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Rookie qualifier action continues at Southside.

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Summer adventures, courtesy Columbia County 4-H.

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County balks at water rules

Refuses to back SRWMD plan to restrict usage.

By HANNAH O. BROWN
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The county commission has taken a stand against the Suwannee River Water Management District's recent push to restrict water usage.

years that I have been on this board that my mind has been made up, but read my lips: My mind is made up," Commissioner Ron Williams said at Thursday's meeting. "I am not supporting any ordinance governing what and when a county resident can do what they want to with their water. SRWMD has the authority to do that themselves. Here again, it goes to back to they want to conserve our water so that we can be sucked dry by JEA and I am not going



Williams

to support it. Period." Attending citizens applauded Williams' statement. The SRWMD order, issued May 29, will restrict water usage for residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial users within the district. Counties affected by the ordinance include Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties as well as portions of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam. Under the new rules, which take effect Wednesday, citizens within the district will be limited to watering their lawns only

once per week. Car washing and pressure cleaning is also limited as well as outside and inside aesthetic water uses. The county had been asked by SRWMD to schedule a public hearing and pass an ordinance implementing the new rules. However, the issue died on lack of a motion. Under the ordinance the county commission had been asked to adopt, the penalties were as follows: a verbal warning for the first offense, a written warning for the second, a \$25 fine for the third and a \$50

WATER continued on 7A

Porter picks up where she left off

Unopposed, she can focus efforts on water issues.

By HANNAH O. BROWN
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With no one running against her, District 10 state Rep. Elizabeth Porter has been assured another term in Tallahassee. With the weight of campaigning off her shoulders, she's ready to dive into the fight for water in the area.

"That's my big push, that's my real concern for this area," Porter said. "Because if we don't have that, we don't have agricultural, to include live-stock, we don't have dairies, we don't have ecotourism, which is a huge issue for this area and at some point we won't even have consumption, and we will have restrictions."

Porter said her job as state representative is to make connections and advance legislation on the issues. However, a great deal of education on complexities of water management has also been necessary for her position. She spent several days last week touring local waterways with officials from the Suwannee River Water Management District. Porter says she plans to file her bill to consolidate the research conducted by the water management districts in the state in the

PORTER continued on 3A

The legend of Tom's Place

Lounge, a landmark since the 50s, is razed to make room for a Family Dollar.

By TONY BRITT
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Never a cover charge, live entertainment and an establishment that featured a painting of cartoon cat — Tom's Place was a local lounge that literally became a hometown legend.

What started out as Ivey's Lounge in the 1950s became Tom's Place, then Tom and Jerry's and, finally, Legends, a local bar and lounge with a package shop and live entertainment. The establishment had two floors and housed pool tables and video games upstairs.

Constructed in 1956 as a nightclub/bar, the establishment was originally built as Ivey's Lounge. Last week crews began demolition work on the former bar site to make way for a Family Dollar store.

Thomas Stinson, former general manager and vice president of Aero Corp. (now Timco), purchased the lounge from Ivey Swilley and his wife in 1972. Stinson said when he bought Ivey's Lounge it was a 40 x 40 block construction lounge and package store with a trailer park in the back that had 12 mobile homes. The lounge was operated in that configuration until 1981.

Stinson, who recently celebrated his 76th birthday, said he spent many 15-16 hour days working at the lounge.

In 1991 he first expanded the lounge and increased the size of the establishment and through other later expansion projects, increased the amount of parking spaces, the size of the lounge and later built a second floor.

"Early to bed and early to rise, work like hell and advertise," was his mantra for close to three decades, he said.

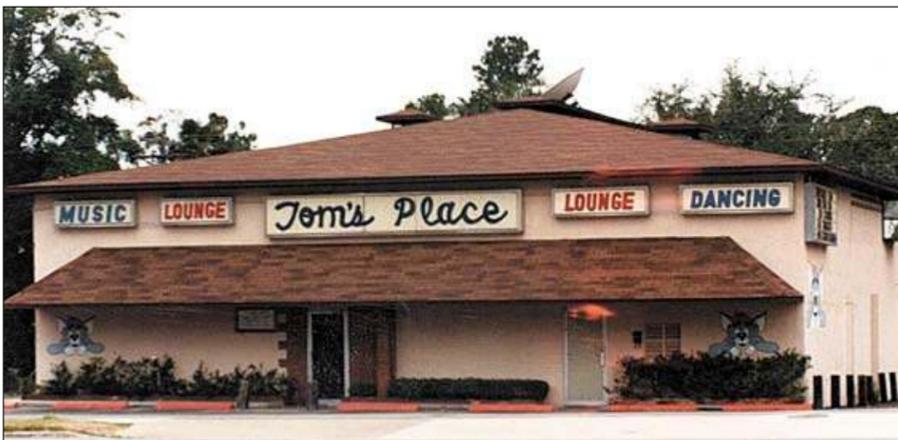
Stinson fondly remembers the days he operated Tom's Place, when he had a live band called "The Tom Cats" play regularly, but also managed to attract many up-and-coming country music artists who had performed at the Grand Ole Opry.

TOM'S continued on 7A



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Thomas Stinson looks through hundred of photographs of staff, patrons and celebrities that visited his lounge/bar/nightclub. The establishment, which was torn down Wednesday, has been a town favorite since its initial run as Ivey's Lounge, to Tom's Place, to Tom and Jerrys and finally to Legends.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

A Lake City landmark for years, Tom's Place, more recently known as Legends, has been bulldozed to make way for a new Family Dollar Store.

Qualifying ends; field now set for fall elections

By HANNAH O. BROWN
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The stage is set for the 2012 primary election. Qualified candidates have been announced by both the city, county and state election officials.

The field is expansive for the county this year with multiple candidates running in several positions.

Clerk of Court P. Dewitt Cason will run unopposed.

Property Appraiser J. Doyle Crews will run unopposed.

Qualified candidates for Sheriff include incumbent Mark Hunter, Rudolph Davis, Sr., and Carl Hodson.

Elizabeth Horne is the single candidate running for Supervisor of Elections.

Ronnie Brannon will run unopposed for Tax Collector.

District 1 County Commission has several qualified candidates vying for the office including incumbent Ron Williams, Oni Allen, Randal Thomas and Clarence Tucker.

Incumbent Jody DuPree will run against William Aldridge, Mike Gordon, Dennis Morse and Sylvester "Bucky" Nash for District 3 County Commission.

The District 5 County Commission seat will be pursued by incumbent Scarlett Frisina, Michael Christie, Jason Futch and Tim Murphy.

The current Superintendent of Schools,

Mike Millikin, will not run in the upcoming election. Looking to take his seat are Kenneth Burt, Sr., Terry Huddleston, Glenn Hunter and Grady "Sam" Markham.

The School Board District 2 seat is empty with Charles Maxwell foregoing the race this year. Dana Brady, Cedric Davis and Debra Robarts are now looking to fill the seat.

William Hudson will run unopposed for School Board District 4.

The seat for School Board District 5 will be contested by Stephanie Finnell, Bill Gootee and Gordon Summers. Glenn Hunter served as the previous seat hold-

er. City qualifiers have also been announced.

Running unopposed for Mayor of Lake City is incumbent Stephen Witt.

Incumbent Jake Hill, Jr. and Zack Paulk are looking to occupy the City Council District 12 seat.

City Council District 13 will be contested between incumbent Melinda Moses and Ricky Jernigan.

Qualified State candidates are included below.

Blair Payne will run unopposed Third Circuit Public Defender.

CANDIDATES continued on 7A



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AROUND FLORIDA

Funeral held for Miami face chewer

MIAMI — Mourners are gathering to remember the man police say chewed off the face of a homeless man on a busy Miami highway.

A funeral was held Saturday for 31-year-old Rudy Eugene. Police shot and killed Eugene during a bizarre attack over Memorial Day weekend. The Miami Herald reported about 150 people attended the service.

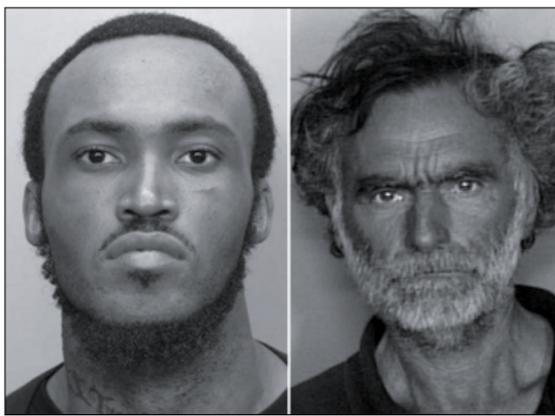
The program handed out at the funeral described Eugene as "a boy who aspired to the best, to a man who was focused on enjoying his piece of the American dream" by owning a car-detailing business.

