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Woman lying in street killed by car

Driver swerved to avoid her on Scenic Lake Dr.

By TONY BRITT
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A 32-year-old Lake City woman is dead after she was run over by a motorist Friday night while she was lying in the road. Authorities do not know whether the woman was dead before she was struck by the vehicle, officials said Saturday.

Sarah Jean Edenfield, 32, of Lake City, died in the incident, which occurred around 10:42 p.m. Friday on Lake Jeffery Road.

Tracy Hisler-Pace, Florida Highway Patrol Troop B public information officer, said Edenfield's body will be sent to the medical examiner's office to determine the cause of death and the results should be back in about six to eight weeks.

According to FHP reports, April Jade Moore, 20, of Olustee, was driving a 2008 Chevrolet HHR southbound on Lake Jeffery Road (County Road 250) approaching the intersection of Scenic Lake Drive.

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Stevens takes lead at state reading program

By TONY BRITT
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Columbia County resident Wendy Stevens recently took charge of the state's reading program. Stevens was tapped as executive director of Just Read, Florida! on Tuesday.



Stevens

"It's quite an honor. It's a privilege," she said during a telephone interview Friday afternoon.

Stevens began her new job Tuesday, but said she was notified about a month ago that she had gotten the position.

Stevens worked in the Columbia School District for about 31 years, the last seven at Columbia High School.

A former elementary school teacher, she worked as an instructional coach

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JFK 50 YEARS LATER

Lake City remembers the day Kennedy died

By STEVEN RICHMOND | srichmond@lakecityreporter.com

Two days stand out clearly in the mind of 97-year-old Lake City resident Helena Powers: Shaking hands with President John F. Kennedy the night before his inauguration and his untimely demise in the streets of Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Her son, former Coast Guard reservist Frank Powers, described the six-mile march he and his company made escorting the president's casket to its final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery as "surreal."

"When we got there, it was 17 below zero before the inauguration," she said, referring to herself and her late husband, Ralph Powers, a former head of the Florida Road Board and a major player in Florida politics at the time. "The night before we went to a governors' reception... We looked up and here comes Jack Kennedy. He came over to where I was standing and shook my hand."

Later that night, then-U.S. Senator George Smathers threw an after-party at his house full of dancing and celebration that lasted well into the wee hours of the morning, she said.

"Ralph and I did a waltz alongside Jack and Jackie," she said. "He was a very good dancer."

Then came Nov. 22, 1963. Frank Powers, 23 at the time, was preparing to graduate boot camp in Cape May, N.J. when his commanding officers ordered the recruits to head to their barracks and pack their bags.

"We didn't know what was going on at first. We thought we were going to war," he said.

Then their commanding officer broke the news. The president had been shot in Dallas.

"We were all shocked. The whole camp was in mourning. Nobody really know what we were going to do," he said. A short time later, he and his company were sent to Maryland to prepare for the six-mile long funeral procession.

'There were thousands of people on each side of the street, but you could hear a pin drop. It was extraordinarily quiet.'

— Frank Powers on the funeral march



STEVEN RICHMOND/Lake City Reporter

Helena Powers thumbs through a limited edition book about John F. Kennedy she received when she and her late husband Ralph Powers attended his 1961 inauguration.

Powers marched just yards in front of the president's cais-

son (the cart carrying the casket)—the same one used during

Abraham Lincoln's funeral 98 years earlier.

"What really stood out in my mind was the quietness," he said. "There were thousands of people on each side of the street, but you could hear a pin drop. It was extraordinarily quiet."

Once they crossed the Potomac River and reached Arlington, his group was placed at ease during the burial ceremony.

"It was very powerful to see the guns and aircraft flying over, Air Force One and all the military planes flying in salute," he said. "The whole thing was almost surreal considering that my parents were at his inauguration and here I was at his funeral."

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'Rebuilding from scratch'

Filipino American Cultural Society is collecting aid to send overseas.

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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In the days leading up to Typhoon Haiyan's landfall in the central Philippines, Steve Roberts and his wife, Rosalinda, were glued to the television — waiting.

"We were wondering if it was going to let up, if it was going to turn, where was the eye going to go — all of the same questions you would have if it was going to land here," Roberts said. "It's not easy to get off those islands, like you would think, when they call for an evacuation. So then, after it happened, not being able to get a hold of family members was concerning."

A member of Lake City's Filipino American Cultural Society, Rosalinda Roberts has family in the



Photos by AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

Members of the Filipino American Cultural Society separate clothes-related donations Friday afternoon in the garage of member Incos Smith. Clothing needed to be divided into adult and children's clothes, so that each box could contain an adequate amount of each item. (From left: Fritz Balajadia, Lyn Crast and Juliet Weidlich).

Philippines, including her brother. She isn't the only one with family struggling to recover from Haiyan's aftermath.

For days after the disaster,

families in America couldn't reach their relatives on the other side of the world. But then, calls and texts started trickling in, mostly with bitter-



Mel Gavette packs non-perishable goods into a box destined for the Philippine islands in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan's devastation. The Filipino American Cultural Society is accepting donations from the community to add to their relief packages.

sweet news. People were safe, but homes were destroyed.

"It will take years for

the Philippines to recover from this," said local FACS member Incos Smith. "The problem is that everything was flattened out. There are no buildings, no electricity poles. They're pretty much rebuilding the whole community from scratch."

To help the Filipino communities hit the hardest, FACS is already boxing relief goods to ship abroad. Baby bottles, diaper cream, pocket-sized Lysol, Dove soap, clothes, canned goods and more have already been placed in boxes, ready and waiting to be shipped to the hometowns of local members. Once those three or four families have been helped, the remainder of the boxes will be donated

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AROUND FLORIDA

Body of man who fell from plane likely found

FORT LAUDERDALE authorities said Saturday that they've likely found the body of a Florida man who they say fell out of a private plane, three days into a land and sea search that included parts of the Atlantic Ocean near Miami.

"Even though we presume that the body found is that of Gerardo Nales, investigators are pending 'official identification' from the Medical Examiner's Office," Detective Alvaro Zabaleta said in a statement.

The presumed body of 42-year-old Nales was found in an area of mangroves around 10:30 a.m., Zabaleta said. A day earlier, police air and water units were scouring the sea and had expanded their search area because of currents and wind.

The pilot's identity has not been released, nor has the intended destination of the plane. Authorities said there were only two people on board.

The pilot of the Piper PA 46 called for help Thursday afternoon, radioing "mayday, mayday, mayday" and telling an air traffic controller that a door was open and a passenger had fallen from the plane. The aircraft had just taken off from Tamiami Executive Airport, located south of Miami.

11-year-old killed in scooter crash
ST. PETERSBURG — An 11-year-old girl has died after a scooter accident in southwest Florida. St. Petersburg police say Sonia Savage and a friend were riding scooters Friday when Sonia didn't look both ways before crossing the street. She crashed into a truck and was run over by the left rear wheel of the vehicle. The girl was taken to the hospital where she later died from her injuries. Savage celebrated



COURTESY

It's what they call speed ... networking

The Lake City - Columbia County Chamber of Commerce's, Young Professional Group, hosted a Speed Networking event for all members. Attendees were given two minutes to talk with each person before they moved onto the next participant. Left side of table: Joy Lizotte, Mark Robinson and Noah Walker. Right side of table: Tommy Slaughter, Esta Eberhardt and Heather McInnis.

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Friday when Sonia didn't look both ways before crossing the street. She crashed into a truck and was run over by the left

rear wheel of the vehicle. The girl was taken to the hospital where she later died from her injuries. Savage celebrated

her 11th birthday on Wednesday. Police say alcohol was not a factor and there are no pending charges against the driver.

On pace for record tourism

TAMPA — Florida is on pace to have a record year for tourism, Gov. Rick Scott said Friday.

About 22.9 million visitors came to Florida in the third quarter of 2013, which is an increase of 1.7 percent over the same period in 2012.

Gov. Rick Scott announced the tourism numbers during a news conference at Busch Gardens and said his goal is for the state to reach 100 million visitors. Scott, who is running for re-election, tied the rise in tourism to job creation.

"Tourism creates a whole bunch of jobs in our state," said Scott, adding that for every 85 visitors, one job is created.

Scott, who was joined by officials from Visit Florida and Visit Tampa Bay — the state and region's tourism marketing groups — said more visitors came to the state between July and September of this year than any other third quarter in the state's history.

Visitor spending in Florida between January and August 2013 was \$51.8 billion, officials said.

There have been a total of 72.6 million visitors to the state through

September.

Some of Florida's tourism growth is coming from overseas visitors. There were 2.9 million in the third quarter, representing a 10.1 percent increase over the same period in 2012.

"We've got the best tourism product in the world," he said.

Man gets 12 yrs. for house crash

JACKSONVILLE — A Jacksonville man who killed a teenage girl when he crashed his minivan into her bedroom has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

A Duval County judge sentenced 52-year-old Ismet Sijamhodzic on Thursday after he pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide.

Sijamhodzic told police he hadn't slept for three days before the night in August 2012 when he ran a stop sign at the end of a Jacksonville road, went through a concrete wall and crashed into 17-year-old Janay Jackson's home.

An arrest report said there were no indications he attempted to stop or steer the van to avoid impact. No skid marks were evident at the scene.

A blood test showed Sijamhodzic had Xanax in his system, but he didn't have a prescription. Area newspapers report that trace amounts of marijuana also were found.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

5-year-old a smash hit as 'Batkid'

ASAN FRANCISCO 5-year-old Northern California boy who has battled leukemia for years became a darling of social media and attracted thousands of fans at home and around the country — including the president — as he took on the persona of his favorite superhero.

Dressed in Batman's signature cape and mask, Miles Scott faced foe after foe around San Francisco on Friday, drawing huge crowds and fulfilling his greatest wish in the process.

The White House sent out a tweet encouraging Batkid to "Go get 'em!" and in a video recording, President Barack Obama said, "Way to go, Miles! Way to save Gotham!"

Batkid was called into service by Police Chief Greg Suhr and spent the day zooming from one "crime scene" to the next. Accompanied by an adult Batman impersonator, Batkid rescued a damsel in distress from cable car tracks, captured the Riddler as he robbed a bank, and saved the San Francisco Giants mascot — Lou Seal — from the Penguin's clutches.

Miles was able to fulfill his wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the city and volunteers who stepped forward to help.

Batkid had a police escort worthy of a dignitary as he sped around the city in a black Lamborghini with Batman decals, with officers blocking traffic and riding alongside him on motorcycles.

"I think it might be the first time a Lamborghini had a booster seat," said Patricia Wilson, the executive director for Make-a-Wish in the Greater Bay Area.

JR Smith finds Twitter trouble again

NEW YORK — J.R. Smith might be in trouble again because of Twitter.

The New York Knicks guard, who was fined \$25,000 by the NBA last year for a racy tweet, had a new problem Thursday after an exchange with Detroit's Brandon Jennings that appeared to include a threat.



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

A big donation for big dreams

Ring Power donated a fork lift to Columbia High School logistics program for the class to use throughout the 2013-14 school year. It is the second year in a row the company has allowed CHS to "borrow" a fork lift — valued at \$27,000 — for their program. "It has always been a core value of Ring Power to give back to the community, and we understand the importance of preparing our young students with the necessary tools to be effective in our dynamic, global economy," said Michael Friedman, who added that the Ring Power Vice President in Jacksonville, Robert Burkhead, supports the project fully. From left: Nikole Bryant, Lorræ Blalock, Dallas Dice, Austin Williams, Tre Dandy, Dominique Cason (behind forklift), Rebecca Golden, Michael Friedman, David Robinson, Brandon Burt, Anthony Alexander, Katie Taylor, Kayla Follmann, Tangi Baker, Dalton Powell and Pearce Fitz.

"I'm always in trouble with Twitter," Smith said before the Knicks played Houston. "I don't know what it is. Trying to shake it."

His latest issue started Wednesday after Jennings made a critical comment about Smith's little brother, Chris, who also plays for the Knicks.

Jennings noted that Chris Smith is in the NBA though Pooh Jeter and Bobby Brown aren't. J.R. Smith, saying he is tired of people disrespecting his little brother, responded with a couple of tweets, the one that appeared threatening toward Detroit later taken down.

But Smith denied any bad intent, saying he and Jennings have played together in the summer and had a

good relationship. "There's a way to threaten somebody and that's not the way, to publicly threaten somebody," Smith said.

Martin to help choose song for WCup album

SAO PAULO — FIFA says Ricky Martin will be among the judges of a worldwide contest to pick a song for the official 2014 World Cup album and will record the final version of the track.

Soccer's governing body says aspiring musicians can submit videos of original song proposals beginning in December.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Acclaimed director Martin Scorsese (Taxi Driver, Goodfellas) is 71.
- Comedic actor Danny Devito is 69.
- Actress Rachel McAdams (The Notebook, Mean Girls) is 35.
- MLB outfielder Ryan Braun is 30.
- Bassist for "The Band Perry," Reid Perry, is 25.

Thought for Today

"If a black cat crosses your path, it signifies that the animal is going somewhere." — Groucho Marx

Scripture of the Day

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." — Psalm 119:18

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Juveniles face charges after crash that injured 2

By TONY BRITT

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Three Clay County runaways, two 13-year-olds and a 14-year-old, were taken into custody by Columbia County Sheriff's deputies after the SUV they were driving crashed into a pickup truck with deputies in pursuit. Two Lake City residents in the pickup suffered minor injuries in the crash, reports said.

The driver of the vehicle, who was 13, was charged with having no driver's license, no proof of insurance and fleeing the scene of a crash, reports said.

The Lake City Reporter chose not to publish the juveniles' names due to their ages.

According to FHP, the juveniles, all from Middleburg, were traveling south on SW Pinemount Road fleeing Columbia County

Sheriff's deputies in a 2007 Toyota SUV.

Jeremy Wayne Boyett, 43, and Heather Lee Boyett, 35, both of Lake City, were headed west on U.S. Highway 90 in a 2003 Toyota Tundra, stopped at the red light at the intersection of U.S. 90 and SW Pinemount Road.

The traffic signal turned green and Boyett proceeded through the intersection when the 13-year-old ran the red light, caus-

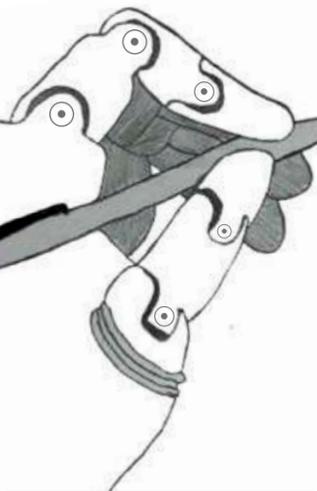
ing the front of the Tundra to strike the right side of the SUV.

After the crash all three teenagers fled the vehicle but were later apprehended by Columbia County Sheriff's Office deputies, according to FHP. None were injured in the crash.

Pace said the SUV was not reported stolen but the juveniles may face additional charges from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.



PATRICK SCOTT/Special to the Reporter
A tow truck driver secures two vehicles after fleeing juveniles caused a crash.



Magnum PSI fires T-shirts into crowds and fires students up about learning

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON

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LEGO-like gears, scraps of metal and computer parts dot the Engineering Technology classroom at Columbia High School, where the Robotics Team spent two months constructing their newest addition — a shirt-throwing, confetti-flinging robot called Magnum PSI.

Since Magnum PSI's completion days prior to the CHS Homecoming game, the robot has visited football games, fall festivals and local elementary schools.

"We've always tried to do outreach in the community... but in building this, now people are coming to us," said Engineering Technology teacher Celena Crews. "I'm getting a couple e-mails a week from people asking us if we can bring the robot."

In a couple of weeks, Magnum PSI and the Robotics Team will be at Summers Elementary School for Space Night, where they will use the robot to get children excited about what they can do with science and math.

Every year, the team competes in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, a national event to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. But during the spring build-season, when they are rushing to get a robot ready for the competition, there isn't much time to experiment with new techniques.

"Every January, we get the game design, and we have six weeks to design, build and test a 120-pound robot," Crews said. "Earlier this year, we said we were going to do one during our off-season."

She wanted her students to learn how to use pneumatics — the study and application of pressurized gas to produce mechanical motion — and transmission on their robotic creations. The robot can fire T-shirts approximately 200 feet, into stadium stands or over the stands, if they want.

"Those are the things that held us back in previous years because we didn't take them on," Crews added.

According to Dugan Dotson, Robotics Team captain, the T-shirt cannon allowed the students to test unused methods and an experimental metal during the less hectic off-season. When trying to complete a robot in time for the yearly competition, students do not have extra time to devote to complicated techniques. Magnum PSI also allowed students who normally participate in the non-technical aspects of the team to get hands-on.

