Those categories combined mean the school district can expect over \$9.4 million to be levied by the total millage rate. The 6.160-mill rate is 2.73 percent

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HEAVY RAINS CAUSE DAMAGE



Closed roads were a problem in several areas of Jackson County Monday, following heavy rain over the weekend.

Weekend rains close a few roads

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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The Jackson County road department had a busy Monday in the aftermath of some torrential weekend rains that compromised a few local roads.

Although the destruction didn't compare to the spring floods that shut down so many roads, it kept the road crew busy just the same.

In an update at the noon hour Monday, the department advised that a section of Wallace Road, from U.S. 231 to Lakepoint Road, is washed out and closed until further notice.

The same goes for a section of Dry Creek Road, near the Iron Bridge Road intersection.

City Square Road is washed out between Lakepoint Road and U.S. 231, and will also be closed until further notice.

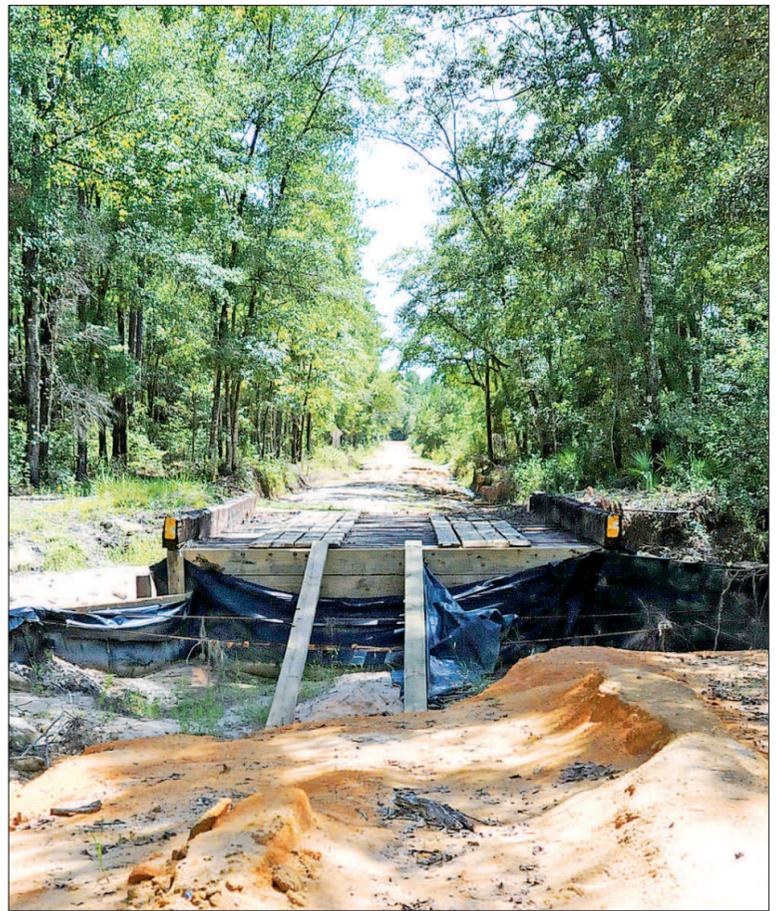
Palmview Road, from Aycock to Christmas roads, is closed while the crew works on the bridge there, and a Cutchins Road detour is available.

Jessie Lane is washed out but open to local traffic with an extreme caution advisory in place for its use.

Likewise for Lawrence Road, where water is across it in the section south of Americus Road.

Pondview Lane is open, but under an extreme caution advisory.

Union Road had been closed for a time in the section that runs from Baker Creek



PHOTOS BY KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDIAN

A section of road next to a bridge near the Dry Creek and Ironbridge Roads intersection is washed out Monday afternoon.

Jackson County Road Closures

CLOSED until further notice:

- » Wallace Road, from U.S. 231 to Lakepoint Road.
- » Dry Creek Road, near the Iron Bridge Road intersection
- » City Square Road between Lakepoint Road and U.S. 231
- » Palmview Road, from Aycock to Christmas roads. (A Cutchins Road detour is available.)

OPEN with extreme caution advisory:

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Road to Springfield Road, but it has now been opened.

In the wake of the mildly stormy weather, Jackson County Emergency Management Director Rodney Andreasen reminds local residents that Monday was the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Ivan, which spawned tornadoes that virtually destroyed a trailer park in the Cypress area and damaged some homes and other buildings in the county as it continued moving northwest.

This is also the last of the peak season for hurricanes, he said, and some tropical disturbances are currently well away but potentially forming into more serious systems.

He said that, while he is not overly concerned about those yet, he thinks that locals should always stay aware that rough weather can form at any time of year.

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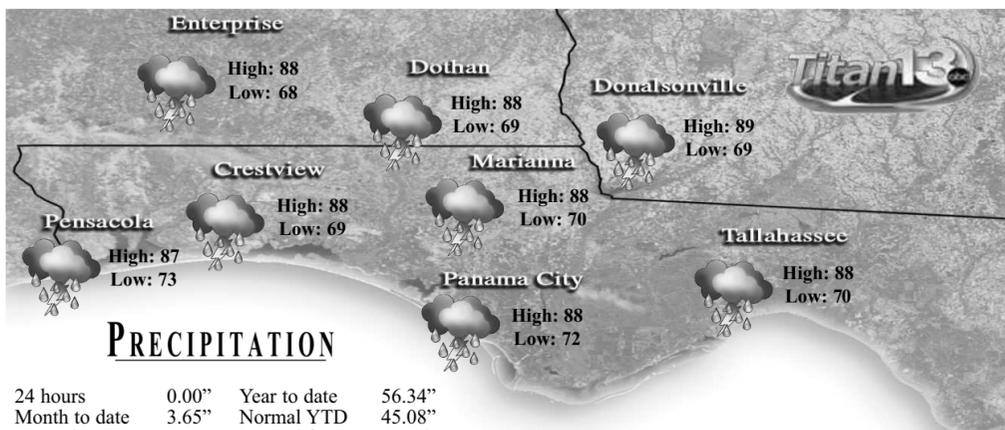
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0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme



THE SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:26 AM	Oct. 1
Sunset	6:45 PM	Oct. 8
Moonrise	11:52 PM	Oct. 15
Moonset	1:51 PM	Sept. 23

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- » **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. For tickets, call Lori meadows 573-0229, Clay New 209-4314 or Judy Smith 272-1337. Proceeds benefit families battling cancer.
- » **Marianna City Farmers Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring Panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
- » **St. Anne Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. 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.
- » **Beginner/players Pinochle** — 10 a.m. at McCormick Lake Clubhouse. Everyone welcome to come and play. For more info call 272-6611.
- » **Optimist Club of Jackson County Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna.
- » **Chipola Regional Arts Association's Monthly Meeting** — Noon Jim's buffet and Grill. Dutch treat. Dr. Thomas Kinchen, Baptist College of Florida President will showcase the arts and music departments. Members of BCF music department will provide several rousing gospel numbers. Call 482-5526.
- » **Sewing Circle** — 1 p.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizens, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Call 482-5028.
- » **Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System Board Meeting** — 4 p.m. at 2862 Madison St., Marianna.
- » **Cottondale High School Advisory Council Meeting** — 5 p.m. Cottondale High School library. Parents, students, businesses and community members invited. Call 482-9821.
- » **Late Registration for Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo Pageant** — 5-7 p.m. Holmes County High School, Bonifay. Pageants open to boys ages 4-8 and girls ages 4-20. Rehearsals will take place during registration. For more info email anda@hchsbluepride.com or call 766-7569.
- » **F.M. Golsen Elementary Parent Night** — 5:30-6:30 p.m. F. M. Golsen Elementary Cafeteria, 4258 Second Ave. Marianna. Spaghetti dinner will be served. Michael Kilts will give Title I presentation. Debora Hynes, Jackson County library director, will have library cards and forms. Door prizes will be given. All parents invited.
- » **Jackson County Quilters Guild Meeting** — 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Jackson County Extension Service, Penn Ave., Marianna. Business meetings are fourth Mondays; other Mondays are for projects, lessons and help. All quilters welcome. Call 573-5434.
- » **Capt. Luke Lott's Calhoun Guard, Camp 2212 Sons of Confederate Veterans Meeting** — 6 p.m. Altha Community Center. Anyone whose ancestor served in the Confederacy and who are interested are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- » **Fall into Vegetable Gardening** — 6-7:30 p.m. UF/IFAS Extension County Office, 2741 Penn Ave.

The submission deadline for this calendar is two days before publication. Submit to: Community Calendar, Jackson County Floridan, P. O. Box 520, Marianna, FL 32447, email editorial@jcfloridan.com, fax 850-482-4478 or bring items to 4403 Constitution Lane in Marianna.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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- » **Eldercare Services Food Distribution** — 9 a.m. Eldercare Services, 2979 Daniels St., Marianna. USDA food will be distributed.
- » **Jackson County Tourist Development Council Meeting** — 10 a.m. Russ House, 4318 Lafayette St. Marianna.
- » **Malone Joy Club** — 10 a.m. Joy Club House, S.R. 2, Malone. Lunch served at noon. Games following lunch. Come and join the fun.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **Public Hearing** — 5:01 p.m. City Hall, 2898 Green St., Marianna.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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- » **International Chat 'n' Sip** — 8:30-10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. in Marianna. Learning Center staff and their international English learners invite the public for the exchange of language, culture and ideas in a relaxed environment. Light refreshments served. No charge. Call 482-9124.
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- » **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.

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- » **Small Business Visioning Seminar "Listening to Your Business"** — 8-11:30 a.m. Chipola College in the Business and Technology Building, Room M-108. \$30 for Chipola students and Chamber of Commerce members in Jackson, Washington and Holmes counties, \$75 for all other participants. Call 718-2441 or email severson@chipola.edu.
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Police Roundup

MARIANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marianna Police Department reported the following incidents for Sept. 14, the latest available report: Five traffic stops, one reckless driver, one suspicious person, one special assignment, one report of shooting in the area, one criminal mischief complaint, one trespass complaint, one dead person, two property checks, three assists of other agencies, one public service call and 16 home security checks.

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

for Sept. 14, the latest available report: One accident, two abandoned vehicles, one reckless driver, two suspicious vehicles, three suspicious people, one burglary, one physical disturbance, two verbal disturbances, two vehicle fires, 17 medical calls, one traffic crash, five burglar alarms, one fire alarm, one report of shooting in the area, nine traffic stops, two civil disputes, two follow-up investigations, one assault, one animal neglect/abuse complaint, five property checks, three assists of motorists or pedestrians, one retail theft, one public service call, two welfare checks, one transport and one threat/harassment complaint.



JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The following people were booked into the county jail during the latest reporting periods:
» **Bob Wynn**, 37, 6332 Highway 90, Grand Ridge, violation of state probation.
» **Charity Warner**, 37, 7339 Highway 90, Grand Ridge, worthless checks-four counts.
» **Devin Clements**, 39, 1812 Styrett Road, Alford, battery (domestic violence), violation of state probation.
» **Curtis Spencer**, 32, 876 Orange Hill Road, Chipley, possession of marijuana-under 20 grams, tampering with evidence.
» **Christopher Pittman**, 37, 5410 Mt. Tabor Road, Marianna, possession of marijuana-un-

der 20 grams, tampering with evidence.

» **Johnny Wilson**, 29, 3716 Bass Road, Graceville, failure to appear (battery-domestic violence).
» **Cedrick Jackson**, 22, 2602 Scott Road, Dothan, Ala., violation of state probation.
» **Vicki Stephens**, 35, 2133 Buckhead Road, Grand Ridge, sentenced to 10 days.
» **Robert Webster**, 27, 2384 Lee Road 0148, Opelika, Ala., driving while license suspended or revoked, possession of marijuana-under 20 grams.

Jail Population: 212

To report a crime, call CrimeStoppers at 526-5000 or a local law enforcement agency. To report a wildlife violation, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

GILMORE SPEAKS TO MARIANNA LIONS CLUB



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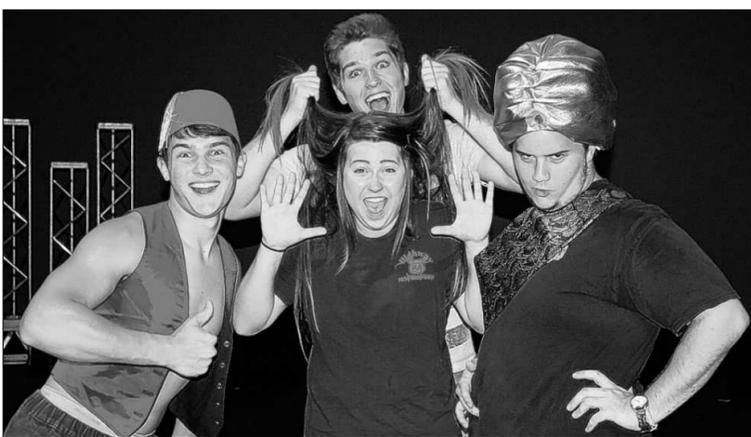
Darwin Gilmore, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development at Chipola College, was the guest speaker for the Marianna Lions Club on Sept. 8. He talked about all the programs available for students who do not wish to pursue an academic degree. He is pictured to the left of Lions President Roland Rabon

JUDGE MERCER SPEAKS TO CHIPOLA CIVIC CLUB



SUBMITTED PHOTO

County Judge Wade Mercer, who was introduced by Cadence Bank Vice-President, Tommy Lassmann. Judge Mercer spoke to the Club about the organization and function of the judicial system.



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Participating in the Chipola Theatre Showcase are (from left) Sailor Novonglosky, Odra Chapman, Josiah Brooks and (back) Seth Alderman.

Chipola Theatre Showcase is Sept. 18

Charles Sirmon, Chipola College Director of Theatre, will begin his 16th season at the college with a Theatre Showcase, Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

Chipola Theatre majors will present scenes and skits in a showcase that Sirmon says, "is a lot like Saturday Night Live on a Thursday."

The production is general admission and allows all theatre majors the opportunity to share their talent

— many for the first time. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase from theatre majors, at the Center for the Arts box office, or online at www.chipola.edu.

The Showcase is a fundraiser to help Chipola theatre students with their annual trip to Atlanta where they will take a master class in improvisation and attend a performance with a professional theatre company.

For ticket information, call 718-2420 or visit www.chipola.edu.

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*12 years or under, with Jackson County ties. Include child's full name, parents' name(s) and city of residence. This is a free service. All entries subject to editing.

DELTA THETA INDUCTS NEW MEMBER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Delta Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International inducted new member, Heather Berry, last night. Berry is a teacher at Roulhac Middle School and was the Teacher of the Year for Washington County in 2010. "I'm honored to be a member of Delta Theta and I'm looking forward to working with each of you," Berry said. Pictured are Lindy Mincey, Berry and Ruth McCrary, president of Delta Theta.



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Officer team members are (bottom, from left) Caleb Reed, Tyler Sallas, Breana Spooner, Mason Taylor, Miranda Sapp, Gabbie Tovar, Stanley Scurlock. (Top, from left) Colby Hargrove, Laramie Pooser, Skylar Dominguez, Logan Deese, and Kender Kikilidis.

FFA attends officer retreat

The Cottondale High School FFA Chapter officers recently attended an officer retreat. They stopped at many rest stops between Cottondale and Milton to plan the activities that will be happening in the 2014-15 school year. Their plans for the include fundraisers, community service events and

chapter events. They also visited to the National Air and Aviation Museum in Pensacola. The next morning the officers went tubing and canoeing down the Black Water River.

The 2014-15 officer team is: President Miranda Sapp, Vice President Colby Hargrove, Sec-

retary Breana Spooner, Treasurer Mason Taylor, reporter Gabbie Taylor, Sentinel Laramie Pooser, parliamentarian Skylar Dominguez, historian Kender Kikilidis, chaplain Tyler Sallas, student advisor Caleb Reed, vice president of public relations Logan Deese and advisor Stanley Scurlock.

State Briefs

Murder charges in Tampa Bay slayings

HUDSON — Tampa Bay area authorities on Monday charged a man with four counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his ex-girlfriend, her parents and her new boyfriend.

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office charged 28-year-old Adam Matos late Monday afternoon. Detectives say the victims were killed around Aug. 28.

Officials went to the Hudson home Sept. 4 at the request of a concerned family member. Deputies found the four bodies piled atop each other in an open field

about a mile from the home.

Four charged in escape attempt

CRESTVIEW — Four teenage girls are charged in an escape plot from a juvenile detention facility in the Florida Panhandle.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office reports that the girls attempted to incite a riot and organize an escape late Sunday.

The teens are accused of physical battery and verbal use against staff at the Gulf Coast Treatment Center in Crestview. From wire reports

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Thurs.	(E)	9/11	8-8-2	5-5-3-0	11-13-16-31-33
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New site added for Apalachicola River Cleanup

Apalachicola River Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. It is sponsored by the city of Chattahoochee and Apalachicola Riverkeeper.

Apalachicola Riverkeeper is participating in the Ocean Conservancy's 29th annual International Coastal Cleanup, the

world's largest volunteer effort to help protect our oceans, lakes, and rivers. Last year, 648,015 volunteers in 92 countries collected 12.3 million tons of trash, and in the past 28 years have removed almost 164 million tons of trash from the waters and shores. Volunteers not only remove trash

from the area but also record what they collect in order to develop ways to deter these trash problems in the future.

Previous years' cleanup locations have included sites within Franklin County as well as River Landing Park in Chattahoochee. A new site is being added this

year at Aspalaga Landing in Gadsden County. Volunteers are needed at both locations. Trash bags, gloves, water, snacks and data cards will be provided. Volunteers should bring sunscreen, bug spray, protective clothing and sturdy shoes.

To volunteer, contact the fol-

lowing site leaders:

» Aspalaga Landing, Aspalaga Road. Call Steve Cutshaw or Robert Crombie at Torreya State Park, 643-2674

» River Landing Park, River Landing Road (Hardee's) in Chattahoochee. Call Leigh Brooks 663-4361 or Karen Marsh 663-8751

State's 'Gray Belt' offers a glimpse at nation's future

The Associated Press

INVERNESS — A billboard at the county line advertises home health care services. Local churches try to create a feeling of belonging for elderly members who may be disconnected from family up north. Lawyers and accountants make house calls like doctors. Elderly residents get ferried to stores by a fleet of county minivans.

Welcome to Citrus County, where more than a third of residents are senior citizens, one of the highest rates in the nation.

The county isn't simply a stereotype of Florida, where in just 15 years, one in four residents will be 65 or older. It's a peek into the not-too-distant future of the nation, where the number will be one in five.

In Citrus County, about 70 miles north of Tampa, health care dominates the labor force. Residents prefer to get their news from a newspaper. Strip malls have an unusually high number of hearing aid businesses. The library offers Medicaid planning seminars. Voters turn out in large numbers, albeit often by absentee ballot.

Having such a high concentration of elderly citi-



Retirees Edna and Pedro Cortes make use of computers at a branch of the Citrus County Library, in Beverly Hills.

zens has its trade-offs. You get an engaged citizenry with high voter turnout and volunteerism, but also an economy based on low-skill jobs such as health-care aides, retail clerks and food service workers.

Senior citizens who move into an area generally aren't eager to fund schools, research shows, whereas those who remain in the communities where they worked and raised their families tend to support education and other public spending that doesn't benefit them directly. Citrus County voters lived up to that thesis as recently as two years ago when they decisively rejected a referendum to raise property taxes to fund schools.

The county's elderly makeup sometimes has

made it difficult to attract workers with young families to fill those service jobs, said Tobey Phillips, a county spokeswoman. Health care jobs account for almost a third of all jobs in the county.

"It's kind of a Catch-22," Phillips said. "We need people to be working in these industries, but we can't get them here sometimes because it's primarily an elderly community."

Employers see that every day. Mike Arthur, who runs a staffing service that provides health care workers for institutions and individual homes, said he looks for workers who are compassionate and patient when hiring, given the elderly makeup of his clientele. Maureen Locher makes sure there are plen-



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A group of retired senior citizens gather for cards at the Citrus County Resource Center in Lecanto. In Citrus County, more than a third of residents are senior citizens, the sixth-highest rate in the nation.

ty of homemade cookies, fresh coffee and cheese spread at the hearing aid center she runs.

The local First Presbyterian Church has struggled to maintain membership as congregants either die or move back north to spend their last years near relatives. Changes that might attract younger families for the almost 500-member congregation often meet resistance.

"One term that has been used for a church like ours is 'a hospice church,' and that's a pretty bleak deal but maybe realistic," said Jim Capps, interim pastor.

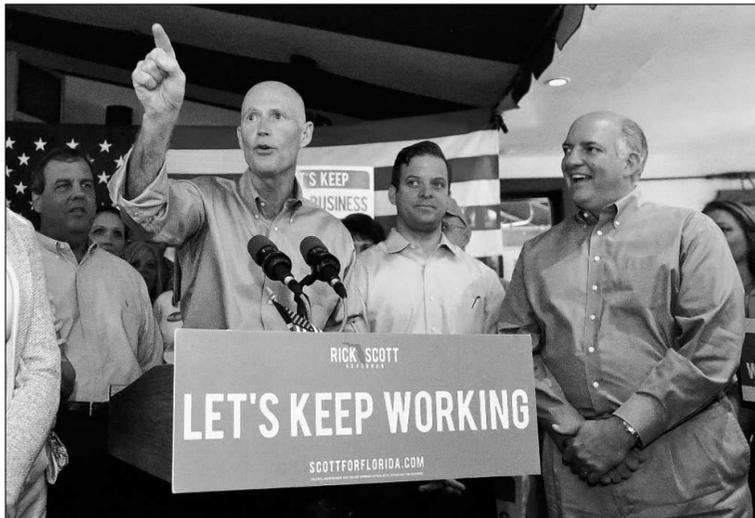
"It's not bad thing, but the problem with that is you're facing extinction."