Eugene's brother, Marckenson Eugene, said his brother was always there for him and often helped him pay the bills when money was tight. It's not clear what led to the attack on Ronald Poppo. The homeless man remains hospitalized.

2 men found dead in Fla. home

PORT CHARLOTTE — Deputies are investigating after finding the bodies of two men inside a south-west Florida home.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's deputies said the men died of gunshot wounds and the deaths appear to be domestic related. The bodies were discovered Friday night. The names of the vic-



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Rudy Eugene, 31, left, who police shot and killed as he ate the face of Ronald Poppo, 65, right, during a horrific attack in Miami on May 26, was buried Saturday. Poppo remains hospitalized.

tims were not released.

Deputy charged with grand theft

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Broward Sheriff's Office lieutenant is in custody after authorities say he was moonlighting at other jobs while he was supposed to be on duty.

Fifty-year-old Eric Wright is a supervisor in Weston. Investigators say on 14 occasions Wright worked at a high school, restaurant or was absent without permission while supposedly on duty.

Wright surrendered Friday and was charged with one count of organized scheme to defraud and 14 counts of grand theft.

Investigators caught on to the alleged scam after a routine audit revealed

Wright was working shifts for other employers at the same time he was scheduled to be at his main job.

The Sun Sentinel reports the alleged scam cost taxpayers more than \$10,000.

Girl shoots self; parents arrested

ORLANDO — The parents of a 4-year-old girl who accidentally shot herself in the chest after finding a gun on the couch have been arrested.

Florida Today reports Leshumbia Stokes was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and tampering with evidence. Marie Buskey was charged with child neglect causing great bodily harm and culpable negligence. They were

arrested Wednesday while visiting her at an Orlando hospital.

Police say the girl found a handgun on May 12 and shot herself in the chest while her parents were in another room. Doctors brought her out of a medically induced coma but said she faces a long recovery.

Her parents rushed her to the hospital but police said Stokes allegedly returned home to dispose of the handgun before investigators arrived.

Woman dies after fall from balcony

ST. PETERSBURG — St. Petersburg Police are investigating after a woman fell to her death from a third floor balcony.

Police said 24-year-old Alexandra Gardner may have been trying to get into her friend's locked apartment from the balcony. A friend tried to save her, but lost his grip on Gardner.

She died around 1:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Homicide detectives said the death is suspicious.

3 guilty in septic toilet paper scam

WEST PALM BEACH — Three men have pleaded guilty in Florida to federal charges that they bilked septic tank owners out of more than \$1 million partly through bogus toilet

paper claims.

Two men, 54-year-old Scott Weiss and 52-year-old Mitchell Friedman, pleaded guilty this week to wire fraud conspiracy. The third man, 46-year-old Richard Chiat, pleaded guilty earlier this month. All face maximum five-year prison sentences.

Court documents show the men marketed products around the country they falsely claimed would eliminate the need for septic tank pumping. They also falsely told people the government had changed the composition of toilet paper and their products would work with those supposed changes.

In addition, prosecutors say the three made fraudulent claims that federal government agencies stood behind their products, sold as FBK and Septic Remedy.

Versace mansion on the market

MIAMI BEACH — The South Beach mansion once owned by Italian designer Gianni Versace is back on the market for \$125 million.

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate announced the listing for Casa Casuarina on Friday.

Originally built in 1930, the 10-bedroom, 11-bathroom, gated home features a 54-foot long, thousand mosaic pool. The pool is lined in 24-karat gold, numerous frescos, ornate

statues, arched doorways and an open air courtyard.

The home at 1116 Ocean Drive received national attention in 1997, when Versace was fatally shot in front of the property. He had purchased the home in 1992 and spent about \$33 million expanding it. Tourists can still routinely be spotted taking photos in front of the house.

The home's current owner, Peter Loftin, bought the property in 2000. Coldwell Banker says he preserved and maintained all of Versace's design elements.

Judge upholds water rules

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida administrative law judge says the state's proposed water pollution rules are valid.

Judge Bram Canter on Thursday rejected a challenge by five environmental groups to the state's numeric nutrient rules that are backed by business, agriculture and utility interests.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has not yet determined whether to go with the state's version or its own rule favored by the environmental groups.

David Guest, a lawyer for the groups, said they haven't yet decided whether to appeal the decision. If so, the case would go to the 1st District Court of Appeal.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Lindsay Lohan OK after latest wreck

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Lohan emerged uninjured from a collision with a dump truck on a coastal highway near Los Angeles on Friday, returning to the set of her new movie hours after the accident left her sports car crumpled.

Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis said there was no sign Lohan was impaired at the time of the accident and said his agency would continue to investigate who was at fault in the wreck. The truck's driver was uninjured and that driver also showed no signs of driving under the influence, Lewis said.

Police are seeking witnesses to the crash, writing in a news release that detectives were trying to determine who was driving. Lohan was traveling with a male assistant to the set of her new film; the assistant was also uninjured.

"We're treating this as a regular accident," Lewis said. The agency is accepting anonymous tips about the wreck, and offering a \$1,000 reward if it leads to an arrest.

The accident at around 11:40 a.m. Friday on the Pacific Coast Highway occurred while Lohan was on her way to film scenes for the Lifetime movie "Liz and Dick," which chronicles the love affair between Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Lohan's publicist Steve Honig said the actress was released about two hours after the accident and was returned to the set to continue filming.

"Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in the accident," he wrote in an email.

Honig declined further comment, including on who was driving, citing the pending investigation.

"First and foremost, we're concerned about the well-being of Lindsay and anyone else who may have been involved in the accident," Lifetime spokesman Les Eisner said, adding, "Lindsay has been doing fantastic work on the set of 'Liz and Dick.'"

Production on the film started earlier this week and was expected to conclude around the end of June.

Lohan, 25, remains on probation in a necklace theft case, but is no longer being supervised by a judge or probation officer.

The accident is the latest vehicular mishap for Lohan, who had her driver's license restored in August 2010 after losing her driving privileges because of a pair of DUI arrests in 2008. She is still being sued by three men who claim Lohan forced them to remain in a sport utility vehicle she commandeered and used to chase a woman she thought was her assistant on Pacific Coast Highway. That incident ended in the parking lot of the Santa Monica Police Department, where Lohan was arrested.

She is also being sued by a pedestrian who claims Lohan struck her in West Hollywood, Calif., in September 2010. That civil case is still pending.

Friday's accident comes after the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office last month determined there was insufficient evidence to pursue a case against Lohan in a nightclub manager's claim that the actress struck him with her sports car.

The prosecution said there was a lack of evidence in the case.

Governor signs OH bill to up film tax incentive

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio's governor has signed a bill doubling the film tax incentive the state offers for movie projects to be produced in Ohio.

Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sik) signed House Bill 508 this week. It will increase the incentive from \$10 million a year to \$20 million a year for the next two years.

The incentive provides for a refundable credit against the corporation franchise or income tax for motion pictures produced in Ohio.

The executive director of the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky Film Commission says raising the cap on the tax incentive lets the industry know Ohio is open for business.

Police: Rapper Lil Phat fatally shot near Atlanta

SANDY SPRINGS, Ga. — Police have identified the 19-year-old man who was fatally shot outside a suburban Atlanta hospital as a rapper known as Lil Phat.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports (http://bit.ly/LvkTO1) that the rapper — whose real name is Melvin Vernell III, of Sandy Springs — was fatally shot Thursday night.

Sandy Springs police spokesman Capt. Steve Rose said Friday that police are searching for two men seen fleeing the scene. The victim was found shot in a car parked on the second level of a parking deck next to the hospital. He was pronounced dead shortly afterward. A motive was not known.

Lil Phat was featured in rapper Webbie's 2007 song, "Independent," which also included Lil Boosie. The song, which praised a woman's independent nature, peaked at No. 9 on Billboard's 100 and topped the rap chart.

Fire at De Niro's NYC apartment; no injuries

NEW YORK — A fire that broke out in Robert De Niro's Manhattan apartment has been extinguished.

A Fire Department spokesman said no residents were injured in the Friday afternoon fire on Central Park West. The fire was contained within an hour, and the cause was under investigation.

A spokesman for De Niro confirmed that the actor lives in the building. The spokesman, Stan Rosenfield, said De Niro is out of the country.

