Heroes’ holiday

370 get diplomas at CHS

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As the sun sank behind the stands at Tigre Stadium, the Columbia High School Class of 2012 walked two by two toward the sunset of their high school careers.

The school held its 112th commencement ceremony Friday night for about 370 seniors and thousands of their family and friends.

The crowd cheered, whistled and clanked cowbells as students’ names were called. Their walk across the stage situated in front of the north-end goal post, was the product of 13 years of note taking, pop quizzes and homework.

The class had eight students achievehonors.

100 attend services at VA hospital

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American flags rustled in the breeze as community members gathered in the shade at little oak tree to honor fallen servicemen and women.

The Lake City Veterans Affairs Medical Center held the 18th annual Memorial Day Ceremony Friday morning.

For some Americans Memorial Day is a fun day off, but for others it means more, said keynote speaker Rachael Maguire, to a crowd of about 100.

Maguire, an Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran, served three years of active duty with the Army and one year with the Kentucky National Guard.

War has shaped every generation of Americans, she said.

Maguire recalled the stillness on her base on Sept. 11, 2001 and watching news reports of the terrorist attacks and the beginning of her generation’s war.

As the sun sank behind the stands, the crowd shouted, “Thank you,” and “Merica” on the American flags in the breeze.

The original one-hour special, narrated by Bill Paxton, recounts the personal wartime journey of Maj. Joel Glenn, a Silver Star decorated soldier who leaves his young wife and family and plunges headg

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Wildfire blows heavy smoke near Disney World

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The other woman fled the house and was not hurt. She was taken to a hospital for treatment.

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From staff reports

A Lake City woman was arrested Friday for driving under the influence of drugs after she nearly struck several children and teachers at Eastside Elementary School, according to Florida Highway Patrol reports.

Phillip W. James, 47, of Lake City, was arrested and charged with two counts of careless driving and two counts of DUI.

The incident occurred 2:01 p.m. Friday at Eastside Elementary School at the intersection of SE Baya Avenue and Baya Avenue.

Reported to be James, driving a 1995 Toyota 4-door sedan, 10-year-old Makayla James was her passenger, turned into Eastside Elementary School around 2:30 p.m. and struck the fence as she was pulling into the student pickup area where children were present during the dismissal.

James then traveled up the school track and local impact of sub-tropical storm Beryl.

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The Columbia County Tobacco-Free Partnership, which fosters collaborative initiatives to develop and promote policies that reduce use and harm from tobacco.

Columbia County Tobacco-Free Partnership

Event: Columbia County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Location: Central School Board Office Room 153

327 West Dunclay Street

Lake City, FL 32025

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All partnership meetings are open to the public. For more information on how to make a difference in your community through your local tobacco free Partnership, please contact:

Leann Robichaux
Columbia County Health Department
(386) 751-1193 or Leann_Robichaux@doh.state.fl.us

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The sailor in my blood didn't want to miss a moment of her arrival. I ventured down on the dock and within a few minutes, she was made fast.

There are sailboats and there are sailboats and then there’s Peacemaker, a stately, three-masted tall ship out of Georgia. There are other large, impressive sailing vessels on the marina but Peacemaker dwarfs them all, towering over a hundred feet over the harbor and making the other vessels appear like humble servants of the long wind.

The wife of Peacemaker’s captain, Azurah Clinton, was about to embark on her ship’s arrival and I struck up a conversation. She chatted for a few minutes and I was filled in with a bit of history of the boat.

The interior of the vessel is home and getting a tour of that home was made fast.

Peacemaker also has a Coast Guard attraction warrant permit available for educational, educational purposes.

The Captain, Larry Clinton, who goes by the nickname, Alan, told me that coming through the Gulf of Mexico on a storm, although the ship wasn’t completely knocked down, it only took a few hours to set sail and make some waves. Never say die, says the crew must be pretty much like you and me.

His wife, Azurah, is a merry fellow. She told me that we know that security is never going to go away. We can only hope it gets better.

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Peacemaker is 150 feet long and 40-feet wide. She has 33 deck-levels and has a draft of 14 feet. Carrying 10,000 feet of sail, 14 knots in speed. Crewmembers tell me the boat once had up to 11 knots in a train to twenty five knot wind in rich mahogany.

