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Man charged with grand theft

Suspect allegedly stole truck and tried to sell the cargo

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Just before 1 a.m. Wednesday, a trucker helped police nab a suspected thief after a man he encountered at a truck stop made him an offer that seemed suspicious.

Deputies were summoned to Love's Truck Stop around 12:40 a.m. to investi-

gate the trucker's information.

The driver said a man had approached him in the back parking lot of the business saying he needed money for fuel. The driver provided that cash by buying two moving dollies and several padded blankets from the man.

A little later, the man approached the driver again.

This time, the individual offered to sell him a dining room suite and a television for \$50. The driver, now suspicious, pretended to go along with the deal and said he'd go get the money.

Stalling for time, he checked the inter-

net for contact information on the trucking company associated with the vehicle the seller and his wares were with, and reached out to the owner. The driver learned that the six-wheel, 24-foot box Freightliner truck had been stolen from Sarasota.

Now alerted by that driver, the owner of the vehicle called the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to confirm that the truck belonged to the fleet.

Confronted by local authorities, the man selling the goods to the reporting driver was identified as 50-year-old Sarasota resident Danny Lee Gregory. He denied being the person who had been driving the truck or selling items from

it. However, a hitchhiker who had allegedly been riding with Gregory confirmed that they'd been together since the previous day and that Gregory was behind the wheel in their travels. The trucker who called the incident in also identified Gregory as the person he'd dealt with in the parking lot at Love's. Officials say that Gregory was seen behind the wheel with the keys in his possession.

He was charged with grand theft over \$50,000, a 2nd degree felony, based on the value of the vehicle. He was also charged with dealing in stolen property for allegedly selling and trying to sell property that did not belong to him, another 2nd degree felony.



Gregory



Up for grabs

KRISTIE CLOUD/FLORIDAN

Program services manager for the Marianna branch of the Jackson County Public Library Ann Bryan (left) Lela Horton, Friends of the Library president Becky Trott, circulation desk employee Randall Hinson and Ronda Haselmayer look over tables of books for sale.

Library book sale starts today

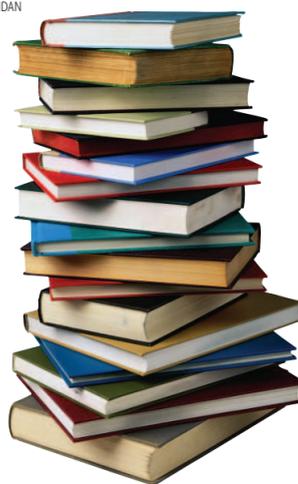
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The Jackson County public library's big annual book sale starts at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the Marianna branch on Green Street. It continues on Friday and Saturday, starting each day at 9 a.m. It closes down at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Hundreds of titles have been donated by

library supporters. The most expensive books are coffee table volumes that go for \$3 each. On the other end of the spectrum, almost all paperbacks are a quarter each.

Children's picture books are 50 cents, and most hardback books are \$1 each. There's a whole table of romance novels and another one jam-packed with

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Court

Local man sentenced to 18 years in prison

Defendant ordered to pay \$3,400 in fines

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A Graceville man has been sentenced to serve 18 years in prison for a Washington County burglary that occurred in the spring of 2013.

Justin Matthew Ducker, 26, is a prior prison release offender and was on habitual offender status at the time of his sentencing, according to the Washington County Sheriff's Office.



Ducker

In addition to drawing the prison term, Ducker was also ordered to pay \$3,463 in fines. The burglary took place at a residence on Barber Road, and multiple firearms, four wheelers, and electronic devices were taken from the dwelling, officials reported.

One of Ducker's prior offenses occurred in Jackson County, while another was in Holmes County.

Jackson 4-H'ers spark local California relief effort

60 kids in Weed 4-H clubs lost everything in wildfire recovery; local squad trying to help

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When local 4-H coordinator Angel Grainger learned that 60 young 4-H'ers in California lost their homes in the wildfires raging there this week, she couldn't help but think of her husband's childhood trauma of losing his home to fire. As his wife, that story had broken her heart for him.

But as a mother herself and the leader of a growing 4-H pack here, her thoughts also quickly turned to the children in need right now. She was excited to learn Wednesday afternoon that the northwest district extension offices have asked their 4-H crews to help. And she's asking the larger Jack-

STILL RAGING

» See the latest on the California wildfires. **5A**

son County community of adults to help their local young people make a big showing in the effort.

"Have you ever lost something precious and dear to you?" she wrote about the upcoming supply drive she and her 4-H'ers will lead here in Jackson County.

"Many of us have, and many of us have suffered the loss of homes and belongings due to tragedies such as fire. We hear on the news everyday about such tragedies and it reminds us of how thankful we are for what we have. This week, 60 4-H youth in Weed, Calif., (Siskiyou County) lost their homes due to wildfires. They are a small town in a large county, and

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KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Backpacks and school supplies are gathered on a table at the Jackson County Extension Office Wednesday in Marianna. 4-H coordinator Angel Grainger is organizing a supply drive to send these items and more like them to victims of the wildfires raging in California.

» CLASSIFIEDS...3B

» ENTERTAINMENT...2B

» LOCAL...3A

» OBITUARIES...5A

» STATE...4A

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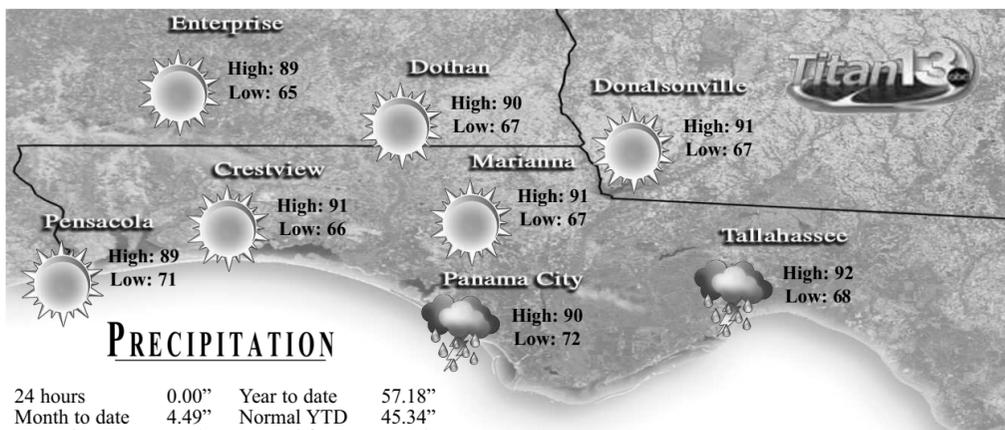
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Panama City	Low - 4:06 PM	High - 5:21 AM
Apalachicola	Low - 7:51 PM	High - 11:10 AM
Port St. Joe	Low - 4:11 PM	High - 5:54 AM
Destin	Low - 5:22 PM	High - 6:27 AM
Pensacola	Low - 5:56 PM	High - 7:00 AM

RIVER READINGS

Reading	Flood Stage
Woodruff 43.06 ft.	66.0 ft.
Blountstown 4.55 ft.	15.0 ft.
Marianna 6.18 ft.	19.0 ft.
Caryville 4.10 ft.	12.0 ft.

THE SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	12:00 AM
Sunset	6:27 AM
Moonrise	6:43 PM
Moonset	1:34 AM

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

CORRECTION
 The Gospel Tones band will be one of the featured performers during the Sept. 20 gospel sing/barbecue dinner fundraiser for Matt Hodges, who suffers from multiple serious medical problems. The name of the band was incorrectly stated in a Sunday feature story about the upcoming event at the Grand Ridge Community Center.

Community Calendar

- TODAY**
- » **Pink Cares Goes Country Dinner and Auction Reservation Deadline Sept. 19** — Jackson County Agricultural Center, 2741 Penn Ave. Marianna. Reception 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. silent auction 6-8 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person \$90 per couple. Dress: casual, western wear. 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.
 - » **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.
 - » **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.
 - » **Jackson County Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. Marianna. Library Friends members receive five free books. Join today.
 - » **Caregiver Support Group Meeting** — 11 a.m. to noon in the First Presbyterian Church social hall, 4437 Clinton St., Marianna. Open to all family caregivers providing care to loved ones or friends. Confidential group, facilitated by a professional group counselor. Coffee, water, light snacks provided.
 - » **Chipola Civic Club Meeting** — Noon at The Oaks Restaurant, U.S. 90 in Marianna. The CCC's focus is the local community, "Community, Children & Character." Call 526-3142.
 - » **Marianna Kiwanis Club Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2290.
 - » **Backpack Barbecue Fundraiser** — 4:30-7 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church parish hall, Marianna. Sponsored by Pilot Club of Marianna and Chipola Civic Club. Tickets \$6. Menus includes pulled pork barbecue, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Eat in or drive-thru. Proceeds donated to the Jackson County Weekend Backpack Program which sends food home on weekends for needy children. For tickets contact any Pilot or CCC member or call 482-6722.
 - » **Jackson County Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting** — 5 p.m. Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. Marianna.
 - » **VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** — 6 p.m. at 2830 Wynn St., Marianna, with a covered-dish supper. Call 209-1797.
 - » **Alcoholics Anonymous** — Closed discussion, 8-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna, in the AA room. Attendance limited to people with a desire to stop drinking; papers will not be signed.