"We do all our work for other classes," Dugan said. "But as soon as the bell rings, it's all robotics until the dead of night."

Organized in 2011, the Robotics Team gained such success Crews was able to start the Engineering Technology classes. She now offers all three levels required to meet industry standards, so students can graduate high school with a certification. Students can



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High School robotics student Dugan Dotson, 17, makes some adjustments to Magnum PSI, a new robot used for community outreach that launches T-shirts as well as other item out of three cannons.

earn certifications in a 2D-modeling program, AutoCAD; 3D-modeling program, SolidWorks; and LabVIEW, a graphical programming language. Formerly an aerospace engineer with NASA, Crews moved to Lake City with her husband and had to leave her job. She began teaching — and now offers three engineering courses, a calculus class and a physics class.

"It has me back in engineering," Crews said. "Now I just have to engineer students, instead of a spacecraft and such."

Many of her students plan to pursue a degree in engineering after they leave high school, prepared with information from Crews' classroom.

"They've been told since they were little: 'Oh, you like to play with LEGOS — you should be an engineer,'" Crews said. "But if you ask them what a specific field of engineering does, they usually don't know. So this gives them an opportunity to experience what different engineers do. They can figure out what they're most interested in and pursue that."

Until last year, Dugan played football. But during his freshman

year, the robotics team drove their robot onto the field to test it — and he decided to be a part of the Engineering Technology program.

"I didn't really know what I was getting into," Dugan added. "But it turned out to be an awesome experience."

He plans to major in either mechanical or electrical engineering.

Fellow Robotics Team member Brayden Thomas also plans to major in engineering, though he hasn't settled on a specific field yet. Ever since he was a child, he's always loved construction.

"What really sparked my interest was when I got my first LEGO set as a little kid," Brayden said. "I always loved the idea of taking a bunch of little pieces and turning them into something bigger."

The LEGO sets soon became more complicated. As Brayden grew, he would build 1,000-piece LEGO sets in a matter of 20 minutes.

"Soon LEGOs became uncool, and I found my new love of robotics in ninth grade," Brayden added.



The Columbia High School robotics program has acquired a 3-D printer, which can make household items like a salt and pepper shaker and a couple wrenches. The class even tested out an Apple iPhone case with workable gear cogs.



Students work on a modified version of a ranger bot.

Man was sprayed with bug spray, CCSO says

By TONY BRITT

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A Lake City woman, who said she was looking for her cat, was arrested Monday night after allegedly spraying bug spray in man's face who said he didn't have her cat.

Melody Faith Luke, 34, 196 SW Kirby Ave., was charged with criminal mischief, trespassing and aggravated battery in connection with the case. She was

booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility on \$27,000 bond.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, Cpl. Jennifer Wolf responded to a home on SW State Road 247 to investigate an aggravated battery case and met a man who told him he had been sprayed in the face with what he believed was bug spray by an unknown woman.

The victim told Wolf the woman had been up to his home about 30 minutes prior to him being

sprayed, around 9:15 p.m., when she knocked on his door and asked if he had her cat.

The victim said he and his wife thought the woman was gone for the night, but returned 30 minutes later and sprayed him in the face with a can of bug spray. The victim said he did not need treatment from emergency medical services.

The victim and his wife said the woman also vandalized their vehicle. Wolf reported, "It was apparent it had been sprayed with some sort of bug spray based on the odor coming from the vehicle. The bug spray can be seen as an off-white liquid substance on the windows and all around the vehicle."

While the victims were speaking with Wolf, deputy Charles Vaughn found the suspect, who was identified as Luke by her father. The victim was taken to Luke's home where he reportedly identified her as the person who sprayed him.

Luke was arrested and taken to jail and the deputies reportedly found a can of roach spray in the back of the truck at the home where Luke was found.

Man faces assault charges

By STEVEN RICHMOND

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A Lake City man was arrested Friday morning after a night of physically assaulting his girlfriend following a night of drinking,

CCSO reports.

Rocky Dean Martin, 30, was drinking with his girlfriend of six months at the local bar Hanger 7 Thursday evening before returning to the woman's residence later that night,

the arrest report said.

The victim said Martin began "saying things under his breath" before the couple entered into a verbal argument, the report said.

As things got heated, Martin allegedly slapped her in the face and attempt to "twist" her head off, telling her she would "never leave him." The woman responded by biting Martin on the arm and grabbing his male parts in self defense, the report said.

The woman was able to lock herself in a nearby bedroom and contact authorities, at which time Martin left the residence and locked himself in a nearby vehicle, authorities said.

Deputies said Martin was unresponsive when they tried to make contact with him.

Martin then left the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot before loosing his footing on wet grass, at which point law enforcement were able to detain him, the report said.

Martin was booked into Columbia County Detention Facility on \$28,678 bond. He faces charges of simple assault, resisting an officer without violence and battery.

He also had a warrant for his arrest from Pinellas County for loitering or prowling and failing to appear for an arraignment hearing.



Martin



Luke

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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OUR OPINION

Our thoughts, prayers are with the Philippines

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines – and with those in the Filipino American community of Lake City, as they labor to provide sustenance and aid to their loved ones and compatriots in the wake of a terrible calamity.

It appears no one with direct local ties died due to Typhoon Haiyan, the worst storm ever to hit the island nation.

But more than a week later, the suffering there seems nearly insurmountable.

Thousands dead, two million displaced.

“Displaced” is a clinical-sounding term that refers to people whose homes have been destroyed and have been left with little or no food and likely no clean water.

It is a horrific plight, and help still hasn’t reached many of those hardest hit.

Folks here are doing their part, and you can too, if you wish.

The local Filipino American Cultural Society is accepting donations, either goods or cash. Call Carmelita Mattox at 386-344-3315. In addition, FACS will also be outside Winn Dixie on Saturday to accept donations.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Ore., as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as “Lady Bird.”

In 1962, Washington’s Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

In 1973, President Nixon told Associated Press managing editors meeting in Orlando: “People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I’m not a crook.”

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Friday night lights return home

There’s nothing better than a high school football game in your town in mid-November. It’s a sign you’re in the presence of a budding champion. It’s playoff time and, even better, it’s the second round.

Get ready, Lake City. It’s our time as fans to rally and celebrate in the chill of a mid-November’s night this Friday as our Columbia High School Tigers return home to host Bartram Trail from Jacksonville in the second round of the Class 6A playoffs.

It doesn’t get any better. Speculation was that CHS would have to win its first two playoff games on the road to possibly have a shot at hosting in the third round, but the other bracket didn’t necessarily play out as anticipated.

Bartram Trail put the smack down on Ed White High, 50-20, on Friday night. Bartram Trail (the Bears) was 5-5 in the regular season (6-5 now) and 3-1 in their district. They took the show on the road to Ed White and hammered the Commanders – the team that gave



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Columbia its only loss this season. Ed White won our district championship in the regular season.

Our Tigers (10-1) did their part Friday night by dominating St. Augustine, 42-24.

So Columbia gets chance to uphold district honor and play a team that is explosive and unpredictable. Will the Bears five-loss team show up or will it be the world-beaters that put on a show on Friday night? Columbia will be ready to play and ready for anything.

This is what makes high school football so streaky, unpredictable and fantastic to watch. A group of 16-18 year old kids carry their

entire year’s work and preparation, not to mention the hopes and dreams of the parents and fans, into the second round.

If you want to feel that sense of community pride and place I spoke of last week, go to the Tigers game and cheer on our team. You will see people you haven’t in a long time, maybe meet new friends, and see one of the best high school football programs in the state. Coach Brian Allen is a great leader and a positive role model for the young men in our community. Allen teaches fundamental football skills, but he also teaches character skills to his players.

The Tigers need the community to continue to rally behind them. Celebrate all that is right about quality high school football play-off time in the South. The team brought the playoffs back to us with a first-round win. Let’s support our Tigers on Friday night and help them move on to the third round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

■ Todd Wilson is publisher of the *Lake City Reporter*.

Fix this health-care law or do without

The Obama administration has had three years to prepare for the introduction of the Affordable Care Act and has so far botched it, badly but maybe not irreparably. As of Thursday, only 27,794 people had selected a plan through the federal exchange and 79,391 though the state exchanges, out of a universe of 48 million Americans without health insurance.

In the meantime, millions of consumers had their private plans cancelled or were warned that they faced cancellation because the plans did not meet the standards of the Affordable Care Act.

Taking much longer than he should have, Obama relented and agreed to allow the insurance companies to continue selling the policies the administration deemed

inadequate for another year.

If we are to have a health-care system comparable to other wealthy, developed countries – and we’re running behind the curve – Obama has to get this right. It’s not as if there is something better in waiting; there is nothing in waiting if this law doesn’t succeed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teaching evolution promotes bullying

To the Editor:

I wonder how many of us have ever been bullied? I know I have. The memories of being bullied in school may still come fresh in your minds like they are still on mine.

There is more than one way we can be bullied. The Bible tells of non-verbal physical bullying as when Cain bullied Abel to death. Then there is verbal bullying (II Kings 2:23-24) when 42 boys called Elisha the prophet a bald head.

A comeuppance or payoff may eventually come to a bully but that does not take away the pain we suffer when we are bullied. So how does this relate to evolution in the public schools compared to the Holy Bible?

Well, does not evolution teach survival of the fittest? It is sort of

like the game called “King of the Hill.” The strong survive and the weak get pushed off to the side.

In school, the bullies are more often than not stronger, older, bigger, more in number, and able to come up with a bullying remark with a single sentence that describes some weak characteristic of us.

Many bullies are clever. They know how to bully verbally and get your goat and get away with it. Then they smile or laugh at your reaction and sometimes get others to laugh with them.

Bullying is a sin but teaching of evolution has bullied the Bible right out of the public school classroom as a Book of authority. When this happened it opened the floodgates to bullying and it is a constant struggle to stem the tide.

What is the best countermeasure for this? It is the Holy Bible. What happened to one of the biggest, meanest, foul-mouthed bullies who could dunk a basketball standing flat-footed in his bare feet? Well, he proudly mouthed off with foul language. The Philistine Goliath cursed David by his gods. The result was that this big bully got stoned, resulting in Excedrin headache 109. (I Samuel 17)

He should have quit while he was ahead, that is while he still had a head attached to his neck. Bullies do not like to be taught that the God is looking over their shoulder. Teach the golden rule. “Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)

Kenny Merriken
Lake City

Is Obama barking up the wrong tree?

To the Editor:

Charlie Brown’s dog Snoopy said, “No use doing a lot of barking if you don’t have much to say.”

Sooo...(BARK) Our country has already experienced Richard Nixon, who was a liar, Jimmy Carter, who was incompetent, and now we are experiencing Barack Obama, who

is both!
Lotsa luck, America! (BARK)

Marian Lewis
Lake City

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by e-mail at elawson@lakecityreporter.com.

OBITUARIES

Ceda Mae Prester

Mrs. Ceda Mae Prester, 85, of Lake City came to her untimely death on November 11, 2013 as a result of an automobile accident. She was born February 2, 1928 in Tampa, FL her parents were the late Rev. J. M. and Minnie Joshua of Lake City. She graduated from Richardson High School in 1947. She accepted Christ in September 1940 and became a member of the New Bethel (MB) Church under the late Rev. C. H. Rawls. She sang in both the junior choir and choir #2. She also was a member of the Lofton-Miller-Jackson American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors are: A loving husband Jessie Prester, son Larry J. Nelson, granddaughter Lacda Nelson, great-grandson Jedidiah Williams, sister-in-law Mildred Bryant, daughter-in-law Shellice V. Nelson and a host of cousins and loving friends. Visitation for Family and Friends will be from 4-8 pm Friday, November 15, at the Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Saturday November 16, 2013 at 1:00pm at the New Bethel (MB) Church, 550 NE Martin Luther King St., Lake City with Pastor Alvin J. Baker officiating. Interment will follow in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. **MIZELL FUNERAL HOME**, 365 NW Washington St. Lake City is in charge of all arrangements [\(386\) 752-3166](tel:3867523166). E-mail rudolmize@att.net Please sign guest register at www.mizellfuneralhome.com



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ries her loving and devoted husband of 18 years, Mr. Gene Foster, Sr., 4 children: Yolanda Rollins, Tyress Davis, Willie C. Davis and Cecilia Davis all of Lake City, Florida, 8 step-children: Mattie May of Brooker, Florida, Gene (Maxie) Foster, J., Willie Gene (Connie) Foster, Kenny (Sue) Wright all of Gainesville, Florida, Curtis (Pamela) Jones of Goldberg, North Carolina, Amy Gene Foster of Brooker, Florida, Connie V. Foster of Lake City, Florida and James J. Foster of Ocala, Florida. 2 sisters: Elizabeth Cooper of Lake City, Florida and Ethel Wyche of Jacksonville, Florida, 35 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, her adopted families and friends. Celebration for Mrs. Eloise Davis-Foster's life will be Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 248 N.E. Martin Luther King Street, Lake City, Florida, Rev. Fatha DeSue, Pastor Eulogy, Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Friends may offer condolences Tuesday, November 19, 2013 5:00pm until 7:00pm at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel 251 N. E. Washington Street, Lake City, Florida. Arrangements entrusted to **COOPER FUNERAL HOME** 251 N.E. Washington Street, Lake City, FL 32055. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D.

Thomas Nathan Vining

Mr. Thomas Nathan Vining, 77, of Lake City, FL went to be with The Lord on Thursday, November 14. He passed away peacefully at home after a long battle with Alzheimers. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Vining, daughters Susan Vining, Sarah (Vining) Rodriguez, Three grandsons, Nathan & Matthew Rodriguez & Michael Webster; his brother, James Ronald "Ron" Vining (Shirley), nieces & nephews Karen Cruciatia (Jimmy), Kaitlyn, Anthony, Brandon, Greg Vining (Tammy), Daniel, Hannah, Cameron & Abby. He is preceded in death by his mother Nola Mae Vining, Father, T. B. Vining and nephew Brandon Vining. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army & served in the Korean war. A memorial service will be held Monday, November 18 at 2PM at Hopeful Baptist Church, Family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in his name to the Alzheimers Association at www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp



Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.

Eloise Davis-Foster

Mrs. Eloise Davis-Foster, age 68, resident of Lake City, Florida met her untimely death Monday, November 11, 2013 as a result of a tragic accident. Eloise was born September 11, 1945 in Lake City, Florida to Mrs. Lizzie J. Lee and Mr. Hugh Lee, her parents and 8 of her siblings preceded her in death. She received her education at Richardson High School in Columbia County. Eloise was a faithful and dedicated member of Trinity United Methodist Church and served on the Trustees Board, Finance and Culinary committees, Stewardess Board and she loved serving her family and friends unselfishly. She was employed by the Columbia County School Board as a Bus Driver for many years. She leaves to cherish her memo-



People interested in the training are encouraged to attend one of these meetings to learn more about the program, meet other UF Master Gardeners, and pick up an application.

■ Thursday, November 21st, 5:45 at the Ft. White Public Library Branch

■ Saturday, November 23rd, 1:30 at the Main Library in downtown Lake City.

No reservation is needed and everyone is welcome to attend an orientation.

Camera Club

Branford Camera Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Cuzin's restaurant. The program will be a group discussion on shooting photos with the manual mode, understanding aperture setting, shutter speed and more. Reminder: In December we meet on Thursday, Dec. 12 to have our annual Christmas Party and photo share.

Military officers

The Suwannee River Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Lake City Elks Lodge, 259 NE Hernando St. Happy hour starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the program will follow. The dinner meeting is open to all active duty military officers, retired and former officers, members of the Reserve and National Guard, and their surviving spouses.

For information and reservations call Tandy Carter at 719-9706 or Vernon Lloyd at 752-4885.

Emergency Planning

North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Lake City Fire Department, 225 NW Main Blvd. Suite 101.



FFA students help with Habitat house

Columbia High School FFA student David Carey gets insulation from FFA student Emaleigh Williams as the two worked on the Habitat For Humanity home at 875 NW Early Street with six other FFA students on Saturday. George Burnham, who has helped with several Habitat homes, said they would like to have the home completed by Christmas, but they need more volunteers such as skilled labors, painters and people with experience in installing dry wall.

Nov. 17

Surviving the Holidays

Pastor Jeff Tate will lead a "Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays" session at the First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave., in the fellowship hall, on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 4-6 p.m. You don't have to face the first holiday without your loved one alone. The event is open to the public at no charge. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to info@lcfumc.org or call Arlene at 752-488. An RSVP will allow us to have enough books an hand for everyone in attendance.

Nov. 18

SCORE Workshop

SCORE is holding an online business workshop and discussion on Monday, Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the downtown Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Avenue.