Residents of the building told The New York Times the fire started in the laundry room of De Niro's apartment. The newspaper said 95-year-old actress Celeste Holm and her husband, Frank Basile, who live in the building, were in their apartment as firefighters fought to contain the flames.

Celebrity Birthdays

- Att. F. Lee Bailey is 79.
- Chef Sharon Roy is 65.
- Actor Timothy Van Patten is 53.
- Politician Eliot Spitzer is 53.
- Actress Gina Gershon is 50.
- Model Elizabeth Hurley is 47.
- Journalist Kate Snow is 43.
- Baseball player Freddy Garcia is 35.
- Actress Leelee Sobieski is 29.
- First daughter Sasha Obama is 11.

Daily Scripture

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

- Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

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2 women hurt in hit and run

From staff reports

A Lake City man was jailed for hit-and-run early Saturday after his SUV struck and dragged two pedestrians in a bar parking lot, according to Florida Highway Patrol reports. His passenger was arrested on unrelated charges.



Perez-Perez Baisden

Perez-Perez and passenger Steven Glenn Baisden, 29, headed east on US 90 and were later located at NW Amanda Street and NW Lake City Avenue, reports said.

Injured were Kristen Marie Dauzat, 30, and Joyce Ann Foley, 43, both of Lake City, reports said. Both were treated at Lake City Medical Center.

Perez-Perez faces charges for hit and run and a non-moving traffic violation.

Baisden faces charges for resisting an officer and a non-moving traffic violation, according to information posted on the Columbia



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Dandelion fun

Katlen Williams (left), 14, and her sister, Nicole Miracle, 17, send dandelion seeds skyward while walking along Nassau Street Friday afternoon. Williams said that while summer has only begun, 'it's pretty cool. The sun's not shining, but I like it. I'm still having fun.'



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

State Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, addresses water issues during a roundtable discussion at Florida Gateway College Tuesday attended by Gov. Rick Scott.

PORTER: Back at it

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upcoming session.

"What this would do is it would require all of the water management districts to recognize each other's science and therefore their results that they have determined when it comes to minimal flows and levels in their district," Porter said.

The bill passed unanimously in the House last session, but was prevented from coming to a vote in the Senate. Porter said the bill would not only put the science in the hands of the individuals most familiar with their districts, it would also save costs.

"It also is a money-saving issue as well," Porter said. "Because if we perform a couple of hundred thousand dollars worth of studies over here and St. Johns River is performing the same study at a cost of two or three thousand dollars, then we are duplicating our efforts and we are wasting taxpayer dollars."

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency are at odds over numeric nutrient values, indicating pollutant levels, allowable for local water systems.

Five environmental groups challenged the state's proposal, saying the state's rules were inadequate. A Florida administrative law judge on Thursday rejected the environmental group's challenge to the proposed state rules.

Porter said she agreed with the state's rules, calling DEP "very knowledgeable."

"When you have bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. setting what they think our numeric nutrient criteria should be when they really know nothing about our geology and our hydrology, it's ridiculous," Porter said. "It's like having a plumber perform brain surgery. You are asking people who do not have the knowledge of our hydrology about how we should manage our water system."

Porter said the EPA has failed to take into account the diversity of Florida's water resources.

"The EPA's numbers are very broad," Porter said. "It's basically, this is what the numeric nutrient cri-

teria should be in Florida, whether it's a river or a mud puddle or a canal."

Local government issues pertaining to water are beginning to heat up as well, with a recent restriction ordinance passed by SRWMD.

"I hope people will understand," Porter said. "I hope as they drive across the Suwannee River and see that it's ankle deep in some spots, that they will choose to participate and that they will agree that sometimes you have to take drastic measures."

Columbia County commissioners rejected SRWMD's request to hold a public hearing for the restriction last Thursday.

Commissioner Ron Williams said SRWMD was passing the ordinance to conserve water that would later be "sucked dry" by JEA, which was issued a permit by St. John's Water Management District to pump 155 million gallons a day from the Floridan aquifer.

Porter said focusing on the JEA permit is small scale thinking. The issue, she said, is happening statewide.

"It's a lot bigger than that one permit that was issued to JEA," Porter said. "This has been going on for decades. Over permitting has been going on for decades, but it just hasn't been addressed. And now, because of the drought and because of the over permitting that we are seeing in areas around the state, now all of the sudden it's becoming really apparent. So I think because it's so apparent, it can't be ignored anymore."

Porter called the water issues facing the district complex and not easily solved.

Possible ideas for water management in the district include wastewater use, conservation, surface water retention and public education.

Porter said she understands that water issues are not currently on many people's radar, but she said they could be in the not too distant future.

"Who sits around and studies water use patterns or water table levels?" Porter said. "Most people are going to work, they are coming

home, they are cooking dinner, they are helping kids with homework, you know, they are just trying to survive and they don't have time to just sit around and study those issues."

With her reinstatement as state representative for District 10, Porter said her stress level has fallen.

"It's sort of like the Sword of Damocles hanging over your head," she said.

The boundaries of District 10 have changed, with the whole region characterized as rural. The former district lines included a segment of Gainesville, which Porter said served to be a contrast to the rest of the area.

"It's become a much more homogenous district and I think it will be easier for me to advance the agendas of the constituents and that agenda be representing the entire district and not just part of it," Porter said.

With water as her main focus in the upcoming term, Porter has developed an attitude of perseverance to make whatever changes possible as well as acceptance of the limitations of the control that people have over these natural systems.

"We have to recognize too in all of this, aside from all of the effects that we have on the water table and the water systems in the area, there is the natural effect of droughts or floods that we can't control," Porter said. "There will be changes in our climate. There will be changes in our geology and changes in our hydrology that we cannot effect. All we

can do is the best that we can as human beings to try and tweak that a little bit, but we can never control it entirely."

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OPINION

Crown jewel now in place

You want infrastructure? We've got it. Two interstate highways cross here, a pair of Class 1 rail lines bisect the county, and now the crown jewel is in place – a beautiful new airport terminal, nestled up against an 8,000-foot runway big enough to land a 747.

Just the right package to attract businesses of all kinds, especially those dependent on shipping, whatever the route.

But that's not all we've got. We have a team that can get things done when it comes to bringing industry – and jobs – to the area.

That includes our Economic Development Department led by Jesse Quillen, along with city and county governments fully committed to doing what it takes to gun the economic engine.

And, just as importantly, they all work together toward that common aim.

We can't predict the future, and we don't claim to know when the economic picture will return to full normalcy.

But we do know this: We're as well-positioned as can be for when that time comes.

Meanwhile, we are making strides that others in the region would love to boast of.

Plans for the Catalyst site east of town are falling into place. Although, as noted Friday in this space, we may need a little help from above – meaning Tallahassee – to make that happen just the way we want.

Regardless, no one's resting on his or her laurels here. Speak with most any member of the local business community and you'll get straight talk. No, we're not there yet, and yes, we've still got ground to cover. More for some than for others.

We're working on it, though. And absolutely determined to get there sooner rather than later.

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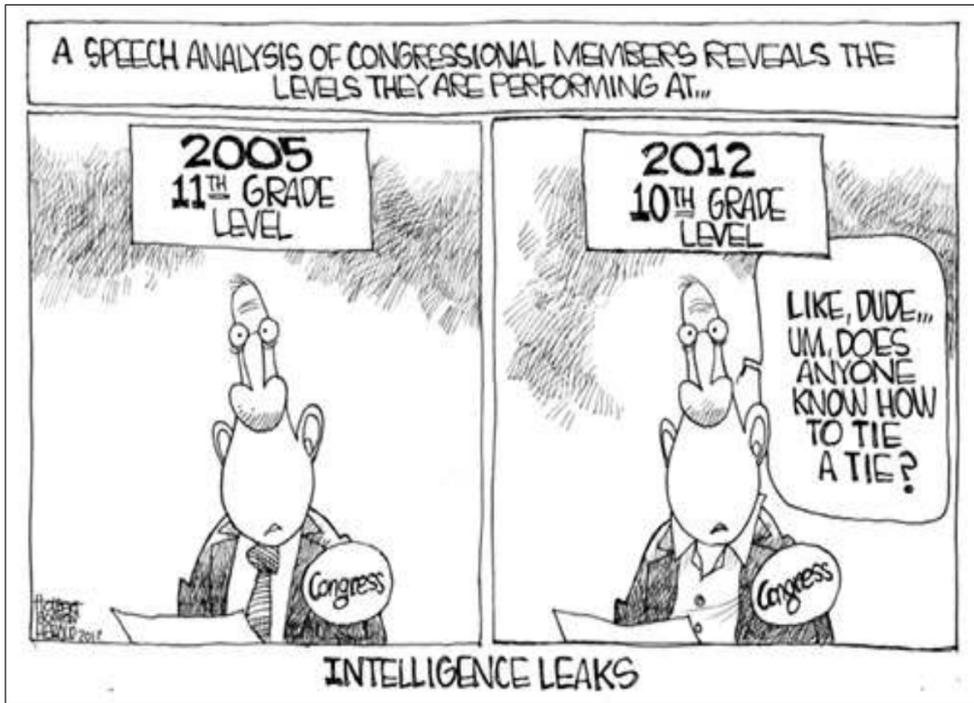
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ANOTHER
OPINION

The leaker in chief

President Obama takes umbrage at the idea that a spate of leaks of highly classified national-security information is somehow purposefully intended to bolster his leadership credentials. His resistance to an independent investigation will only make things worse for him. The Obama White House is leaking like a sieve.