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May 28
Aglow Lighthouse meets The Lake City Aglow Light House will meet May 28 at 7 p.m. with information on the prevention of slavery Human trafficking now affects 27 million people making it the most profitable illegal industry in the world. It is estimated that 1 in 140 people representing the Florida Lighthouse will be victims of this crime in Orlando, will inform this community of this evil. We present this هو العناصر الرئيسي في المحتوى ويجب أن يكون العرض الطبيعي للنص.

Big donation Daniel Pult, 17, a junior at Lake City’s Covenant School donated more than a thousand needed items to the United Way of Dunnellon Fla. donation center as part of a community service project for class. Pult spent two weeks with the residents at the community center to gather a list of items needed. He then spent several weeks driving to stores and doing some online shopping to collect stories to donated collections from the community. Church and fellow students also donated to his drive. Pult pictured the materials being collected for the donation. For more information contact the Lake County United Way at 352-781-9298.

Jr. Class meeting 3 p.m. The UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension is holding a Beekeeping Workshop June 4 from 9 a.m.-noon. Class will be held at the Columbia County Extension Office, 209 SW Mary Ethel Lane at Lake City. For more information call 352-795-1749. The Art Show will be held at the West of Branch Public Library June 5 through July 3. It is sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.

Middle Alzheimer’s class The Alzheimer’s Association will present a class in conjunction with the Alzheimer’s Lighthouse meets Thursday June 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Alzheimer’s Art Show, held at the West Branch Public Library June 5 will be sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.
To Candidates for Florida’s Columbia County School Superintendent:

Men: 35 days, 0 public answers. I am incorrect when I proclaim to you that Columbia High School students are created in the image of God and that did not evolve from a hominid? 

Women: 22 days, 0 public answers. Am I correct when I proclaim to you that the family’s time apart to be used in the ministry? 

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Family members and friends shield themselves from the sun as they await the Columbia High School Class of 2012 to enter Columbia High School Stadium during the school’s graduation ceremony.

Columbia County School Board member Charles Maxwell (right) places a medallion around the neck of Stephen Aguila Jr. as he walks across the stage to receive his diploma.

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Bailey selected as FACA All Star

Columbia ace playing in classic games in Sebring.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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It was a year of firsts for Columbia High baseball and Kellan Bailey in adding another first to the list this weekend with a trip to the 34th annual Florida Athletic Coaches Association All Star Baseball Classic at Fireman’s Field in Sebring.

The event annually collects the best of Florida’s baseball talent and this year that included a Columbia player has made the trip.

Columbia head coach JT Clark summed up what made Bailey an obvious choice for the event.

“He’s just had such an unbelievable year,” Clark said. “We’ve been around the game for a long time and for someone to throw as many innings as he did without giving up an earned run is unheard of, even in the little league level. He did it all from Columbia — with Michael Kirkman and Jacob Tillotson — to be the first guy to come down,” Bailey said. “It’s a good opportunity to play in front of college scouts and pro scouts. I get a chance to play against the best in the state.”

Clark echoed Bailey’s sentiments.

Columbia High pitcher Kellan Bailey delivers against host Stanton Prep during the Tigers’ 9-1 win in the second round of the playoffs.

Bailey’s magical season

Not week, the Lake City Reporter department will unveil its Athletes of the Year.

The awards are primarily based on performance in several sports.

However, if the award was based on outstanding performance in one sport, another athlete might be the choice.

Kellan Bailey played one sport at Columbia High, but he excelled in it.

Bailey is a three-year starter for the Tigers’ baseball team, but his senior year was by far his most impressive.

The saying goes that numbers never lie and for Bailey his numbers can match those of anyone in the state.

The senior was 0-0 as a starter and didn’t give up an earned run during the season.

When you go deeper into the numbers, his season results even more impressive.

Bailey had 94 strikeouts this season compared to only 30 hits. To break down that math, that’s more than three strikeouts for every hit he gave up.

Bailey didn’t allow a triple this season and only three doubles.

Want more?

Bailey allowed opposing batters to hit only .118 from the plate.

His opponents were Cargo’s leading hitter.

Bailey set the bar.

However, if the award is based on performance in multiple sports Bailey might not have been the choice.

Bailey punched the Tigers’ ticket to the Atlantic Coast High playoffs.

That’s how many wins Bailey allowed after one first down.

Bailey allowed no passes in 196 games in Sebring.

Columbia history is packed.

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Bailey was 9-1 on the mound.

He followed that up with wins at Middleburg High and at Stanton Prep to send Columbia into the third round of the state playoffs.