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**
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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.
 - » **Jackson County Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. Marianna. Library Friends members receive five free books. Join today.
 - » **Hooks and Needles** — 10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna branch. New and experienced handcrafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.
 - » **Chess Club** — 6-8 p.m. First United Methodist Church on Clinton St. in Marianna. Sponsored by Marianna Optimist Club for students for students 8-18 years of age in Jackson County. All students and their parents are welcome. Players of all skill levels including beginners are welcome. Call 693-0473.
 - » **Celebrate Recovery** — 7 p.m. at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. Adult and teen meetings to "overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups." Dinner: 6 p.m. Child care available. Call 209-7856, 573-1131.
 - » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
- » **Marianna City Farmers Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring Panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
 - » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8 a.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
 - » **Apalachicola River Cleanup** — 9 a.m. to noon River Landing Park, River Landing Road Chattahoochee and Aspalaga Landing, Aspalaga Rd. Chattahoochee. Sponsors: City of Chattahoochee and Apalachicola Riverkeeper. Contact: Leigh Brooks 663-4361 or Karen Marsh 663-8751 for River Landing Park; Steve Cutshaw/Robert Crombie at Torreya State Park 643-2674 for Aspalaga Landing.
 - » **Partners for Pets Adoption Event** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tractor Supply, Marianna hosting Pet Appreciation Week. There will be puppies on-site for adoption.
 - » **Jackson County Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jackson County

- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion** — 6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
- » **Movie Madness Monday** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. One-Blood, 2503 Commercial Park Dr., Marianna. Come donate blood and receive a ticket to Marianna Cinemas.
 - » **Marianna Lions Club Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2005.
 - » **Malone School Advisory Council Meeting** — 3 p.m. Malone School Library. Discussion and vote for Continuous Improvement Plan. All parents invited.
 - » **Jackson Hospital Board of Trustees Quarterly Joint conference Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. In the classroom of Jackson Hospital.
 - » **Breaking Free** — 7-8 p.m. A closed SAA group is a 12-step fellowship of men and women recovering from addictive sexual behavior. For more info and location call Shawn at 693-1621 or email Breaking-FreeSAA@yahoo.com
 - » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna.

- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**
- » **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.

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Police Roundup

MARIANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marianna Police Department reported the following incidents for Sept. 16, the latest available report: 10 traffic stops, one suspicious vehicle, two suspicious persons, one special detail assignment, one highway obstruction, one prowler, two burglar alarms, one larceny complaint, one assault, one retail theft, four assists of other agencies, one public service call, one 911 hang-up and 12 home security checks.

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

reported the following incidents for Sept. 16, the latest available report: One drunk pedestrian, one abandoned vehicle reports, one reckless driver, four suspicious vehicles, one suspicious incident, one suspicious person, three highway obstructions, one burglary, 15 medical calls, one traffic crash, four medical transports, four burglar alarms, two fire alarms, one power line down, four traffic stops, one larceny complaint, one criminal mischief complaint, three civil disputes, one trespass complaint, one follow-up investigation, two juvenile complaints, two assaults, one animal bite,

one sex offense, 13 property checks, four assists of motorists or pedestrians, two retail thefts, one gas skip, one assist of another agency, one child abuse complaint, one public service call, one welfare check, three transports, two patrol requests and one threat/harassment complaint.

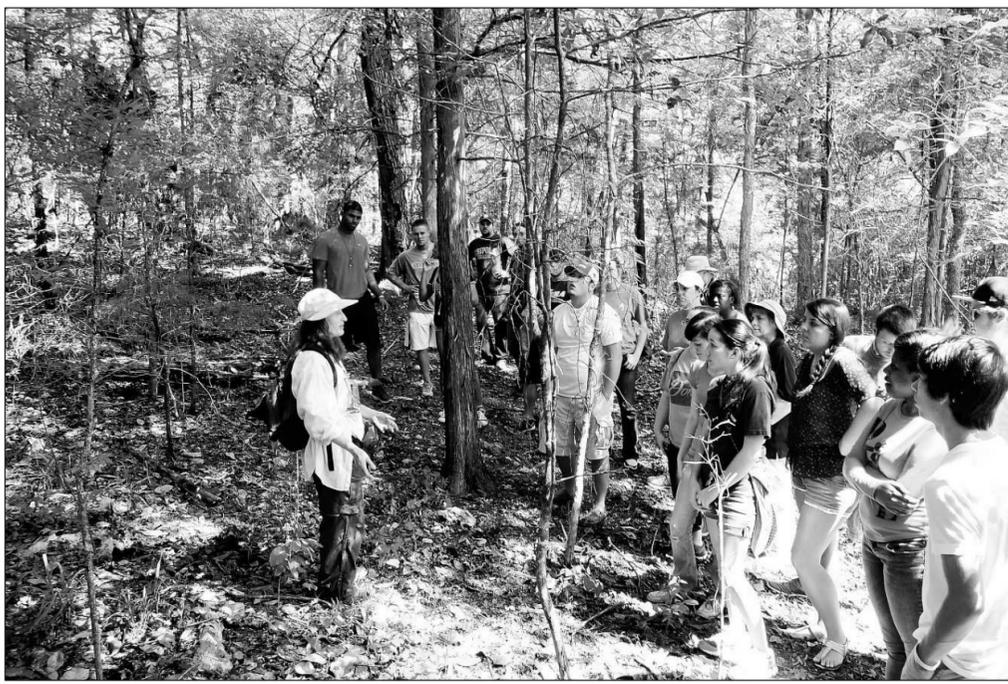
JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The following people were booked into the county jail during the latest reporting periods:
 » **Anna Thomas**, 47, 1027 East Eighth Ave., Graceville, hold for Holmes County.
 » **Santos Ramirez**, 34, 3158 (Apt. D) Bump Nose Road, Marianna, sentenced to 364 days.

» **Thabit Mateen**, 29, 4219 Jackson Road, Cottondale, failure to appear, shooting into an occupied dwelling, violation of state probation.
 » **Tyrone Murphy**, 37, 109 Adams St., Bainbridge, Ga., violation of county probation.
 » **Octavio Garrett**, 27, 6146 Paradise Club Road, Greenwood, violation of county probation.
 » **Danny Gregory**, 50, 8246 Coash Road, Sarasota, dealing in stolen property, grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Jail Population: 210

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).



Dr. Ann Johnson, a research scientist with Florida State University, helps students examine the occurrence of an upland chalky glade.

Chipola environmental science students learn at caverns

Chipola College's first class of Environmental Science students recently hiked to the Florida Caverns State Park to learn about a rare and unique ecosystem — the upland limestone glade.

The expedition was hosted by Billy Bailey, Park Service Specialist. Dr. Ann Johnson, Community Ecologist for FSU/Florida Natural Areas Inventory led the excursion, accompanied by Wilson Baker, an independent botanical consultant and butterfly expert.

The three environmentalists helped students identify new species and evaluate the status of endemic species.

Students learned that a glade is a pristine section of a natural meadow approximately two feet above limestone and surrounded by red cedar trees.

The glade is second only to the Florida coral reefs in rarity and uniqueness.

An upland chalky glade is a rare natural community that occurs in two panhandle counties. They contain a specific and unique

set of plants often not occurring elsewhere. The Florida Caverns contains the only state protected chalky glade, with about a fourth of an acre.

The Chipola students' field trip is part of the curriculum for a new environmental science class that will also include tree identification and invasive plant species removal.

The caverns will continue to be a vital part of the course curriculum through tree identification walks, botany lectures, invasive plant workshops and

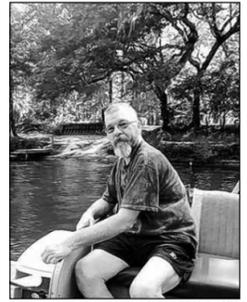
wildlife exhibits, for education in the conservation, preservation, protection and appreciation of natural resources.