Baby boomers and other coming crops of seniors will be more tech-savvy. But at the library in Citrus County, large print books are popular, and library staffers have become the de facto tutors on new technology. The library offers classes on basic software such as Microsoft Word and Excel and is developing a social media class after getting requests for it, said Eric Head, director of library services.

Citrus County became a retirement mecca in the

1980s with the development of the Beverly Hills and Citrus Hills housing communities in former citrus groves. Marketing of the developments was geared toward empty nesters from the Northeast. Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams came to Citrus Hills in the late 1980s and was known to fish regularly in the nearby Gulf of Mexico.

"They came down here when they were maybe in their late 50s, and now they're in their 80s and 90s," said Pat Coles, who runs county services for seniors.



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Gov. Rick Scott speaks at a support rally, along with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (left) on Sept. 12 in Panama City Beach.

Gov. Scott abandons tough talk from 2010 campaign

The Associated Press

TAMPA — When Gov. Rick Scott surprisingly entered the Republican primary four years ago, he took a strong tea party stand on most issues.

He vowed to cut government spending and debt. The multimillionaire businessman promised to slash taxes to create jobs. He called for enacting a tough Arizona-styled immigration law and chided his primary opponent for not doing the same. Scott also railed against President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

As an incumbent seeking a second term, Scott still talks about the need for tax cuts and jobs but other parts of his platform have been jettisoned.

Now Scott promises to spend more on education and the environment if re-elected. The state budget has grown by billions of dollars under his watch. This past year Scott signed into law a measure that guarantees in-state tuition rates for Florida high school graduates who may

be in the country illegally and he never did push for an Arizona-style law. And Scott in 2013 asked state legislators to expand Medicaid in order to take advantage of billions in help promised as part of the president's health care law, but the Legislature said no.

Scott insists he hasn't flipped from his previous positions.

"I think I've been very consistent," said Scott during an interview. "We need to continue to hold down the size of government. We need to hold government accountable. We need to make smart investments. We need to improve the education system. We need to lower our taxes and we have been doing all those things."

Scott is wrapping up a two-week tour where he emphasized a plan to cut taxes by \$1 billion over the next two years. During those stops he has compared Democratic rival Charlie Crist to Obama and said both men think "money growth on track." Crist, a Republican during

most of his term, preceded Scott as governor.

But as Scott mounted his own re-election effort this year, he has been pledging to boost per-student spending to historic levels and to set aside tens of millions to protect springs and purchase environmentally sensitive lands.

Tourism, retirees may help state with income gap

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A new report says a rising concentration of income among the nation's richest households is a problem for Florida because it is one of 10 states most dependent on sales taxes.

Florida has no state income tax and its major source of revenue is a 6 percent sales tax.

The report by credit ratings agency Standard & Poor's notes that the annual growth rate in the state's sales tax has dropped dramatically over the last three decades. The annual average rate was 11.25 percent in the 1980s, but it has dropped since then and is averaging just below 2 percent since 2009.

Most economic activity comes from consumer spending, a key driver of growth. But consumers have become increasingly reluctant to spend as median incomes have barely increased over three decades and remain lower than they were in 2007

when the Great Recession began. Florida's median family income, according to recent U.S. Census data, is about \$46,000 a year.

By contrast, the top 1 percent of earners has prospered for more than 30 years. Adjusted for inflation, their average incomes have nearly tripled to \$1.26 million since 1979, according to the IRS.

But S&P notes that wealthier individuals tend to spend less of their money, meaning that states are unlikely to see much of an increase in sales tax collections. The top 5 percent in Florida have an average income of \$307,000.

Florida's own economists, however, continue to predict steady and

sustained state revenue growth in the next several years. More numbers show that state taxes are growing between 4 percent and 5 percent annually.

They also say that the state is shielded because state coffers are dependent on tourists and a continued influx of retirees moving to the state. A new three-year financial outlook predicts that state legislators will have enough money to pay for schools and health care and still have a small surplus.

Amy Baker, the coordinator of the state's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, notes that as much as 15 percent of the state's sales tax comes from tourists.

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Dorothy E. Williamson

Dorothy E. Williamson age 80 of Marianna, passed away Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Marianna Health & Rehabilitation Center. She loved Alaska where she lived for 24 years before coming to Marianna.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband William B. Williamson. She is survived by her son Clifton, daughter Donna, and several other family members. Graveside services for Dorothy were held Monday, September 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery in Quincy, FL.

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

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The weekend rains should serve as a reminder to families that they should stay ready, he said, reviewing their emergency supply kits to be sure they're fully equipped, and taking care to be prepared in other ways.

"When you think it can't happen here, it happens here," Andreasen said. "Being aware that it can happen here is one of the most important things. If you're aware and you really understand that, your level of readiness is going to be right."

Budget

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less than the total roll-back rate (or millage rate that would have brought in the same dollar amount of revenue as last year).

The school board's regular monthly starts at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 and a public hearing on the final millage rates and budget will begin at 5:01 p.m.

Both meetings will be at the school board offices at 2903 Jefferson St., Marianna.

When sinkholes open, they can swallow fortunes

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Solid ground isn't always a certainty. Sinkholes can lurk anywhere, beneath suburban homes, city streets or even football stadiums and museums.

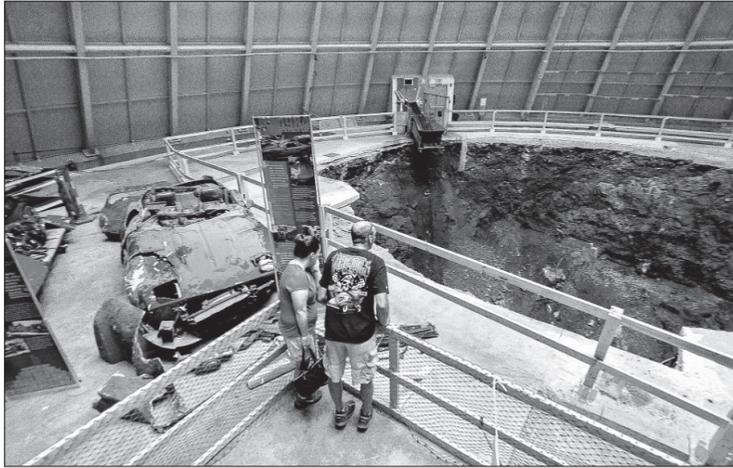
It's basic geology: Sinkholes open when soil collapses into large holes, caused by flowing water in underground limestone. Their toll can be dramatic, swallowing homes, trees or anything else on the collapsing ground — even prized Corvettes.

The Southeastern U.S. is prime territory for the geological phenomena — a potentially costly game of subterranean roulette.

In Tennessee, a sinkhole opened during renovations on the football stadium at Austin Peay State University. What started as a small hole turned into a chasm 40 feet deep and 40 feet wide as a repair crew dug to find its source.

In Kentucky, a sinkhole gobbled eight classic cars on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Corvettes, piled like toys in a heap of dirt and concrete fragments, became an Internet sensation, boosting museum attendance.

And in Florida — ground zero for sinkholes — Tina and John Furlow were forced from their home near Tampa when a sinkhole caused so much damage that the repairs would have exceeded the value of the three-bedroom house with a nice pool. They now live in a used recreational vehicle.



Kimberly (left) and David Tompkins lean over to take a look at the sinkhole during a visit at the National Corvette Museum on Saturday, Aug. 30, in Bowling Green, Ky. A massive sinkhole that swallowed eight prized sports cars won't be a permanent attraction. The museum's board of directors voted Saturday to fill in the entire hole that opened up in February.

"It has been miserable," Tina Furlow said. "It is taking its toll on us. We decided we need to get off this merry-go-round."

For every sinkhole that causes property damage, scores open in fields and other obscure places.

"In the Southeast U.S., there are hundreds of sinkholes every day and they don't get reported ... or they don't cause damage," said Jason Polk, professor of geology and geography at Western Kentucky University.

Earlier this year, sinkholes opened at high-profile spots about an hour and a half apart: the Corvette Museum in south-central Kentucky and the football stadium at Austin Peay State in Clarksville, Tennessee.

During renovations at Austin Peay's Governors Stadium, a sinkhole was

discovered where the football field meets the track. Workers needed seven days to fix it, said Mike Jenkins, superintendent for Nashville-based Bell & Associates Construction. The hole was plugged with layers of boulders, concrete, smaller rocks and a layer of cloth-like material to prevent moisture from seeping through. Then came another application of rocks, capped by asphalt.

"I'm pretty confident that the work we did won't become an issue again," Jenkins said.

Austin Peay played its first football game in the renovated stadium Saturday against Chattanooga, losing 42-6.

At the Corvette Museum, the 60-foot-long, 45-foot-wide, 30-foot-deep sinkhole opened in the Skydome display area in

mid-February. The place that showcases automotive engineering will highlight another engineering feat when workers fix the hole. The project is expected to last six months and cost millions of dollars, said museum spokeswoman Katie Frassinelli.

The museum will remain open during repairs.

Workers will stabilize the sinkhole walls with metal sheets, then fill it with about 4,000 tons of crushed limestone. Grout — a mixture of sand and cement — will be poured into dozens of holes drilled into the rock, supporting steel and concrete pillars beneath the floor. Concrete flooring will complete the project.

Elsewhere, in one extreme case, a 37-acre sinkhole opened two years ago in southern Louisiana and has been swallowing

land ever since. Scientists believe it formed after an underground salt dome cavern had some sort of collapse or breach of its outer supporting sidewall of salt.

In Florida, the nation's most sinkhole-prone state, a sinkhole in 1981 swallowed sports cars, parts of two businesses, the deep end of a swimming pool and a three-bedroom Winter Park home. In 2013, a Florida man died when a sinkhole opened under his bedroom.

Homeowners often find clues to a sinkhole problem through cracks in the foundation or a shifting floor. When a sinkhole threat has been established, crews can pump a thick grout into the ground to fill the holes.

"There are no typical cases with a sinkhole," said Sandy Nettles, who owns a geology consulting company in the Tampa, Florida, area. "It just depends on where the building is. We get a lot of them that opened underneath a house. You can run around the house and see no evidence of the sinkhole, but the interior of the house is subsiding or collapsing."