Bailey might not receive the Athlete of the Year designation, but he just might have had the best performance in a single sport.

Bailey set the bar for a program and left Columbia baseball in better shape than when he arrived.

He’ll be sorely missed next season, but the senior definitely left his mark.

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Orange & Green clash

RMS Wolves close spring with competitive game

Richardson Middle School wrapped up spring football practice with the Orange & Green intra-squad game at the school on Friday.

The competitive game was settled on the last play when Jovaris Thomas crashed into the end zone from one yard out to give the Orange an 18-14 win.

“I was impressed with how they played hard,” Wolves head coach Joey O’Neal said.

Principal Bessie Whitefield was honorary chairman for the Green squad and Assistant Principal Jonathan Jordan was honorary chairman for the Orange.

As a result of a friendly bet, the losing coach will have to take a turn at the dunking booth on the final day of school.

It looked like a runaway for the Orange in the early going.

The Green began the game with the ball on its 20 and turned it over on downs after one first down.

The Orange struck quickly, going 10 yards in five plays.

The big gainer was a 24-yard completion from Ronnie Collins, who played quarterback for both squads, to Thomas. Trem Dollard scored the touchdown on a five-yard run.

The Orange made another first down and, on the first series of the second quarter, Thomas broke a 65-yard touchdown run on a pitch-out. The Orange led, 12-0.

It only lasted one play.

Kamario Bell ripped off a 70-yard run for a touchdown as time ran out. The Orange led, 12-0.

Early in the third quarter, Bell struck again. This time it was on the other side of the ball, as he intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown.

Bell ran in the extra point to give the Green a 14-12 lead.

The Orange responded with a long drive that lasted a quarter and produced Thomas’s winning touchdown as time ran out.

O’Neal said he would encourage his players to work out at the high school and he will encourage the Wolves in late June. He expects an influx of 10 players from the fifth grade for the fall.

“Let’s get a lot to work on,” O’Neal said. “We see that now.”

Richardson Middle School quarterback Ronnie Collins (right) is grabbed by Darrel Robberson (4) of the Orange squad during the Orange and Green intra-squad game on Friday. Collins played quarterback for both teams.

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**SCOREBOARD**

**BASEBALL**

**NCAA Div. I Super Regionals**

- **West Regionals**
  - Arkansas vs. Texas A&M, 1 p.m.
  - Oklahoma vs. Houston, 4 p.m.
  - Texas vs. Oregon, 7 p.m.
  - Tennessee vs. Georgia, 1 p.m.

- **South Regionals**
  - Arizona vs. Washington, 7 p.m.
  - Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Arizona State, 1 p.m.
  - California vs. Washington, 7 p.m.
  - Florida vs. Illinois, 2:10 p.m.

- **East Regionals**
  - Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi, 7 p.m.
  - LSU vs. Ole Miss, 4 p.m.
  - Rice vs. Texas Tech, 1 p.m.
  - Coastal Carolina vs. North Carolina, 1 p.m.

- **Northeast Regionals**
  - Boston College vs. Northeastern, 1 p.m.
  - Stony Brook vs. Connecticut, 7 p.m.
  - Duke vs. North Carolina, 1 p.m.
  - George Washington vs. George Mason, 1 p.m.

**Conference tournaments**

- **SEC Conference**
  - **Championship game**
    - Vanderbilt 6, Georgia 0
  - **Super Regional**
    - Florida vs. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
  - **West Regional**
    - Texas A&M vs. Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
  - **East Regional**
    - South Carolina vs. Duke, 7 p.m.

**NCAA schedule**

- **Thursday’s Games**
  - Mercer vs. Arizona, 9 p.m.
  - College of Charleston vs. Minnesota, 8 p.m.
  - Texas Christian vs. Appalachian State, 6:30 p.m.

- **Friday’s Games**
  - UC Santa Barbara vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
  - Ohio State vs. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
  - Missouri vs. Nebraska, 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday’s Games**
  - South Carolina vs. Duke, 2 p.m.
  - Texas A&M vs. Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
  - Arizona vs. Mercer, 7 p.m.