On Friday, Mr. Obama took the charges of selective leaks head-on: "The notion that my White House would purposely release classified national-security information is offensive," he said. "It's wrong, and people I think need to have a better sense of how I approach this office and how the people around me here approach this office." His protestations carry little credibility. On the previous day, the White House rejected a bipartisan call by leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees to appoint a special counsel to investigate the leaks.

Even very liberal legislators are worried about the brewing crisis of administration staff leaks. Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein, California Democrat, told CNN on Thursday, "I've been on the Intelligence Committee for 11 years and I have never seen it worse." Mr. Obama's high dudgeon about the temerity of accusations of White House impropriety will not be enough to save his team from scrutiny.

There have been leaks about drone strikes, U.S. special operations and foreign classified information such as Israel's alleged deal with Azerbaijan to support a military strike against Iran. There have been leaks to newspapers, TV and Hollywood screenwriters. Some leaks have been more damaging than others. One story that broke last month detailed a CIA informant penetrating high levels of al Qaeda of the Arabian Peninsula, making off with their most sophisticated new bomb and providing information leading to a successful drone strike on a leading militant. The information fed to the public portrayed the operation as a major success, but intelligence specialists were alarmed at the amount of detail that was leaked. Embarrassingly, it soon turned out that this was not an American-led effort at all but a long-term British-Saudi operation that was compromised by the very leaks that trumpeted its success and erroneously attributed credit to the United States. "This does seem to be a tawdry political thing," former CIA bin Laden hunter Michael Scheur said at the time.

The White House may feel that these leaks will somehow help with the 2012 campaign. Some polling suggests that for the first time in a long time, Democrats have an edge on the question of which party can better handle national security. No matter, that issue will not be decisive in this year's election. Two weeks ago, a CNN/ORC poll showed that on a list of top national priorities, only 5 percent of respondents mentioned terrorism, and it has been in single digits for months if not years. Other polls over the past few months have had mostly the same results: Terrorism was in the single digits, if it was mentioned at all.

The decisive issues for 2012 are jobs and the economy, which usually are mentioned as the nation's top priorities by a majority of respondents. The only reason there are no leaks coming from the White House about the economy is that there is nothing positive to leak.

■ The Washington Times

Voter rights are not free

Engraved large on one of the walls of the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., are the words "Freedom is not free."

It is sad that so many are unable or unwilling to appreciate the truth of this simple phrase, or are ready to heed those who have power, or seek it, who distort it.

I cannot think of anything hurting us more today than false and confused notions about the nature of the ideal of freedom.

Recently, Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) appeared on Chris Matthews' Hardball show and, in discussion about voter ID laws, he said that voting should be as easy as "getting a glass of fresh water."

He equated requiring a picture ID to vote to Jim Crow laws and poll taxes.

It is particularly troubling to hear this from Lewis, a battle-scarred veteran of the civil rights movement.

The National Mall and the streets of Washington are filled in the summer with tourists – many families with kids – visiting our capital. They can see the collection of symbols and memorials across the Mall testifying to the truth that "Freedom is not free."

A five-minute walk from the Korean War memorial is the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, which serves as a reminder of the struggles of the civil rights movement.

A few minutes in the other direction is the National World War II Memorial.

And heading back around again you encounter the sad swath of black stone in which the names of over 58,000 lost in the war in Vietnam are engraved.

Looking out over it all at the base of the Reflecting Pool is Abraham Lincoln, who presided over the blood bath in which more than half a million Americans died in the interminable struggle for the nation's survival and ideals.

A short ride over Arlington Memorial Bridge takes one to Arlington National Cemetery and the flowing green pastures filled with uniform white grave-stones of our soldiers fallen fighting our many wars.

The struggle to protect and maintain a free society and to build on it so that we can continue to climb higher never ends.

Certainly someone who put his life on the line struggling for civil rights, like John Lewis, should know this.

How can he possibly conclude that voting – the privilege to make one's voice heard as part of the ongoing deliberations central to our enterprise of advancing human freedom – should be as easy "as getting a glass of fresh water?"

A free society will soon not be free if the citizens in it see their freedom as something that should arrive effortlessly, free of personal responsibility, like the appearance of the morning sun. Black leaders do damage

to our nation, and to our black citizens, to label as racist the call for requirements for a modicum of personal responsibility in order to vote.

A study published earlier this year by the Pew Center on the States characterized America's voter registration system as "Inaccurate, Costly, and Inefficient."

Among its conclusions are that "approximately 24 million voter registrations in the U.S. are no longer valid or (are) significantly inaccurate; more than 1.8 million deceased individuals are listed as voters; approximately 2.75 million people have registrations in more than one state."

In 2008, the Supreme Court considered Indiana's voter ID law, which the New York Times then reported was "considered the strictest in the country," and found it constitutional.

Every American should celebrate efforts requiring responsibility for clear proof of identity when registering to vote. And every American should appreciate the importance of efforts by states, like that taking place now in Florida, to update and ensure the honesty and integrity of voter files.

Freedom is not free. To the extent that Americans of any background do not appreciate this, we will long for the days when we were free.

■ Star Parker is an author and president of CURE, Center for Urban Renewal and Education. Contact her at www.urbancure.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Much ado over train horns

Trains have been required to blow their horns at railroad crossings for at least 100 years, two short and one long. This happens all over the USA and other countries.

The CSX tracks are paid for by them along with the maintenance with NO bailout taxpayer money at all. They employ thousands of workers in good-paying USA jobs. If you don't want to hear trains don't live near the railroad tracks or airplanes don't live near an airport. We do have a choice where we live.

I would say to CSX, KEEP THE TRAINS ROLLING AND THE HORNS BLOWING and we can at least know someone is still with a job.

L.F. Carter
Lake City

No more horns

This is in response to the person who felt I should do something else with my \$1,400 other than making the railroad crossing much safer than just blowing its horn.

While I sit here on my large plantation (120x150 ft. lot) drink-

ing my mint-julep on my larger veranda (6x10 ft. slab) I hear a low rumble in the distance. My cowboys are surely moving my large herd of cattle (one Maltese puppy). As the rumble approaches I discovered it's just another one of CSX's freight trains. As it gets right even (150 feet away) with my plantation (standard home of 1800 sq. ft.) it gives a deafening outburst with its 190 DB large horn that can be heard over two miles away. My mint julep goes flying into the air spoiling my clothes, the veranda furniture (plastic chairs) and the concrete slab. This will make our downstairs maid (my wife of 22 years) very mad. P.S. we don't have an upstairs.

If the person who commented on my article wants to make an donation equivalent to my \$1,400, my promise to him is that I will buy a railroad train whistle, and install it on his automobile where he can blow it any time he likes so his children will not miss the great horn sound that the trains make. Train whistles on autos are illegal in most states but are available on the Internet at hundreds of sites.

Putting all satire aside the

Federal Code of Regulations, Title 49 paragraph 222.25 says the following and I quote "This rule does not require the routine sounding of locomotive horns at private highway rail grade crossings." Florida statutes do not address train horn blowing at private crossings. Many, many cities, towns, etc. in Florida have initiated train horn bans. As the CSX tracks in Columbia County go through some of the most populated areas, I strongly feel that our government should be making plans for banning the train horn blowing. Regulations are much stricter and the cost would be great, therefore I still feel the government should do anything they can to make CSX pay a large part of this expense.

Considering all, and if I can get the train horns to stop blowing at this private crossing I hope the commenter on my previous article that his children still grow up to be well-adjusted adults. If he feels it necessary I hope he buys himself a train horn.

James McGriff
Lake City

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ Submit Community Calendar announcements by mail or drop off at the Reporter office located at 180 E. Duval St., via fax to (386) 752-9400 or e-mail lhampson@lakecityreporter.com.