The Furlows had no clue a sinkhole had formed on their property until John Furlow fell into the hole beside the house, said his wife, Tina.

They tried sticking it out but finally left when her husband developed a lung infection from mold in the house, she said.

"We put every penny into that house thinking we would live and die there," she said.

Report: Scrutiny lacking for charter schools

The Associated Press

NAPLES, Fla. — Officials have shut down at least five schools run by the Richard Milburn Academy of Florida, yet the company has continued to operate and open new taxpayer-funded campuses in this state.

Florida's 622 charter schools are more likely than regular public schools to receive an A rating from the state but also more likely to fail, the Naples Daily News reported Sunday. In the last six years, some 14,000 students have had to relocate to new schools, at times mid-year, as a result of these closings. Financial problems are the most common reasons for closure. Florida does not require upfront funding commitments for charter campuses to open.



Olwen Thatcher consults a globe while coloring a world map during a geography lesson in Ms. Keller's third grade class at Mason Classical Academy in Naples, Florida on Monday, Aug. 18.

Academic failures are the second most common cause. That was the case with most of the Richard Milburn schools. Two of its schools closed after administrators manipulated grades in Lee County. In the Tampa Bay area, two

were shut down due to low academic performance, and one in Manatee County was closed after half the graduating class received diplomas despite lacking sufficient credits.

Richard Milburn Academy of Florida Inc. Chair-

man Houston Conley helped lead four of the closed schools and advised a fifth. He now serves as chairman of two other Richard Milburn schools in Volusia County. He referred questions to the group's consultant Donna Eldridge.

Eldridge expressed support for Conley and the other Richard Milburn board members and said the schools have helped provide hundreds of at-risk students with last-chance opportunities to earn diplomas.

State Rep. George Moraitis Jr., R-Fort Lauderdale, who leads a House committee that handles school choice, said the beauty of the charter movement is that it "allows for greater success and flexibility, and it does allow for failure." He said it is much harder to close

a traditional school.

Florida requires few qualifications for those serving on the charter governing boards of charter schools. These board members manage the tax dollars the schools receive. Once a contract has been given, neither county nor state officials have a say in a board's makeup.

In recent years, lawmakers have improved the charter application process, which must cover 19 components and can span hundreds of pages. County school districts can make recommendations to their school boards about which to approve, but they must focus on the proposals, not on whether they think the charter applicant can execute the paper plan. That means applicants also can't be judged on their previous failures or successes.

NASA inspector blasts asteroid protection program

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's effort to identify potentially dangerous space rocks has taken a hit.

On Monday, the space agency's inspector general released a report blasting NASA's Near Earth Objects program, which is meant to hunt and catalog comets, asteroids and relatively large fragments of these objects that pass within 28 million miles of Earth. The purpose is to protect the planet against their potential dangers.

Most near-Earth objects harmlessly disintegrate before reaching Earth's surface. But there are exceptions, like the nearly 60-

foot meteor that exploded over Russia in 2013, causing considerable damage.

In a 44-page report, Inspector General Paul Martin said the Near Earth Objects program needs to be better organized and managed, with a bigger staff.

NASA's science mission chief, former astronaut John Grunsfeld, agreed and promised the problems will be fixed.

"NASA places a high priority on finding and characterizing hazardous asteroids to protect our home planet from them" he said in a statement.

According to the report, the program has an executive at NASA headquarters and two offices in Massachusetts and California, each with six employees.

For nearly a decade, the report noted, NASA has been tracking near-Earth objects bigger than 460 feet across. The goal was to catalog 90 percent by 2020.

The space agency has discovered and plotted the orbits of more than 11,000 near-Earth objects since 1998, an estimated 10 percent. It does not expect to meet the 2020 deadline.

The program has insufficient oversight, Martin's office concluded, and no established milestones to track progress. In addition, NASA needs to do a better job of overseeing the various observatories searching for near-Earth objects, and teaming up with other U.S. and international agencies, the report said.

Hurricane Odile slams Mexico's Baja California

The Associated Press

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico — Hurricane Odile blazed a trail of destruction through Mexico's Baja California Peninsula on Monday that leveled everything from ramshackle homes to luxury hotels and big box stores, leaving entire neighborhoods as disaster zones.

About 30,000 tourists were being put up in temporary shelters in hotels and Los Cabos international airport remained closed. Emergency officials reported that 135 people were treated for minor injuries from flying glass or falling objects, but there were no serious injuries or deaths so far.

The Mexican government said in a statement Monday night that army and commercial planes would be sent to La Paz and Los Cabos airports to get tourists out of the area.

Odile, which made landfall near Cabo San Lucas the previous night as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, toppled trees, power poles and road signs along the main highway, which at one point was swamped by rushing floodwaters. Countless windows were blown out of rental cars and high-end hotel rooms, and resort facades crumbled to the ground.

"From what we have seen around here, everything is pretty much de-

stroyed," said Alejandro Tealdi, a 32-year-old resident of Cabo San Lucas. His home was damaged and suffered some flooding, but nobody was hurt. "In the seven years I've been here, I've never seen anything hit like this."

Luis Felipe Puente, national coordinator for Civil Protection, said most of the area's power poles were blown over, leaving 239,000 people in the state of Baja California Sur without electricity. Many were also without drinkable water. Ports were closed.

"It's the entire corridor" between San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, said Deneb Poli, a medical worker at the Hotel Melia Cabo Real.



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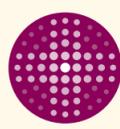


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Young Bulldogs still searching for first win

BY DUSTIN KENT
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Two games into the 2014 season, the Marianna Bulldogs are still searching for their first victory.

The Bulldogs, coming off of consecutive road losses to Northview and Wakulla, will once again be away from home Friday when they head to Tallahassee to take on the North Florida Christian Eagles.

It's next in a long line of tough tests for a Marianna team that coach Mark Beach said he has been mostly pleased with despite the 0-2 start.

The latest loss came 47-20 to a talented 5A Wakulla team sporting two of the state's top players in quarterback Feleipe Franks and receiver Keith Gavin, with the duo connecting on two of the Franks' five touchdown passes on the night.

But Beach said he liked much of what he saw from his own offensive unit, with sophomore quarterback Anton Williams directing the Bulldogs' new spread up-tempo offense to 488 total yards while passing for 240 yards and two touchdowns after posting 255 yards and three scores in the opener.

"I felt pretty good (after the

Wakulla game)," the coach said. "We're just having trouble finishing drives. That's a part of the process and gaining maturity. The offense is clicking like we want and I think the guys believe in it. They realize it does work and they're excited about it, but we definitely left some stuff on the field, no doubt about it."

While Marianna has had little trouble moving the football in either of the first two games, there have been struggles in the red zone in both contests, with a 97-yard interception return for a touchdown



Jaeden Harley (11) tries to break a tackle during practice for the Bulldogs last month.

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DISTRICT DOMINANCE



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Logan McCord (9) serves for the Lady Pirates in a game against Graceville Monday night. The Lady Pirates defeated Graceville in three sets by scores of 25-8, 25-4, and 25-4.

College Football

No. 3 Alabama hoping to spread ball vs. Florida

The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama has experienced receivers, a deep and talented backfield and a preseason All-Southeastern Conference tight end.

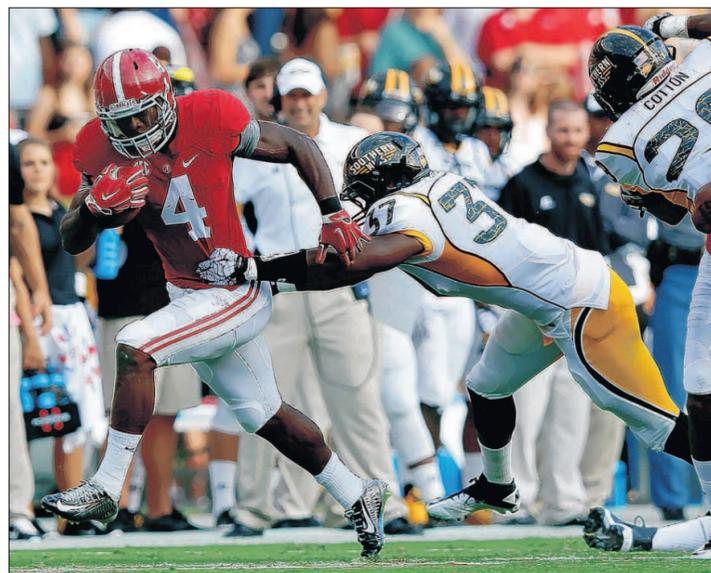
Quarterback Blake Sims and the third-ranked Crimson Tide simply haven't had to fully utilize that arsenal of playmakers in the past two games. Most of the throws have gone to wide receiver Amari Cooper, and tailbacks T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry haven't needed to do much against outclassed Florida Atlantic and Southern Miss.

That figures to change Saturday when the Tide (3-0) opens Southeastern Conference play against Florida (2-0, 1-0). It's a lot harder to win throwing it to the same guy over and over against an SEC defense, even one that just gave up 369 passing yards to Kentucky's Patrick Towles in a triple-overtime win.

Alabama coach Nick Saban said it's important to get other players more involved in the offense to build their confidence and "so the other team can't zero in on one guy."

"I think that there were other opportunities in the (Southern Miss) game for other guys," Saban said Monday. "Sometimes we didn't get him the ball. We did have a drop, but I also think that we're really trying to feature the players that we have. So far, what we've tried to do has been effective and it's worked. A lot of it is going through Amari Cooper."

Cooper is leading the nation with 33



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Alabama running back T.J. Yeldon (4) fends off Southern Mississippi linebacker Alan Howze (37) during the first half Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

catches and his 454 yards ranks third. That's more than triple the production of No. 2 receiver Christian Jones (nine catches, 133 yards).

Tight end O.J. Howard doesn't have a catch through three games.

Yeldon and Henry should be well rested entering the SEC schedule. They have each logged just 16 carries total in the past two games after both ran for 100-plus yards in the opener against

West Virginia.

Alabama is expected to get starting wide receiver DeAndrew White back after he missed the past two games with a right shoulder injury. White had six catches in the first game, and Saban said he will practice and a decision on the receiver's status will be made late in the week.

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GRMS Football



KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Austin Moody (62) waits for another player to tackle him during tackling practice for the Grand Ridge Indians last month.

Grand Ridge goes for 3-0 against Blountstown

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Grand Ridge Indians will look to continue their hot start to the season tonight when they play host to the Blountstown Tigers in Sneads at 6 p.m.

After winning just one game over the previous two seasons, Grand Ridge has opened this year 2-0 with wins of 32-6 over Vernon in the season opener and 38-32 over Roulhac last week in a game the Indians rallied back from a 26-14 halftime deficit.