**College polls**

- **COLLEGE BASEBALL**
  - **Baseball Coaches Association**
    - **First Team**
      - Oklahoma
      - Texas A&M
      - Arkansas
      - Arizona
      - South Carolina
    - **Second Team**
      - Cal State Fullerton
      - Arizona State
      - South Florida
      - LSU
      - Georgia

**TV sports**

- **FOX** — NASCAR, Sprint Cup
- **ABC** — IRL, IndyCar, Indianapolis 500
- **SPEED** — FIA World Rally
- **CBS** — PGA Tour, Crowne Plaza Invitational
- **NBC** — French Open, first round
- **ESPN2** — Southeastern Conference, first round
- **TGC** — European PGA Tour, BMW PGA Championship
- **MLB** — Regional coverage
- **NBA** — Eastern Conference, final round
- **NHL** — Stanley Cup
- **NFL** — Div. 1 Super Regionals
- **Tennis** — French Open

**TV schedule**

- **Sunday, May 27, 2012**
  - **NBCSN** — MLS, San Jose vs. Kansas City, 5 p.m.
  - **FOX** — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Talladega, 5 p.m.
  - **ESPN** — Notre Dame vs. Chicago, 5 p.m.
  - **SPEED** — AMA Pro Racing, Salt Lake City, 5 p.m.
  - **SPEED** — FIM World Superbike, race 1

**SOCCER**

**WNBA schedule**

- **Wednesday Games**
  - Minnesota vs. Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
  - Philadelphia vs. Connecticut, 6:30 p.m.

- **Thursday Games**
  - Phoenix vs. Atlanta, 9:30 p.m.
  - Minnesota vs. Connecticut, 9:30 p.m.

- **Friday Games**
  - Connecticut vs. Minnesota, 5 p.m.
  - Phoenix vs. Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
  - Minnesota vs. Connecticut, 9:30 p.m.

- **Saturday Games**
  - Atlanta vs. Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
  - Connecticut vs. Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.
  - Minnesota vs. Connecticut, 9:30 p.m.

**AUTO RACING**

- **NASCAR** — Sprint Cup Series
  - **STOCK CAR EVENTS**
    - **Saturday, May 26, 2012**
      - Dover International Speedway, 1:10 p.m.
    - **Sunday, May 27, 2012**
      - Talladega Superspeedway, 1:10 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

- **NBA** — Western Conference, final round
  - **First Team**
    - Tim Duncan, San Antonio
    - Joe Johnson, Atlanta
    - Deron Williams, Brooklyn
    - Tim Hardaway Jr., Miami
    - Dwight Howard, Orlando
  - **Second Team**
    - Carmelo Anthony, New York
    - Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas
    - Paul George, Indiana
    - Kevin Love, Minnesota
    - Blake Griffin, Los Angeles

**GOLF**

- **PGA Tour** — Crowne Plaza Invitational
  - **German Masters**
    - Martin Kaymer, Germany
    - Scott Stallings, United States
    - Adam Scott, Australia
    - Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland
  - **WGC-Bridgestone Invitational**
    - Tiger Woods, United States
    - Lee Westwood, England
    - Ernie Els, South Africa
    - Padraig Harrington, Ireland

**SPEED**

- **Formula One**
  - **Qualifying**
    - Lewis Hamilton, McLaren
    - Mark Webber, Red Bull
    - Fernando Alonso, Ferrari
  - **Qualifying 2**
    - Nick Heidfeld, BMW Sauber
    - Kimi Raikkonen, Ferrari
    - Jarno Trulli, Lotus
  - **Qualifying 3**
    - Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull
    - Jenson Button, McLaren
    - Kimi Raikkonen, Ferrari

**Softball**

- **Div. I Super Regionals**
  - **Game 1**
    - Oregon vs. Arizona State, 7 p.m.
    - Florida vs. California, 8:30 p.m.
    - Arizona vs. Florida State, 8 p.m.
    - Oregon State vs. LSU, 7:30 p.m.
  - **Game 2**
    - Arizona State vs. Oregon, 7 p.m.
    - Florida vs. California, 8:30 p.m.
    - Arizona vs. Florida State, 8 p.m.
    - Oregon State vs. LSU, 7:30 p.m.
  - **Game 3**
    - Oregon vs. Arizona State, 7 p.m.
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    - Arizona vs. Florida State, 8 p.m.
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Coca-Cola 600 line-up

In Charlotte Motor Speedway, Danica Patrick qualifies for NASCAR's biggest race

1. (3) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 2:39.9656 (225.517).
3. (4) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 2:40.8666 (223.760).
11. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 2:42.0349 (222.135).
12. (38) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 2:42.0615 (222.108).
13. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 2:42.0697 (222.091).
14. (23) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 2:42.0788 (222.080).
15. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, 2:42.0827 (222.076).
17. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 2:42.1018 (221.997).
18. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 2:42.1237 (221.975).
19. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 2:42.1273 (221.971).
20. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 2:42.1492 (221.948).
21. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 2:42.1552 (221.933).
22. (14) Mike Conway, Dallara-Honda, 2:42.1563 (221.93).
The Lake City Parks and Recreation Department sponsors two T-ball leagues, which play at the Columbia High baseball and softball fields. Pictures are from action on Tuesday.