June 11

Cancer support group

The Womens Cancer Support Group of Lake City will meet at Baya Pharmacy East, 780 SE Baya Drive, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11. This will be an evening of sharing and support. For more information call 752-4198.

June 12

Medicare seminar

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center of Lake City is sponsoring a free Medicare educational seminar on Tuesday, June 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C and Associates. The seminar will cover what you need to know about Medicare such as when to enroll and what's covered. This is educational, not a sales seminar. Please RSVP 755-3476.

June 13

Newcomers meeting

The regular meeting of the Lake City Newcomers and Friends will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at Eastside Village Clubhouse. Our Program is our annual picnic and bingo. Come Join the fun. Lunch is \$11.00.

June 15

High Springs Theater

"Sylvia" by A. R. Gurney opens at the High Springs Community Theater, 130 NE First Avenue, on June 15 and runs through July 8 for twelve weekend shows. This bitter-sweet romantic comedy focuses on the havoc created when Greg, the husband, brings home a stray dog, Sylvia, much to the consternation of Kate, his wife. Tickets are available at The Framery of Lake City, 386-754-2780; online at highspringscommunitytheater.com; and at the door, if seating is available. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under and \$9 for seniors on Sundays.

June 16

CHS class reunion

The Columbia High School Class of 2002 Reunion will be Saturday,



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New airport terminal

City and airport officials participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony while at the grand opening of the Lake City Gateway Airport's new terminal Thursday. More than 200 people attended the event.

June 16 at 7 p.m. at Columbia County Fairgrounds banquet hall. Tickets can be purchased at: www.columbiahigh2002.classquest.com or at Allie's, 170 NW Veterans Street.

Late Alzheimer's class

The Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Columbia County Senior Services will be presenting a workshop June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon entitled "Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers" at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center in Lake City. This program is designed for caregivers of persons with late stage Alzheimer's disease or some other memory disorder. Anyone who wishes to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and caregiving strategies is welcome. Topics covered will include: the concept of self in late stage dementia, communication, and late stage care options. To register for this workshop or for more information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

June 17

Father's Day Brunch

A Father's Day Brunch, hosted by RoseMary Catering, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 17 at

the LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 628 E. Alliston Ct. in Lake City. The cost is \$18.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children. Those children ages 3 and under eat free.

The menu will include barbeque pork ribs, made to order crepes, made to order omelets, chicken fettuccini, Seafood Newburg, glazed carrots, vegetable medley, biscuits and gravy, french toast and more.

To make reservations, call (888) 845-0925 or email shane@rosemarycatering.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

June 19

NARFE meeting

National Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet 1 p.m. June 19 at the Life Style Enrichment Center. There will be a presentation of the residential fire safety program in accordance with the street guidelines of the National Safety Council and the National Fire Protections Association. For more information call 755-0907.

June 22

Fair deadline

June 22 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for all hog entries to be entered in the 2012 Columbia County Fair.

Children must be between the ages of 8-18 and be enrolled in any Columbia County public or private school, or enrolled in home school. All entries must be turned in to the Columbia County Fairgrounds office or by calling 752-8822.

June 23

Flower arranging class

Bruce Cavey of The Gardener's Emporium will present a hands-on, instructional program on flower arranging Saturday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.

June 25

Shooting camp

UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension and the 4H Target Terminators Shooting Sports Club are offering a 4H Shooting Sports Day Camp for youth ages 12-16 from 8:30 a.m. to noon on June 25-26 at the Extension Office and from 9-11:30 a.m. at the shooting range. Youth will learn rifle safety, firearm equipment and target shooting skills and do not have to be registered in 4H to participate. This is not a hunter educa-

tion class. No personal firearms or ammunition will be allowed. All equipment will be provided. The fee is \$15 for registered 4H youth, \$20 for non-4H youth. A maximum of 14 people will be allowed to participate. Registration deadline is June 20. To register or for more information, call the Extension Office at (386) 752-5384.

June 26

Author program

Martha Ann Ronsonet, author of "Gardening in the Deep South and Other Hot Pursuits" will be at the Main Library Tuesday, June 26 at 7 p.m. Ronsonet is active in the Lake City Garden Club and passionate about protecting our wildlife, water quality, springs and rivers. Her book provides information for beginners or seasoned gardeners who want to learn more about gardening in our unique climate. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.

June 28

Crafts camp

UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension is offering a 4H Crafts Class for

youth ages 10 and up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 28-29. Youth do not have to be registered in 4H to participate. Youth should bring a lunch and a snack will be provided. The fee is \$10 for registered 4H youth and \$15 for non 4H. A maximum of 15 people will be allowed to participate. Registration deadline is June 15. To register or for more information, call the Extension Office at (386) 752-5384.

June 30

Financial literacy class

Jenny Jump of the Columbia County UF/IFAS Extension Office will present Money Matters, a free, informational program about financial literacy Saturday, June 30 at 1 p.m. at the Fort White Branch Library.

Ongoing

Class of '62 reunion

The Columbia High School class of 1962 is planning a reunion this year. Addresses are needed for all classmates. Please send your mailing address to Linda Sue Lee at lslee44@aol.com or call Linda Hurst Greene at (386) 752-0561.

OBITUARIES

Randall A. Gaskins

Mr. Randall A. Gaskins, 75, of Lake City, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2012 in the Lake City Medical Center following an extended illness.



A native of Alapaha, Georgia, Mr. Gaskins had been a resident of Lake City for the past fifty-five years having moved here from Georgia. He was the son of the late Lester and Lessie Rogers. Mr. Gaskins retired from Georgia-Pacific following thirty-three years of service as a truck driver. Mr. Gaskins loved woodworking, fishing and gardening but his favorite time was that spent with his family. He was a member of the North Lake City Church of God. Mr. Gaskins was preceded in death by two grandsons, Brandon Gaskins and Michael Gaskins; a daughter-in-law, Lynn Gaskins and a brother, Earl Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Vernice Williams Gaskins; his children, Roy Gaskins of Suwannee, Florida; Ronnie (Carol) Gaskins of Wellborn, Florida; Angie (Ra-leigh) Sistrunk of Lake City and Tony (Donna) Gaskins of Wellborn, Florida; and a sister, Louise Stephens of Adel, Georgia. Seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services for Mr. Gaskins were conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 9, 2012 in the North Lake City Church of God with Bro. Mark Cunningham and Rev. Barney Hurst officiating. Interment followed in the Williams Cemetery (located off Hwy 100). The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 Friday evening at the funeral home. Arrange-

ments are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025, 386-752-1234 please sign the online family guestbook at parishfamilyfuneralhome.com

James Robert "Bob" Smith II

Mr. James Robert "Bob" Smith II, 70, of Lake City, died Friday, June 1, 2012 at his residence. A lifelong resident of Columbia County he was the son of the late James and Gwendolyn Gilen Smith. Mr. Smith had worked as a carpenter and contractor in the construction industry in Columbia County for many years. He was especially known for his door hanging expertise. In his spare time he enjoyed deer and fox hunting, "piddling" and could fix anything that needed fixing. Mr. Smith was a member of the Lulu Advent Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Robby" Smith. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Caroline Ressler Smith of Lake City; his half-brother, Richard Morrow; step-brother, Ronnie Morrow; a sister, Jimmie Lee Aman; a half-sister, Jackie Sue Jarman all of North Carolina; his adopted son, James Russell Smith and his grandson, John Robert Smith of Goose Creek, South Carolina. Private family interment services were held in the Gilen Family Cemetery in Lulu, Florida. Arrangements were under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025, 386-752-1234 please sign the online family guestbook at parishfamilyfuneralhome.com

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

Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership

The Columbia County Tobacco-Free Partnership is a diverse community partnership which fosters collaborative initiatives to develop and promote policies that reduce the use and effects of tobacco.



Event: Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Location: Central School Board Office Room 153
372 West Duval Street
Lake City, FL 32055
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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:

Lauren Pinchouck
Columbia County Health Department
(386) 758-1193 or Lauren_Pinchouck@doh.state.fl.us

Mitt Romney, I am a Christian Floridian and I plan to vote Nov. 6, 2012. Would you please answer the following questions, each of which has three possible answers of "YES", or "NO" or "PCSR" (Politically Correct Sidestep Response). [It has been 36 days with 0 answers, Sir]

1. Is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? (References)
2. Did God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit say to Moses "I AM THAT I AM... say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you"?
3. Did Jesus Christ say to the Jews, "Before Abraham was, I am"?
4. Is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit the only one who can forgive sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness?
5. Have all Florida public high school students sinned and come short of the glory of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?
6. Did the Lord God Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, have the authority to forgive the sins of the paralytic who was let down through the roof?