SCORE Counselors will answer general business and entrepreneurship questions and all participants will receive a complete packet of valuable business planning and business resource materials. Call 386-752-2000 or email scorelakecity@gmail.com to reserve your seat. RSVP is required.

Executive Committee

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc., executive committee meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Coalition Office, 1104 SW Main Boulevard. The Coalition administers the state and federal funding for all School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs for the following counties: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union. We encourage community participation and welcome any input.

Food for Fines

The Columbia County Public Library will partner with the Christian Service Center for a one-week Food for Fines project. From Nov. 18-24, for every one non-expired, sealed, non-perishable food item that is brought to any of the three CCPL locations, the library patron will be able to exchange the item for \$1 in overdue fines or fees. One item equals 41, five items equals \$5, etc. The food collected will be delivered to the Christian Service Center

in Lake City for local distribution. Food collected at the Fort White Branch Library will be delivered to a local food bank. Food will be accepted only during the seven-day project period.

Stakeholder meeting

The stakeholder advisory committee of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership will meet at 1 p.m. on Nov. 18 at Florida Gateway College, 149 S.E. College Place.

The meeting will be held in the Wilson S. Rivers Library and Media Center, Building 200, Room 102. The agenda includes an update and discussion on the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and springs minimum flows and levels and recovery strategies.

The meeting is open to the public, and there will be an opportunity for public comment.

For more information about the Partnership and to view meeting materials, visit northfloridawater.com.

Nov. 19

Items needed

The Auxiliary of Shands Lakeshore Hospital will hold their annual garage sale to benefit continuing education on Nov. 19 in the first floor conference room from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donated items are needed to make this sell successful. Receipts from this sale are matched by the auxiliary and funds are presented to those in the health profession who wish to continue their studies. We accept any and all white elephants to sell and everyone is invited to buy.

The hospital is also looking for golf car drivers to transport patients and guests from the parking lot to the front door. If you are 18 years or older, have a valid drivers license and can donate four hours a week, the Auxiliary would love to have you join their team. Applications are available at the front desk or in the gift shop.

Open House

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Open House & R/C for Origins Family Medical & Weight Loss Clinic on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 194 SW Wall Terrace. Please RSVP for this event.

Library program

Friends of the Library welcome Rick Smith, son

of A Land Remembered author Patrick D. Smith, who will present a multimedia program at 7 p.m. at the Main Library. The program will talk about Patrick Smith and the research and experiences that led him to write his beloved novels. FREE tickets are required. Get your tickets in advance at the Library. Please note this is a change from the original location of the program.

Art League meeting

The Art League of North Florida invites the community to the monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday Nov. 19 at 6:15 p.m. There will be fellowship followed by a supper, short business meeting, and Sandy Lindfors as guest speaker.

Sandy's program is titled, "Chewed through restraints." Having taught oil painting for 40 years, Sandy is now retired. She uses her oil painting experience to compliment her love for fabric art.

NARFE meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court. Blue Cross / Blue Shield will be presenting this year's health benefits and premium cost. All federal retirees are welcome to attend even if you are not a member. For more information contact Jim Purvis at 752-8570 or 292-9361.

Nov. 21

Master Gardener

The Master Gardener program is now accepting applications for its 2014 class. Training will begin on January 8. Participants who complete the program are certified as Master Gardeners by the University of Florida Extension. Two orientation meetings will be held in November.

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CCSO: Man faces burglary charges

By TONY BRITT
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A Lake City man faces burglary and other charges after a woman said he attempted to break into her home Monday.

Joseph Benjamin Newton Jr., 29, 299 Tunsil St., was charged with burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with the case.

According to Columbia

County Sheriff's Office reports, Deputy Kevin Todd Bailey was dispatched to a Foster Glen address in reference to an attempted burglary. When he arrived the victim waived him down and pointed to the area where the suspect allegedly ran. The victim said the suspect was Joseph Newton Jr.

Bailey went to the area and spoke to Newton, who reportedly told him he was there to get a pair underwear.

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High schools battle it out at FGC

By TONY BRITT
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The halls of Florida Gateway College's mathematics and science building were brimming with activity Friday.

Students from 29 Florida and Georgia high schools were there competing in the 2013 Florida Gateway College High School Invitational Brainbowl Competition.

Poised with electronic buzzers in their hands, and hopefully the correct answers in their heads, the students fielded questions in a variety of subject areas.

Whether it was questions about the four chambers of the heart, alternate names for the Roman government or the author of a particular series of books, the students faced a variety of questions on different subject and topics in the round-robin competition.

Suwannee High School senior Zac Messcher was one of the veterans on his school's team, having been on the team for the past three years.

"The contest is really fun and I get to learn new information," he said. "Through this contest, you get cultured from the knowledge you learn from the questions and from studying what you need to know."

Messcher said he and his teammates practiced for an hour, two days a week to prepare for the contest.

Michael Pate, the Suwannee High brainbowl team advisor, said the team was doing well and he believed they were well prepared for Friday's competition.

"We've been practicing since school began and we have a lot of experience," he said. "Some of the members of the team have been doing this for several years and



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Aucilla Christian students compete against Suwannee High students during the high school brainbowl competition at Florida Gateway College on Friday.

one member of the team is new, but we're coming along."

Pate said an academic contest such as this provide a real benefit to students.

"It's not fun to practice all the time and you've got to have tour-

naments to be matched against other students to see how you're doing and to keep you motivated," he said. "We like to do the tournaments at least a month or so to keep us motivated throughout the year."

College garners top state award

From staff reports

Florida Gateway College has been awarded one of the prestigious Chancellor's Best Practice Awards for its use of technology in education.

FGC was recognized for its use of virtual technology to enable student learning, utilizing the BodyViz software. The award was announced Wednesday at the 64th Annual Association of Florida Colleges Convention.

"The Chancellor's Best Practice Awards give much-deserved recognition to exceptional programs and allow each of our colleges to learn from proven strategies that will raise the level of performance for the entire college system," said Florida Gateway College System Chancellor Randy Hanna. Through BodyViz, anatomy and physiology students can view and manipulate real-life CT and MRI images in a 3-D environment.

"The awarding of the Chancellor's Exemplary Best Practice Award is one of the highest one can receive in the state of Florida," said FGC President Chuck.

"But beyond receiving this prestigious award, we're very excited to be able to offer this program at Florida Gateway College to prepare our students for programs in medical science, health sciences, and any other areas that deal with human anatomy and physiology as they chart their future careers."

Giving children a better Christmas

By TONY BRITT
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Although he's only 15 years old, Storm Ford has a heart for giving and a way of organizing toy collection drives to benefit needy children his age.

Since he was seven, he's collected toys for needy children. The last three years Ford has collected toys for the Florida Children's Home Society.

Ford's tradition will continue this year when he puts on his inaugural Skating for Santa Toy Collection Drive.

The toy collection drive will take place Saturday, Nov. 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Skating Palace, 357 NW Hall of Fame Drive. Toys collected during the drive will benefit local youth at the Children's Home Society of Florida.

"The toys are for children that wouldn't have a Christmas," he said.

Ford said he's been collecting toys throughout the year and started taking donations earlier this month. The toy collection drive will culminate with the event at the skating center.

Now a freshman at Fort White High School, last year, as a middle school student, Ford held the "Fill-A-Blazer" toy collection drive where he and students donated enough toys to fill his mother's SUV.

People who want to donate toys for this year's toy collection drive can bring an unwrapped, new toy to the skate palace, along with a \$3 donation. Ford also has toy collection boxes at the Fort White High School office, the Lake City Advertiser and



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Storm Ford, a Fort White High School freshman, puts toys in a Skating For Santa toy collection box at the school. Ford organized the toy collection drive to collect toys for children at the Florida Children's Home Society.

at the Florida Children's Home Society office in

Lake City.

"I started the toy collection drives when I was 7 years old and I had an old bike and I decided to give it away," he said. "We're holding the toy collection event on Nov. 30 because it's the day after Black Friday and people will have gone shopping, hopefully."

Inga Dwyer, Ford's mother, who helps with the collection drive, said he's able to buy gifts for the toy collection throughout the year with money from his allowance given to him by his father, James Dwyer, and money from his grandmother, Cecile Holmgren, who also donates gifts.

"I would love to be able to match what we did last year as this year's goal," she said. "The goal is to get at least enough toys to make 100 children a Christmas."

Saluting veterans

By TONY BRITT
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Veterans from World War II all the way to Operation Enduring Freedom were honored with a barbecue luncheon at Haven Hospice of Suwannee Valley Community Room on Saturday. More than 30 veterans attended the event and some brought their families.

Honoring veterans is nothing new in Columbia County, but the style, attention to detail and dignity Hospice staff and Woodmen of the World put into the ceremony were something special.

In addition to the luncheon, the veterans were given miniature flags from their branch of the military as well as pins for their service. World War II veterans were honored separately.

Several of the veterans that attended also signed a flag, which was donated by the Woodmen of the World, which will hang on the wall at Haven Hospice of Suwannee Valley.

Sam Peavy, 93, of Live Oak, attended the event with his wife of 63 years, Fern Peavy.

Peavy, a World War II Army veteran who served 1940-1945, said he was proud to be able to attend the event with his wife and happy to have an opportunity to spend time with other World War II veterans.

"It's an honor to be here and hear everybody's stories and share the freedom we have," he said.

Ronald Bailey, 86, attended the event with his wife, Becky Bailey, and both said they were happy to be honored at Saturday's event.

Bailey, a World War II veteran, said he didn't see action in the war because Enola Gay pilot Paul Tibbets dropped the atom-

ic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. "I met him and I thanked him for saving my life and the lives of many of my friends," Bailey said, noting he has signed copy of Tibbets' book, "Return of the Enola Gay."

Carlos Rainwater, the first Native American to serve as the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, was the event's keynote speaker.

Rainwater said up to last year, the largest group of American veterans was from World War II, but now that's changed because an average of 1,200 World War II veterans die each day. He said the Vietnam veterans are now the largest group of American veterans.

Although Rainwater's address covered many topics, including the increased role of female troops in the military, he also told about two of his boyhood friends from the Korean War.

"Bob," who was proud to be a soldier and wore his uniform whenever possible, was killed after only two days in combat when he was hit by enemy artillery.

He also relayed the story about his friend "Ken," who he described as an "executive type" and very intelligent with a plan to attend Auburn University after he completed his military service, but had his life altered forever when he was struck by sniper's bullet that took off half his skull. He survived, but was

never the same.



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"That one North Korean sniper's bullet destroyed a brilliant mind," Rainwater

said. "It's been my honor to serve veterans of this country. Veterans made this



country what it is today."

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Huesman: Agriculture is more than just tractors

By **AVALYN HUNTER**
Special to the Reporter

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Agriculture has been a part of life in Columbia County since its incorporation in 1832. Although the local economy has diversified since then, with tourism, health care and manufacturing growing in prominence, farming and forestry remain important, and in more ways than may meet the eye. Of the 20 largest employers in Columbia County, over half have direct or indirect ties to agriculture through food services, retailing or use of agricultural products, agriculture-related education programs, or provision of agriculture-related government services.

Few people in Columbia County know the importance of agriculture better than Jill Huesman, who has taught agricultural education at Fort White High School since 1997.

"My job is to expose children to the variety of careers connected to agriculture," she says. "A lot of people think agriculture begins and ends with the farmer out on his tractor,

and that's certainly important. But there's so much more; a person involved in an agriculture-related career these days is just as likely to be sitting at a computer desk as on a piece of farm equipment."

A native of Marion County, Huesman traces her love of agriculture and teaching back to participation in her local 4-H Club. "I got started when I was eight and stayed in it through high school," she recalls. "I showed poultry, competed on judging teams, and met a lot of interesting people. By the time I graduated, I knew I wanted to find a way to share those experiences with others."

Life in the classroom

After graduating from the

University of Florida in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education, Huesman considered pursuing a master's degree so that she could work for the county Extension Service, which conducts educational training in agriculture, horticulture, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development. But she took a job teaching agricultural education at North Marion High School instead and has been in the classroom ever since. "I've never regretted that decision," she says with a smile. "Working with the kids and watching them succeed is my passion."

Huesman's passion extends to her sponsorship of the National FFA Organization (formerly the Future Farmers of America) at Fort White High School, which provides the main avenue for her students to gain hands-on experience in various areas of agriculture. She is extremely

'Farming is hard work, and a lot of kids just aren't interested in putting out that much physical effort... But I'm trying to get the word out that you don't have to be a farmer to be involved. Agriculture is about more than growing food – it's about growing people, too.'

— Jill Huesman, Fort White agriculture teacher

proud of her FFA students, and rightly so: both the middle school and high school chapters at Ft. White earned three-star rankings in 2012-13, the highest level awarded by the national organization.

Huesman's students also do well locally, as visitors to the recent Columbia County Fair know. This year, Fort White students took six major awards in the beef cattle classes: grand champion beef heifer (Rebecca Bailey), beef heifer senior showmanship (Kimberly Bailey), beef heifer intermediate showmanship (Jakob Jones), reserve champion steer (Rebecca Bailey), steer senior showmanship (Kimberly Bailey) and steer intermediate showmanship (Jakob Jones).

In addition, Fort White put together a dairy show team for the first time this year and came away with the grand champion dairy heifer (Austin Mattox) and the reserve champion dairy heifer (Allison Deloach), as well as winning top awards for dairy senior showmanship (Aaron Rose) and dairy intermediate showmanship (Allison Deloach). The 2014 Florida State Fair will provide another opportunity for Fort White's FFA to shine, as eight of Huesman's students will be showing swine there.

These classes aren't just about ribbons; they provide hands-on training in animal husbandry.

Cattle in competition

"Competitors start with pigs or calves as feeders [young animals that have been weaned from their mothers] and do all the work of raising them until they are ready to be shown.

That's 90 to 110 days for pigs and about six months for cattle," Huesman explains. "In the exhibition classes, the judges look for the animal's potential meat yield and quality, which they can judge from

its build and the way in which it has gained weight. Dairy cattle are judged on their fitness for giving milk. In showmanship classes, the exhibitors are judged on the way in which they present their animals and on how well they can answer questions about the animals."

Fort White FFA students compete in other arenas as well, among them the annual forestry competition sponsored by the Florida Division of Forestry. The district competition, which takes place in October, combines hands-on examinations in dendrology (tree identification), insect and disease identification, map interpretation, tool identification and timber identification



AVALYN HUNTER/Special to the Reporter

Jill Huesman, agricultural educator at Fort White High School and FFA sponsor, is proud of her students' achievements at the fair as well as their hands-on application of the things they learn in class.

with a written test."

"We didn't have a state team this year," Huesman says regretfully. "But we had one for 12 straight years before that, and we'll do it again." Other important competitions include land judging contests run by the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and a middle school vegetable judging event at the University of Florida, events at which members of Fort White's middle school FFA collected three state championships in 2012-13.

Hosting sub-district

The National FFA Organization also holds annual competitions, and this year the Fort White FFA chapters will be hosting the sub-district competitions in December at a location to be announced.

"It's a big event, as we'll be hosting FFA chapters from Columbia, Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, and Suwannee [counties]," Huesman says. "Students will be competing in tractor driv-

ing, parliamentary procedures, carrying out opening and closing ceremonies, prepared public speaking, extemporaneous public speaking, and creed speaking [ability to recite the FFA creed]. The winners go forward to the district and from there to state. Last year we had a student finish second in the state tractor driving competition."

Huesman admits that getting students seriously interested in agriculture-related careers isn't as easy as she'd like.

"Farming is hard work, and a lot of kids just aren't interested in putting out that much physical effort," she says. "But I'm trying to get the word out that you don't have to be a farmer to be involved – you can run a business that sells agricultural supplies and equipment, develop computer programs for farm management, write advertising copy for agricultural businesses, teach, or become a veterinarian. Agriculture is about more than growing food – it's about growing people, too."

FGC puts on a fundraiser fit for a princess

By **TONY BRITT**

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Move over Cinderella, Snow White and Rapunzel, you've got some competition.

Florida Gateway College cosmetology students re-created the look of beloved Disney princesses for local 3-10 year-old girls on Saturday at their semi-annual Princess Party.

Aided by little pony tails with pearls, sparkling make-up and a variety of fingernail colors, the students worked on area youngsters during a fundraiser which left their customers looking like fairy tale characters.

Elaine Beamsley brought her four-year-old daughter, Aubrey Beamsley, to the event and patiently watched as her child's appearance gained princess status in a short while.

"I brought her to the Princess Party because my friend invited me here and she was doing hair and make-up, and because little girls always love to be a princess," Beamsley said.