**TOP**: Rays player Anna Belle Dansby (right) prepares to tag Addison Anderson (5) of the Diamondbacks out at home plate.

**ABOVE RIGHT**: Damon Hill (2) of the Yankees tags Tigers player Tanner Ring (3) out at home.

**RIGHT**: Tigers head coach Kasey Richmond give advice to Collin Richmond as he steps up to home plate.

**BELOW RIGHT**: Yankees hitter Michael Anschultz (1) checks under first base after hitting a ball against the Tigers.

**BOTTOM RIGHT**: The Rays congratulate the Diamondbacks at the conclusion of their game.

**ABOVE LEFT**: Tanner Ring takes a swing during a game against the Yankees.

**BELOW LEFT**: Addison Anderson sprints to reach third base as Matthew Pitts rounds second after hitting the ball.

**BOTTOM**: Ty'Jahn Wright (7) scrambles to home plate for a put out during a game against the Yankees.
Bard baseballs bring home medals, ribbons from state

From staff reports

Bard baseballs of Lake City Academy's contingent to this year's 2012 Spring AAU State Championships in Daytona Beach.

Members of the Bard Gymnastics contingent who placed this year's 2012 Spring AAU State Championships in Daytona Beach.

Bard gymnasts bring home medals, ribbons from state

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Bard students secured medals and ribbons in Montgomery Classic, sums 4 and 6. Level 3 and 4. Gymnastics compete in vault, uneven bars, beam and floor exercise, and are awarded an all-around score.

Bard also has a Gym Achievers group that competed at state. The Gym Achievers are judged by the judges, but not scored.

Karen Martin in Modified Optional was first in all-around. Martin placed first in floor and third in bars and third in vault.

Other who secured first in events are: Bailey Rush, Level 1 beam, Logan Yarbro, Level 1 beam, Kaylee King, Level 3 beam, Grace Duncan, Level 3 vault.

Modified Optional scores: Abigail Scott — third in bars, fourth in beam and fifth in vault; Lauren Lewis — fourth in bars and seventh in floor; Andrew Cornelius — fifth in beam, sixth in floor and seventh in vault; Kacey Kirby — fourth in floor, fifth in bars and ninth in all-around; and Michael Martin and ninth in all-around.

Level 4 scores: Abigail Anschutz — second in beam, third in vault and third in all-around; Brandi Oliver — second in bars, third in vault and ninth in all-around; Dhupone Greenc — second in floor, fourth in bars, fifth in vault and fourth in all-around; and Natasha Dearte — fourth in bars, fifth in vault and sixth in all-around.

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Level 3 scores: Lauren Yarbro — first in bars, second in floor and first all-around; Kaylee King — first in floor and second in all-around; Andrea Comertier — fifth in beam, sixth in floor and seventh in vault; and Michael Martin and ninth in all-around.

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Clark gives a lot of that credit to Bailey's performance on the mound.

"Considering how long baseball has been played at CHS, and it's a lot of fun and accomplishment," Clark said. "It's a great way for Kellan and it's fun for our school." Besides hard work, Bailey had a competitive edge. Clark equates it to his greatness during the season.

"His greatest attribute is his competitiveness," Clark said. "He wants to prove that he's better than you. At times early in his career, he would kind of get frustrated, but he's learned to control that. He's sung it now. Every game that he threw three strikes, and he has a competitiveness in a situation to win an at bat. He любит to get a strikeout or a pop out. It was unbelievable and it doesn't hurt that he is a left-handed pitcher with good speed and a breaking ball."

Bailey is also nominated for the FACA Player of the Year award. Clark mentioned this is an accomplishment, Clark said. "It just says a little bit more than his special season. It's also good for CHS and it's good to have his name out there.

Bailey expects to be challenged by the top players in the 5A games.