Kenny Merriken 386-344-7339, kmerriken@hotmail.com

John 8:58 "Before Abraham was, I am"; **Proverbs 14:34** "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

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Faces and Places

Scenes from Thursday's grand opening of the new terminal at Lake City Gateway Airport



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Sara Massey (left) and Heidi Stiens.



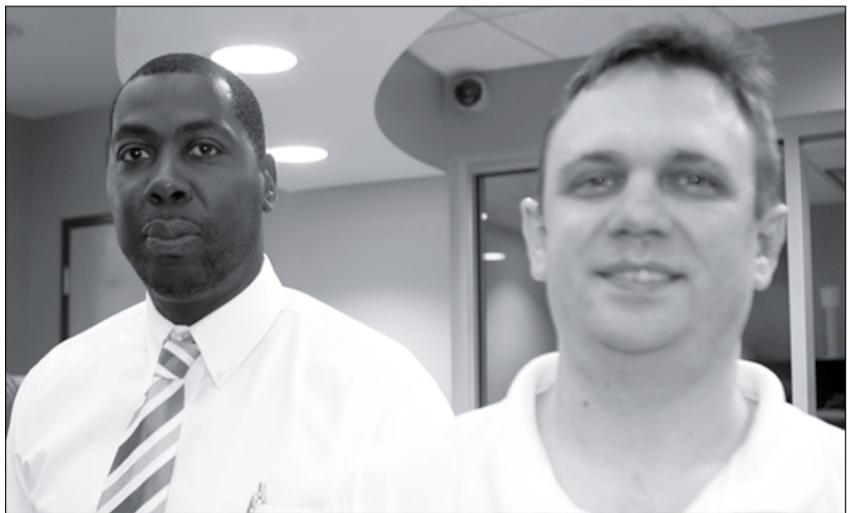
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Dennille Decker (from left), Joel Foreman and Leslie Rogers.



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Billy Aldrich (left) and Gerry Kutner.



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Glenn Wyche (left) and Robert Baker III.



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Kathleen Cooper and Rex Cooper.

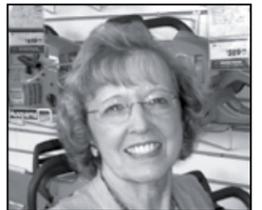


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Tim Boyd (left) and John Stafford.

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Joyce Kutner (left) and Doreen Hoffman.

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TOM'S: A legend

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Tom's Place had live entertainment like: Tom Grant, Tommy Cash (brother of Johnny), Bill Haley's Comets, Michael Twitty (Conway's son), Joey Dee (of Joey Dee and the Starlites), Becky Hobbs, Sonny Wright and Peggy Sue (sister of Loretta Lynn), among others.

Every other Thursday, a performer out of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, would perform and on alternate Thursdays, a 50's rock and roll band from New York, Chicago, Detroit and elsewhere would take the stage.

"I enjoyed the restaurant and I enjoyed the bar most of the time," Stinson said. "I just couldn't get enough of the music. My son worked with me and all these guys around town in the music business were working with me. I really enjoyed it."

Stinson also owned Tom's Sea Cruise, a restaurant and lounge, located near where U.S. 41 and U.S. 441 meet south of town.

If the name "Sea Cruise" sounds familiar, it should. That was the title of a 1959 top-20 hit by Frankie Ford, a regular at Tom's Place. Ford performed the song - which is featured on the soundtrack of the film "American Graffiti" - at the opening of the restaurant some years later.

Stinson never owned the lounge when it was called Legends, but after he sold Tom's he later repurchased it and named it Tom and Jerry's. Jerry was his brother.

"Tom's was a special place for residents because I tried to keep it as good as I could and keep the drugs out of it as good as I could," he said. "If I saw a guy doing or selling drugs I would tell him not to come in my place again for two weeks. After that, if you do it one more time, I'm



going to have to get the law involved. The first time it's on me, but the second time it's between you and the law."

Stinson, who continues to recuperate from multiple strokes, was filled with smiles, laughter and memories as he and his wife, Judy, looked at old photos and reminisced about past performers who came to Lake City to play at the lounge.

Hearing that the former lounge site was being demolished in the name of progress didn't seem to take away from the Stinson's memories and their willingness to talk about the glory days of Tom's and Tom and Jerry's. Tom Stinson offered his thoughts about his former lounge being demolished to make way for a new business.

"To me Tom's was a legend," he said. "It's been a legend ever since 1956. I suppose times have got to change.... Time has got to change with everybody."

Stinson said he finally sold the lounge to Jerry Sullivan and Bill Koon in 2001 or 2002.

The lounge was finally closed due to its inability to pass code inspections.



Left: Stinson holds an old advertising poster promoting his club. Above: Country music instrumentalist Charles 'Buck' Trent (center) poses for a photograph with Stinson (right) and his son Bubba.



Country music singer, songwriter and pianist Becky Hobbs is seen with Stinson before taking the stage.



In this undated photo, famed rock and roll and R&B singer Frankie Ford is seen performing on stage at Tom's Place.

WATER: County balks

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fine for the fourth offense. However, SRWMD Director of Mission Support Melanie Roberts said "penalties may be harsher" without the county ordinance.

Breaking water-use rules is a second degree misdemeanor, punishable by jail and up to \$500 fine, according to Roberts.

She added, "We're hoping not to have to do that. Our goal is to educate."

Williams said the issue of water management in the district and the JEA permit issued by St. John's Water Management District causes him to get every emotional.

"SRWMD did nothing to protect our interests in my book," Williams said.

"If they want a public hearing, let them call one for themselves," he said.

The JEA permit allows the utility to withdraw 155 million gallons of water per day from the Floridan aquifer for up to 20 years.

Roberts said she understands the frustration of Columbia commissioners.

"They make a good argument," Roberts said.

Still, SRWMD is geared to protect the district's water.

"We have to protect

our water here," she said. "We'll do it drop by drop if we have to."

WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

House addresses ending in 0 or 1 may only irrigate on Monday. Addresses ending in 2 or 3 may irrigate on Tuesday, addresses ending in 4 or 5 may irrigate on Wednesday, addresses ending in 6 or 7 may irrigate on Thursday, addresses ending in 8 or 9 or areas with no address may irrigate on Friday.

Restrictions will also apply to time of day watering may occur. Sprinklers and irrigation systems may be used from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., watering with a hand-held hose may take place from 4 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Additional watering is allowed for new lawns and landscapes for the first 60 days after planting.

Treated wastewater irrigation and irrigation for home vegetable gardens are exempt from the restrictions.

The restrictions go into effect June 13 and will last through September 30.

CANDIDATES: Field set

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The seat for U.S. Congress will be between Phillip Dodds, J.R. Gaillot, James Jett, Steve Oelrich, Michael Ricks, Clifford Stearns, Kenneth Willey and Ted Yoho.

Incumbent Circuit 3 State Attorney Robert "Skip" Jarvis will run against Jeff Siegmeyer.