First-year Grand Ridge coach Laramie Dryden said both he and his players have enjoyed every moment of the fast start, though it's important to not get too caught up in the hype.

"We're real excited to be 2-0, but now I've got to keep us humble so that we're not thinking that we're better than we are," he said. "I've just got to keep us level-headed and convince them that we've still got to work hard to beat

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Sports Briefs

High School Football

Friday- Cottondale at Sneads, 7 p.m.; Graceville at Wewahitchka, 7 p.m.; Marianna at North Florida Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

Thursday- Franklin County at Sneads, 5 p.m.; Cottondale at Port St. Joe, 6 p.m.; Marianna at Chipley, 6 p.m.; Graceville at Wewahitchka, 6 p.m.

Middle School Football

Tuesday- Blountstown vs. Grand Ridge in Sneads, 6 p.m.
Thursday- Wakulla at Marianna, 6 p.m.

High School Volleyball

Tuesday- Cottondale at Graceville, 1 p.m.; Marianna at West Florida, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Thursday- Sneads at Blountstown, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Cottondale at Vernon, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Friday- Marianna at Altha, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Saturday- Chiles at Sneads, 9 p.m., Maclay at Sneads, 10:30 p.m.

MHS Cheer Kiddie Clinic

There will be a cheerleader kiddie clinic at Marianna High School for girls ages 3-10 on Saturday from 9-11:30 a.m. at the MHS gymnasium.

Cost is \$25 plus an optional t-shirt for \$12. Checks are to be made payable to MHS Cheerleaders. To pre-register or to get more information, contact Debbie Dryden at debbie.dryden@jcsb.org or by phone at 850-482-9605 ext. 252, or go to <http://mhs.jcsb.org> and click on the Cheer Kiddie Clinic link for a registration form.

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Vikings bring back Peterson despite abuse

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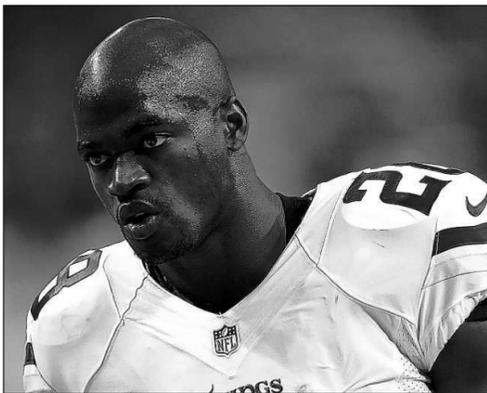
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have seen the details. They have seen photos of the injuries that Adrian Peterson's 4-year-old son suffered at the hands of the star running back. They have a history of punishing players who have run into trouble with the law.

The Vikings brought Peterson back to the team anyway even as the public furor over the NFL's approach to addressing domestic abuse reached a fever pitch.

The Vikings reinstated Peterson on Monday, one day after he sat out a 30-7 home loss to the New England Patriots after he was charged with a felony in Texas for using a wooden switch to spank his son. Peterson, who said he was using a form of discipline his father used on him as a boy, is expected to play against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

"We are trying to do the right thing," Vikings general manager Rick Spielman said. "This is a difficult path to navigate regarding the judgment of how a parent disciplines his child. Based on the extensive information we have right now and what we know of Adrian not only as a person but what he's done for this community, we believe he deserves to play while the legal process plays out."

Peterson didn't talk with reporters, but issued a statement in which he insisted he is not a child abuser and wanted "everyone to understand



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson warms up for a game against the St. Louis Rams in St. Louis on Sept. 7.

how sorry I feel about the hurt I have brought to my child."

"I am not a perfect son. I am not a perfect husband. I am not a perfect parent, but I am, without a doubt, not a child abuser," Peterson said in a nearly 500-word statement issued through his agency. "I am someone that disciplined his child and did not intend to cause him any injury."

"No one can understand the hurt that I feel for my son and for the harm I caused him. My goal is always to teach my son right from wrong and that's what I tried to do that day."

Vikings owners Zygi and Mark Wilf said they decided to bring back Peterson for practices and Sunday's game at New Orleans "after significant thought, discussion and consideration." The Wilfs said they want to let the case play out before making any more definitive decisions on Peterson's future with the only NFL team he has ever played for.

"To be clear, we take very seriously any matter that involves the welfare of a child," they said. "At this time, however, we believe this is a matter of due process and we should allow the legal system to proceed so we can come to the most effective conclusions and then determine the appropriate course of action."

The Wilfs were not available for further comment on Monday but Spielman said they are going to leave the decision about whether Peterson crossed a line while disciplining his son up to the courts.

"For a league full of people that claim to care about leadership, there sure seems to be a bunch of followers," ESPN analyst and former quarterback Tim Hasselbeck tweeted.

Peterson faces a charge of reckless or negligent injury to a child, which carries penalties of up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. His initial court appearance in Conroe, Texas, near Houston,

was scheduled for Oct. 8. Corporal punishment is legal in Texas and non-deadly force against a child by a parent or guardian is permissible. But the punishment is abusive if it causes injury. A blow that leaves a bruise, welt or swelling, or requires medical attention, could be judged abusive. The guidelines also say use of an instrument "is cause for concern."

Peterson's attorney, Rusty Hardin, said Peterson used a switch because that was the way he was brought up by his parents in Palestine, Texas, and the NFL star agreed.

"I have to live with the fact that when I disciplined my son the way I was disciplined as a child, I caused an injury that I never intended or thought would happen," Peterson said. "I know that many people disagree with the way I disciplined my child. I also understand after meeting with a psychologist that there are other alternative ways of disciplining a child that may be more appropriate."

He noted that many people feel "very strongly" about corporal punishment, but said "regardless of what others think, however, I love my son very much and I will continue to try to become a better father and person."

The Vikings decided to sit Peterson against the Patriots, moving swiftly after a week in which the NFL came under heavy scrutiny for its handling of a domestic violence case involving former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice.

Peterson's statement on child abuse charges

The Associated Press

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson's statement released Monday after he was charged last week with child abuse for striking his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch:

"My attorney has asked me not to discuss the facts of my pending case. I hope you can respect that request and help me honor it. I very much want the public to hear from me but I understand that it is not appropriate to talk about the facts in detail at this time. Nevertheless, I want everyone to understand how sorry I feel about the hurt I have brought to my child. I never wanted to be a distraction to the Vikings organization, the Minnesota community or to my teammates. I never imagined being in a position where the world is judging my parenting skills or calling me a child abuser because of the discipline I administered to my son."

I voluntarily appeared before the grand jury several weeks ago to answer any and all questions they had. Before my grand jury appearance, I was interviewed by two different police agencies without an attorney. In each of these interviews I have said the same thing, and that is that I never ever intended to harm my son. I will say the same thing once I have my day in court. I have to live with the fact that when I disciplined my son the way I was disciplined as a child, I caused an injury that I never intended or thought would happen. I know that many people disagree with the way I disciplined my child. I also understand after meeting with a psychologist that there are other alternative ways of disciplining a child that may be more appropriate."

I have learned a lot and have had to reevaluate how I discipline my son going forward. But deep in my heart I have always believed I could have been one of those kids that was lost in the streets without the discipline instilled in me by my parents and other relatives. I have always believed that the way my parents disciplined me has a great deal to do with the success I have enjoyed as a man. I love my son and I will continue to become a better parent and learn from any mistakes I ever make.

I am not a perfect son. I am not a perfect husband. I am not a perfect parent, but I am, without a doubt, not a child abuser. I am someone that disciplined his child and did not intend to cause him any injury. No one can understand the hurt that I feel for my son and for the harm I caused him. My goal is always to teach my son right from wrong and that's what I tried to do that day. I accept the fact that people feel very strongly about this issue and what they think about my conduct. Regardless of what others think, however, I love my son very much and I will continue to try to become a better father and person."

Redskins optimistic RG3 will return this season

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins are optimistic that Robert Griffin III will return this season. Less clear is how much more Griffin can take before the "injury-prone" label supersedes anything else he accomplishes in his NFL career.

An MRI exam on Monday revealed that Griffin doesn't have any broken bones to go along with his dislocated left ankle, which means he doesn't need season-ending surgery and could theoretically return in a couple of months if all goes well with his rehab. Kirk Cousins will be the starting quarterback for much — if not all — of the rest of the year.

"This game, we only get to play it for such a short period of time," safety Ryan Clark said, "so, for me, it's more just being sad for Rob. The football part of it goes on. The game? The NFL ain't never missed a play. They're going to keep playing no matter who's in those jerseys."

Griffin was hurt when his left ankle planted awkwardly into the turf during the first quarter of the Sunday's 41-10 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars. The scene was familiar: Griffin lying on the turf, the crowd murmuring with concern, teammates offering support. His tears spoke volumes.

Griffin missed all or part of four games during his record-setting rookie season of 2012, yielding the field to Cousins because of a concussion and later due to injuries to a right knee that eventually had to be surgically reconstructed for a second time. In 2013, he missed part of one game with a tweaked left knee and was benched for the final three games by coach Mike Shanahan.

Now the quarterback with the world-class

sprinter's body has broken down again.

His MRI results will be sent to a specialist for further analysis, and coach Jay Gruden said he won't have a timetable for Griffin's return until the leg has been in a cast for a few weeks.

Gruden said there's "no consideration" at this point of putting Griffin on season-ending injured reserve. The coach answered "yes" when asked if he was optimistic about having the franchise player back in 2014.

"You're sick about it," Gruden said, "because you spend a lot of time with Robert, getting him ready and you watch how much passion he has for the game and how seriously he takes his job and what kind of will he has to succeed. And he's such a great kid on and off the field that you hate for something like this to happen to somebody."

"It's just a bump in the road for him. It's another little bit of adversity he's going to have to overcome. And part of being a quarterback is your mental toughness and ability to overcome adversity, and he's done it in the past, he'll do it again and we have total faith that he'll bounce back and be as good as ever soon."

Gruden said he doesn't think the troubling list of injuries should cast doubt

on Griffin's durability.

"The more injuries mount on him, it just becomes an issue, I guess, for a lot of people to think that his durability's in question. ... I think they're just fluke injuries, and they happen from time to time to certain players," Gruden said. "And hopefully, when he recovers from this, it'll be the last one he ever has."

Meanwhile, Cousins has a sustained chance to prove he can be a starting NFL quarterback. His various fill-in appearances for Griffin have produced mixed results. He looked sharp Sunday, albeit against a Jaguars defense that left receivers open everywhere.