"I'm expecting to see a little more fire," said Clark. "I'm expecting the pitcher against the top teams. That's why you play. It's fun to see the game this weekend. However, you don't want to see him get into that situation. He has to go to those tough at bats that have helped him through some adverse times."

"All the coaches have worked to help me improve. He's a great coach," he said. "My parents have sent me to camps to be in a good position to succeed. I just want to thank him for that."
Miracle catch man speaks to Wolves

By TIM KIRBY
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Associated Press

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What took the Western Conference finals so long to get here? Thinking about it, anyway?

“I think we both deserve it,” Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said.

Few would dispute that. It’s a clear-cut matchup of the West’s best teams without any qualifiers: Nowhatis speculating of defeating injuries like DerrickRose’s blown-out knee that sunk top-seeded Chicago and Reduced pro-

dictions in the East, nor were there lucky breaks or Game 7 heartbreakers that will give at San Antonio’s and Oklahoma City’s dispatched opponents and their fans all manner.

By and large, the Spurs and Thunder have just steamrolled this point.

The top-seeded Spurs clobbered Utah and the Los Angeles Clippers for an average of 14 points a game. They’re one victory from tying the 2001 Lakers for the longest winning streak kept alive in a postseason and two from becoming just the fourth team in NBA history to win 20 in a row.

“It’s been a while since we’ve been in the Western Conference finals. And it’s been a week kind of sitting here stewing and waiting for us,” said Spurs forward Tim Duncan, whose last playoff trip this far in 2008 ended with a loss to the Lakers. “All of that together makes it an exciting series to start.”

Oklahoma City finished three games behind the Spurs for first in the West.

Easy part over in NBA West

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Easy part over in NBA West

San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan dunks during Game 4 of Western Conference semifinal against the Clippers in Los Angeles on May 20.

By PAUL L. WEBER
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Maybe the Spurs finally get a challenge this time.

The San Antonio Spurs and Oklahoma City Thunder have simply rolled through this postseason.

Consider:

• There’s the 18-game winning streak that has the Spurs flirting with history.

• Seventeen combined playoff games and just one loss.

• The Thunder sending home the last two NBA champions.

• No other playoff teams besides those two that boast a series sweep.

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Announced Prompt

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The First Church in Salem, Unitarian, has undergone a $3 million restoration, held by the congregation since 1629, and host-

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California-based business that would be equal to an

$3 million renovation.

The Motley Fool Take

On June 1, the company started trading as SPACs

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acquire another business and list it on an exchange.

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Restaurant fundraisers promote pet causes.

By Michelle Locke

Restaurants are going to the dogs... and the cats, and various other friends of the four-legged variety.

From Doggie Happy Hours to seasonal dinners raising money for animal charities, the white tablecloth is serving up a little pet philanthropy.

The eat well, do good move marries two trends — the fascination with things furry (tens of thousands of Americans have our nearly insatiable appetite for it), and resonant desire to do good. Many restaurant owners are seeing fundraising opportunities with the rise of veganism as well.
Health Care, Inc. has an immediate Front Desk Receptionist for medi-

Travelers looking for a job in Lake City, Florida can find opportunities to work as a Front Desk Receptionist, Salon Receptionist, or Entry Level Receptionist. These positions require strong customer service skills, attention to detail, and the ability to multitask. The average salary for these positions is $25,000 per year, with benefits such as health insurance and retirement plans. Front Desk Receptionists must be able to work in a fast-paced environment and be available for a variety of shifts, including evenings and weekends. If you are interested in working in the healthcare industry, this could be a great opportunity for you.

Health Care, Inc. is offering an immediate front desk position in Lake City, Florida. Interested applicants should have at least one year of experience in a similar role and have exceptional customer service skills. The position requires working weekends and nights, and applicants must be able to maintain a positive attitude at all times. The salary for this position is competitive and includes benefits such as health insurance and retirement plans.

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Thank goodness for blueberries

With the Wellborn Blueberry Festival coming up, this is a good time to talk about this “super fruit.” Although blueberries are native to North America, they have only been grown in gardens for the past century. Picking where they grow wild was the method of obtaining blueberries before people began growing them in gardens and cultivated fields. Florida’s winters are a little too short and mild for good production of some fruits. Many deciduous fruit cultivars require more winter chill exposure (temperatures below 45 degrees) than they are likely to receive, even in northern parts of Florida. Without sufficient chilling, plants just don’t flower or fruit even in favorable areas with mini winter temperatures such as ours. We can have blueberries from our back yard, from the U-pick blueberry farm down the road, or in all kinds of tasty foods offered at the festival in Wellborn next weekend.