Other trips which are planned during the semester include: Florida Caverns; Sept. 23 — Dr. Loran Anderson — "Botany 101" Chipola College; Oct. 14 — Billy Bailey, Jeffrey Johnson, Heath Beasley — Invasive Plant Workshop at Chipola; Nov. 4 — Billy Bailey, Diane Sue Bryant, Florida Caverns Volunteers — "Wildlife Conservation" at Chipola.

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'Run for Andy Nichols'

Poplar Head Baptist Church will be hosting the "Run for Andy Nichols" 5K and Fun Run on Oct. 11. There will be a 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run beginning at the Train Depot in Blountstown. Registration will be from 7-7:45 a.m. Cost for the 5K is \$20 in advance, \$25 on-site and cost for the mile is \$15.



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The 5K will begin at 8 a.m. Immediately following the 5K, we will start the 1-mile fun run.

For more information, to pre-register, or make a donation, go to <http://www.active.com/blountstown-fl/running/races/run-for-andy-nichols-2014> or you can pick up a registration form at White's AC in Blountstown. You can also

Andy Nichols
email run4andy@gmail.com

If you would like to sponsor the 5K or order a T-shirt for \$15 to show your support, contact Tiffany Nichols at 643-8692, email run4andy@gmail.com, or call Clint White at 643-8584.

2014 model railroad show set for this weekend

The 24th annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show and Sale is set in Dothan, Alabama, for Saturday and Sunday. The show will be at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, 5622 U. S. Hwy 231 S., three miles south of Dothan.

The show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children younger than the age of 12.

Vendors from through-

the southeast will have more than 100 tables of train-related merchandise for sale. Several large model railroad layouts will be running during the show, and an outdoor train ride for children will be offered for a small additional charge both days, weather permitting.

Door prizes also will be awarded and a concession stand will be open both days.

For more information about he show, call 334-790-6284.

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Tue.	(M)	0-7-5	5-1-6-5		
Wed.	(E)	9/17 8-2-8	8-0-7-9	Not available	
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Thurs.	(E)	9/11 8-8-2	5-5-3-0	11-13-16-31-33	
Thurs.	(M)	0-0-2	7-0-0-0		
Fri.	(E)	9/12 3-7-6	9-9-4-0	4-8-9-11-25	
Fri.	(M)	9-4-2	1-3-5-1		
Sat.	(E)	9/13 1-1-1	0-8-0-9	8-10-13-16-30	
Sat.	(M)	1-1-9	0-2-6-9		
Sun.	(E)	9/14 3-7-8	6-1-6-3	9-16-18-22-28	
Sun.	(M)	0-8-7	6-6-4-9		

E = Evening drawing, M = Midday drawing

POWERBALL					
Wednesday	9/17	Not available			
Saturday	9/13	1-6-16-37-53	PB 27	xtra 3	

LOTTO					
Wednesday	9/17	Not available			
Saturday	9/13	11-21-31-33-46-50	xtra 2		

For lottery information, call 850-487-7777 or 900-737-7777

BCF celebrates Constitution Day

On Wednesday, the Baptist College of Florida celebrated the 227th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Constitution Day is observed at BCF as a time to reflect upon the men and women who made, and continue to make tremendous sacrifices for the cause of freedom in uniting the nation.

Each year, BCF highlights past national accomplishments and incorporates those into lessons learned for future decision makers preparing to lead the nation.

Constitution Day, a replica of the original Constitutional document and the Bill of Rights will be on display in the BCF Student Center.

There will also be free informational materials available for students and guests as a reminder of our national heritage and encourage participation in future decisions affecting the nation through voting. For more information on Constitution Day, call 263-3261 ext. 513 or visit the website at www.baptistcollege.edu.



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RIGHT: BCF students exam the replica of the original Constitutional documents.

PITTMAN COMPETES IN COMPETITION



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The Southwest Georgia Invitational Steer and Heifer was held Sept. 6 in Donalsonville, Georgia. Sponsors for the show were Lewis M. Carter Manufacturing Company, Youmans Machine shop, Seminole County Young Farmers and Bishop's Jewelers. Wilton Pittman placed first in Junior Showmanship and won Grand Champion Steer. Wilton is in the seventh grade at Marianna Middle School and is the son of Jeff and Ginger Pittman. Pictured is Wilton Pittman with Judge Ricky Wheeler of Swainsboro, Georgia.

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NASA's Maven spacecraft reaches Mars this weekend

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — Mars, get ready for another visitor or two.

This weekend, NASA's Maven spacecraft will reach the red planet following a 10-month journey spanning 442 million miles. If all goes well, the robotic explorer will hit the brakes and slip into Martian orbit Sunday night.

"I'm all on pins and needles. This is a critical event," NASA's director of planetary science, Jim Green, said Wednesday.

Maven is not designed to land; rather, it will study Mars' upper atmosphere from orbit.

Hot on Maven's heels is India's first interplanetary spacecraft, Mangalyaan, which is due to go into orbit around Mars two days after Maven.

Scientists want to learn how Mars went from a warm, wet world that may have harbored microbial life during its first billion years, to the cold, barren place of today. Maven

should help explain the atmospheric changes that led to this radical climate change.

"Where did the water go? Where did the CO2 go from that early environment?" said chief investigator Bruce Jakosky of the University of Colorado's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics in Boulder.

These escaping gases likely went down into the Martian crust and up into the upper atmosphere and out into space. Jakosky and his team hope to ascertain whether the climatic about-face resulted from the sun's stripping away of the early atmospheric water and carbon dioxide.

"We measure these things today even though the processes we're interested in operated billions of years ago," he said.

NASA launched Maven from Cape Canaveral last November on the \$671 million mission, the first dedicated to studying the Martian upper atmosphere. As of Wednesday, the spacecraft was less

than 750,000 miles from its destination; Maven's view of the red planet would be roughly equivalent to a baseball about 52 feet away.

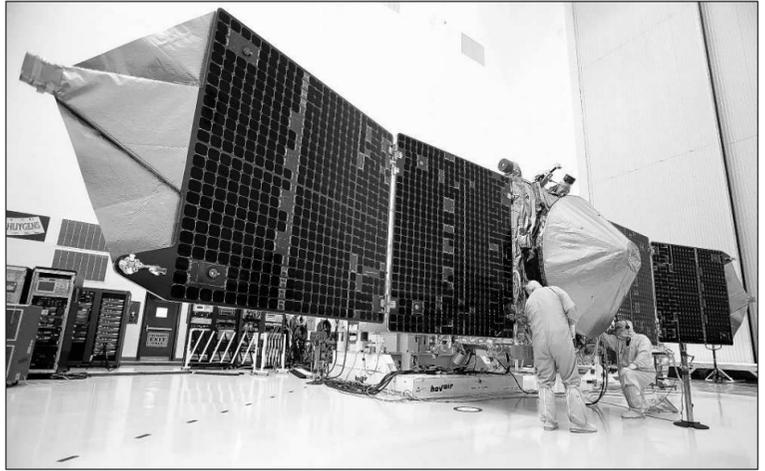
"So Mars is really growing right now as we approach, just four days away," said David Mitchell, NASA project manager.

The boxy, solar-winged craft is as long as a school bus and as hefty as a 5,400-pound SUV.

NASA expects a scientific bonus from Maven thanks to Comet Siding Spring.

The nucleus of the comet, discovered just last year, will pass within 82,000 miles of Mars on Oct. 19. NASA initially feared the trailing comet dust might jeopardize Maven, but the risk now appears to be minimal, Jakosky said. The spacecraft will observe Siding Spring, providing it can do so safely, and analyze the Martian atmosphere before and after the comet passes by.

"I'm told the odds of having an approach that close to Mars are about 1 in 1 million years, so it's



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In this Sept. 27, 2013 file photo, technicians work on NASA's next Mars-bound spacecraft, the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN), at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. NASA's Maven spacecraft will reach the red planet in September 2014 following a 10-month journey spanning more than 440 million miles. If all goes well, Maven will hit the brakes and slip into Martian orbit Sunday.

really luck that we get the opportunity here," Jakosky said.

Maven — short for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution — is a scout for the human explorers whom NASA hopes to send in the decades ahead. It's NASA's 21st mission to

Mars since the 1960s.

There are three spacecraft now circling Mars — one European and two U.S. — and two NASA rovers exploring the surface.

"For humans to go to Mars, it's not like 'Star Trek.' It's not like 'go where no man has gone before,'

"Green told reporters. "It's really the planetary scientists that are blazing the trail for us to understand everything about Mars that we need to for humans to be able to land safely on Mars and explore and journey around the planet."