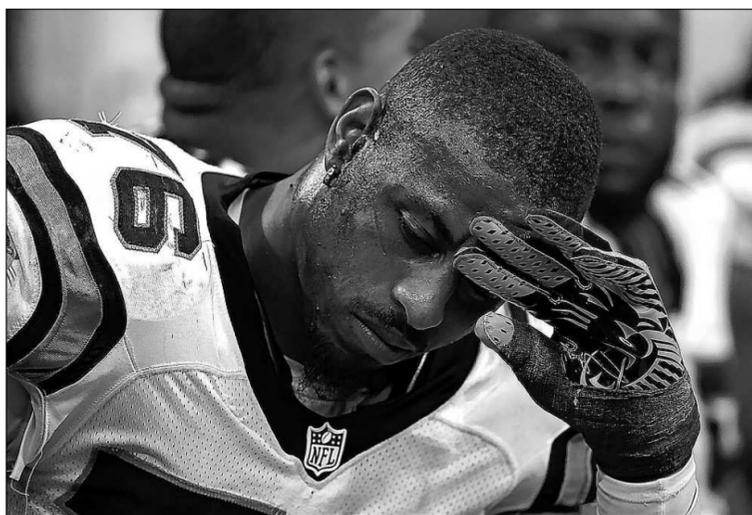
But he looked very comfortable — more so than Griffin — when running new coach Gruden's system during training camp and preseason. Gruden was trying to teach Griffin how to be a pocket-passer; Cousins is already one.

Gruden said he won't have to make any significant changes to the game plan with Cousins calling the signals.

"We were trying not to make this about Robert when Robert was the quarterback," the coach said. "We're going to try not to make this about Kirk now that Kirk's the quarterback. We've got to make this about the Redskins moving forward."



Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) runs with the ball during the first half against the Jacksonville Jaguars Sunday in Landover, Md.



In this Dec. 8, 2013, file photo, Carolina Panthers defensive end Greg Hardy (76) reacts in the second half of a game against the New Orleans Saints in New Orleans.

Panthers unsure if Hardy will play vs. Steelers

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Panthers coach Ron Rivera isn't sure if Greg Hardy will play Sunday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers and that the team hasn't considered releasing the Pro Bowl defensive end who is involved in a domestic violence case.

Rivera said Monday that Hardy will continue to practice and attend team meetings, but he won't make a decision on if he plays until later this week.

The Panthers plan to continue to gather information in what Rivera said is "a very fluid situation."

Hardy was convicted July 15 of assault on a female and communicating threats, after the victim claimed he threw her down on a bed of guns and tossed her into the shower. He is appealing the ruling.

Hardy played in Week 1 but Rivera deactivated him just hours before Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions, and two days after the coach said Hardy would play.

Rivera said Panthers owner Jerry Richardson was involved in the Hardy discussion and the team had some input from the league, but it was his decision to bench him.

Hardy made \$770,588.23 — one-seventeenth of his yearly pay — despite not playing.

Panthers general manager Dave Gettleman and his staff are "doing their due diligence in terms of looking at what are options are" going forward, Rivera said.

The coach indicated those options included whether to activate or deactivate Hardy on Sunday. He said the team has not considered releasing Hardy and his \$13.1 million salary.

The Panthers will have to decide by Week 6 how they want to handle Hardy's situation.

Under the NFL collective bargaining agreement, a team can only deactivate a player for non-injury reasons for a maximum of four games. The same limit is applies if the Panthers were to suspend Hardy for conduct detrimental to the team.

Hardy's agent Drew Rosenhaus declined to comment on the situation.

On Monday, Hardy arrived at the stadium in his white Bentley shortly after noon wearing white shorts and a hooded white sweatshirt and sunglasses. He didn't acknowledge media questions as he strolled into the stadium.

The decision to deactivate Hardy last Sunday was a difficult one, Rivera said.

"If you play him and you win, then you don't have a conscience; and if you play him and you lose, he's a distraction," Rivera said.

Rivera's decision to bench Hardy came after the Minnesota Vikings deactivated Adrian Peterson following his indictment for injuring a child. The Vikings released a statement Monday saying that Peterson will play Sunday against New Orleans.

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Domestic violence experts added as NFL advisers



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In this March 25 file photo, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers questions during a news conference at the NFL annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. Players will be subject to a six-week suspension for a first domestic violence offense and banishment from the league for a second under a new policy outlined by Commissioner Roger Goodell in a letter and memo sent to all 32 teams owners on Aug. 28.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three experts in domestic violence will serve as consultants to the NFL.

Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to teams Monday announcing that Lisa Friel, Jane Randel and Rita Smith will work as “senior advisers.” They will “help lead and shape the NFL’s policies and programs relating to domestic violence and sexual assault,” he wrote.

Goodell has been under heavy criticism for his handling of the domestic abuse case involving star running back Ray Rice.

Rice was initially suspended for two games. Goodell at first defended the punishment, but more than a month later, he told owners he “didn’t get it right” and that first-time domestic violence offenders would face a six-game suspension going forward.

Then Rice was released by the Baltimore Ravens and indefinitely suspended by the league after video surfaced of the assault on his then-fiancee.

Friel was the head of the Sex Crimes Prosecution Unit in the New York County District Attorney’s Office for more than a decade. Randel is the co-founder

of No More, a campaign against domestic violence and sexual assault. Smith is the former executive director of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Monday’s memo also said that Anna Isaacson, currently the NFL’s vice president of community affairs and philanthropy, will become its vice president of social responsibility.

“Anna has been leading our internal work relating to how we address issues of domestic violence and related social issues,” Goodell wrote. “In this new role, she will oversee the development of the full

range of education, training and support programs relating to domestic violence, sexual assault and matters of respect.”

The National Organization for Women, which is calling for Goodell’s resignation, called the appointments of the senior advisers “a step in the right direction — but it’s not enough.”

On the new role for Isaacson, NOW said in a statement that “the fact that Roger Goodell is assigning a current member of his leadership team to oversee new policies shows once again that he just doesn’t get it.”

Harbaugh: McDonald’s legal process must play out

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh insisted Monday that public pressure will not sway his decision to play Ray McDonald during an investigation into the defensive lineman’s arrest on suspicion of domestic violence.

Harbaugh said there “could be” a resolution in the case this week for McDonald, arrested at his home Aug. 31 while celebrating his 30th birthday with teammates and friends.

“I know there’s an investigation going on that’s continuing today,” Harbaugh said.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera on Sunday benched defensive end Greg Hardy for the team’s 24-7 win over Detroit after he was active in Week 1. Hardy was convicted July 15 of assault on a female and communicating threats.

McDonald has played and started both games so far for San Francisco (1-1), which lost 28-20 to the Chicago Bears on Sunday night.

Harbaugh said the

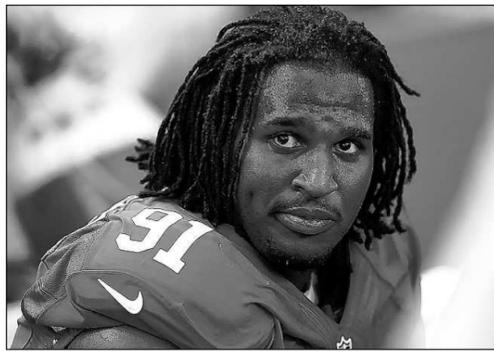
49ers didn’t compare the McDonald and Hardy situations.

California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom called for McDonald’s benching before the game. This after San Francisco suspended veteran play-by-play man Ted Robinson last week for two games after he made comments on the radio about the Ray Rice case that were deemed inappropriate.

“Well, you’ve seen there’s a lot of public speculation, and people weighing in with their opinion, whether it’s a public figure or people through social media,” Harbaugh said. “Our response would be, we have two principles at play here, and one is respect for due process, and we’re not going to flinch based on public speculation.”

Harbaugh, 49ers CEO Jed York and general manager Trent Baalke all have said publicly they will let the legal process play out before deciding to sit McDonald or making any other choices about his future with the team. They have expressed that they have zero tolerance for domestic violence.

“The facts and the information, that’s what we said from the beginning, yes,”



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San Francisco 49ers’ Ray McDonald sits on the bench during the second half against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas, on Sept. 7.

said Harbaugh, who like Baalke has daughters.

He would not confirm an NFL Network report that the 49ers believe McDonald’s version of what happened.

“I trust the process. The reason I’m not answering is I’m not inserting myself into the process, one way or the other,” Harbaugh said. “I think that’s the right thing to do, respect the legal process, respect the due process. The authorities are at work. We’ve been pretty clear on how we’re going about this.”

The 49ers have plenty of problems on the field to deal with this week, too.

Tight end Vernon Davis injured his left ankle and was hobbling around on crutches in the locker room Sunday. He was having a scan and being examined Monday.

San Francisco must try to regroup in a hurry before Sunday’s game at first-place Arizona (2-0).

With the reigning Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks losing at San Diego, the 49ers realize they let a key chance slip away early in the season.

“Nobody feels really good about it. It’s a bad feeling when you lose the game, no matter how you lose it,” Harbaugh said.

NFL Roundup

Moreno out a month; Dolphins re-sign Thomas

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins running back Knowshon Moreno is expected to be sidelined for at least a month with a left elbow injury, and the team has re-signed Daniel Thomas to shore up the position.

Moreno, the NFL’s leading rusher in Week 1, was hurt in the first quarter of Sunday’s loss at Buffalo. On Monday, the Dolphins signed Thomas, who spent his first three NFL seasons with them before being released in August.

A second-round draft pick by the Dolphins in 2011, Thomas has a career average of 3.6 yards per carry with 11 touchdowns. He’s an effective blocker and receiver, with 42 career catches.

Backup running back Lamar Miller hurt his ankle against Buffalo and might be limited this week. The Dolphins (1-1) play host to Kansas City on Sunday.

Jaguars’ Lewis out 6 to 8 weeks with ankle injury

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars will be without versatile tight end Mercedes Lewis for six to eight weeks because of an ankle injury.

Coach Gus Bradley announced the extent of Lewis’ injury Monday, a day after the Jaguars lost 41-10 at Washington.

Lewis suffered a high-ankle sprain on the first play of the third quarter and did not return. Bradley says Lewis could end up on the injured reserve/designated to return.

The Jaguars hope to have several injured starters back this week, including right tackle Austin Pasztor, who has been out for a month with a broken hand. Bradley says receiver Cecil Shorts III ran some Monday and could be back Wednesday, and safety Johnathan Cyprien remains in the NFL’s concussion program and has not been cleared for contact.

AP source: Ingram has a broken hand

METAIRIE, La. — A person familiar with the situation says New Orleans Saints running back Mark Ingram has a broken hand.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity on Monday because the Saints have not disclosed the injury, which was first reported by ESPN. The person says the timeline for Ingram’s return remains unclear.

Saints coach Sean Payton, who was asked about the injury on Monday, says he’s following his policy of not releasing injury information until the next NFL-required injury report, which for New Orleans this week is Wednesday afternoon.