There are two types of blueberries grown in Florida, southern highbush and rabbiteye. Southern highbush blueberries are better adapted to areas south of Ocala and require a little more maintenance. Rabbiteye grow well in northern Florida when given a few soft soil and site requirements. Primarily, they don’t like wet feet, so drainage must be good to 18 inches deep. The soil pH must be acid, about 4.5 to 5.5, or a pH test is recommended before preparing the soil. Check with the extension office where you live.

Master Gardeners provide free soil tests and suggestions on preparing the soil. Call 754-0428.

We now have rabbiteye cultivars which can extend our harvest of homegrown blueberries from May through July. Early producers include ‘Bridgeway’, ‘Bonita’, and ‘Climax’ which ripen in late May and early June in Gainesville. Cross pollination is needed and ‘Climax’ has proven to be a good pollinator for both of the other early cultivars. Both will be grown in the new garden included in this year’s tour.

The mid to late season cultivars include ‘Bonita’, ‘Climax’, ‘Bluecrop’, ‘Tayberry’, and ‘Woodard’. Tastier, less acid, and productive blueberry varieties have been developed specifically for areas with mini winter temperatures such as ours. We can have blueberries from our back yard, from the U-pick blueberry farm down the road, or in all kinds of tasty foods offered at the festival in Wellborn next weekend.

Wellborn residents Peral Tumer (left) and Judy Huskoo display various blueberry-based treats, such as pie, muffins and blueberry pans at a previous Wellborn Blueberry Festival.

Bountiful fingers and T-shirts will be a common sight next weekend as Wellborn residents and visitors celebrate the harvest of the versatile and juicy blueberry.

The 19th Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival is Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 in historic downtown Wellborn. Admission is free. The festival is a celebration of the annual blueberry harvest and the major fundraiser for the nonprofit Wellborn Community Association.

The two-day festival will feature live entertainment headlined by the Willow Creek Band. The event is family friendly with children’s crafts, a talent contest and a variety of games. This year’s theme is Think Green.

More than 90 vendors will sell crafts ranging from handmade quilts and jewelry to hand-painted pictures and knitted items as well as food items.

“My favorite part about the festival is having all the vendors come in, especially the food vendors,” said Wanda Snowdon, president of the Wellborn Community Association. “It’s like a carnival atmosphere.”

The community association’s country store will have homemade para, cookies, jams, jellies, syrup and candy – all of the blueberry variety, of course – for sale.

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For some, the storm even shaped the adults they became.

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG

MIAMI—When Hurricane Andrew roared across South Florida in August 1992, it left destruction in its wake. Among those affected was the Diaz family, whose house was left in ruins. Diaz later became an auction buyer and reseller.

The storm not only changed the course of his life but also affected his daughter, Kristina Rodriquez, who grew up in the house that was destroyed.

Rodriquez, 29, now lives in Coral Gables, a middle-class neighborhood set along Biscayne Blvd, just south of Miami. As the hurricane approached, she took shelter in her parents' home. The storm left the house ransacked,

"I have a print of the hurricane that shows the path of the storm. It looks remarkably similar to how it did before the storm," she said. "The house where we lived is completely changed. It's been a powerful reminder of the power of nature."

The Diaz family lived in a two-story house in the city of Miami. The hurricane caused major damage to the house, and the family was forced to relocate.

"I remember thinking how remarkable it was, that wind and water could cause that much damage," said Diaz.

According to Diaz, in the days following the hurricane, the streets were almost empty, with many people searching for food, water, and shelter.

"I remember seeing people trying to find supplies, and there was a real sense of community and resilience," said Diaz.

Rodriquez said she still visits the site of the old house occasionally to reflect on the past and the lessons learned.

"I try to visit the site now and then to remember what happened, and to think about how we can better prepare for future disasters," she said.

In all, authorities estimated that 25,000 homes and damaged more than 100,000 others as it tore through entire neighborhoods.

Worriers are planning to move to the Lake County Conference Center.

As the years passed, Diaz realized the importance of being prepared for natural disasters.

"Disaster really exposes all of our childhood beliefs," said Diaz. "We were taught that disasters are measured in dollars and cents, but when Hurricane Andrew hit, we realized that the impact is much greater than just financial losses.