Eyeing 2016, Rubio pushes American strength abroad

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Sen. Marco Rubio called Wednesday for boosting U.S. defense spending and greater intervention abroad, positioning himself as the leading foreign policy hawk among Republicans considering runs for the White House.

"The world needs American strength just as much as our people and our economy do," Rubio told a conservative gathering in Washington. "No other nation can deter global conflict by its presence alone."

The Florida senator and potential Republican presidential candidate voiced support for President Barack Obama's strategy to arm moderate Syrian rebels battling Islamic State militants — but warned that American combat troops may be necessary to stop the march of extremist forces across the Middle East.

"We must be prepared for threats wherever they arise, because our nation is never isolated from the world," Rubio said. "Foreign policy is domestic policy."

Those positions create a contrast with some of his potential GOP rivals who remain wary of American intervention and could help repair Rubio's relations with conservative activists upset over his support for an immigration overhaul last year. The tough talk about fighting

Islamic State extremists also could quell concerns among a broader swath of Republicans about the 43-year-old freshman senator's inexperience in global affairs — seen as a key vulnerability if Democrats nominate former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in 2016.

Republican leaders see Obama's focus on winding down wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a reluctance to use force as ripe for GOP critique in the coming presidential campaign.

But some worry that their party's crop of young lawmakers would make less-than-convincing messengers.

Rubio's focus on foreign policy "allows someone who was the speaker of the House in Florida to preface his answers with, 'I said to the king of Jordan' and 'The prime minister of Japan said to me,'" said Elliott Abrams of the Council on Foreign Relations. "That kind of statement is important when you're trying to prove, 'I know what I'm talking about.'"

There also is significant political risk. Recent polls show strong public support for military action in Iraq and Syria. But public opinion can swiftly change after a decade of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. Experts forecast a prolonged campaign against a terrorist group that spans several countries.



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In this Jan. 8 file photo, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. Rubio is positioning himself as the leading foreign policy hawk among Republicans considering runs for the White House, pushing for more military spending and greater intervention abroad as the United States confronts Islamic State extremists in Iraq and Syria.



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Crews battle California fire's explosive growth

The Associated Press

WEED, Calif. — Just days after a wildfire tore through a small Northern California town and destroyed scores of homes, crews on Wednesday battled another fast-moving blaze in the region that was also threatening residences.

Hundreds of additional firefighters were dispatched to the fire near the town of Pollock Pines, about 60 miles east of Sacramento, bringing the number fighting the blaze to more than 2,500 personnel. That was an increase of about 1,000 from the previous day.

The fire grew by thousands of acres overnight and had burned through nearly 29 square miles. It was threatening 500 homes, at least some of which were under mandatory evacuation orders, and was just 5 percent contained.

"It's burning in steep, dense terrain with heavy timber that's posing quite a challenge," said Alyssa Smith, a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokeswoman.

Meanwhile, further north, about 110 homes were destroyed and another 90 damaged from a fire that tore through the tiny timber town of Weed near the Oregon border on Monday, city administrator Ron Stock said Wednesday.

State fire Battalion Chief Scott McLean says four firefighters lost their homes due to the fire. Two churches, a community center and a library also have been destroyed.

An elementary school and the century-old town's



The smoldering empty shell of a local library and a Head Start center are all that remain Tuesday, the day after a wildfire swept through Weed, Calif. In just a few hours Monday, wind-driven flames destroyed or damaged roughly 100 homes, a saw mill and a church.

last wood products mill were also damaged. With the maintenance shed reduced to twisted sheet-metal and the main manufacturing facility suffering structural damage, the Roseburg Forest Products veneer mill on the outskirts of Weed was out of commission while workers began assessing the damage, said Kellye Wise, vice president for human resources of the company based in Dillard, Oregon.

The company hoped to have a better idea of when the mill could reopen by next week.

"We were in the middle of its path," he said of the fire. "It shows the great response of our employees, some of whom lost their own homes."

As the fire roared through trees, brush and homes on

Schoolhouse Hill on Monday, the mill had enough warning to send home most of the 60 workers on the day shift and mobilize the mill fire crew, Wise said.

While they fought to save the mill, firebrands blew overhead and ignited blocks of houses downwind.

With 170 workers, the mill is the second largest employer in Weed, a blue-collar town of 3,000 people in the shadow of Mount Shasta, and it dates to 1897, when founder Abner Weed decided to take advantage of its strong winds as a natural drying process for the lumber turned out by his sawmills.

The mill shutdown, however temporary, is one more hit to Weed, which has never recovered from

the logging cutbacks of the 1990s. Meant to protect the threatened northern spotted owl and salmon, the drawdown put tens of thousands of people in Siskiyou County out of work, county Supervisor Michael Kobseff said.

The mill jobs are particularly valuable because they pay wages high enough to support a family, much higher than the tourism jobs many must take, he said. Some who lost their homes are determined to rebuild, but others have no insurance, making state and federal assistance important, he said.

"It's just going to be this close-knit community trying to get back on track," he said. "It's not going to be overnight."

Winds gusting up to 40 mph pushed the flames

into town, where they quickly chewed through a hillside neighborhood. The cause was under investigation.

Fire crews took advantage of calmer winds and firefighting aircraft Tuesday, gaining control in and around Weed. But flames still threatened other parts of California.

In Oakhurst, a foothill community south of Yosemite National Park, a 320-acre fire that damaged or destroyed 71 structures — 37 of them homes — was 60 percent contained. About 600 residents from 200 homes remained evacuated, Madera County sheriff's spokeswoman Erica Stuart said.

More than 4,000 wildfires have burned in California this year.

Obituaries

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Maxie Estelle Harrell

Maxie Estelle Harrell, age 87, died Sunday, September 14, 2014 in Marianna.

Funeral services will be 2:00 Friday, September 19, 2014 at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel with burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service from 1:00 - 2:00 at Beggs Funeral Home.

She was born in Athens, AL on June 16, 1927 to the late George and Myrtle Franklin. She moved to Tampa, Florida at the age of eight and lived there until her marriage to T. W. Harrell in 1944. They moved to Madison County, Florida where they raised their children. Later years she lived in Marianna, Florida to be closer to her oldest daughter, Sheila. She retired from the State of Florida where she worked with the (WIC) Women, Infant, Children's program. She had a real sweet spirit and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Marianna, FL. She enjoyed life no matter what hardships came her way she would deal with it and smile. She will be remembered for her kindness and creativity and for her love and loyalty to her family. She was a beautiful lady, loving mother and wife.

She is survived by six children: Sheila Adams (Jimmy), Jimmie Agnes Lundgren (Steven), Ted Harrell (Suzanne), G. W. Harrell (Hope), Rick Harrell (Linda Lee), Susie Atwood (J. R) and ten grandchildren: Jeannie Johnson (Matt), Landis Adams (Suzanne), Taylor Harrell, Leslie Harrell, Kelsey Harrell, Travis Harrell (Olivia), Madison Harrell, Maxwell Harrell, Delaney Atwood, Bellamy Atwood; Six Great grandchildren.

Her loving husband T. W. Harrell preceded her in death in 1971.

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First lady visits St. Jude Hospital in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — First lady Michelle Obama has visited with young patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, chatting with them in an activities room and participating in a question and answer session.

Obama was making her first visit to St. Jude as first lady, following in the footsteps of Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Obama's plane was delayed by about 1 1/2 hours due to a maintenance issue, but the children waited for her, working on an art project.

St. Jude is considered a leading researcher of cancer and other life-threatening diseases that affect children. St. Jude says it is working to increase the overall survival rate for childhood cancer to 90 percent in the next decade.

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Relief

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they are in shock ... as a mother I can't imagine what it must be like to lose everything in the blink of an eye, and not even have the basic things needed for my children to be able to go to school, and try to put some sense of normalcy back into their lives."

The Florida 4-H Camping program is donating 60 backpacks and shipping them to Leon County to be filled with supplies before shipping to California, she report-

ed in the press release. The deadline for donating is Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. The supplies can be dropped off from now until then at the Jackson County Extension Office, located at 2741 Pennsylvania Ave. (Suite 3), anytime during the regular business day. From here, they will be taken to Quincy and merged with the supplies collected by the 4-H group there for shipment to California. "I realize this is a short turnaround time, but that is the way it is when helping folks affected by disaster," Granger said in the release. For more information, call her at 482-9620.

Sale

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mysteries.

There's a small western section, a modest selection of books on religion, and a chunk of arts and crafts books covering everything from paper to glass art, from calligraphy to painting.