"She absolutely loves it. She likes getting her hair done, her make-up and her nails. She woke up this morning begging, 'When are we going to leave, when are we going to go?' She was very excited about it."

Carol McLean, Florida Gateway College cosmetology department head, said her students have held the Princess Party for several years as a fundraiser.

"They put on a Princess Party twice a year, bring the little girls in, paint their nails, do their hair, do their make-up and make them feel like a princess," she said.

The event also featured different Disney characters and princesses that showed up in costume to take photographs of the girls who had just gone through the Princess Party beauty treatment.

The Princess Party visitors had an option to choose between three princess hairstyles, different facial art designs and several nail colors options. They also received a tiara and toy wand.

McLean said close to 20 FGC cosmetology students participated in the event and there were nearly 70 children, about 65 who were schedule as well as walk-ins, who came to the Princess Party.

"This helps the students because they are giving services they are required



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Eliana Blank, 5, of Lake City, gets help from Florida Gateway College cosmetology student Bethany Schlimmer as she selects a tiara during Saturday's Princess Party at Florida Gateway College.

to do before they can go get their state licenses," McLean said. "This is helping them get their services as well as raise money to help them with their trips to hairshows."

Niki Craft, a Florida Gateway College cosmetology student, said there are training as well as other advantages to holding the Princess Party fundraiser.

"This is chance for little girls to come in be treated and a chance for us to raise money for ourselves to attend a conference at the end of the year," she said. "It's also a chance for us to get our services in as well as do outreach to the community."

She said working with the youngsters also helps them develop their skills to becoming a professional cosmetologist.

"This helps us deal with all ages I think and it also helps be able to differentiate in styles and make-up for different people versus what we're going to do when we get out in business," Craft said. "Some are little, some are small, so it helps us out in dealing with different types of styles."

She said there wasn't too many challenges in working their customers Saturday because they were making the girls look princesses.

"Because of us making them feel like

a princess, they were pretty happy," Craft said. "So as long as you made them look pretty, I think they are pretty excited

about it, but sometimes they might be a little shy, but it's never a challenge if you get to make them look pretty."

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JFK: Stories of shock, sadness and surprise

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Kennedy's death left an indelible mark in the minds of millions of Americans. People alive during the beginning of one of the United States' most tumultuous decades remember where they were when they heard the news.

Recollections

"I was in the fourth grade, Mrs. Johnson's class at Central Elementary," Columbia County Tax Collector Ronnie Brannon said. "I had been sent into the hall for talking in class... my friend's brother came by and said school was out because the president had been shot."

Mrs. Johnson, already upset with Brannon, didn't believe him at first.

"She got very mad and told me to go back into the hall and stop interrupting," he said. "Before I could leave, a teacher came in and told her it was true. Class dismissed."

Third Circuit Judge Paul Bryan's third-grade teacher asked the class which student lived closest to the school after a teary-eyed office aide told them the news.

"I lived two blocks away so I raised my hand. She told me to go home and bring back a radio," Bryan said. "I ran as fast as I could. I cut through neighborhoods yards, ran in the door and told my mother. She did not know and got very emotional."

His and three other classes huddled around Bryan's radio as Walter Cronkite broke the news—President Kennedy was dead.

"It made me plumb sick to my stomach," local NAACP official and local civil rights leader John Mayo said when he heard the news a day after returning to America after 18 months stationed with the Army in Germany. "You couldn't believe it. I stood there and just couldn't believe it."

Former Mayor James R. Tison declared Monday, Nov. 25 a day of mourning in Lake City, urging citizens to follow President Johnson's advice that people assemble in their centers of worship and pay their respects.

The Lake City Reporter, a weekly newspaper in 1963, published on Nov. 22, so that edition contained no information about the assassination that would occur later that day.

The Nov. 29 edition released a week later contained only one sentence dedicated to the assassination on the front page, squeezed into a tiny box at the bottom of the page, describing how Lake City native Sgt. First Class James E. Boyette was assigned to "death watch" duty over the president's body in the Capitol rotunda.

but we would be playing the role of hypocrite if we attempted to eulogize him as has much of the press, radio and TV," then-editor of the Lake City Reporter Everett Corbin said.

"Some are already eulogizing [Kennedy] as the 'Abraham Lincoln of the 20th century.' We cannot go this far, because only history will prove whether this is true or not."

In lieu of local coverage, families had to find other avenues of information about the president's death.

"I remember there was wall-to-wall TV coverage," said former Third Circuit Assistant State Attorney Bob Dekle. "People stayed glue to their TV sets to get whatever information they could."

Lee Harvey Oswald soon became a household name throughout the nation after Dallas police offered him up as the prime suspect in Kennedy's assassination.

"Seeing Jackie Kennedy with blood on her... there are vivid images that will never leave my head," Bryan said. "Just talking about it right now brings up a bunch of emotions in me."

Then, two days later, Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby fatally shot Oswald as he was being transferred from police headquarters to Dallas County jail.

"That was live on TV," Lake City Manager Wendell Johnson recalled. "It freaked everybody out. You couldn't believe what you were seeing, a live shooting on national TV."

Americans finally found a small measure of closure as they watched the state funeral that finally put JFK to rest.

"It was an extremely challenging time," said Tony Buzzella, principal of Shining Star Academy of the Arts. "We really felt the loss as a country. It united us. We were all very angry, but there was confusion as well. We didn't know where to place our anger."

As the nation moved forward, people found different ways to cope with the loss of their commander-in-chief.

"All of a sudden everything was being named or renamed after Kennedy," former CHS educator and local historian James Montgomery said.

Many felt Kennedy's death curtailed promising changes in American society.

"It was very sad," Mayo said. "We were headed in the right direction. He was there trying to work through different things for civil rights. I think he set the tone and mood for this country to work together and work out our differences."

While Kennedy's Catholic faith was called into question during his campaign, his presence in the White House set a precedent for years to come.

"The idea of a Catholic being in a predominantly Protestant nation was



Photos by STEVEN RICHMOND/Lake City Reporter

Frank Powers and his mother Helena Powers peruse their collection of family photos and JFK memorabilia. Helena met Kennedy during successful campaign celebrations and attended his inauguration. Frank, a former Coast Guard reservist, marched just yards away from Kennedy's casket during his funeral procession.

RIGHT: Helena Powers (foreground) and her husband Ralph Powers meet President John F. Kennedy during a reception at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach shortly after his election.



amazing," Buzzella said. "It showed there were hope and possibilities for anyone in America. It was an exciting time."

The responsibility of moving the nation forward shifted to President Johnson, who took his oath of office on Air Force One in front of Jacqueline Kennedy, still wearing her double-breasted pink wool Chanel suit stained by her husband's blood.

"It changed America because Johnson... took it upon himself to push through a lot of civil rights legislation and everything else that relates to equal opportunity," said Lake City's Glenel Bowden, congressional aide to U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown (D-Jacksonville). "In the black community, it felt like we had a personal relationship with the family. A lot of folks had a portrait of Martin Luther King and JFK side by side in their homes."

For some, JFK's leadership was inextricably tied to events of the early 60s.

"There were events in our lives that were defined by John F. Kennedy," said Florida Forest Service Wildfire Mitigation Specialist and public information officer Doc Bloodworth. "The effect he had on our nation at that time because of the international relations and diplomacy his skills as a diplomat... The Bay of Pigs and Cuban Missile Crisis were real to us at the time. He was synonymous with them. You couldn't watch the news without his name attached to it. His persona defined those events."

Open questions

While only five at the time of Kennedy's assassination, County Manager Dale Williams remembers the conflicting views society had of Kennedy.

"He was the first modernist president, history certainly reflects that," Williams said. "One reason he's so ingrained into our culture... the ideas he ran on when he was elected

were not all that popular at the time. I think a lot of people still remember the question of 'What if?' There was tons of speculation. A lot of people put a lot of hope in him, and that was taken away by an assassin's bullet."

Many unanswered questions, including those surrounding that assassin's bullet, still remain in play. The National Archives and Records Administration said they've released "98 percent" of all the documents surrounding the death of JFK.

However, there still remain 1,171 documents classified by the CIA for national security purposes.

"All records in the Kennedy Collection will be opened by 2017 unless certified as justifiably closed by the President of the United States," the NARA says on their website.

The public is mixed over just what happened and who may have been involved in Kennedy's death. Allegations surrounding the grassy knoll,

magic bullet, and connections to Mafia or Soviet involvement abound.

"I feel it was a conspiracy," County Commissioner Ron Williams said. "I don't think [Jack Ruby] killed Kennedy's assassin out of revenge. I think he was a man sent to silence the killer. I believe it was all connected."

Some think there was more than one gunman in Dallas that day.

"I didn't believe then or now that Lee Harvey Oswald was the only assassin," Buzzella said. "Him being shot was very convenient since there was no trial. I think a lot was swept under the rug. I hope it comes to light."

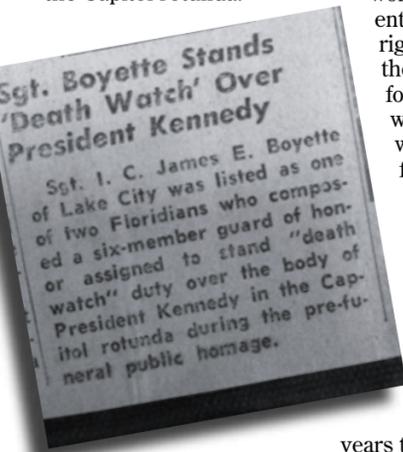
Others think international forces played a roll. "I can't recall his name, but there was a CIA operative in Cuba and had connections there," Frank Powers said. "He felt very strongly that [Fidel] Castro had a hand in this."

Oswald acting alone is not out of the question for some, either.

"I think it was probably a one-man deal," Montgomery said. "It's awful that one person can do such damage to the country, but all other assassinations—Lincoln, Garfield—were one person. He wanted to do something big in life and that's what he decided to do. I think he was just a mixed-up individual, had a hard life growing up."

The Warren Commission hoped to put doubts to rest by concluding Oswald as the sole killer responsible, but many weren't convinced.

"When the Warren Commission gave their report, many people looked at it very meticulously and said there were things flawed with it," Bryan said. "It will never be completely resolved. There's enough of an unknown that can never be proven one way or another."



"We also feel deep sorrow for what has happened to our president..."



Former Coast Guard reservist Frank Powers points out his company's position as the state funeral procession for President John F. Kennedy crosses the Potomac River.



PATRICK SCOTT/Special to the Reporter

Columbia County Sheriff Deputies block a portion of Lake Jeffery Road after a fatal accident involving a pedestrian around 10:40 Friday night. The road was closed for at least three hours. CCSO, CCFD, FHP and Lifeguard ambulances were on scene.

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Moore told authorities that as she approached the intersection, a person was lying in the roadway.

Moore told authorities she swerved left to avoid

the person but was unable to do so. Moore's vehicle struck Edenfield, who is believed to have lived on Scenic Lake Drive, in the southbound lane of the roadway.

After impact, Moore turned around and returned to the scene, reports said.

Pace said at the time of

the accident conditions were dark and slightly foggy.

Charges in connection with the wreck are pending completion of a Florida Highway Patrol crash investigation, reports said.

Pace said an FHP investigator is attempting to collect data about Edenfield and her activities leading

up to the incident.

"He's going to look into what happened before the crash," she said, noting authorities do not know why Edenfield was lying in the roadway. "The investigator's job is to investigate things prior to the crash and things leading up to the crash."

Forum to offer health information

By TONY BRITT

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Obesity and being overweight is an issue that local and state health care officials want to address as soon as possible.

Healthcare officials in Columbia County formed a Community Health Advisory Panel (CHAP) to address the issue and to develop a way local residents can address the overweight and obesity issue. The group has scheduled a forum to provide residents with tips to improve their health through diets, exercise and other healthy practices.

The forum will take place Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the Rivers Library and Media Center on the Florida Gateway

College campus. Speakers are scheduled to start at 5:30-5:45 p.m. Attendees may arrive as early as 4:30 p.m. for BMI (Body Mass Index) calculations and blood pressure readings.

"The forum is for the community and it's promoting awareness for obesity and Florida's Healthiest Weight Initiative," said Margie Rigdon, Columbia County Health Department director of nursing.

The event's keynote speaker will be from the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee.

A local physician, registered dietitian and physical therapist will address the audience during the forum.

"They will highlight some of Florida's statistics on obesity and some of our

local statistics," said Mark Lander, Columbia County Health Department administrator. "After they are done speaking there will be a question and answer session."

Lander said the event will be videotaped and distributed to local physicians and hospitals where it can be used to bring awareness to the local obesity issue.

CHAP will meet every quarter and will do videos each quarter.

"The CHAP was formed from the Community Health improvement plan that we unveiled in June," Lander said, noting it was done as a way to improve health in Columbia County. "One of the first goals was to look at healthy weight and obesity."

STEVENS

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for the last four years and taught intensive reading for three years before that to children who had not passed the reading portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

Now she wants to continue to serve the state's children and improve their literacy skills.

"They have a great team here," she said of her Just Read staff. "I'm real pleased with who I've met so far and I think we share the same mission of improving student achievement in and through literacy with our kids. They know that students are our first priority and that will remain the norm here."

She discussed what the program means to her and what it should mean to others.

"I think the mission is all about how the students do and improving students in and through literacy," Stevens said. "Just Read, Florida! is all about reading but it's more than just about reading — it's literacy. It's reading, speaking, listening, discussing and communicating with others and that's what we've got to make sure our kids are able to do so that they are productive beyond the high school years."

Coming directly from the classroom, her post.

"I think I'm one of the first people that they've hired that's been out there in it, in the trenches so to speak," she said. "I hope that my recent perspective on what's happening out there in the districts, the schools and the classrooms makes it work better and move forward. There are a lot of things happening right now in our education system."

Stevens said she'll be to draw from the experience she gained as a classroom teacher in her new job.

"I think the experience helps me because I have something real, the practical aspect of it," she said. "I know when a new policy or initiative comes forward that I can look at it from a different perspective than somebody who was not in the classroom. I can look at it through the eyes of a teacher or the eyes of an instructional coach. Probably my biggest strength is the fact that I was out there in the classroom."

Although she will be based in the Florida Department of Education's office in Tallahassee, Stevens said she plans to commute from Columbia County rather than move to Tallahassee.

"I'm very excited about this," she said. "It's an honor and a privilege that I'm not going to take lightly. I'm going to work very hard to live up to the expectations that everyone has for me. I hope that I can represent Columbia County at the same time."



Photos by BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Caring hearts ride to raise money

The Caring Hearts charity motorcycle ride took place Saturday with more than 200 motorcycles and 240 people that raised more than \$11,000, not including toys and food, for the Christian Service Center. The ride began Saturday morning at Rountree-Moore Toyota and ended with a party at American Legion Post #57. Post Commander Art Lowes recognized Danny and Polly Murray and Bill Huggins for organizing the event and all the motorcycle riders for taking part in the annual fundraiser. "We had a great time and a lot of fun," Lowes said.



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to the Red Cross.

Each box can feed a family for a week, and provide hygiene products they may not have access to.

As of press time on Friday, the organization had already packed three boxes and raised approximately \$250 to donate to Habitat for Humanity. The non-profit will assist in building temporary shelters for families who no longer have a home. While the homes may not be beautiful, FACS member Carmelita Mattox said, they will provide a roof for the homeless.

Donations poured in from the community, coming from North Florida Pediatrics, Milla Pediatrics, Epiphany Catholic Church, Florida Department of Transportation, Catholic Charities and community members.

"We're just trying to do our part," Roberts said. "It's not the biggest part, but it may mean a lot to someone."

According to the Associated Press, the Philippines' main disaster response agency raised the death toll Friday to 3,621, up from the previous figure of 2,360. Most of the casualties occurred on Leyte and Samar islands. It said 1,140 people are missing and more than 12,000 injured.

On the Wednesday



Photos by AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

Filipino American Cultural Society member Incos Smith organizes a box of medicine, baby bottles, pocket-sized Lysol containers and more donated to FACS by North Florida Pediatrics. FACS is still accepting donations from the community to provide disaster relief in the Philippines.

'Recovery is an ongoing process.'
— Incos Smith

before the storm landed, Lake City resident Marivic Blackwell chatted online with her sister, and asked her if she was ready for the storm's incoming force.

"Did she have water and food?" Blackwell asked her. "I made sure all the food was cooked because the first thing that's going to go is the power."

On Thursday, the storm moved closer. Blackwell received another message from her sister that said the wind was starting to pick up — and that was

the last Blackwell heard from her until Saturday, Nov. 9. Thankfully, during the wait, a friend sent a Blackwell a message to let her know her sister was all right, but that she had lost power.

Word from Blackwell's family in Ormoc City said water was hard to come by and food was low.