Ingram gained 104 yards from scrimmage during the Saints’ 26-24 loss at Cleveland on Sunday, rushing 11 times for 83 yards with one touchdown and catching three passes for 21 yards. He scored two TDs in Week 1.

“Being ahead in the game and not finishing the game with a win leads to a very bad feeling after the game and today.”

Colin Kaepernick threw three interceptions and lost a fumble, including two fourth-quarter picks by rookie Kyle Fuller — the first two of his career, and on the prime-time stage — that led to Chicago touchdowns.

After Fuller’s first pick, Kaepernick was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct for “inappropriate language,” though he denied saying anything after the game. Harbaugh said he didn’t hear anything.

“Yeah, we’d like to find out about it,” Harbaugh said of a possible inquiry to the league. “I didn’t overhear that, they didn’t come back and tell me.”

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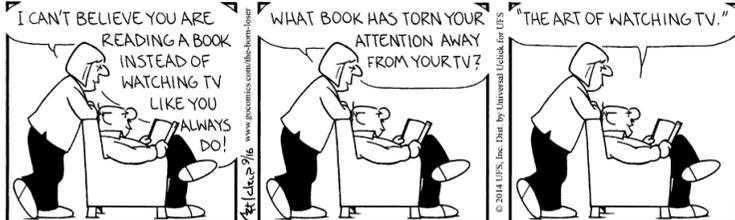
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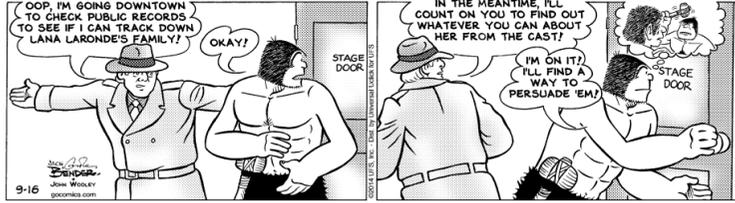
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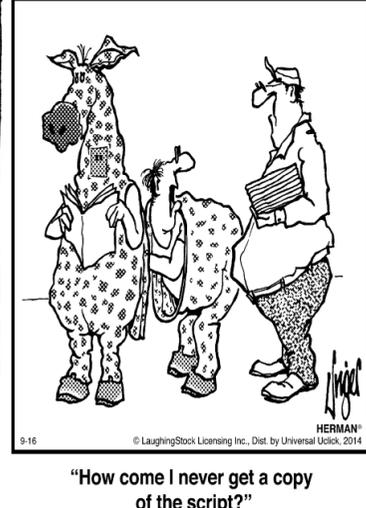
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 - 4 — tree falls ...
 - 7 Blog entry
 - 11 Loophole
 - 12 Duds
 - 14 Ocean predator
 - 15 Partygoer
 - 17 Sport
 - 18 College friend, perhaps
 - 19 Indiana Jones' lid
 - 21 — take forever!
 - 22 Poem by Keats
 - 23 Divvy up
 - 26 Mannerisms
 - 29 Deep-six
 - 30 Kind of film
 - 31 Permissive
 - 33 Understand
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 - 4 Kindle
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 - 7 Skier's delight
 - 8 Popular cookie
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be hard on yourself. You may have made some questionable choices, but you shouldn't second-guess your next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Donate your time to events, causes or activities. New acquaintances will influence the changes that take place in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Property deals could prove lucrative, but overspending could obviate any gain, so stay informed regarding investments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A positive outlook and strong work ethic will put you in a position to make changes. Put forth the effort to share your ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your self-esteem may be low if you have been beating yourself up over past disappointments. Give yourself a break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Consider the steps necessary to realize the future you are seeking. You have the ability, so make a serious effort to take one step closer to your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your judgment may be clouded. If you are feeling upset over a dispute, you should slow down and take a deep breath.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Make an effort to face issues that arise. overspending will not fix the problem.

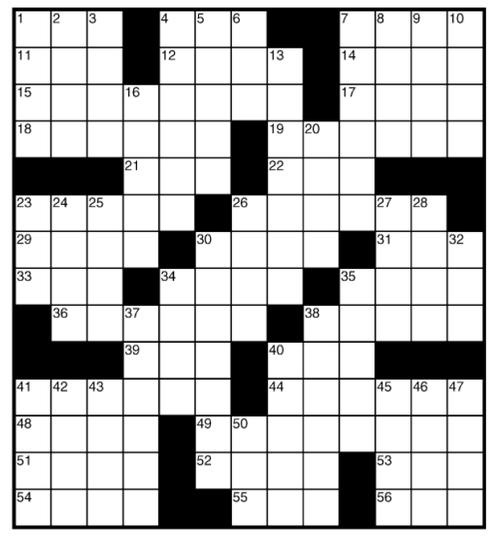
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You will feel satisfaction if you catch up on your chores. Reorganize what will really make you feel happy and content.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You will gravitate to the fast lane today. Social activities and group events will fill your schedule and bring pleasing results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Listen and learn while keeping a low profile. You may discover some facts that have eluded you in the past.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your willingness to make a difference in the lives of people experiencing difficulties will boost your self-esteem.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" D RLY'F JLLS MF PTZMOELLSP. D
TLVJR PGLH KLV PLNW, EVF D'R GMAW
FL TJDNE JMRRWZP, MYR D TMY'F
TJDNE." — JMVZWY EMTMJJ

Previous Solution: "I can't believe my lovely friend (Robin Williams) is gone ... he brought us so much joy and laughter." — Eric Idle

TODAY'S CLUE: λ equals κ

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My best friend's husband is having an affair with his sister-in-law. I have firsthand knowledge of this and also heard it through several unrelated sources. They are pretty blatant about being seen together.

My friend needs to get rid of this creep. I believe he's a serial cheater who thinks he can get away with anything. Why else would a reasonably intelligent man risk losing everything, including his home and children, over this?

I want to tell her, but dread hurting her. If she doesn't believe me, it could end our friendship. But we live in a small town, and it's only a matter of time before she finds out. Then she'd be angry because I kept the information from her.

Keeping this to myself feels as if I am betraying her, and it's getting harder and harder for me to be around her. This friendship is important to me. What do I do? Tell her or wait for the hammer to fall?

— BEST FRIEND IN TROUBLE

Dear Friend: There is the possibility that your friend already knows and has chosen not to deal with it. But in a small town, you are right that she will find out. You can express your concern without accusing her husband directly. Simply point out that he seems to be spending a lot of time with his sister-in-law, and if he were your husband, you'd check it out.

Dear Annie: Thank you for running the letter from "Up Close and Personal," who tried chlorophyll tablets for bad breath. I had a similar problem. No matter how many times I brushed my teeth and tongue, I still had a terrible taste in my mouth. Since that letter appeared, I have been taking two chlorophyll tablets every day, and I feel so much more confident.

— FRESH AND HAPPY IN OHIO

Bridge

Trent Reznor, a singer-songwriter, composer and record producer, said, "Being a rock and roll star has become as legitimate a career option as being an astronaut or a policeman or a fireman."

That is an interesting list of comparisons when you contemplate the various incomes from those professions.

In this deal, though, the key word is "option." Which option should South choose? He is in three no-trump. West leads the heart jack and East plays his seven. How should South continue?

West has a textbook weak two-bid, North has a textbook takeout double, and South has a clearcut jump to three no-trump. It is just a pity that the contract isn't laydown. South has only eight winners: four spades, one heart (trick one) and three diamonds. He has to establish a club trick, but that will involve losing the lead twice and will give the defenders a chance to run the heart suit.

If West has a high club, the contract is unmakeable. So South must assume that East has the club ace and king. However, if declarer takes the first trick and immediately plays a club, East will get in and return his second heart. Then South will go down three, losing five hearts and two clubs.

South has another option at trick one: Let West take the trick. Now the contract makes; declarer will lose only two hearts and two clubs.

You will often have two options at the bridge table, whether in the bidding or play. Analyze both and hopefully you will realize that one is better than the other.

North		09-16-14	
♠	K J 9 8		
♥	4 3		
♦	A K Q		
♣	Q 10 7 2		
West		East	
♠	7 4 2	♠	6 5 3
♥	A J 10 9 6 5	♥	7 2
♦	10 6 3	♦	8 7 5 4
♣	8	♣	A K 6 3
South			
♠	A Q 10		
♥	K Q 8		
♦	J 9 2		
♣	J 9 5 4		
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ J			

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2			8	3	1		9
	4					2	
9		6	4	5			3
4			3	9	7		
	2	8				6	

Level: 1 2 3

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Solution to Friday's puzzle

9	8	1	3	2	5	4	6	7
2	3	4	7	6	1	5	9	8
5	6	7	8	4	9	1	2	3
8	2	6	1	9	3	7	5	4
4	1	5	6	7	8	9	3	2
7	9	3	2	5	4	6	8	1
6	4	8	5	3	7	2	1	9
1	5	9	4	8	2	3	7	6
3	7	2	9	1	6	8	4	5

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LF160184 INVITATION TO BID
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Minor Interior Renovations & Security Enhancements
Jackson County Courthouse
Marianna, Florida

All work shall be done according to plans and specifications prepared by Paul A. Donofro and Associates, Architects, 2910 Caledonia Street, Marianna, Florida 32446. Plans are on file and open to inspection in the office of the Architect, 2910 Caledonia Street, Marianna, Florida. Plans are also on file in the following plan rooms: Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Architect at Post Office Box 861, 2910 Caledonia Street, Marianna, Florida 32446. General Contractors, subcontractors, suppliers or others may obtain a set of documents upon payment of \$ 75.00 per set. Partial sets will not be sold to major subcontractors, (mechanical, plumbing and electrical). Suppliers and other subcontractors may purchase drawings and specifications at the rate of \$2.00/sheet of drawings and 204/page of specifications. Bidding documents will be sent UPS, collect, unless otherwise specified. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, or a cashier's check, made payable to the sum of 5% of the base bid as a guarantee and with an agreement that the bidder will not revoke or cancel his bid or withdraw from the competition for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening of bids, and that in the event the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will within ten (10) consecutive days after it is submitted, enter into written contract with the in accordance with the accepted bid. The cost of the bond will be included as part of the bidders base-bid proposal.

NOTE: There will be a Pre-Bid Conference Thursday, September 18, 2014 and attendance will be mandatory for all General Contractors who plan to submit a bid for this project, see Section B, A Instructions to Bidders@, Paragraph B-16. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, and to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid and any combination of alternates or separate bid prices that, in their judgment, will be to the best interest of.