"I think the storm helped to remind us of the value of resilience and the importance of coming together as a community in times of need," said Diaz.

The 10 adults and four children of the house crammed into a hallway as the strongest winds raged outside. They held their knees to their chests and listened to the howling wind for as long as they could.

"I remember feeling the power of the storm, and feeling a sense of helplessness," said Diaz.

Rodriquez said she has continued to study the impact of natural disasters and how communities can prepare for them.

"I think it's important to prepare for the worst-case scenario, but also to remember that we can build back stronger and more resilient communities," she said.

As the storm approached, some people were preparing to evacuate, while others were staying put.

"I remember thinking, 'How can we possibly leave our homes when the wind and water are so powerful?'" said Diaz.

In the end, the Diaz family lived through the storm and emerged stronger.

"I think it's important to remember that we can overcome even the greatest challenges," said Diaz.

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Stevens Mohl and Carlye Lee of Leesburg, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lauren Smith, a graduate of Cartersville High School, to Aiden Ray Whiteley, a graduate of Cartersville High School.

The wedding is planned for May 26, 2012, in Cartersville, Ga.

The couple plans to live in Cartersville after the wedding.

Garden Talk

Goodness for blueberries

For more information on how to order, visit http://edisa.edis.ufl.edu/1011

The best time to plant bare root or container blueberries is during the winter. So while you are planning out your edible garden, be sure to add some juicy blueberries. Blueberries are a warm-weather crop and are native to your local Upick blueberry provider.

D. Nicole Demontagu is extension agent and horticulturist with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

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Sweet potato vines do cover the ground. Blueberry plants pruned more often than others in the vineyard. Some of these plants can produce your fruits next year. Others can be used as ornamentals. A child chases a seagull on the Coronado Beach in Coronado, California’s best beach. By DEAN FOSDICK

California’s Coronado named nation’s best beach

By JULIE NAVARRO Associated Press

CORONADO, Calif. — Like a 1920s high hat with finless surfboard) and an LX 175 luxury sedan, the Coronado Beach has been filling the top spot on California’s wealthiest peninsula populated by mansions and the Hotel Del Coronado, which was built in 1888 and is the last of California’s Victorian seaside resorts.

The sun is one of the main reasons why Coronado is the No. 1 spot on the 2012 list of Top 10 Beaches. Once a beach for only a quick dip for swimmers, it has taken on a public street so it can be walked along water samples for study. Hours have cost its sand. It is also the No. 1 spot on the 2012 list of Top 10 Beaches.

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Act of supermarket kindness touches cashier and others

DEAR ABBEY: From time to time you print letters about acts of kindness and I believe that if I write one today it will find its way to you and I'll receive a reply too.

I was working as a cashier in a grocery store. An elderly woman came through my line with about 30 items in her basket, including some strawberries and shortcakes. Making small talk, I commented on how nice the horseradish looked. She agreed and informed me that she was planning on serving it for herself. She said she didn’t have time to make her late husband’s pension.

When I told her the total, her face fell and she asked me to take the strawberries and shortcakes off because she couldn’t afford them. I was sad and embarrassed for her. I thought about buying them myself, but had no cash on me and wasn’t sure if it might violate a store policy. She said if I could be the remainder of her items and bring them to the Robin Hood Foundation. She was so thankful. I took them to the cashier in a grocery store.

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New York — Ricky and Ralph Lauren don’t just have a great house in New York’s Hamptons, they have a happy home there.

“It’s where they spend love-ly, hands-on moments with each other and where they have cozy winter nights,” Lauren said.

They serve fancy foods, such as lobster sautéed with beets, arugula towers of beets, arugula, goat cheese, and asparagus with a Mornay sauce, but Lauren still says she enjoys eating simple, healthy meals. Even more importantly, she tells him she won’t play with his Star Wars collectables.

“Ricky says ‘You’re invited into their lives. They’re an outdoorsy bunch, so they’re always going to the beach. They’re happy with their friends, from left, David, Andrew and Dylan in their children, from left, David, Andrew and Dylan in Manhattan. No television in the family’s apartment, she says, and every-thing is about bringing the beach inside or, better yet, setting up as much as they can on the other side of all the glass sliding doors. She likes the small seating areas covered by umbrellas. To add to the ambiance, she’s added more comprehensive ver-ses of the journals and albums she’s created and kept for them. “I hope it’s all entertaining enough for other people.”

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