"They were having to walk and walk — for I don't know how many miles — just to get water," she added. "Yesterday was the first day they got relief goods."

To donate:

Call Carmelita Mattox at 386-344-3315.

FACS will be outside Winn Dixie on Saturday, Nov. 23 accepting donations.

Blackwell gathered donations on her own, separate from the boxes raised by FACS, to carry with her to the Philippines when she travels there around Thanksgiving. Since both FedEx and UPS charge high rates to ship across the world, Blackwell decided it would

be cheaper to buy a plane ticket.

Her work, Shands in Live Oak, donated enough supplies to fill two 75-pound boxes.

"I woke up Monday morning, and said: 'I just need to do something,'" Blackwell said. "I've always wanted to help, but now it's my hometown."

Many of Mel Gavette's relatives lost their homes in Jamindan in the Capiz Province. Like many others in the country, they lost their phone connection, their electricity and their belongings.

"They ate noodles," Gavette said. "They didn't have any food, but noodles."

Prior to the landfall, Gavette worried about her family, but did not expect

Haiyan to leave such devastation in its wake.

While the boxes sent by the Filipino American Cultural Society will take two months to reach their destination, Smith said the community will still need relief supplies.

"[Recovery] is an ongoing process," she said. "We're just filling what we have right now, and then hopefully we can add more boxes."

The organization is accepting donations in the form of relief goods or cash assistance. Donations can be made over the phone by calling Carmelita Mattox at 386-344-3315. FACS will also be outside of Winn Dixie on Saturday, Nov. 23, to gather donations to send to Habitat for Humanity.

THE WEATHER

17 SUN Isolated rain showers HI 79 LO 63	18 MON Chance of storms HI 76 LO 52	19 TUE Partly cloudy HI 68 LO 45	20 WED Partly cloudy HI 65 LO 45	21 THU Partly cloudy HI 67 LO 49
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Nov. 17

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	83/69/sh	80/66/sh
Daytona Beach	82/65/sh	76/59/pc
Fort Myers	85/68/pc	82/64/sh
Ft. Lauderdale	84/72/pc	81/72/sh
Gainesville	80/57/ts	69/48/pc
Jacksonville	80/53/pc	66/45/pc
Key West	83/73/pc	82/73/pc
Lake City	80/57/ts	69/48/pc
Miami	85/72/pc	83/72/sh
Naples	81/70/pc	80/67/sh
Ocala	81/60/ts	71/52/pc
Orlando	82/66/sh	79/59/pc
Panama City	73/51/ts	68/53/pc
Pensacola	74/56/ts	64/53/pc
Tallahassee	79/47/ts	71/46/pc
Tampa	80/65/sh	76/60/pc
Valdosta	80/47/ts	68/44/pc
W. Palm Beach	85/71/pc	82/71/sh

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 86°, Edinburg, TX Low: 15°, Bryce Canyon, UT

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TEMPERATURES

High Saturday	80
Low Saturday	64
Normal high	74
Normal low	51
Record high	88 in 1929
Record low	24 in 1940

PRECIPITATION

Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.05"
Year total	49.31"
Normal month-to-date	1.12"
Normal year-to-date	44.01"

SUN

Sunrise today	6:57 a.m.
Sunset today	5:33 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	6:58 a.m.
Sunset tom.	5:32 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today	5:49 p.m.
Moonset today	6:51 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	6:35 p.m.
Moonset tom.	7:45 a.m.

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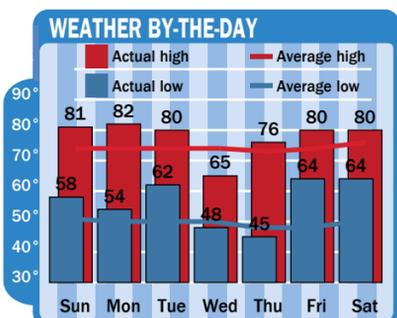
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Albany NY	69/64/0.00	80/62/s	Des Moines	66/46/0.08	57/32/ts	Oklahoma City	75/59/0.02	70/34/s
Albuquerque	57/45/0.00	60/35/pc	Detroit	54/34/0.00	65/44/pc	Omaha	64/45/0.00	54/29/pc
Anchorage	24/12/0.00	20/2/s	El Paso	72/57/0.00	71/49/pc	Orlando	75/68/1.13	85/66/pc
Atlanta	66/46/0.00	69/58/ts	Fairbanks	19/12/0.00	1/-11/f	Philadelphia	55/44/0.00	67/59/sh
Baltimore	51/44/1.15	66/61/sh	Greensboro	-/49/0.07	70/61/sh	Phoenix	70/63/0.00	74/53/s
Billings	43/36/0.00	35/26/pc	Hartford	60/37/0.00	59/54/sh	Pittsburgh	59/39/0.00	65/45/sh
Birmingham	66/53/0.00	75/57/ts	Honolulu	81/73/0.00	81/70/sh	Portland ME	52/32/0.00	53/50/sh
Bismarck	43/19/0.00	36/15/sn	Houston	80/62/0.01	85/68/pc	Portland OR	48/45/1.14	52/43/sh
Boise	38/32/3.5	44/28/pc	Indianapolis	55/42/0.00	70/40/ts	Raleigh	-/50/0.00	73/64/fg
Boston	57/43/0.00	60/56/sh	Jackson MS	75/57/0.00	82/58/sh	Rapid City	43/26/0.00	41/20/pc
Buffalo	59/41/0.00	65/48/ts	Jacksonville	75/57/0.00	81/66/sh	Reno	57/34/0.00	59/29/pc
Charleston SC	77/57/0.00	76/63/sh	Kansas City	59/50/0.00	60/32/pc	Sacramento	59/45/0.00	64/43/pc
Charleston WV	64/44/0.00	72/49/sh	Las Vegas	64/48/0.00	67/48/s	Salt Lake City	42/35/1.10	43/30/pc
Charlotte	64/48/0.00	69/59/sh	Little Rock	68/55/0.01	80/45/ts	San Antonio	69/66/0.00	85/61/pc
Cheyenne	52/33/0.00	39/26/pc	Los Angeles	66/57/0.00	68/56/pc	San Diego	64/61/0.01	62/56/pc
Chicago	54/42/0.00	66/36/ts	Memphis	66/53/0.00	78/47/ts	San Francisco	61/50/0.00	58/51/pc
Cincinnati	57/46/0.00	71/44/ts	Miami	82/77/0.00	85/74/pc	Seattle	48/42/0.00	49/42/sh
Cleveland	60/41/0.00	66/46/ts	Minneapolis	46/42/0.03	48/27/r	Spokane	39/35/0.01	41/31/r
Columbia SC	63/52/0.07	68/36/pc	Mobile	66/60/0.00	78/67/ts	St. Louis	63/48/0.00	74/40/ts
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SPORTS



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Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood breaks free against St. Augustine High in the FHSAA Class 6A Region 1 quarterfinal on Friday in St. Augustine.

Tigers jack Jackets CHS advances, 42-24

By BRANDON FINLEY
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ST. AUGUSTINE — Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood scored two touchdowns in 1:14 during the third quarter and the Tigers turned a 24-21 deficit into a 42-24 win against St. Augustine High in the FHSAA Class 6A Region 1 quarterfinal on Friday.

Underwood turned in 200 yards and three touchdowns on 27 attempts to lead the Tigers into the second round of the playoffs for the third-consecutive year.

The Tigers were slow to start, not scoring their first touchdown until 1:08 remaining in the first quarter. It wasn't due to a lack of defense.

Zyeric Woods picked off a Cole Northrup pass on

the first possession, Austin Harper and Malechi Jean stopped a drive short on the Jackets' second possession and Columbia forced a three-and-out on St. Augustine's third possession.

It wasn't until Zedrick Woods recovered a fumble with 1:14 remaining in the first quarter that the Tigers'

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Jolted by Jaguars



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High quarterback Andrew Baker escapes a couple of tackles while running the ball against East Gadsden High in the Class 4A region semifinal Friday.

Indians fall 19-9 at home

By TIM KIRBY
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FORT WHITE — Fort White High football has worked for years to get a home playoff game, but it turned out to be bitter-sweet.

East Gadsden High (5-6) came to Arrowhead Stadium on Friday and left with a 19-9 win in the Class 4A region semifinal.

It was a first-round sweep

for District 1 as Florida High beat Taylor County High, 41-6.

After a scoreless first quarter, Fort White forged a 9-0 halftime lead which started with a safety on a snap over the punter's head at 8:07 of the second quarter.

After the free kick the Indians put together one of their patented drives. Ten carries by Tavaris Williams, Kellen Snider

and Blair Chapman moved the ball from the Fort White 42 to the Jaguars 13. On a perfect call against a blitz, Andrew Baker threw back to Melton Sanders for the touchdown. Sanders tacked on the PAT.

It was the only sustained drive of the first half. The best Fort White and East Gadsden did on other drives was two first

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Indians upset in playoffs



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Fort White High's Andrew Baker attempts to wrap himself around East Gadsden High's La'Javier Turner during a play on Friday.



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Fort White High's Devaundre Mathews and Andrew Baker corner East Gadsden High's Deickus Kelly.



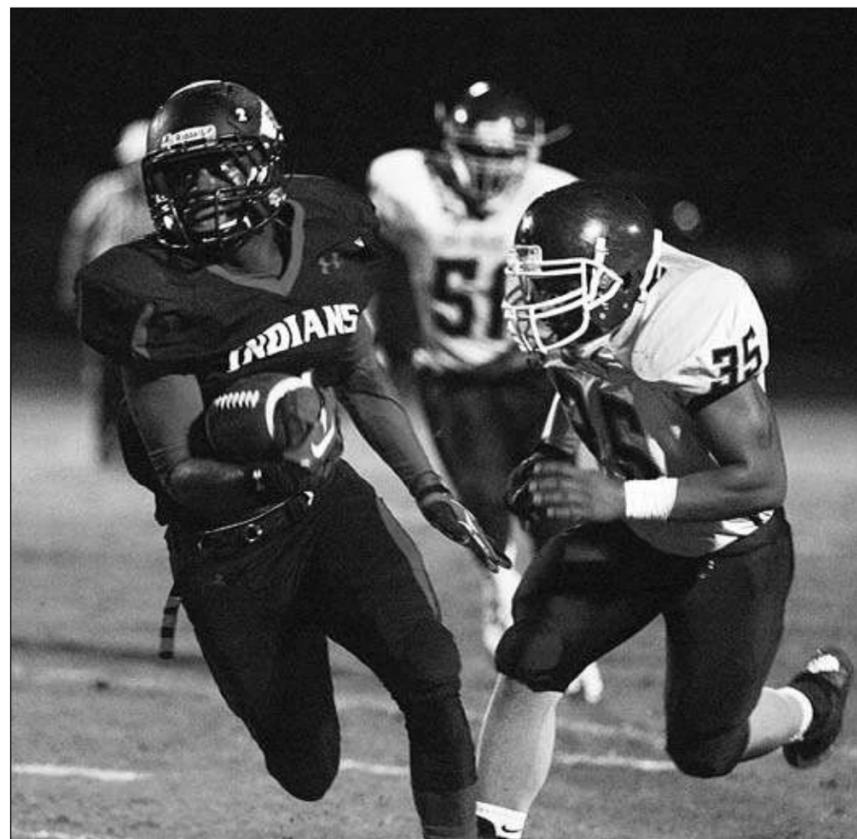
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Fort White High's Kellen Snider assists Andrew Baker as he trips up East Gadsden High's La'Javier Turner on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Tyler Reed (11) and Kellen Snider (7) celebrate with Blair Chapman after making an interception against East Gadsen High on Friday.



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East Gadsden High's Mike Gordon hunts down Fort White High's Tavaris Williams during a play on Friday.

Columbia avoids Jackets' sting



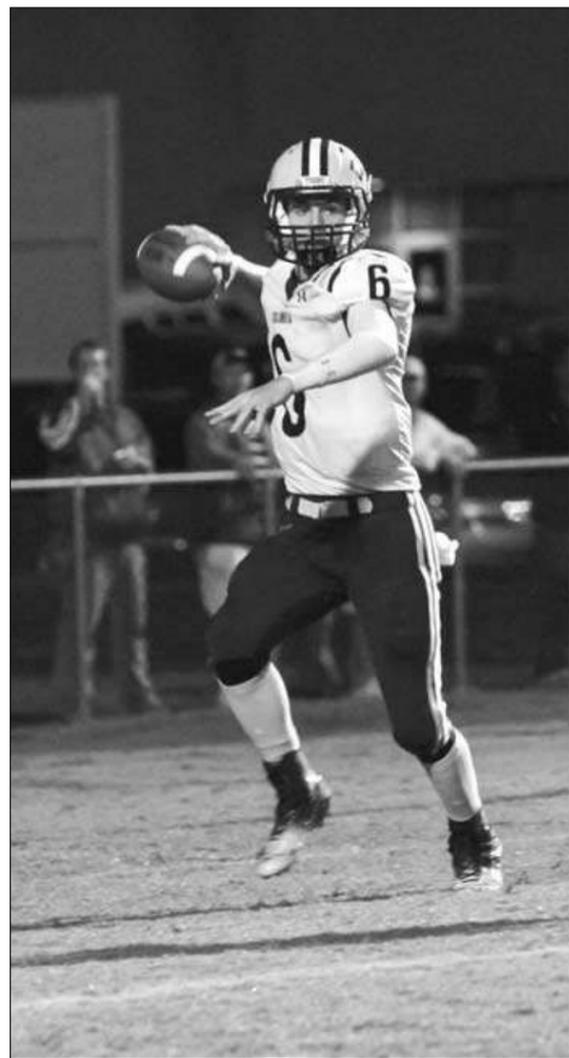
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Columbia High running back Lonnie Underwood is tripped up against St. Augustine High in the Tigers' 42-24 win in the Region 1 6A quarterfinals on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

A group of Tigers piles on a loose ball against St. Augustine High on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High quarterback Jake Thomas looks for an open receiver against St. Augustine High on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Kamario Bell plunges forward against St. Augustine High.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Malechi Jean stops St. Augustine High runner Patrick Stewart down in the backfield on Friday.

Tigers make it 3 against Jackets



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High players make their way onto the field against St. Augustine High in the Region 1-6A quarterfinals in St. Augustine on Friday.

Defense shines for CHS in win

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Some say that the biggest individual stat in football is turnovers and Columbia High forced enough on Friday to pick up a 42-24 win against St. Augustine High in the Region 1 Quarterfinals of the Class 6A playoffs in St. Augustine.

Columbia's defense bookended the game with turnovers, beginning with a Zyerick Woods interception on the first drive and ending with a Roger Cray interception on the final drive.

For a head coach that prides himself on defense, Brian Allen was proud of the team's efforts.

"They played extremely well," Allen said. "We talked about it all season, just getting that two-per-

cent better every day. Somewhere around the end of the season you should be executing around 100 percent. Last week, against Suwannee, the defense had a little bit of a coming out party. You look at Roger and he was a freshman last year that played like a senior. Coming into this year as a sophomore, he hasn't slumped any and only continues to get better."

Besides Zyerick Woods' interception in the first quarter, the Tigers' defense also issued a sack with Austin Harper and Malechi Jean combining for the effort, and Zedrick Woods recovered a fumble.

Jean, a defensive tackle, whose impact on the game usually doesn't show up on the stat sheet, disrupted the Yellow Jackets all

night, and his head coach was singing his praises following the contest.

"That's the thing at nose tackle," Allen said. "You're not going out there and having games that show up stat wise where you have 10-12 tackles or three or four sacks, but he's doing things out there to disrupt. He's beating his double team and killing their traps and Isos. We saw him do that a couple of times tonight."

Perhaps the game's biggest defensive stop resulted in the Tigers scoring points from that side.

Cray stepped in front of a Cole Northrup pass with 10:25 remaining in the second quarter and returned the interception 55 yards for a score to give Columbia a 14-7 lead.

"I was just watching his head, and when I caught it, I didn't see anything in front of me," Cray said. "When I saw the field, I was excited. I wanted to go help our team make a play by scoring on the defense."

After falling behind, 24-21, with 8:22 remaining in the third quarter, the Tigers didn't register another defensive sack or turnover until Cray's nail-in-the-coffin interception with 2:42 remaining in the game.

What the Tigers did in that span was equally important, however. Columbia forced three-and-outs on three-straight possessions while working up the 42-24 lead that would become the final.

"Until then we were really bending, but not breaking," Cray said.

"We changed a couple of things that we were doing defensively and disguised our Cover 2 look (to stop them.)"