BY: /s/ Chuck Lockey, Chairperson
Jackson County Board of County Commissioners
Marianna, Florida

LEGAL NOTICES

LF160192 NOTICE

Notice is Hereby Given that the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida will consider a proposed Ordinance to be titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING WATER RATES; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS, DETERMINING, AND DECLARING AN INCREASE IN CERTAIN FEES ARE NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; PROVIDING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

The passage of the proposed Ordinance No. 2014-04 repealing Ordinance No. 2013-04 will be read by title and considered by the Town Council of the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida, at a Public Hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Town Hall, Grand Ridge, Florida.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be inspected by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend.

Alicia L. Corder
Town Clerk

LF160191 NOTICE

Notice is Hereby Given that the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida will consider a proposed Ordinance to be titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING WASTEWATER RATES; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS, DETERMINING, AND DECLARING CERTAIN FEES ARE NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; PROVIDING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

The passage of the proposed Ordinance No. 2014-03 repealing Ordinance No. 2013-03 will be read by title and considered by the Town Council of the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida, at a Public Hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Town Hall, Grand Ridge, Florida.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be inspected by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend.

Alicia L. Corder
Town Clerk

LF160190 NOTICE

Notice is Hereby Given that the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida will consider a proposed Ordinance to be titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-02

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE, FLORIDA WATER WORKS, GARBAGE, AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. A BUDGET COMMENCING OCTOBER 01, 2014 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

The passage of the proposed Ordinance No. 2014-02 will be read by title and considered by the Town Council of the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida, at a Public Hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Town Hall, Grand Ridge, Florida.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be inspected by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend.

Alicia L. Corder
Town Clerk

LF160189 NOTICE

Notice is Hereby Given that the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida will consider a proposed Ordinance to be titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE, FLORIDA GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. A BUDGET COMMENCING OCTOBER 01, 2014 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

The passage of the proposed Ordinance No. 2014-01 will be read by title and considered by the Town Council of the Town of Grand Ridge, Florida, at a Public Hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Town Hall, Grand Ridge, Florida.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be inspected by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend.

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Basketball

USA wins basketball worlds, 129-92 over Serbia

The Associated Press

MADRID — With golden confetti raining on their heads and “Party in the U.S.A” ringing in their ears, it must have been hard for the U.S. basketball players to hear anything.

Doesn't matter. They had stopped listening long ago.

All the questions about their talent, the doubts about their ability, were put down as easily as their opponents.

“It kind of was, again, a smack to our face, saying the U.S. was sending the B-team to go play in the World Cup,” forward Kenneth Faried said. “Just because LeBron's not here, Kobe's not here, (Kevin Durant's not here, doesn't mean anything. We can step up and win the gold, too. That's what we did tonight.”

And just like every other game, the Americans did it easily.

Tournament MVP Kyrie Irving made all six of his 3-point attempts and scored 26 points, and the U.S. repeated as world champion for the first time by crushing Serbia 129-92 on Sunday in the Basketball World Cup.

James Harden added 23 points for the Americans,

who made 11 of 16 3-pointers in a sensational-shooting first half, adding one final romp to a tournament full of them.

This depleted team that was supposedly weak enough to lose was too good to be touched.

“Obviously we didn't have a very close game all tournament, but for that to happen we had to play hard for 40 minutes and not relax and not give any inch while we were out there,” guard Stephen Curry said.

The Americans came in winning by 32.5 points per game and their closest victory in the tournament was by 21 points over Turkey. They thought they would get a tough game Sunday, but were simply too good to let that happen.

They finished at 58 percent from the field. They made 15 of 30 3-point attempts and had eight of their 12 players score in double figures.

“I think the results were dominant, but we had spurts of dominance in a lot of games,” U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “And we had tough games and then all of a sudden we'd have a spurt and it looked like we dominated. Tonight we had like about a 35-minute spurt.”

The Americans were supposed to have All-Star forwards Durant, Kevin Love and Blake Griffin, who all informed USA Basketball not long before the tournament that they would be unavailable.

But Irving and Harden stuck around, and despite sending the youngest U.S. team since NBA players debuted in 1992, the Americans remained as dominant as ever.

They have won 63 straight games — 45 in official FIBA events and 18 in exhibition play — and are automatically qualified for the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

LeBron James, Durant, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul might want to return for that competition. But the Americans will have to leave room for some players from this team, which has loads of young talent that figures to get even better from the time it spent together.

It was the fifth world title for the Americans, tying Yugoslavia for the most all-time. And the second for Derrick Rose, who used this tournament as his return after missing most of the last two seasons following a pair of knee surgeries, along with Curry and Rudy Gay.



United States players and team members celebrate after winning against Serbia in the final World Basketball match at the Palacio de los Deportes stadium in Madrid, Spain, on Sunday.

It was the first medal for Serbia, which had been a part of Yugoslavia when it won five. The Yugoslavians had been the last repeat champions, winning in 1998 and 2002.

The Serbians were only 2-3 in the group stage but then routed previously unbeaten Greece and Brazil before building a big lead and holding on for a 90-85 semifinal victory over France, which had beat them in the group stage and knocked out tournament co-favorite Spain in the quarters.

Serbia carried that momentum into the early moments of this one. Using a fluid offense that produced layups and dunks, Serbia opened the biggest lead any team had against the U.S. in this tournament when Miroslav Raduljica's three-point play made it 15-7.

That was wiped out in a minute, and Serbia's hopes of winning didn't last much longer.

“I don't think anything worked what we planned, but nevertheless I'm still happy with the effort that we put on the floor,” Ser-

bia coach Sasha Djordjevic said.

Harden had a three-point play and a 3-pointer, DeMarcus Cousins tied it with a pair of free throws, and then Irving had a jumper, 3-pointer and layup to cap a 15-0 burst that made it 22-15.

Irving hit a couple more 3s in an 11-0 run later in the quarter that provided a 35-19 cushion, and the Americans poured it on midway through the second in making it 56-30 after back-to-back 3s by Irving and Harden.

Alabama

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“DeAndrew has been hurt but (he's) a guy that can really run on the top end there,” Florida coach Will Muschamp said.

Cooper has collected most of the completions from Sims, who was making his first three career starts, and backup Jake Coker.

Sims has completed 48 passes, 27 of them to Cooper (56 percent). Of his 646 passing yards, 369 have

been compliments of Cooper (57 percent).

The receiver has also rushed for 29 yards on two end around plays. Muschamp said Cooper “has been targeted close to 50 times in three games, whether running or throwing.”

None of that has been a factor for offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin to this point. The 1,705 yards is the most the Tide has produced through the first three games of a season, topping the old record of 1,646 set by the 1973 team.

The Tide does have veteran options

for Sims in the passing game beyond Cooper. Jones had 63 catches the past two seasons and White has 54 in three years. Both are seniors.

Third-year sophomore Chris Black (five catches, 58 yards) arrived in the same recruiting class as Cooper and was even more highly touted than the Tide star.

And now White returns to the mix. “He's a great playmaker for us,” Cooper said. “If the defenses focus on me, other receivers are going to make plays. The running backs are going to make plays. It'll be a disadvantage for them.”

Indians

From Page 1B

people. We've got to work hard and get better every week if we're going to keep winning.”

To this point, that work ethic has been as much of a reason for the 2-0 record as any other factor, the coach said.

“The kids have had a willingness to work. There's not much complaining going on whenever we tell them to do stuff,” Dryden said. “They're hungry because they haven't won in so long, and I think that willingness to work is a big part of the success.”

In Blountstown, Grand Ridge finds a familiar foe, having played the

Tigers for a quarter in a preseason jamboree Aug. 26 in Blountstown.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie in that period, with Dryden saying he saw enough of the Tigers to know the Indians will be in for a stiff challenge.

“They're big and pretty fast. They've got a couple of good players and they'll give us a good match,” he said. “I think they're a little bigger than us. They've got some pretty good size to them. In the jamboree, they really shut us down on the line of scrimmage, so we couldn't move the ball at all. We have to do better on the line of scrimmage if we're going to move it.”

If the Grand Ridge offensive line can create space, the Indians have some talented skill players who can make plays, with Trent Smith pick-

ing up 300 yards rushing with three touchdowns, while Kentrell Lawson has gained 150 yards and scored twice.

The Indians have also got rushing touchdowns from each of their quarterbacks, Jackson Milsap and Colton Mercer.

On the other side of the ball, the prime focus for the Indians will be keeping Blountstown from beating them with big plays, something Grand Ridge has struggled with at times through the first two games.

“We've got to reduce the big plays. People haven't driven down the field on us very often; they've just hit some big plays on us,” Dryden said. “If we can shut down the big plays, I think we can keep them off the board.”

Bulldogs

From Page 1B

against Wakulla proving to be a backbreaker for the Bulldogs.

“It's just situational football where we get in situations where all we've got to do is finish and we're just making some mental errors,” the coach said. “But it's not for lack of effort, and we're playing some pretty darn good football teams.”

The next test will come with a NFC team that has split its first two games against a pair of 3A Georgia teams, beating Deerfield-Windsor 24-13 and losing to Valwood 35-34.

The Eagles lost their top two players from a year ago, quarterback Justin Moore and running back Jay Vickers, but they still

have a pair of talented playmakers in senior receiver Christian Philpott and junior running back Corey Charles to support freshman QB Avery Thomas.

“They're always good. They've reloaded,” Beach said of the Eagles. “They've got a ton of athletes and some speed on the edges and good skill guys. (Philpott) is a really good receiver. He's not quite as big as the Gavin kid, but he's real good, no doubt about it. He'll obvi-

ously bring some attention with him.”

This will be the third of four non-league games for the Bulldogs before they open District 1-4A competition Oct. 3 against East Gadsden in Marianna.

While pre-district challenges are good for polishing the edges and creating experience for young players, Beach said it's important that he and his players keep the season to this point in its proper perspective.

“Guys know that the

games we've played are important, but all of our goals are still there,” he said. “We still have an opportunity to make the playoffs, to have a winning season, and to win a district championship. But we're competing against these guys. It's got to be a good measuring stick for us.”

College Football

Miami backup QB Olsen faces DUI, license charges

The Associated Press

MIAMI — University of Miami backup quarterback Kevin Olsen has been arrested on charges of driving under the influence and possession of a fake or stolen driver's license.

Miami-Dade County jail records show Olsen was booked at 4:11 a.m. Monday and was released on \$6,000 bail. Police say Olsen failed field sobriety tests and had five different

driver's licenses on him. It wasn't clear if he had an attorney.

Athletic Director Blake James says Olsen was suspended indefinitely from the team pending further review.

The 19-year-old redshirt freshman from Wayne, New Jersey, was suspended for two games earlier this season for violating team rules. Olsen is currently fourth on the Hurricanes' quarterback depth chart.

Olsen's brother, Greg Olsen, is a former Miami standout who plays tight end for the Carolina Panthers.

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