There's a big book on American industry, a couple of volumes on the Civil War, several biographies, including one on John Wayne, and there are some featuring artists like Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci.

There are several books on travel, including one called "The Snakebite Survivor's Club."

There are many recently-penned books by well known authors and there are classics.

This is just a sampling

of what you'll find. There's enough reading material to fill a whole side room at the library, and the staff is hoping to see those tables empty by the end of the sale. The money raised in the event, being put on by the Friends of the Library, will go to benefit the library and their patrons. The Friends are hoping to gain a few more Friends during the book sale as well. They're dangling some bait in order to catch a few more members. If you join or renew your annual membership during the book sale, you'll get five free books as a thanks and a welcome. Annual regular membership is just \$15, and signing on at that level earns the books.

Those who are feeling extra generous can join as an associate for \$30, a sponsor for \$100, a partner for \$250, a patron for \$500 or as a benefactor for \$1,000.



Program services manager for the Marianna branch of the Jackson County Public Library Ann Bryan (background left) and Lela Horton look over tables of books set out for the "Big Book Sale" that starts today and runs through Saturday.

Journalists criticize White House for 'secrecy'

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Editors and reporters meeting in Chicago raised concerns Wednesday about what they described as lack of access and transparency undermining journalists' work, several blaming the current White House for setting standards for secrecy that are spreading

nationwide.

Criticism of President Barack Obama's administration on the issue of openness in government came on the last day of a three-day joint convention of the American Society of News Editors, the Associated Press Media Editors and the Associated Press Photo Managers.

"The White House push

to limit access and reduce transparency has essentially served as the secrecy road map for all kinds of organizations — from local and state governments to universities and even sporting events," said Brian Carovillano, the AP's managing editor for U.S. news, during a panel discussion.

Also speaking at the

conference was James Risen, a New York Times reporter who is facing potential jail time over the government's efforts to force him to testify at the trial of a former CIA officer who is accused of leaking classified information.

Risen said pressure on reporters and their sources was having a chilling effect on newsgathering.

He added that the government appeared to be taking advantage of how the media industry has been weakened amid the growing influence of online news sources and financial hardships.

White House spokesman Eric Schultz says the president is committed to transparency.

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Obama reaffirms opposition to US combat in Iraq

The Associated Press

TAMPA — President Barack Obama reaffirmed Wednesday that he does not intend to send U.S. troops into combat against the Islamic State group, despite doubts about the ability of Iraqi forces, Kurdish fighters and Syrian rebels to carry out the ground fight on their own.

"The American forces do not and will not have a combat mission," Obama told troops at MacDill Air Force Base.

It was a firm response to suggestions raised Tuesday by his top military commander that, under certain circumstances, American ground forces may be needed.

Obama said U.S. troops "will support Iraqi forces on the ground as they fight for their own country against these terrorists."

But, he added, "As your commander in chief, I will not commit you and the rest of our armed forces to fighting another ground war in Iraq."

On that point, Iraqi Prime



President Barack Obama reaches into the crowd to greet members of the military after speaking at US Central Command (CentCom) at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Wednesday.

Minister Haider al-Abadi was in agreement with Obama and stressed in a Wednesday interview with The Associated Press that he sees no need for other countries to send troops into Iraq to help fight the Islamic State group.

"Not only is it not necessary," al-Abadi said. "We don't want them. We won't allow them."

In his remarks, Obama offered a vision of a potent force that can

have a major role in conflicts, a more forceful view than he has embraced before. But he still stressed that for the effort against the militants to succeed, the U.S. will need to lead the international coalition and local forces must handle a significant role.

"Frankly, there just aren't a lot of other folks who can perform in the same way. In fact, there are none. There are some things only we can do. There are some

capabilities only we have," he said.

"Our armed forces are unparalleled and unique. So when we've got a big problem somewhere around the world, it falls on our shoulders. Sometimes that's tough. But that's what sets us apart. That's why we're American."

Obama spoke after consulting with officers at U.S. Central Command, which oversees American military efforts in the Middle East. The speech was one more chance to try to make the case for the airstrike campaign against the militant group.

"We're going to degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL through a sustained counterterrorism strategy," he said, using an acronym for the Islamic State organization. "We mean what we say. Our reach is long. If you threaten America you will find no safe haven. We will find you eventually."

His meeting with Gen. Lloyd Austin, the Central Command head, and other officers took

place as Congress prepared to vote on Obama's request for authority to equip and train Syrian opposition fighters.

Lawmakers in both parties have raised worries that the U.S. might be unable to find enough Syrian rebels who could be trusted to confront the Islamic State group or that their numbers would be sufficient.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters traveling with him to Paris that about half of Iraq's army is incapable of being an effective partner with the U.S. to push back the Islamic State group in western and northern Iraq. He said the other half needs to be partially rebuilt with U.S. training and additional equipment.

Dempsey told senators on Tuesday that if it became necessary for U.S. military advisers to accompany Iraqi troops into combat, he might "go back to the president and make a recommendation that may include the use of ground forces."

Appeals court rules Fla. Gov. can pick new judge

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — An appeals court is saying Florida Gov. Rick Scott should get to pick a new judge for northeast Florida instead of letting voters decide.

The 1st District Court of Appeal ruled Wednesday against David Trotti. Trotti wanted to run for a circuit judgeship because Judge Donald Moran announced his resignation in March.

Moran wanted to remain on the bench

until Jan. 2, 2015. Trotti argued that meant voters in Duval, Clay and Nassau counties should get to pick the next judge. The governor appoints judges if there's an opening between elections.

The appeals court, by a 2-1 margin, said the governor should get the appointment because the resignation was announced before election qualifying started.

Judge Philip Padovano disagreed and said it would allow judges to manipulate the process.

State Briefs

Scott, Crist qualify for debate; Wyllie doesn't

TALLAHASSEE — Republican Gov. Rick Scott and Democrat Charlie Crist are the only candidates that qualify for a Leadership Florida/Florida Press Association debate.

Representatives from the groups said Wednesday that Libertarian Adrian Wyllie won't be included in the Oct. 15 debate unless a poll shows he has stronger support by the end of the month.

Candidates need at least 15 percent support in a credible poll, including the benefit of the poll's margin of error.

Wyllie's campaign said it would fight to be included in the debate and noted the same groups used to set 10 percent support in a poll as the qualifying number, plus the benefit of margin of error.

That was raised after a Reform Party candidate nearly won a court battle to participate in a 2006 gubernatorial debate.

Fla. university system delays vote on student aid

PENSACOLA — Florida's state university system is postponing any talk about the state's popular Bright Futures scholarship program until after the election.

The Board of Governors was expected on

Wednesday to discuss a request from universities to boost financial aid to students who come from lower income families. But board members said discussing the issue now was "premature."

Universities say \$45 million is needed from the Legislature because of the reduction in the number of students qualifying for Bright Futures. Legislators changed the eligibility standards for the lottery scholarship program in 2010 and 2011.

The changes have reduced the number of students who qualify with an analysis showing big drops coming from black and Hispanic students.

Democrat Charlie Crist has criticized incumbent Gov. Rick Scott for the changes. A spokeswoman for the state university system said the governor's office did not ask for the delay.

Disney World plans Frozen attraction

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Walt Disney World is planning a new attraction inspired by the ever-popular "Frozen" movie.

The "Frozen" attraction will go up at the Norway Pavilion in Epcot at the theme park near Orlando.

The new attraction replaces the Maelstrom boat ride. It will take guests to the fictional land of Arendelle and recreate

moments and music from the film.

The pavilion will include an area where guests can meet the movie's sister characters Anna and Elsa.

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Cottdale Volleyball

Lady Hornets knock off GHS in 3 sets

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Cottdale Lady Hornets earned their first victory against a Jackson County opponent in four tries Tuesday by beating Graceville in three sets.

Cottdale had lost twice to Marianna and once to Sneads in its previous county encounters but broke through Tuesday in an in-school game in Graceville, winning comfortably by scores of 25-13, 25-12, and 25-16.

Playing in front of the large, noisy crowd was an adjustment early on, but Lady Hornets coach Tara Jurgonski said she was happy with the way her players handled it.

"We did really well. It was kind of nerve-racking at first because we couldn't hear each other," the coach said. "But they figured out they had to communicate louder, which is always a good thing. They played hard. I was proud of them. We're playing pretty well, but there's always room for improvement."

Cheyenne Franklin led Cottdale with four kills, while Sue Ellen Mosier had a team-high 15 assists, and Kayla Lathan topped all Lady Hornets players with four ace serves.

Graceville fell to 1-9 with the loss, while Cottdale improved to 4-5 on the season and will return to action tonight with a road match against Vernon.