While Columbia's defense was dominating, the Tigers were getting a favor from another Jacksonville-area school as Bartram Trail High knocked off Ed White High to give Columbia a home-playoff game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

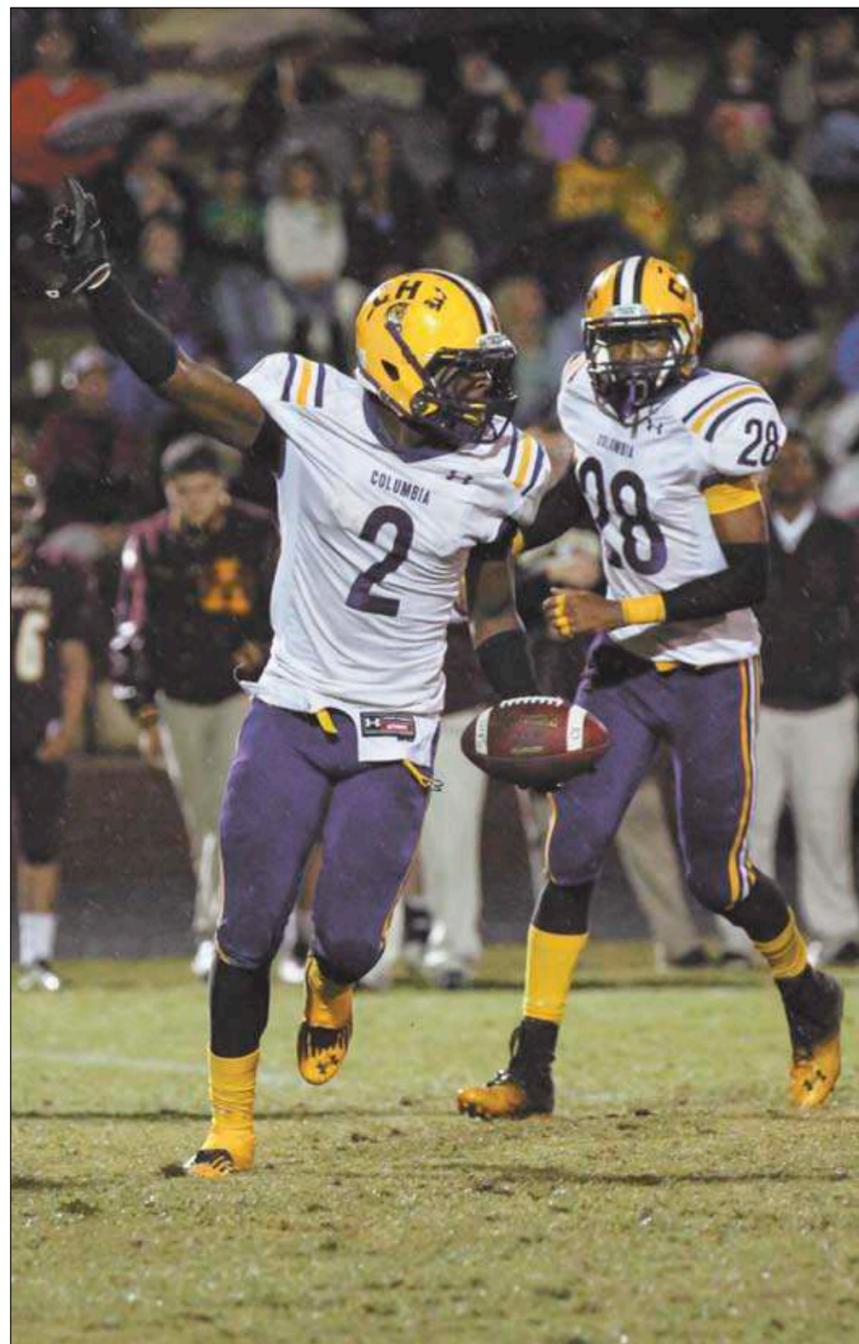
Instead of going on the road, the Tigers defense will be allowed to run wild at home for the first time in a month. The task won't be easy with the Bears coming in after hanging 50 points on Ed White. Still, the Tigers are looking forward to the challenge.

"We're all excited to come back and get a home-playoff game," Cray said.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Safety Trey Marshall turns up the field on a kickoff return for the Tigers on Friday.



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Columbia High's Zedrick Woods signals Tiger ball after recovering a fumble on Friday.

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From staff reports

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First Federal Bank consistently contributes to local communities through

out the various markets it serves through a variety of programs, such as contribution requests and the First Federal Way program.

The First Federal Way program enables employees to elect to contribute a portion of their paycheck to a non-profit agency of their choice.

At the end of the year, First Federal matches the total contribution and awards it to the selected agencies. Last year First Federal Bank donated \$61,190 through the program.

Keith Leibfried, First Federal president and CEO, expressed gratitude to the different agencies for all the dedicated services they provide to the community.

"I am also grateful to the First Federal employees who generously shared their hard earned income and to First Federal's Board of Directors for authorizing a match of our

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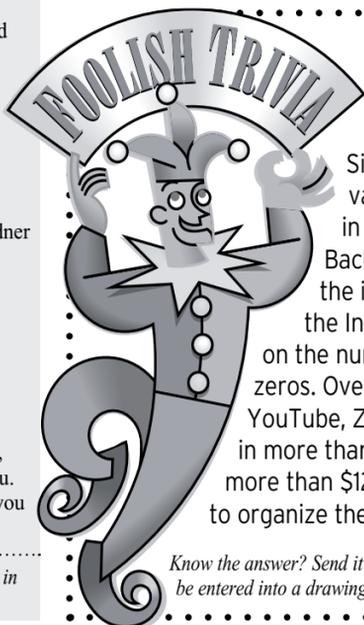
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Every time a First Federal customer who is enrolled in the program uses their debit card to make a signature-based transaction, First Federal donates money to a participating organization.

Between the Community Rewards Program and other bank donations, in 2012 First Federal donated \$160,983 and thus far in 2013, the bank has donated \$90,020.

Donations have been made to local schools, after-school programs, intellectual and developmental disability organizations, sports programs, animal shelters and other non-profit organizations.

"We are hopeful that our contribution will inspire other businesses and individuals to also contribute to these important worthwhile projects," Leibfried said. "I am grateful to the loyalty of our customers who share in our mission to provide support to our communities. It is through their commitment to First Federal that we are able to donate to these organizations that provide valued services to our communities."

First Federal bank employees also participate in community outreach with civic organizations like, but not limited to, Kiwanis, Rotary and Altrusa, as well as volunteer at CARC and Habitat for Humanity.

First Federal employees are also heavily involved in March of Dimes' Walk for Babies and the Pregnancy Care Center's 5K Run/Walk.

By **DINA CAPIELLO** and **MARY CLARE JALONICK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Friday proposed to reduce the amount of ethanol in the nation's fuel supply for the first time, acknowledging that the biofuel law championed by both parties in 2007 is not working as well as expected.

While the proposal highlights the government's struggle to ramp up production of home-grown biofuels that are cleaner-burning than gasoline, it is unlikely to mean much for consumers at the pump.

The change would reduce by almost 3 billion gallons the amounts of ethanol and other biofuels blended into gasoline in 2014 than the law requires.

The 2007 law tried to address global warming, reduce dependence on foreign oil and prop up the rural economy by requiring oil companies to blend billions of gallons of biofuels into their gasoline each year. But politicians who wrote the law didn't anticipate fuel economy to improve as much as it has in recent years, which reduced demand for gasoline.

Meanwhile, next-generation biofuels, made from agricultural waste such as wood chips and corncobs, have not taken off as quickly as Congress required and the administration expected.

President Barack Obama has championed biofuels since his days representing Illinois in the Senate, and his administration has resisted previous calls to lower biofuel volumes or repeal the law.

EPA officials said they were still committed to alternative fuels as part of a comprehensive energy strategy. If the EPA stuck to the volumes mandated by law, the amount of biofuel required would generate more ethanol than many engines can safely handle, officials said.

"We have made great progress in recent years, and EPA continues to support the RFS goal of increasing biofuel production and use," EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, referring to the 2007 law called the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Biofuel supporters, however, said the proposal marked a departure for the Obama administration.

"This is the first time that the Obama administration has

shown any sign of wavering," said Brooke Coleman, executive director of the Advanced Ethanol Council.

Bob Dinneen, the head of the Renewable Fuels Association, the Washington group that lobbies on behalf of the ethanol industry, said the announcement is ill-timed as the country is currently harvesting a record corn crop. He said the industry may sue if the proposal is not altered.

"This is exactly the wrong time to be reducing the required volumes of renewable fuels," Dinneen said.

The ethanol mandate created an unusual alliance between oil companies, which have seen ethanol cut into their share of the gasoline market, and environmental groups that oppose planting more corn for fuel. A recent AP investigation found that corn-based ethanol's effect on the environment is far worse than the government predicted or admits.

The oil industry lobbied hard for a reduction and is pleading with Congress to completely repeal the law.

Jack Gerard, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, said the EPA's move

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An IBM Opportunity?

IBM (NYSE: IBM) recently reported its third-quarter earnings, which featured cloud-computing revenue up 70 percent and its Smarter Planet infrastructure project seeing a 20 percent increase. That may seem great, but these promising divisions are still small.

The company's core divisions, from software to services to hardware, all posted drops. Server systems sales, for example, plunged 17 percent. Overall, revenue slipped 4 percent, to a still-massive \$23.7 billion, with income sliding 6 percent. Its services order backlog rose 2 percent to \$141 billion.

What's going on? Well, as it always does, the technology ground is shifting. Under new management (CEO Ginni Rometty), IBM is changing its business model and adapting. It's investing in Big Data companies and technology, for example, which seems smart when you consider that the amount of data we store every year is growing by a mind-boggling 60 percent annually.

Weakness in global economies and even at home, where many companies are holding off on IT spending, has hampered IBM, but that's not a permanent problem. For patient believers, IBM stock recently offered a 2.1 percent dividend yield, and the company has been buying back stock aggressively.

Competition has been heating up, but IBM is making long-term investments, and with a recent price-to-earnings ratio near 12, its shares look appealing.

EPA: Reduce biofuel mandate

Retailers take on Silicon Valley

By **ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**

AP Retail Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Software engineers wearing jeans and flip flops test the latest smartphone apps. Walls and windows double as whiteboards where ideas are jotted down. And a mini basketball net is in the center of it all.

At first glance, this workplace resembles any Silicon Valley startup. There's just one exception: Target's trademark red bulls-eye at the entrance.

Target, Kohl's and home-shopping network QVC are among a half dozen retailers opening technology test labs in the San Francisco area to do things like improve their websites and create mobile shopping

apps. They're setting up shop in modern spaces and competing for top Silicon Valley talent to replicate the creativity, culture and nimbleness of online startups.

The goal is to stay on top of tech trends and better compete with online rivals like Amazon.com that attract shoppers with convenient ordering and cheap prices. The labs are a shift for retailers, which like many older industries, have been slow to adapt to rapidly changing technology. But retailers say the labs are essential to satisfy shoppers who more often are buying on their PCs, tablets and smartphones. "Consumers expect immediate gratification," says Lori Schafer, executive adviser at SAS Institute, which creates software for

retailers. As a result, she says retailers need to develop technology in weeks, instead of months or years.

Retailers are playing catch-up after several years of watching shoppers gradually move from physical stores to the Web. Online sales have grown from 5.9 percent of the \$2.64 trillion in total retail sales in 2009 to 7.6 percent of the \$3.1 trillion in revenue last year, according to Forrester Research.

The explosion of people using smartphones to shop has pushed stores to move faster. U.S. consumers are now spending more than half of their time on retailers' websites using their smartphones and tablets, according to the National Retail Federation, a retail trade group.

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Section D

Starting sooner

ELC helps parents prepare their kids for kindergarten.

By **AMANDA WILLIAMSON**
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Three-year-olds at the Lake City Kiddy Club waved their arms in an arch Thursday afternoon as they sang a tune about famous fast-food joints:

*McDonald's,
McDonald's,
Kentucky Fried
Chicken and
a Pizza Hut...*

Sitting among the group of toddlers, the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway executive director Lara Glaser danced with them — flapping her elbows like a chicken and clamping her hands like a lobster to represent local chains, KFC and Red Lobster.

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway provides assistance with childcare costs to low-income families in Columbia County and four nearby counties. According to Glaser, child care costs can require a substantial percentage of a person's paycheck, especially since the program targets individuals at or below 150 percent of the poverty level.

"This allows the parent, who's struggling already to pay their other bills — car, insurance, their house — to place their child in a safe place during the day," Glaser said. "The idea of the program is two-fold: Keep parents working and keep children in daycare in preparation for kindergarten."

According to the mission statement of Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, the organization recognizes the importance of children entering the education system ready to learn. During the 2012-13 year, the coalition helped 1,423 families with childcare costs, placing 2,549 children in school-readiness childcare. Of those children, 70 percent of them came from working parents, 12 percent from parents under investigation for abuse or neglect and 11 percent from parents seeking employment through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

A statewide program, there are 30 coalitions situated throughout



Photos by AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

State Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) reads to a child at Dora's Paradise and Learning Academy during a tour to several local daycare facilities on Thursday morning. Since early learning will be a popular topic for the upcoming legislative session, Porter felt it was important to see where the daycares in her area currently stand, so that she can see how to improve them.

Florida. The local organization helps families in Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union counties.

The Early Learning Coalition program was established in 1999 to provide aid through the Child Care Development Fund. In addition to helping parents find child care, the coalition assists child care providers through yearly inspections and training opportunities. Past training courses offered by the Early Learning Coalition include "Tiny Tips for Little Bits," "Count on Math," "Managing Your Day the Visual Way," and "Key to Success Conference."

"We believe that what we do carries through high school and beyond," Glaser said. "A lot of people believe children need to know their colors, their shapes and their letters before entering kindergarten, and that's fine. But they also need to be able to regulate themselves, know how to share with their friends and how to talk to adults."

Most of that learning truly solidifies in children's brains as they grow from infancy to kindergarten, but is knowledge many young adults need as they enter the workforce. When thinking of the type of employee a business might want to hire, Glaser said, the company would prefer individuals who have essential social and communication skills.

Without early childhood education, children can miss out on the connections and necessary skills needed later in life, she added.

Because of the importance, the Florida House of Representatives Education Committee plans to discuss necessary changes for early educa-



John Wheeler, a board member for the Early Learning Coalition, reads to a group of students at Dora's Paradise and Learning Academy during a tour to several local daycares Thursday morning.

tion during the upcoming legislative session. To prepare, Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) toured several local daycare facilities to see the range of quality offered.

"As we try to make improvements and as we try to see what we can do to help improve childcare, it's important to see where we are starting from," Porter said.

In the Lake City area, the group toured two daycare facilities — the Lake City Kiddy Club and Dora's Paradise and Learning Academy. When Porter arrived at Dora's, children were preparing

for a nap, but soon got distracted by their new guests. The group read books to the children, visited the infant room and examined the space. Children at the Lake City Kiddy Club were dancing and singing along to educational tunes when the group arrived at their second location.

Porter's tour ended with a peek inside the daycare's three buildings and its playground. A giant lion, posed as a water fountain, smiled as the group left the daycare — with the sounds of toddler goodbyes echoing behind them.

Very Southern Thanksgiving

Each year we look forward to Thanksgiving almost as much as we look forward to Christmas, because it's the time of year where family and friends gather together to reminisce about the past and indulge in one of the best meals around. We know many of you have your favorite dishes, those that have been handed down from your moms, grandmothers and great-grandparents and some of you try something new each year to mix it up.

At our houses, it's all about tradition for the most part. We've been serving the same menu for years and before that, the dishes were served at our parents' or grandparents' houses. Just about everyone serves turkey and lots of side dishes, but at Mary Kay's she gave up on cooking a turkey years ago and now lets her dad cook it with the addition of a wonderful grilled standing rib roast. One year, she thought she'd give it a go and pulled up a complicated recipe from Emeril's collection, thinking, "how hard can it be to cook a turkey?" Well, the turkey was absolutely beautiful to look at, glistening

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golden brown skin, but when it was time to carve she found a completely raw bird on the inside! Needless to say, we were thankful that year for the table full of sides.

If you are from the south, you undoubtedly serve or have had good ol' Southern cornbread dressing instead of the "stuffing" our neighbors to the north serve. Everyone has their own twist but we wanted to share ours because we think both recipes are pretty darn good. Genie's and Mary Kay's are very similar but the one thing that is absolutely critical to great tasting dressing is the cornbread.

See the recipes on Page 2D.