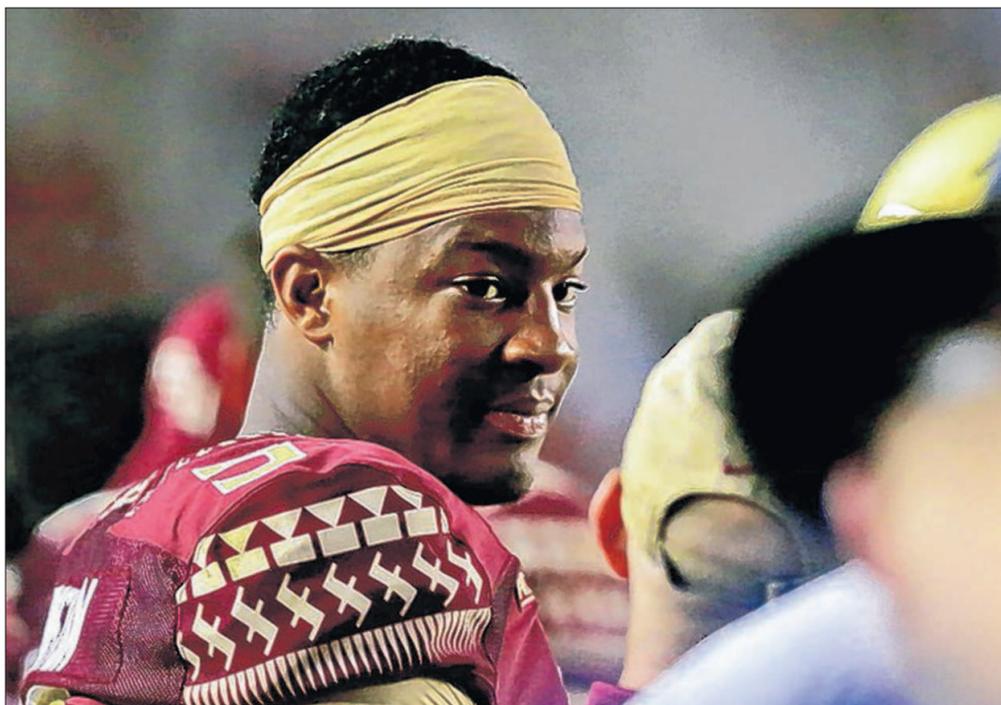


Cottdale's Cameron McKinney serves in a game against Sneads last week in Cottdale.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Winston suspended



Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston stands on sideline during the fourth quarter of the game in Tallahassee on Sept. 6. Florida State officials say Winston will be benched for the first half of Saturday's game against Clemson after making "offensive and vulgar" comments about women and that the quarterback will undergo internal discipline.

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FSU benches quarterback for 1st half of Clemson game

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Jameis Winston has been benched for the first half of Saturday's game against Clemson after making "offensive and vulgar" comments about women and Florida State officials say that the quarterback will undergo internal discipline.

The decision was announced Wednesday in a joint statement by Florida State interim President Dr. Garnett S. Stokes and athletic director Stan Wilcox. Several students tweeted Winston stood on campus Tuesday and shouted a lascivious comment about female anatomy that may have derived from an internet meme.

The president and AD said, "As the university's most visible ambassadors, student-athletes at Florida State are expected to uphold at all times high standards of integrity and behavior that reflect well upon themselves, their families, coaches, teammates, the Department of Athletics and Florida State University. Student-athletes are expected to act in a way that reflects dignity and respect for others."

The 20-year-old Winston

addressed his inappropriate comments before Wednesday's practice at his weekly press conference, saying: "I have to tone it down."

The Heisman Trophy winner gave a statement in which he added, "I just want to apologize to my university, my coaches and my teammates. I'm not a me person, but in that situation it was a selfish act. That's not how you do things. I really want to apologize to my teammates because I have now made a selfish act for them."

Winston's latest poor off-field decision comes when Florida State is under scrutiny.

Florida State is currently under investigation by the Department of Education for the way it handles reports of sexual assault, including a case involving Winston. The investigation was prompted by a complaint from a FSU student who says Winston assaulted her in 2012.

Florida State Attorney Willie Meggs declined to press charges against Winston last fall.

A lawyer for the woman says the university is currently conducting its own investigation of that incident.

Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher had said earlier Wednesday that the

quarterback would be held accountable for his "derogatory" remarks.

"It's not something we want or we're indicative of and it's not a good decision," Fisher said. "It was something that has to be addressed."

"You can't make certain statements that are derogatory or inflammatory in any way toward any person, race, gender," said Fisher, whose top-ranked Seminoles host No. 22 Clemson on Saturday in an Atlantic Coast Conference showdown. "The statements in which you make are always going to be made more public than statements that other individuals make," the coach said. "And that's just the nature of the business of who you are and what you are. That's the situation it is and you have to understand that."

Winston is no stranger to unwanted attention.

While playing for Florida State baseball team, he was suspended for three games and completed 20 hours of community service after acknowledging he stole \$32 worth of crab legs from a local grocery store in April. He faced criticism nationwide and was the subject of taunts and jokes in print, online and on social media.

Marianna Volleyball

MHS girls fall to 0-3 with defeat

BY DUSTIN KENT
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The Marianna Lady Bulldogs fell to 0-3 in District 1-4A competition Tuesday night with a three-set road loss to the West Florida Tech Lady Jaguars.

West Florida Tech won by scores of 25-17, 25-21 and 25-13 to snap Marianna's three-match winning streak and notch its first league win of the year to go to 1-2.

Marianna was coming off of wins over Altha and county foes Graceville and Cottdale, but the Lady Bulldogs got off to a disastrous start Tuesday night, losing the first 10 points of the first set.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied back into the set before eventually losing, but they carried momentum into the second set to take a 17-14 lead.

But West Florida Tech got a side-out and scored four straight points to take the lead and closed out the set before closing out the match in the next set.

Despite the loss, Marianna coach Rochelle Summerwell said she was confident her players would fare well in the rematch at home Oct. 7.

"We worked hard and played well. If we play consistently from beginning to end, we will definitely be victorious when we meet West Florida at home," she said.

Lexie Basford led Marianna with five kills, while Angelica Godwin had two blocks and Bonnie Bigale and Sydnee Goodson had two aces each.

Basford, Azaria Marlowe and Ariana Domen all had one ace each.

Marianna will next be in action Friday with a road game against Altha.



Ariana Domen (16) serves for the Lady Bulldogs in a game last week.

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Middle School Football

Grand Ridge goes to 3-0 on the season with 26-8 win

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The Grand Ridge Indians continued their hot start with a 26-8 home victory over Blountstown Middle School on Tuesday night to move to 3-0 on the season.

Trent Smith rushed for 154 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Indians, who have now tripled their win total from 2013.

Grand Ridge established control from the outset, using the first possession of the game to consume the entire first quarter, capped off with a 6-yard TD run by Smith five seconds in the second period.

Smith's second touchdown of the night made it 12-0, with the Tigers using a two-play scoring drive with a two-point conversion to cut the Grand Ridge lead

to 12-8 at halftime.

Blountstown got it back to start the second half but had to punt, with Smith scoring his third TD on Grand Ridge's ensuing series to an up 18-8.

An interception by Deangelo Manbeck in the fourth quarter set up the final score for the Indians, with Colton Mercer getting into the end zone on a quarterback sneak moments

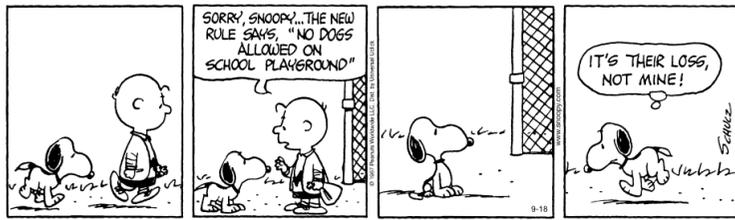
later and Smith converting the two-point play to make it 26-8 with three minutes left in the game.

"I was really proud of the guys," Grand Ridge coach Laramie Dryden said of his players. "We came out and had a great drive to start the game. Those long drives can be pretty demoralizing, so I was really proud of how we were able to hold on to the ball

that long. Other than a couple of big plays, the defense contained them and played well."

Kentrell Lawson added 66 yards on 11 carries for the Indians, who are now 1-0 in the Panhandle Conference and will next host conference foe Tolar on Tuesday for an opportunity to clinch a berth in the season-ending conference title game.

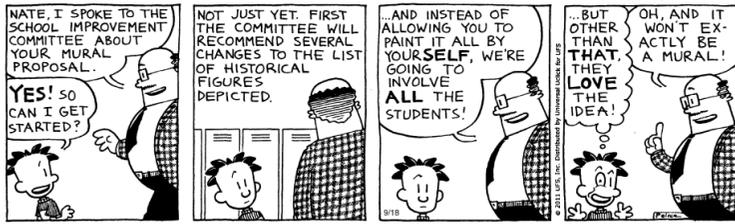
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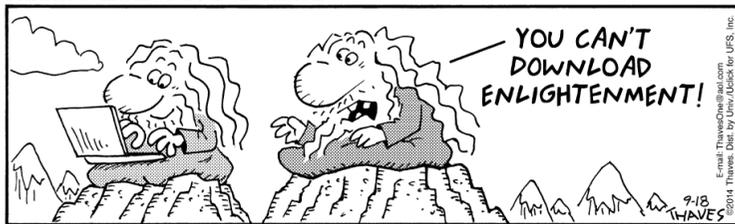
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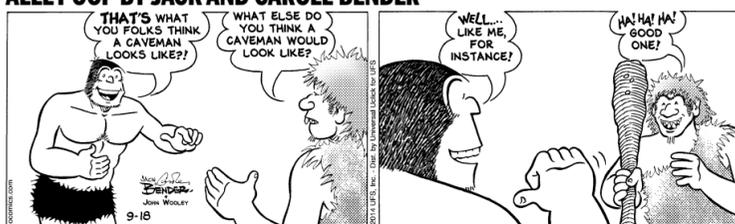
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Bogs down
6 Lean and sinewy
10 Floated downriver
12 Paddled
14 Coax
15 Very fancy
16 Wooden rods
18 Playing marble
19 Lament loudly
21 Polite address
23 Dog's ID
24 Skip stones
26 Go like a siren
29 Assns.
31 Hwy.
33 Wheels for nanny
35 Comet, to an ancient
36 KGB counterpart
37 Not all
38 Genesis man
40 Joule fraction
42 Nitpick
43 Fellows
45 Robert of "Airplane!"

DOWN

1 CAT scan alternative
2 Woosnam of golf
3 P.O. service
4 Debussy music
5 Extra helping
6 European capital
7 Motel of yore
8 Prowl
9 Hairy humanoid
11 Drops on the grass
12 Soda pop
13 Chaperoned girl

47 Gambler's kitty
50 Cosmetic buy
52 By a whisker
54 "Crocodile —"
58 Record player
59 Foreigners
60 What collies do
61 Meaning

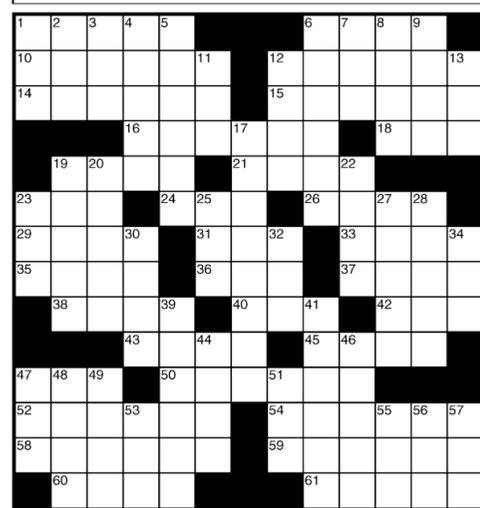
17 Most hungry
19 Cause-and-effect law
20 Spurred (on)
22 Charts
23 Unduly
25 Joan of —
27 Wry humor
28 Mantra
30 Obstacle
32 Flair for music
34 PC memory unit
39 Reflected deeply
41 Horror flick extras

44 Fluctuate (hyph.)
46 Daddy Warbucks' ward
47 "This Old House" network
48 Four-letter word
49 Kind of farm
51 Spud st.
53 Goof it up
55 Fox's abode
56 USN officer suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Z Y A X M O Z C Y A Z J F J V S A R . " — X O Z J
X A T F W X

Previous Solution: "If you would tell me the heart of a man, tell me not what he reads, but what he rereads." — Francois Mauriac
TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenba N
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Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Think outside the box. You will be pleasantly surprised by a new or unusual venture presented to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Slow and steady will be your best approach. You will be frustrated if you take on too many projects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — An unexpected change will result in an exciting venture. Find a way to incorporate the old and the new into your plans for the future, to better suit your needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You will need to take good care of financial matters. A joint venture will have an unfavorable outcome. An in-depth look at your documents and records will ensure that nothing has been overlooked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A personal relationship will cause dissatisfaction. Don't get sidetracked from your professional duties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Social activities, love and romance are all highlighted. Don't be afraid to show your romantic side.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your compassion will shine in dealings with those you care about. Feel confident to enable beneficial changes to take place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You are always ahead of the crowd. Don't be too hard on people who can't keep up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Aim high. Take an active role and see your commitments through to completion. A leadership position will be offered and will help get you where you want to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be dissuaded if others don't see things your way. Keep on top of your professional responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Keep busy and avoid trouble. If you are too idle, you will end up stressing over personal problems that you cannot fix.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can show generosity without opening your wallet. Offer your time and advice rather than money.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Twice in the past month, I witnessed an older woman tumble from the top of a moving escalator all the way to the bottom, as store employees raced to turn it off. In one incident, the shopper was accompanied by someone who could not stop her fall. In the other, the woman seemed confused before the accident, but refused to use the elevator. To complicate matters, her only identification was a receipt in her purse, so it took a while to find the man who had dropped her off.

If anyone has a balance problem, uses a cane or walker, has their arms full or is carrying a toddler, etc., please use the elevator instead of the escalator. The few extra minutes are well worth it in order to avoid a horrifying accident. And please be sure to carry proper identification, including names and numbers to call in case of an emergency.

— STUNNED SHOPPER IN SHREVEPORT, LA.

then, of course, it's too late. People need to be able to hold onto the railing of an escalator and watch their step getting on and off. If you aren't sure you can do this, please take the elevator. Better safe than sorry.

Dear Annie: My husband could have written the letter from "Heartbroken," whose wife never had time for him when they were younger, and now he's not interested.

I was a busy wife and mother and worked outside the home. I put everything before our relationship. We drifted apart and desperately needed couples counseling. We found the best therapist in our area, and she put us back on track. We just took a cross-country trip in an RV and have developed the most loving relationship we've had in 40 years. I hope they give it a shot.

— J

Dear Stunned: Too many people don't realize (or won't admit) they have a problem until something happens, and

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Bridge

F. Scott Fitzgerald said, "All good writing is swimming under water and holding your breath."

When the card play has finished, the contract will either be underwater or have floated safely ashore. If it has been defeated, though, declarer should not worry about how far it has sunk, as long as he took his best shot to make the contract. (Yes, if you are playing in a pair event scored by matchpoints, that is not necessarily true.)

In this deal, South is in three no-trump. After West leads the diamond king, how should declarer swim?

North's jump-shift rebid guarantees extra values and forces to game.

South starts with six top winners: four hearts, one diamond and one club. In addition, he hopes to take either four club tricks or three clubs and one spade. First, South should hold

North 09-18-14
♠ 5 4
♥ A Q
♦ A 7 6 3 2
♣ A Q J 9

West East
♠ Q 10 3 ♠ A 9 8 6
♥ 8 7 2 ♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 9 ♦ 5
♣ 5 4 ♣ K 8 7 2

South
♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10 5
♦ 8 4
♣ 10 6 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

up dummy's diamond ace until at least the second round to confirm the split. Yes, it is likely to be 6-0 or 5-1 because otherwise West would probably have led a different suit (presumably spades).

Declarer takes the second trick with dummy's diamond ace, cashes his hearts and runs the club 10. East wins with his king and shifts to a low spade. What should South do?

If West has the spade ace, the contract will drown. So declarer should play his spade king. Here, it wins and the contract comes up for air. But if the king loses, South has potentially gone down two instead of down one — a small price to pay for trying to collect a vulnerable game bonus.

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

Level: 1 2 3

Complete the grid so each row, column and
 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit
 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku,
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

UP TO THE CHALLENGE

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



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Heading Down Under instead of Over Yonder.

Is Brad Keselowski officially the Chase favorite now?

GODSPEAK: "Bad Brad" sits atop the Keselowski-Gordon-Harvick triangle at the moment.

KEN'S CALL: Many had him there a week ago; most have him there now. It's not Aric Almirola, by the way.

What will you remember most about the "Marcos Ambrose Era"?

GODSPEAK: His anecdotes about panning for gold in North Carolina creeks.