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Lighthouses and lobsters

I'm really not into lighthouses per se, but I do love the views of the coastlines and the scenery that typically surround them. So when we were in the Portland area of Maine, we took a scenic drive down the coast to Cape Elizabeth to Maine's oldest lighthouse, Portland Head Light. Along the way we passed by several large homes that sit along the Atlantic Ocean with breathtaking views and lush green lawns. We also passed Casco Bay and the Calendar Islands. These islands were named such

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

because of the number of islands. Although there really aren't 365 of them, there were so many it seemed appropriate. The true number is 136.

The lighthouse is no

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Learning cursive

Some states say still necessary

By **JULIE CARR SMYTH**
Associated Press

COLUMBUS — The swirling lines from Linden Bateman's pen have been conscripted into a national fight to keep cursive writing in American classrooms. Cursive. Penmanship. Handwriting.

In years gone by, it helped distinguish the literate from the illiterate.

But now, in the digital age, people are increasingly communicating by computer and smartphone. No handwritten signature necessary.

Call it a sign of the times. When the new Common Core educational standards were crafted, penmanship classes were dropped. But at least seven of the 45 states

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Genie's Cornbread Dressing

- 1 Pan of cornbread (recipe below - no substitutes)
- 1 ½ sleeves of saltines, crushed
- 2 slices of bread toasted and crumbled
- 1 lg Spanish onion, chopped
- 4-5 stalks of celery, sliced
- 1 cup of chicken or turkey stock more if needed
- 1/2 stick of butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place chopped onions and celery in a large pot with 3 cups of water. Cook until they are tender. Add water if necessary. Set aside. Crumble cornbread, saltines & toast in a large bowl. Add cooked onions & celery with the liquid they cooked in. Add butter and stock. You'll need to add lots of black pepper and salt. Taste as you go but lots of pepper is vital. If you like your dressing moist you may need to add more stock. Mix all ingredients well and pour into a large baking pan sprayed with Pam. Bake at 400 degrees approx. 1 hour or until brown and bubbly.

Genie's mother's cornbread

- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups of milk or buttermilk
- 2 Tbs sugar
- 1 cup cornmeal
- ¾ cup flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 Tbs. cooking oil
- 2 heaping tsp. of baking powder

Mix all the ingredients together. Pour into a pan sprayed with Pam and bake at 420 degrees for approx 25 minutes until it is golden brown.

Mary Kay's Grandma Merle's dressing

*Not an exact science, you have to feel your way through it.

- Egg bread (see recipe below)
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 bunch celery, chopped
- 1 stick butter
- Broth and meat from Hen

Boil a hen (not a fryer or roaster but a hen) in water with salt & pepper. Let cool and remove meat from the bones. You will use this broth and some of the meat in the dressing. MK uses some of this meat and broth to make chicken and dumplings.

In a saucepan, melt butter and add a little water. Add onions and celery and cook until tender.

In a very large bowl, mash up the egg bread, add onions and celery (including the juices). Add broth until

moist – less than mushy but more than soupy. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add as much hen meat as you want. Bake 350 until lightly brown on top, about 45 minutes to an hour.

Egg Bread

- 2 cups buttermilk
- pinch of baking soda
- 2 ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 6 eggs, well beaten
- white corn meal (Hoovers or JT Pollards is the best)

Mix together buttermilk, soda and powder and sugar. Add buttermilk mixture to eggs. Add corn meal until the batter is a little thicker than cake mix consistency. Bake in a cast iron skillet or other oven proof baking dish at 350-375 until lightly brown on top.

And of course you must have something made with sweet potatoes. Instead of the usual sweet potato casserole, Mary Kay sometimes makes a roasted sweet potato hash that's a little less heavy. You can adjust the amount of ingredients depending on the number of people you are having or the number of other side dishes you have.

Roasted Sweet Potato Hash

- 3-4 sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped into 1 ½" cubes
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1 ½" chunks
- ½ cup Olive Oil
- ¼ cup Balsamic Vinegar
- Salt & Pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Put vegetables in a large ziplock bag. Whisk olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Add to vegetables and mash around making sure to coat all pieces well. Let stand for about 15 minutes. Place vegetables and oil mixture in a "sprayed with PAM" baking dish (we use a 9x9). Roast for about 45 minutes, making sure to stir frequently. Adjust seasoning as needed.

So, if you want something new, you might want to give some of these a try. No matter what you cook or where you are we wish you a Happy and safe Thanksgiving and we hope there is enough leftover turkey for lots of turkey sandwiches.

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Could your student read this?

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that adopted the standards are fighting to restore the cursive instruction.

Argument for cursive

Bateman, a 72-year-old state representative from Idaho, says cursive conveys intelligence and grace, engages creativity and builds brain cells.

"Modern research indicates that more areas of the human brain are engaged when children use cursive handwriting than when they keyboard," said Bateman, who handwrites 125 ornate letters each year. "We're not thinking this through. It's beyond belief to me that states have allowed cursive to slip from the standards."

Why was it dropped?

State leaders who developed the Common Core — a set of preferred K-12 course offerings for public schools — omitted cursive for a host of reasons, including an increasing need for children in a digital-heavy age to master computer keyboarding and evidence that even most adults use some hybrid of classic cursive and print in everyday life.

"If you just stop and think for a second about what are the sorts of skills that people are likely to be using in the future, it's much more likely that keyboarding will help students succeed in careers and in school than it is that cursive will," said Morgan Polikoff, an assistant professor of K-12 policy and leadership at the University of Southern California.

Having teaching cursive restored

States that adopted Common Core aren't pre-

cluded from deviating from the standards. But in the world of education, where classroom time is limited and performance stakes are high, optional offerings tend to get sidelined in favor of what's required.

That's why at least seven states — California, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Utah — have moved to keep the cursive requirement. Legislation passed in North Carolina and elsewhere couples cursive with memorization of multiplication tables as twin "back to basics" mandates.

Cursive advocates cite recent brain science that indicates the fluid motion employed when writing script enhances hand-eye coordination and develops fine motor skills, in turn promoting reading, writing and cognition skills.

They further argue that scholars of the future will lose the ability to interpret valuable cultural resources — historical documents, ancestors' letters and journals, handwritten scholarship — if they can't read cursive. If they can't write it, how will they communicate from unwired settings like summer camp or the battlefield?

"The Constitution of the United States is written in cursive. Think about that," Bateman said.

What do the students and teachers think?

All the fuss seems a bit loopy to certain members of Gens X, Y and Z — which have diverged increasingly from handwriting to computers.

The volume of first-class mail at the U.S. Postal Service fell in 2010 to its lowest level in a quarter-century, just as computer use — and the keyboard-

ing it involves — was surging.

Some 95 percent of teens use the Internet, and the percentage using smartphones to go online has grown from 23 percent in 2011 to 37 percent today, according to the Pew Research Center. A 2012 Pew report found the volume of text messages among teens rose from 50 a day on average in 2009 to 60 a day on average two years later.

Pew research has also shown that educators don't necessarily think that's a bad thing.

A survey of teachers of American middle school and high school students published in July found 78 percent believed digital tools such as the Internet, social media and cell phones were encouraging their students' creativity and personal expression.

Kristen Purcell, associate director for research at Pew's Internet & American Life Project, said researchers found it surprising — given those results — that 94 percent of the 2,462 Advanced Placement and National Writing Project surveyed still said they "encourage their students to do at least some of their writing by hand."

Teachers gave two primary reasons, she said: Most standardized tests are still in paper-and-pencil format and teachers believed having students write by hand helped them slow down their thinking, encouraging deeper and fuller thinking during the writing process.

Pew surveys of teens have found many prefer to write on the computer, which they found faster and neater, but many still use handwriting for notes, letters, journals, short stories or music lyrics — as well as for school.

"I find it hard to think creatively when I am typing," a high school boy from the Pacific Northwest told Pew for a 2008 study. "So I like to handwrite everything, then I put it on the computer. I don't know, that is just how I am."

Kathleen Wright, handwriting product manager for Zaner-Bloser, a Columbus, Ohio-based textbook publisher, said colleges of education that have focused on "whole language" education have turned out a crop of young teachers who are unable to either write or teach cursive writing themselves.

That has financial implications to what's required in the Common Core.

"One of the things I've seen over the years is the hesitance on the part of some boards to legislate specific things because it may require additional training for teachers," Wright said. "If you specifically require things for handwriting at different grade levels, you have to provide professional development. That may be the reason why it wasn't included in the Common Core."

What are the implications?

Adults unable to write cursive might think back to the experiences of Jacob Lew when President Barack Obama nominated him as treasury secretary in 2013.

As treasury secretary, Lew's signature would be on U.S. currency. But that signature looked more like a series of loops than the distinct letters in his name.

"Jack assured me that he is going to work to make at least one letter legible in order not to debase our currency," the president joked at the time.

To help victims, send money, not stuff

By SHARON COHEN
AP National Writer

Faced with heartbreaking images of the typhoon-ravaged Philippines — the sea of corpses, communities reduced to rubble, mothers clutching their hungry children — the world is watching an epic tragedy unfold and looking for ways to help. But how?

In the aftermath of megadisasters such as Typhoon Haiyan, experts say there are some basic rules for those eager to do good: Forget the rummage sale clothes, the old toys and the kind of supplies that will only stack up undistributed or damage an

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Natural Hazards Center: www.colorado.edu/hazards

already weakened economy. Do send a cash donation to a respected charity.

"It absolutely should

be money," says Kathleen Tierney, director of the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder, a clearinghouse and research group on the social aspects and impacts of disasters around the world. "Whether it's the U.S. or abroad, one thing that typically happens after a major disaster is people want to donate stuff. This creates enormous logistical problems ... and people receiving donations they could never conceivably

use, like winter coats sent to people in the Caribbean."

When disaster aid isn't properly thought out, "you can end up undermining the local economy," Tierney adds. "Once you ship building materials halfway around the world, it turns out you've ruined the market" for those in the area. "If you want to see economic recovery, you don't want to send so many supplies that you create a situation where people can't survive in a business sense."

Best airport? Indianapolis

Associated press

INDIANAPOLIS — A worldwide airports group has named Indianapolis International Airport the best in North America for the second time since 2010.

Indianapolis airport spokesman Carlo Bertolini tells the Indianapolis Star reports the awards program identifies the most passenger-friendly airports throughout the world. Results are derived from year-round passenger satisfaction surveys conducted in gate areas.

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longer active but has been preserved and has a small gift shop and local artists sell their watercolors and other artwork. The views alone were worth the short trip from the Portland harbor area.

After leaving this area, we drove down to Kennebunkport. This area also had a lot of beautiful Victorian style homes in town and along the coast. The beaches were fairly scarce, as it was a cool 60 something degrees and windy- not to mention water temperatures were around 57 degrees.

We stopped to have lunch in Kennebunkport and selected Federal Jack's Restaurant and Brew Pub in hopes of sitting outside under the heat lamps overlooking the harbor. Oh, and for the local beers. They were only seating inside today and so we got a window seat, at least. I started with a sampler of 3 beers, Goat Island Light, Tainted

Town Pale Ale and Royal IPA. The Tainted Town Pale Ale was the best, so I ordered a full glass. This accompanied my bowl of non-traditional Maine lobster bisque soup. Let me tell you about that.

This was truly one of the best things I've ever eaten. I chose the option to have it served in a bread bowl. The broth was just right, just warm enough and not too thin, not too thick and oh my... the lobster in it was amazing. Nothing like what you get back in Florida or anywhere else in the South for that matter — where it may simply be flavored with lobster or you might find one piece of lobster meat. I had large amounts of whole lobster pieces, at least one piece in every bite and the flavors were mouthwatering. Not to mention the soggy bread that would get scooped up as I scraped the bottom of the bowl. Everything about it was perfect, especially as I followed each bite with a sip of my cold Kennebunkport brewed beer.

One our way back to Portland we drove along

the coast some more and purposely passed by Walker's Point, the Bush estate and former summer White House. We learned that as a Secret Service post, this was the one to have. The Secret Service agents have their own residences on the compound and their families are allowed to stay with them. They also stay year round, whether any of the Bush family is in residence or not. When they are in residence they fly all 3 flags, the US flag, the Maine state flag and the Texas state flag.

I would love to see more of Maine's beautiful coastlines. The state itself is quite rugged and comprised of mostly forestry; about 90 percent. But the views are breathtaking. I especially want to see the Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park areas. Finding some more lobster and beer that tastes that good too wouldn't hurt. I foresee yet another trip ahead of me.

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Pet-friendly inns: Tales, horrors

By LINDA LOMBARDI
Associated Press

If you travel with your dog and prefer small inns and B&Bs over chain hotels, it can be frustrating that so few allow pets. If you listen to some innkeepers' stories, though, you may wonder why any of them do.

At Les Artistes Inn in Del Mar, Calif., for example, a pair of Weimaraners crashed through a window when they saw another dog walk past. "The owners had said, 'Don't worry, they'll be fine,'" said owner John Halper. "The 'fine' part was incorrect."

Halper only allows pets in some rooms, but one couple checked into his best no-pets, ocean-view room with a crate "carrying this cat that has a head bigger than my own," he said. They told him it was "a real live hybrid bobcat."

While most stays don't involve horror stories like these, understanding the rules — and the reasons behind them — can make your vacation more pleasant for you, your pet and the staff.

Can your dog handle being alone?

The policy with the biggest impact on your stay is whether your dog can be left in the room alone. Innkeepers need to balance your desire to go out for dinner with the potential for property damage and the comfort of other guests.

"You wouldn't want to be in a room that had a barking dog in it all afternoon when you're trying to take a nap," says Tom Dott of the Lamb and Lion Inn on Massachusetts's Cape Cod.

Inez Conover remembers guests who left their dog alone at her inn, Bewitched and Bedazzled, in Rehoboth Beach, Del. The dog barked and scratched for nine hours, and the owners never answered their cell. She told them about the problem when they returned, but the next day, she heard a "terrible dragging-back-and-forth noise" in the room. She found the dog tied to the bed, which he'd dragged all over, "tearing up the hardwood floor," and breaking the bed away from the headboard.

Conover is the rare innkeeper who allows dogs to be left alone, because she is willing to make a special effort to keep them out of trouble. If a dog makes noise, she'll bring it to her office, where she has calming supplies ranging from herbal supplements to chew toys. She also recently put Plexiglas on door bottoms to protect them from scratch marks.



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Dog-friendly inns are few and far between, but when you happen upon one, are you prepared to be well-behaved guests. Or better yet, is your pooch?

If You Go...

LES ARTISTES INN: Del Mar, Calif., <http://www.lesartistesinn.com/policies.html>

LAMB AND LION: Barnstable, Mass., <http://www.lambandlion.com/>

CAYUCOS SHORELINE INN: Cayucos, Calif., <http://www.cayucosshorelineinn.com/>

BEWITCHED AND BEDAZZLED B&B: <http://www.bewitchedbnb.com/>

But don't expect an innkeeper to make an exception to a no-dogs-left-alone policy because your dog is fine at home all day while you go to work. Its behavior in a new place may not be the same. Dogs "have to acclimate first," said Dott. "They get scared if left in a strange place by themselves."

To test how a dog will react to a hotel room, leave the dog for a short time while you "hang out by the pool, have breakfast," Dott said. "In that hour, if your dog's quiet, I'm sold."

A crate-trained dog is a better candidate for being left alone. But the crate needs to be something you use regularly at home, not something you've bought for the trip. "I've had dogs kenneled that were throwing themselves against the kennels and moving the kennels across the floor," said Conover.

No matter your dog's training and behavior, don't expect exceptions everywhere. Laila Kollmann says the no-dogs-alone rule at Cayucos Shoreline Inn in Cayucos, Calif., is hard and fast. "We don't even allow them alone in the room with a crate, even if we personally know them," she says. "It's unfair to see a dog allowed in one room and not the other." Even regular guests who bring a rabbit that they walk

around on a leash aren't allowed to leave it in a cage in their room.

Innkeepers with a no-pets-alone rule can often direct you to local doggie day care, or pet-sitters who will come to your room.

How dog-friendly is the destination?

The dog-friendliness of the destination is worth considering when planning trips.

Where Halper is located, near San Diego, bringing your dog everywhere won't constrain your activities much. "We have 350 days of sunshine a year," he said. "There's a dog beach within a mile. There are lots of sidewalk cafes in town where dogs are allowed to sit with their owners."

But on Cape Cod, that's less common, so Dott provides guests with a map of dog-friendly spots.

Read the fine print

Even in dog-friendly inns, pets are often allowed only in certain rooms. Some also have size restrictions. Dott says they allow only small dogs in the busy season because of staff time constraints. "We love big dogs," he said, "but when you are going at record speed doing housekeeping in July and August, a big

black lab adds an extra hour" to cleaning because of shedding.

Most places charge pet fees, largely because of the extra housekeeping, but Dott has another reason: "You want to get people who are traveling with their dog because they want to travel with their dog, not because it's cheaper."