KEN'S CALL: That he had the coolest NASCAR accent this side of Ward Burton.

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CUP POINTS

1.	Brad Keselowski	2059
2.	Jeff Gordon	2052
3.	Joey Logano	2049
4.	Kevin Harvick	2047
5.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2042
T6.	Denny Hamlin	2041
T6.	Kyle Busch	2041
T6.	Jimmie Johnson	2041
9.	Kurt Busch	2039
T10.	Matt Kenseth	2034
T10.	Kasey Kahne	2034
12.	Carl Edwards	2030
13.	Ryan Newman	2029
14.	AJ Allmendinger	2025
15.	Greg Biffle	2021
16.	Aric Almirola	2007
17.	Kyle Larson	779
18.	Clint Bowyer	751
19.	Jamie McMurray	742
20.	Austin Dillon	726
21.	Paul Menard	724
22.	Brian Vickers	701
23.	Marcos Ambrose	664
24.	Casey Mears	614
25.	Martin Truex Jr.	610
26.	Tony Stewart	595
27.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	583
28.	Danica Patrick	553
29.	Justin Allgaier	476
30.	David Gilliland	417
31.	Michael Annett	404
32.	David Ragan	394
33.	Cole Whitt	381
34.	Reed Sorenson	370
35.	Josh Wise	330
36.	Alex Bowman	319
37.	Ryan Truex	193
38.	Michael McDowell	178
39.	Travis Kvapil	155
40.	Jeff Burton	87
41.	Terry Labonte	77
42.	David Stremme	64
43.	Bobby Labonte	54

The first race of the Chase was a microcosm of the regular season and likely a preview of the remaining playoff races.

Brad Keselowski, driving a Team Penske Ford, pulled away from Jeff Gordon, wheeling a Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, as the two top-seeded drivers finished first and second at Chicagoland Speedway.

While there is no rest for Chase competitors, Keselowski can go to the second race of the playoffs without worrying about advancing to the next round of competition. Race winners get a pass to the next round.

On the other hand, he doesn't want to lose momentum. He's won the past two Cup races.

"I want to enjoy the moment, but I still know there's nine weeks to go," said Keselowski, the 2012 Cup champ. "We have a bit of a hall pass for the next two ... I'm very appreciative."

"But those other seven, nobody cares that we won Chicago, nobody cares that we won Richmond or the other three races. It keeps resetting. You have to reset yourself. You have to keep developing the car and pushing as a team."

Gordon was happy with second place, knowing that top-five finishes will take him to the Championship Round at Homestead-Miami Speedway in November.

Gordon, a four-time Cup champ, didn't back away from his comment about being happy with nine consecutive second-place finishes going into Homestead.

"Eight more and I'll be really happy," he said with a laugh. "You want to get the win. While you can move to the next level with that happening, you almost kind of have to win after that."

"I think this is a great time for us to come out

of here really solid and with a great second-place finish. We've got to get a little bit better. No doubt about it."

Even with their combined success at Chicago, both drivers are looking over their shoulders.

TOYOTA'S TROUBLES

If it seems like it's been a long time since you've seen Denny Hamlin or Kyle Busch in Victory Lane, you are right. Team Toyota has gone 17 races without a victory. The last Toyota win was by Hamlin on May 4 at Talladega. That was springtime, and the calendar now has a toe in autumn. Matt Kenseth, winless this season, said he was disappointed with 10th place Sunday and Toyota needs to "figure that out and how we can be better."

THE REAL DEAL

Jeff Gordon, 43, sees a little of his young self in 22-year-old Kyle Larson. They raced side by side for second-place honors Sunday. Gordon nabbed the position, and the two had a chat after the race. "I think this kid is the real deal," Gordon said. The "Wonder Boy" torch has been passed.

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Guess who's on the board with a pass to the Chase's next round?



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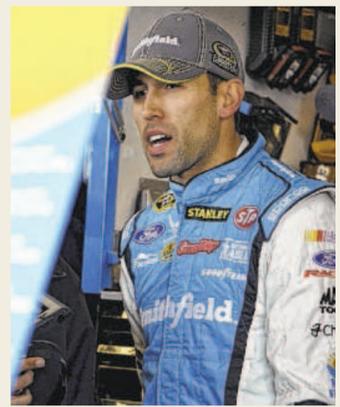
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Winner: Matt Kenseth
Rest of the top five: Ryan Newman, Joey Logano, Clint Bowyer, Tony Stewart
Dark horse: Aric Almirola

Disappointment: Kevin Harvick
First one out: Casey Mears
Don't be surprised if: Toyota breaks its 17-race losing streak with a charge led by Kenseth.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



AP/NAM Y. HUH

Blown engine could equal blown Chase for Almirola.

Should anything surprise us through one round of the Chase?

The only surprise is that there were no big surprises. No one went behind the Chase 8-ball — unless they were deemed a long shot anyway (take a bow, Aric Almirola). And no one ran up front who wasn't expected to do just that. So there you have it, one winner (Brad Keselowski) and, frankly, only one loser (did we mention Aric already?).

Only one loser? What about those Roush boys?

If you finish midpack, you don't quite qualify as one of the first-round losers, yet you didn't do yourself any favors. Carl Edwards finished 20th at Chicagoland and teammate (for a while longer) Greg Biffle finished 23rd. But frankly, no one we know had either on the short list of Chase favorites.

What about that other Roush racer?

Oh yeah, finally a headline for Ricky Stenhouse, who, a couple of years ago, was seemingly destined for NASCAR stardom. Well, he got the stardom, but not yet for the right reasons. And this past Sunday, he only got noticed because he collided with OJ's Her Name, and for the record, they blamed a spotter. It's still early enough in the relationship that any issues can be blamed on a third party.



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FEUD OF THE WEEK



RICKY STENHOUSE JR. **DANICA PATRICK**

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. vs. Danica Patrick: Patrick's No. 10 Chevy moved up into the No. 17 Ford wheeled by boyfriend Stenhouse, causing both to wreck late in the race.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Patrick said her spotter, Brandon Benesch, took the blame for not telling her Stenhouse's position. These drivers can kiss and make up."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Sylvania 300
SITE: New Hampshire Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 4:40 p.m.), Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.), Sunday, race (ESPN, coverage starts at 1 p.m., green flag at 2:15 p.m.)
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SITE: Kentucky Speedway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (ESPNEWS, 7:30 p.m.)
CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS: UNOH 175
SITE: New Hampshire Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 10 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.)



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

BRAD KESELOWSKI Can coast for two weeks, but probably won't	JEFF GORDON Nothing lost, nothing gained (yet)	KEVIN HARVICK Will win at New Hampshire	JOEY LOGANO Penske's "other" driver this week	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Redskins' romp helped his mood	JIMMIE JOHNSON Might want to keep that "Go" switch in view	KYLE BUSCH Good time to regain his Cup footing	KURT BUSCH Unlike his Cubs, he's a September factor	MATT KENSETH 0-for-35	RYAN NEWMAN 0-for-43
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

CHICAGO REWIND

Marcos Ambrose says 'G'Day mate' to head back to Australia

Marcos Ambrose, who some call the "Thunder from Down Under," will leave Richard Petty Motorsports and the No. 9 Ford at the end of the 2014 NASCAR Cup Series season. He plans to race in his native Australia next year in a car that will carry the Team Penske banner. He spoke with the media about his decision to return home.

What went into this decision?

"There has been a lot of conjecture through the years, but I just want to get my kids home to enjoy the Australian lifestyle as well so they can

make a good choice when they grow up. This is really a racing choice for me, and I feel like the time is right for me to stop in the U.S., and personally I think it is a great time to move back home to Australia with my family."

How would you characterize your NASCAR career?

"It has been fantastic. I never thought I would achieve what I have at the Sprint Cup level. I have survived here for years, and I have had some wins, but not enough, and I feel like I was up against it early on from my background.

I came from a country that doesn't have any asphalt oval racing at all, and so I feel like I have achieved a lot and am really satisfied."

Do you see yourself coming back to drive road races?

"I haven't really thought about that. This decision was made some time ago, and RPM felt like (this) was a good day to announce it, but I had spoken to RPM about this before the summer."

What's been the reaction from the team?

"They understand and have been very open and frank with each other all the way through,

and RPM has been a great team to drive for and fully understand my situation and have worked together on this. I feel like I've left them better than when I entered. I feel I've contributed to the turnaround.

"When I first joined them in the turmoil of the Gillette changeover, there were a lot of gray clouds circling around them. They are on a great path, and I wish them the best. I value Richard's friendship greatly and the family and everybody here at RPM. They are a great company, and I wish them the most success."