In other words, don't just bring your dog to save on kennel fees.

How to be the perfect dog-owning guest

—If you're leaving a dog in your room, give the front desk your cell number — and answer it.

—Be considerate of the furnishings. In beach towns, inns often provide a place to hose your dog down outside. Some places ask you to cover the couch and bedspread with a sheet. Some guests "say their dog never gets on the furniture, but we ask them to put them on anyway," said Kollmann. "You don't know what a dog will do in another place."

—Respect leash rules. Once at Halper's inn, a dog snapped at a child coming in a front gate. The child screamed, and her father and the dog-owner nearly came to blows. "It was just two guys not paying attention, one not watching his dog, one not watching his daughter," said Halper. The incident made him reconsider whether to allow pets. Now dogs must be leashed in all common areas.

—Don't bring aggressive dogs to a hotel, and remember that not everyone loves dogs — even little ones like Dott's Yorkies and pocket Pomeranians. "You'd be amazed how many people are frightened of dogs, even something that small," he said.

Classic and modern takes: Thanksgiving green bean casserole



COURTESY

It's just not Thanksgiving without the classic green bean casserole. Here's another, more modern, take on that family-favorite dish.

There's always a better, healthier, way to do what's already been done.

By ALISON LADMAN
Associated Press

Can we all just agree that by 2013 we should be able to do better by green beans than dumping canned soup and fried onions all over them? Surely, there is a better way.

Actually, there are lots of better ways. Even if all you do is crisp some chopped bacon in a skillet, then pop fresh green beans in for a few minutes of stir-frying, the end result will still be better (and probably more welcome at the table). But that's just the start.

To help you get your green bean creativity flowing, we've given you a basic recipe for cooking them, plus two ways of finishing them — one with bacon and blue cheese, the other with honey-sweetened spicy coconut. But if neither of those do it for you, use our base, then take those beans in any direction you like.

Green beans two ways

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 8

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
- Salt and ground black pepper

For the bacon and blue cheese topping:

- 1/2 cup crumbled cooked bacon
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions

For the sweet-and-spicy coconut topping:

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup toasted coconut flakes

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the garlic and saute for 2 minutes, or until softened. Add the green beans and saute until just tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Choose one of the two variations and gently toss all ingredients for either one together with the green beans in the skillet.

For the bacon and blue cheese variation:

Nutrition information per serving: 110 calories; 60 calories from fat (55 percent of total calories); 7 g fat (2.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 10 mg cholesterol; 8 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 4 g protein; 190 mg sodium.

For the sweet-and-spicy coconut topping:

Nutrition information per serving: 120 calories; 50 calories from fat (42 percent of total calories); 6 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 17 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 12 g sugar; 2 g protein; 60 mg sodium.

What a merger means for you

American Airlines and US Airways have cleared the last major hurdle to merging, but no changes will come overnight.

AIRFARE: The merger will give a combined American and US Airways Group Inc. the ability to increase fares. United, Delta and Southwest would be likely to follow.

FREQUENT FLIER MILES: After the merger closes, the two airlines will likely combine the miles into one program and elite status from one airline will likely be honored on the other. That puts the occasional traveler closer to rewards.

DESTINATIONS: There is little overlap between the two airlines' existing routes. The combined carrier will offer more than 6,700 daily flights to 336 destinations in 56 countries, making it more attractive to companies seeking to fly employees around the globe with few connections.

Straight No Chaser returns to Phillips Center on Nov. 22

From staff reports

GAINESVILLE — A cappella sensation Straight No Chaser (SNC) performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Phillips Center.

The 10-man ensemble will perform some of its signature holiday repertoire and music from its chart-topping new release "Under the Influence." SNC's new album includes the group's original spin on Adele's "Rolling in the Deep"; a medley of fun.'s "Some Nights" and "We Are Young"; and the re-imagining of classic songs with the artists who made them famous, including Stevie Wonder, Elton John and Dolly Parton.

"It's been really great because these legendary artists seemed drawn to the project as another way to have their music heard," SNC co-founder Randy Stine said.

Formed more than 15 years ago while students at Indiana University, the ensemble has regrouped to great acclaim, garnering more than 50 million YouTube views to date.

Beginning with its 2008 debut



COURTESY

Popular a cappella group Strait No Chaser is coming to Gainesville this Friday to perform some of its signature holiday repertoire and music from its chart-topping new release, "Under the Influence."

"Holiday Spirits," which hit No. 4 on Billboard's Top Holiday Albums chart, SNC has released numerous albums to commercial success, completed a residency at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City and has been featured in tele-

vision specials including PBS's "Straight No Chaser - Songs of the Decades."

Lauded for its unforgettable live performances, SNC was recently recognized as one of Pollstar's top 50 touring acts.

More Info

Straight No Chaser
Friday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$25-45 (Students: \$10)
Phillips Center

Websites:

University of Florida
Performing Arts: www.performingarts.ufl.edu
Straight No Chaser: <http://www.sncmusic.com/>
Photos available upon request or by visiting:
www.performingarts.ufl.edu/about/press-room/photos/

The ensemble performed at the Phillips Center for a Mother's Day engagement on May, 13 2012 to great acclaim.

"Our audience response to their concert was extraordinary," UFPA director Michael Blachly said. "Straight No Chaser is one of the best a cappella groups touring today."

Tickets are on sale and avail-

To buy tickets

To purchase tickets, call the Phillips Center Box Office at 352-392-2787 or 800-905-2787 (toll-free within Florida) or Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 (toll-free). Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Phillips Center Box Office, the University Box Office — O'Connell Center (Gate 1), from any Ticketmaster outlet or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Cash, checks, MasterCard, Discover and Visa are accepted. UF students may purchase \$10 tickets (with a valid student ID) at the Phillips Center Box Office, the University Box Office — O'Connell Center (Gate 1) or by calling 352-392-2787, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1. Non-UF students may purchase \$10 student tickets in the balcony.

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DEAR ABBY

Daughter pleads for patience from nursing home workers



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My elderly mother was recently placed in a nursing/rehabilitation facility. After several months of observation, I would like to offer an open letter to those who work in such places.

"Dear Caretaker, it is true I have grown older. My body won't do what it used to do. My eyes aren't as bright, and sometimes I have trouble finding the right words. But I do have a name, and it's not 'Honey' or 'Sweetie.' I have experienced much, and I have learned much. Your history books are my personal history. There is a lot I could teach you.

"You don't have to shout; I will tell you if I can't hear you. I have known great love and great tragedy in the years I have spent on this earth. I have spent decades learning to take care of myself, and it's hard having to rely on others.

"I need your help, but please don't talk to me as if I were a 2-year-old or a puppy. I'm too polite to say so, but I see when you roll your eyes or heave a sigh that says you'd rather be anywhere else but with me. These are my final years, and

I've worked a lifetime to get here. Give me the dignity I deserve. All too soon, you will want the same." — DAUGHTER IN ANDERSON, IND.

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your letter carries an important message. But please remember that the staff in nursing homes work long hours, often for minimum wage, and they all may not have been properly trained in caring for elderly and dementia patients. The work is hard, and the facility may also be understaffed.

It takes a special kind of person to do this work, and many of them deserve medals. However, if you feel that your mother's care is not up to par and that her dignity is not being respected, you should discuss it with the director of the facility.

DEAR ABBY: For the last 10 years, a family of four has come to our home for every Christmas

and Easter meal. It started when my wife invited a co-worker. They had no family in town and nowhere else to go.

My wife's relationship with the woman has cooled, but the family assumes they are automatically invited and show up without being asked. They spend more time talking to our other family members than they do to us.

How do I politely let them know we no longer wish for them to come to our family meals? — FAMILY ONLY IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR FAMILY ONLY: Your wife should tell her co-worker that your plans for the holidays have changed, that the two of you are scaling back the festivities to include ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS.

She should be sure to convey this news in PLENTY of time for her co-worker to make other arrangements — whether it will be preparing something herself or getting together with another family. NOW would be a perfect time to do it.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

your concerns and your dreams will give you strength to follow through. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Personal matters will cloud your vision. Before taking a stance or undergoing change, get to the root of the problem. Don't let your generosity or good nature be taken for granted. Loyalty must be offered before you give back. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get together with old friends or reunite with someone you used to be in love with. Reconnecting will bring back memories and valuable lessons that will allow you to move ahead without regret or the feeling of loss. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional problems revolving around money, medical or legal matters can be expected. Ask questions and get to the bottom of any issue that has left you perplexed. Be prepared to cut your losses and move on if necessary. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Embrace those you love and share common interests with and you will form a close bond and a working relationship that can help you advance personally and professionally. Make creative and accommodating alterations to your living space. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep everything out in the open or you may be accused of being deceptive. Fix up your living space and make personal changes that will raise your profile or update your image. Don't let love lead to an impulsive move you'll regret. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do a little networking or take time to initiate plans that will influence the way you move forward professionally. A home improvement project will add to your assets and to your comfort. Love is in the stars and romance should be initiated. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let anyone bring you down. If you project a happy-go-lucky attitude, you can ward off any negativity that comes your way. Revert back to things you used to enjoy doing and you will have a great time. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Engage in property projects that get your family, friends or whoever you share your living or community space with to pitch in and help. Having a plan will also put you in a leadership position that can transform into a prosperous offer. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

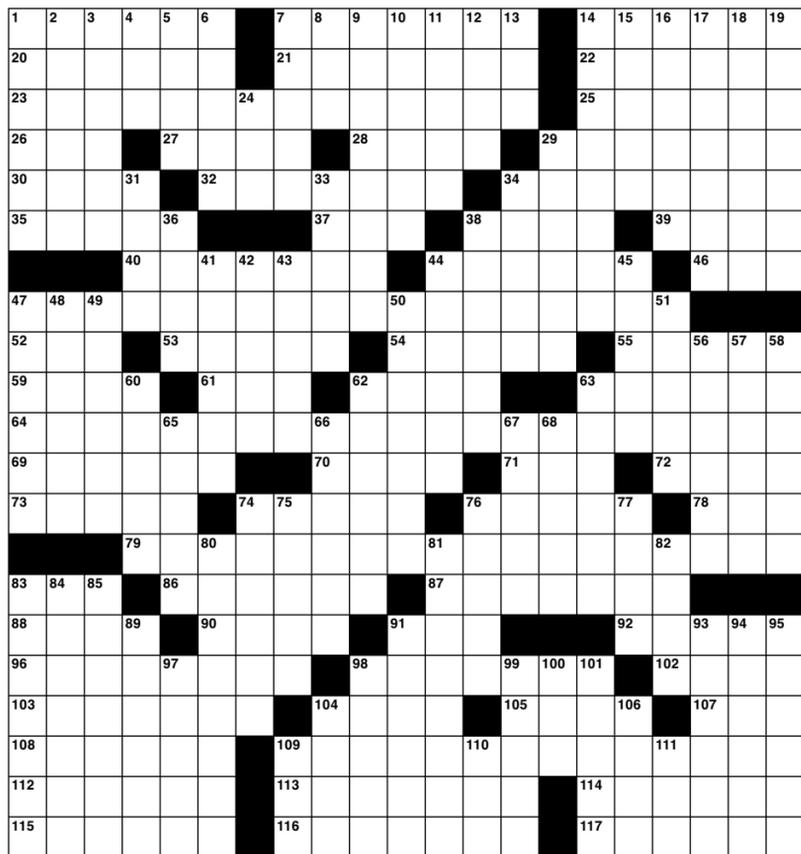
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Previous Solution: "I handed in a script last year and the studio didn't change one word. The word they didn't change was on page 87." — Steve Martin TODAY'S CLUE: D sence l

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

BYE-LINES By Alan Olschwang / Edited by Will Shortz

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Grid of numbers for crossword clues: 7, 6, 1, 3, 4, 5, 2, 4, 9, 3, 3, 5, 6, 2, 8, 4, 6, 2, 9, 3, 4, 7, 9, 1, 2

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

Grid of letters for crossword answers: OBAMA, THAW, MOTTO, CLAP, PARIS, OONA, ENRON, LAIR, EMNSHEHRDS, REINE, ERLE, LAOS, XENA, GRAPELEAVES, JCOLE, BOILS, IXNAYS, ENGARDE, BODES, BTUS, COMPOUNFR, CURES, CARR, TSE, GLEANS, IACT, DATEBOOKS, ANNI, INSECRET, SPRIT, ELLE, HEKATE, ESME, OCHNS, SSTER, LEMON, DROPS, CLAY, DAUBED, ADEN, HARPO, NAVY, YARD, ITEM, RUMDBILEY, NALA, TEEMED, ESS, EDYS, BANANA, SPLITS, SEADO, ORLE, TUSKS, SHELLAC, SEADNO, OUSTS, STIRS, OXODN, VERSIY, ALAR, ANNA, LARS, ERASE, FRUITFLIES, OCTO, TILLS, TERR, LIBRA, STAN, ONSET, CAPE, AESOP

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On to Nashville

From staff reports

JR Hernandez is just 18, but holds a deep passion for a career in country music. This country singer/songwriter from Bell pulled up his stakes and moved to Nashville to try to make it happen.

Leaving his family and the green grass of home was difficult. But JR's passion for music and song writing wouldn't let him stay in Bell — his plans have always been to go to Nashville as soon as he graduated from high school. He is now beginning to feel the success of the move.

JR's new adventure would probably seem like typical lyrics from the country songs he's come to love.

"I stayed in a hotel six weeks where I couldn't cook, so I ate at fast food restaurants all the time," he said. "Now,

I've got an apartment, and I can cook, so I'm eating stuff like fried chicken and rice again."

A May 2013 graduate with a certificate in mechanics from Suwannee Hamilton Technical Center in Live Oak, JR used

that degree to secure a job in mechanics' work almost as soon as he arrived in Nashville, something not everyone chasing their dream can achieve.

Soon after settling into his new apartment, he found Douglas Corner Café, one of Nashville's "Legendary Venues," where songwriters and musicians gather Tuesday nights to sing original songs. He's now become a regular there, singing songs he's written.

"Nashville is definitely not Florida," JR said. "Traffic is awful, but I only live about five minutes from where I work so it's not so bad. Life's pretty much like I thought it would be up here in Nashville."

Although he's getting entrenched into the music scene in Nashville, there's still



COURTESY

JR Hernandez, 18, of Bell, recently moved to Nashville, Tenn. to pursue his music career after graduating from Suwannee Hamilton Technical Center in Live Oak.

the daily grind to attend to. At 18, he's up to whatever it takes to make it.

JR has written several new songs in his off-time, covering a wide variety of subjects to add to his nearly one dozen originals songs.

"I pretty much want to have an abundance of original songs to do an hour and a half show when I'm asked," he said. "My main goal here is to write music right now."

On top of working, writing and performing, JR plans to enter an American Idol pre-season audition soon. In the meantime, he's got songs to rehearse, and what better a place than with those he works with.

"My buddies at work are my guinea pigs," he laughs, noting he videos his songs on a CD at night, brings the CD to work to play for them to get their opinion. "They aren't all country fans, but they seem to like the songs."

FEEDING YOUR POOCH

Mealtime challenges are OK

By LINDA LOMBARDI
Associated Press

Working to get a meal is something dogs were born to do.

"If dogs were out in the wild they'd be spending most of their time hunting for food," says trainer Joan Mayer of Santa Barbara, Calif.

But for many of our dogs, mealtime is over in a minute or two. Then what? They look for something else to do.

Unfortunately, when dogs are left to find their own entertainment, we aren't usually pleased with their choices.

"They're not going to sit down and turn on the TV," says Mayer. "They'll chew up the couch or bark all day."

So ask many trainers how you should feed your dog, and they'll say you're wasting a golden opportunity by feeding out of a bowl.

At any pet store you'll see balls, puzzles and other food-dispensing objects. At the Kong is the most familiar. They're often referred to with terms like "treat balls," so some owners worry about weight gain from extra goodies if they use them. In fact, you can use these toys to feed your dog's regular diet. If you feed dry kibble, just toss it in and you're good to go. Or you can plug the hole of a Kong with canned food and freeze it for an even longer-lasting meal.

Feeding this way can help with a variety of

behavior problems. For dog trainer Melissa Duffy of Carlsbad, Calif., food toys have helped her rat terrier, Dinky, with separation anxiety.

"She starts to get anxious when I am getting ready to go out, whining, pacing, shivering," Duffy says. Being left with a food-dispensing toy calms her, and has longer-lasting effects as well.

"She also doesn't get into the trash can, which she will do if I leave her without a treat-dispensing toy," says Duffy. "I've also noticed that she isn't as frantic when I come home, no matter how long I've been gone."

Getting animals to use their natural behavior to get food is part of what zoos call "enrichment."

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