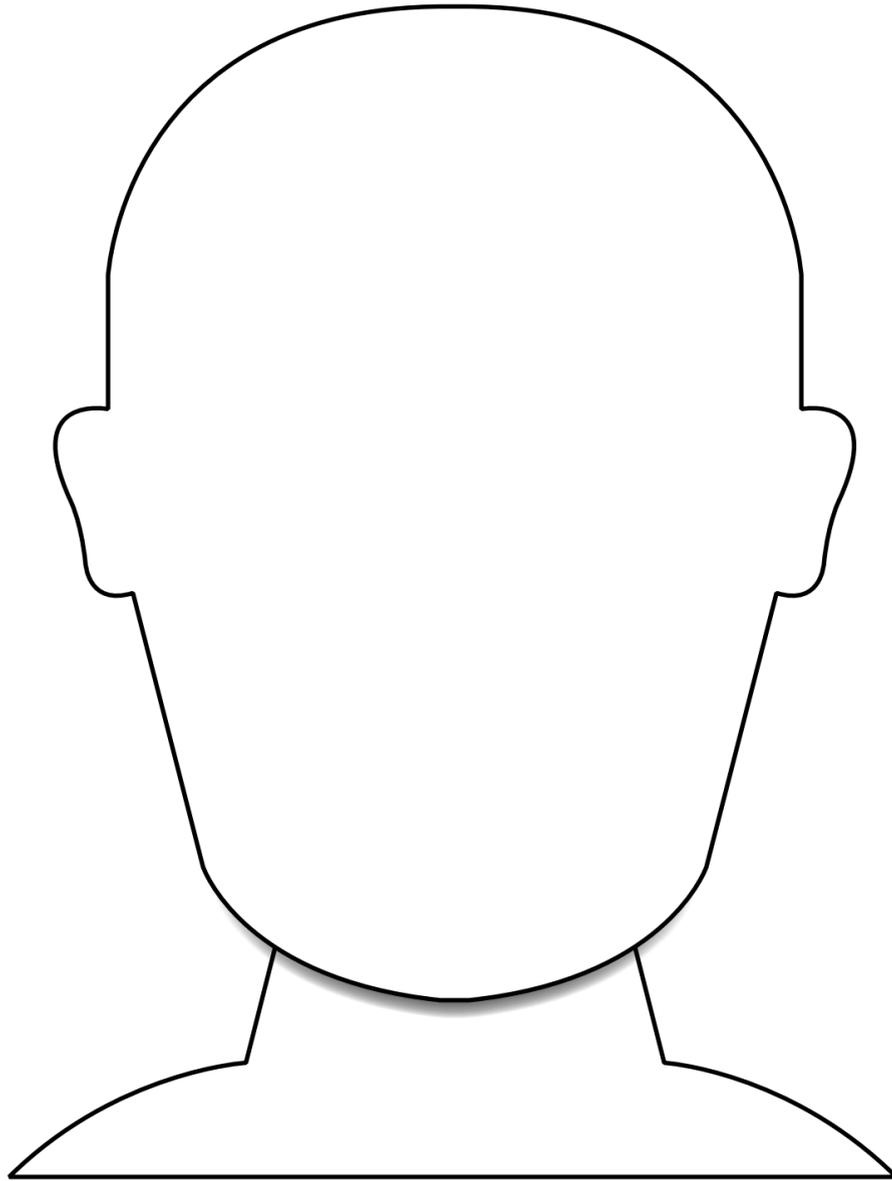
State Senator for District 5 Charles Dean will run unopposed.

State Representative incumbent Elizabeth Porter will run unopposed.

Third Circuit Judge, Group 2 is between Andrew "Andy" Decker and Frederick "Rick" Schutte. David Fina will run unopposed in Group 3. Angela Cancio, Wes Douglas and Jimmy Prevatt are looking to fill the Group 5 position.

Hey Kids! **Lake City Reporter's DRAW YOUR DAD CONTEST!**

Crayons, pencils, markers, paints are all ok!



ENTRY FORM

Artist Name: _____ Age: _____
 Dad's Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Be Creative!

All of our entries will be printed in the Father's Day, June 17th issue of the Lake City Reporter. The best entries in each age category will be showcased on the sponsor page.

Categories: **Ages 3-6** **Ages 7-9** **Ages 10-12**

Deadline for entries is 4:00pm Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Only original entries will be accepted. NO PHOTOCOPIES.

Please drop off entries to the Lake City Reporter office. 180 East Duval St., Lake City, FL 32055

Interested in being a sponsor on the Draw your Dad contest page or buying an ad to send a special Father's Day message to Dad?
 Call Natalie at (386) 754-0401 or (386) 752-1293 to find out more information.

THE WEATHER

10 SUNDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 92 LO 71	11 MONDAY ISOLATED STORMS HI 93 LO 70	12 TUESDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 87 LO 70	13 WEDNESDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 86 LO 68	14 THURSDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 87 LO 69
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, June 10
Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	86/74/t	87/72/t
Daytona Beach	87/74/t	88/72/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	88/76/pc	88/76/pc
Fort Myers	92/74/t	90/73/pc
Gainesville	92/70/pc	89/70/t
Jacksonville	89/71/t	88/69/t
Key West	90/80/pc	89/79/pc
Lake City	93/70/pc	87/70/t
Miami	89/77/pc	88/76/pc
Naples	92/73/t	89/75/pc
Ocala	92/71/pc	88/71/pc
Orlando	92/73/t	92/72/pc
Panama City	85/75/t	86/74/t
Pensacola	87/76/t	89/75/t
Tallahassee	90/73/t	88/72/t
Tampa	93/76/t	90/74/pc
Valdosta	89/72/t	88/71/t
W. Palm Beach	87/75/pc	87/75/pc

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TEMPERATURES
High Saturday 86
Low Saturday 71
Normal high 90
Normal low 69
Record high 99 in 1907
Record low 60 in 2011

SUN
Sunrise today 6:28 a.m.
Sunset today 8:32 p.m.
Sunrise tom. 6:28 a.m.
Sunset tom. 8:32 p.m.

MOON
Moonrise today 12:46 a.m.
Moonset today 12:51 p.m.
Moonrise tom. 1:19 a.m.
Moonset tom. 1:46 p.m.

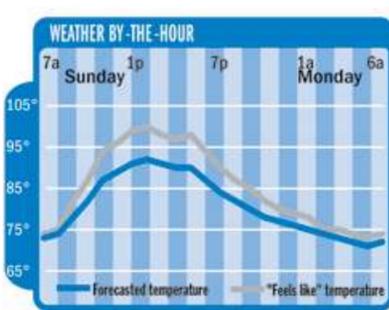
PRECIPITATION
Saturday 0.00"
Month total 0.80"
Year total 13.88"
Normal month-to-date 1.71"
Normal year-to-date 17.70"

June 11 Last
June 19 New
June 26 First
July 3 Full

UV INDEX
12
EXTREME
10 minutes to burn
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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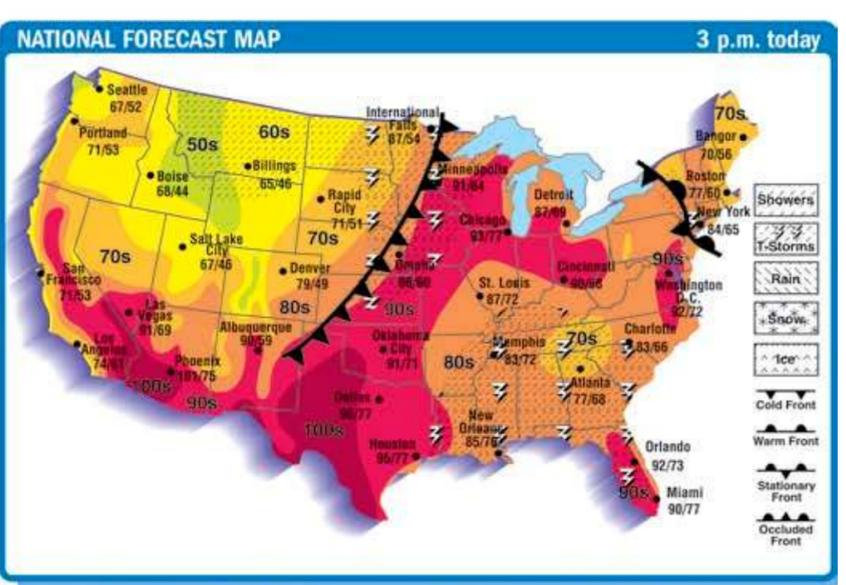
WEATHER HISTORY
On this date in 1997, many cars were floating in the southern suburbs of Miami, Fla. Several streets had 2 feet of water covering them. Rainfall amounts of 6.99 inches at were measured at Tamiami Airport and 9.83 inches in Homestead, Fla.

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NATIONAL FORECAST: Ample moisture from the Gulf of Mexico will continue to flow into the Deep South and Tennessee Valley today leading to numerous thunderstorms and locally heavy rainfall in those regions. Meanwhile, a low pressure system will trigger showers and thunderstorms over the northern Plains and Upper Midwest; a few of these storms may be severe.



CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W
Albany NY	70/53/.01	85/65/pc	Des Moines	89/63/0	92/64/pc	Omaha	89/64/0	86/60/t
Albuquerque	86/64/0	90/59/s	Detroit	89/62/0	87/69/pc	Orlando	86/73/0	92/73/t
Anchorage	57/50/0	62/48/c	El Paso	94/69/0	100/72/s	Philadelphia	89/63/0	90/68/s
Atlanta	85/66/0	77/68/t	Fairbanks	59/55/0	75/57/c	Phoenix	98/75/0	101/75/s
Baltimore	89/62/0	92/66/s	Greensboro	84/59/0	87/65/pc	Pittsburgh	84/59/0	87/64/s
Billings	63/49/18	65/46/sh	Hartford	73/60/0	84/58/pc	Portland ME	75/51/0	77/53/s
Birmingham	77/67/0	80/71/t	Honolulu	77/74/0	86/72/s	Portland OR	56/47/0	71/53/pc
Bismarck	85/63/0	70/53/t	Houston	90/71/0	95/77/pc	Raleigh	88/57/0	90/66/pc
Boise	55/43/13	68/44/pc	Indianapolis	85/60/0	90/68/pc	Rapid City	79/59/0	71/51/pc
Boston	78/59/0	77/60/s	Jackson MS	75/71/31	84/72/t	Reno	59/48/0	77/48/s
Buffalo	67/61/11	83/67/pc	Jacksonville	79/69/24	87/71/t	Richmond	88/61/0	91/67/s
Charleston SC	84/62/0	85/70/t	Kansas City	89/61/0	92/67/pc	Sacramento	73/52/0	94/59/s
Charleston WV	85/53/0	90/65/pc	Las Vegas	92/76/0	91/69/s	St. Louis	89/63/0	87/72/pc
Charlotte	85/55/0	83/66/pc	Little Rock	87/67/0	86/72/t	Salt Lake City	70/56/0	67/46/s
Cheyenne	84/52/0	71/41/s	Los Angeles	69/62/0	74/61/pc	San Antonio	87/66/0	99/71/pc
Chicago	88/65/0	93/77/pc	Memphis	87/73/0	83/72/t	San Diego	63/60/0	67/60/pc
Cincinnati	85/54/0	90/68/pc	Miami	89/77/0	90/77/pc	San Francisco	68/50/0	76/54/s
Cleveland	86/62/0	85/64/s	Minneapolis	88/72/0	91/64/t	Seattle	57/47/0	67/52/pc
Columbia SC	87/62/0	83/69/s	Mobile	73/71/5.74	85/74/t	Spokane	45/39/14	66/46/pc
Dallas	89/69/0	96/77/pc	New Orleans	85/75/07	85/76/t	Tampa	87/73/0	92/78/t
Daytona Beach	84/72/0	87/74/t	New York	75/68/0	84/65/t	Tucson	98/68/0	99/68/s
Denver	89/61/0	79/49/s	Oklahoma City	84/62/0	91/71/pc	Washington	91/67/0	92/72/s

INTERNATIONAL

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	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	93/81/05	91/77/t	La Paz	54/30/0	56/31/sh	Rio	70/68/28	78/67/t
Amsterdam	59/52/0	62/51/sh	Lima	75/66/0	73/68/s	Rome	81/64/0	80/63/pc
Athens	86/60/0	91/69/s	London	66/52/0	61/54/sh	St. Thomas VI	91/78/0	87/78/pc
Auckland	63/54/0	60/50/pc	Madrid	82/52/0	85/57/c	San Juan PR	91/79/0	89/77/t
Beijing	95/66/0	83/64/s	Mexico City	81/55/0	79/54/pc	Santiago	50/41/0	63/47/c
Berlin	72/55/0	65/53/sh	Montreal	73/50/0	81/59/pc	Seoul	84/64/0	85/64/pc
Buenos Aires	57/36/0	55/42/c	Moscow	72/52/0	73/54/pc	Singapore	82/73/0	87/81/pc
Cairo	91/70/0	96/71/s	Nairobi	79/57/0	72/55/t	Sydney	61/43/0	59/50/sh
Geneva	72/55/0	65/54/sh	Nassau	93/81/0	92/77/pc	Tel Aviv	84/68/0	93/69/s
Havana	90/75/0	89/77/t	New Delhi	106/82/0	111/90/s	Tokyo	70/64/0	78/64/sh
Helsinki	59/43/08	62/47/pc	Oslo	57/48/0	59/47/sh	Toronto	72/64/0	85/64/pc
Hong Kong	91/82/0	91/82/t	Panama	91/79/0	89/77/t	Vienna	64/59/0	69/58/sh
Kingston	90/82/0	90/81/pc	Paris	66/50/0	67/57/t	Warsaw	73/61/0	70/58/pc

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy, dr=d-rizzle, f=fair, fg=fog, h=hazy, i=ice, pc=partly cloudy, r=rain, s=sunny, sh=showers, sn=snow, ts=thunderstorms, w=windy.

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Section B



TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

Players, parents and fans come and go during Saturday's opening day at the 2012 Lake City Rookie Qualifier. Action continues today and Monday at the Southside Sports Complex.

Starting toward state

Rookie Qualifier puts 20 games in the book before the rain returns

By **TIM KIRBY**
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Playing on fields that received 10 inches of rain on Thursday and Friday, the Lake City Rookie Qualifier had a good run in Saturday's opening round.

With 28 games scheduled in four divisions, the Babe Ruth 8-under all-stars completed 20 of the games before more rain set in at the Southside Sports Complex.

Local all-star teams Lake City and Columbia got their games in, but both ended in defeat. Fort White's game was scheduled for 6 p.m., but the weather closed down the complex a few minutes after 5.

Lake City lost to the PVAA (Ponte Vedra) Sharks, 7-5. Lake City fell behind 5-0, then tied the game in the third inning. Those were the last runs for Lake City and the Sharks scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning for the win-

ning margin.

The bottom of the hitting order came up big in Lake City's rally.

Austin McInnis led off with a double and Ty Floyd singled him to third. Braxton Johnson had a double to score McInnis. Mason Gray and Zach Shaw followed with RBI-singles. After a force out, Gray scored on a ground ball by Parker Steele. Ty Folsom added a single and Sid Parris drove in Kade Jackson with another single.

Lake City plays Winter Park and Palm Beach Gardens Red today, then will face CCPAL at noon on Monday.

Columbia lost to Jacksonville Beach 8B, 14-4, in a game called in the bottom of the fourth inning because of the time limit.

Columbia fell behind 7-0 in the first inning, then cut into the lead with four runs in the third inning.

ROOKIE continued on 3B



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Lake City All-Star team are (front row, from left) Austin McInnis, Noah Schneider, Braxton Johnson, Zachary Shaw, Sid Parris and Ty Floyd. Second row (from left) are Ty Jackson, Ty Folsom, Truitt Todd, Mason Gray, Kade Jackson and Parker Steele. Back row coaches (from left) are Kevin Jackson, manager Kevin Gray and Keith Jackson.



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Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade (3) and Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo (9) talk during Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami on Saturday.

Heat turns it up

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
 Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James finally got a Game 7 victory, on his third try.

Next up, the NBA finals — and his third try at that elusive first championship.

James had 31 points and 12 rebounds, Chris Bosh hit a career-best three 3-pointers — the last sparking the run that put it away — and the Miami Heat won their second straight Eastern Conference title by beating the Boston Celtics 101-88 in Game 7 on Saturday night. Miami opens the title

series in Oklahoma City on Tuesday night.

Dwyane Wade scored 23 and Shane Battier added 12 for the Heat, who won a Game 7 for the first time since 2004 — Wade's rookie season.

Rajon Rondo finished with 22 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds for Boston, which got 19 points from Paul Pierce in what might be the last game of the "Big Four" era for the Celtics.

Down by seven at the half and eight early in the third quarter, Miami started clawing back. An 8-0 run tied it at 59-all, capped by

Wade hitting a jumper, and then the fun really started.

There were six lead changes and five more ties in the final 7 minutes of the third. Bosh scored with 29 seconds left for the last of those ties, and it was 73-all going into the fourth.

Bosh hit his third 3-pointer with 7:17 left. James made a runner on the next Miami trip, and suddenly the Heat had their biggest lead of the night to that point, 88-82 with 6:54 remaining.

The lead was 95-86 with 3:23 left. Boston called time and the building was rocking.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

TV sports

Today
AUTO RACING
1 p.m.
 TNT — NASCAR Sprint Cup, Pocono 400, at Long Pond, Pa.
2 p.m.
 FOX — Formula One, Canadian Grand Prix, at Montreal

COLLEGE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, Stony Brook at LSU (if necessary)
4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, St. John's at Arizona (if necessary)
7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, Stanford at Florida (if necessary)
10 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, TCU at UCLA (if necessary)

CYCLING
7 p.m.
 NBCSN — Criterium du Dauphine, final stage, Morzine to Chatel, France (same-day tape)
10 p.m.
 NBCSN — Tour de Suisse, stage 2, Verbania, Italy to Verbier, Switzerland (same-day tape)

GOLF
2 p.m.
 TGC — LPGA/Wegmans Championship, final round, at Pittsford, N.Y.
3 p.m.
 CBS — PGA Tour, St. Jude Classic, final round, at Memphis, Tenn.
7:30 p.m.
 TGC — Champions Tour, The Tradition, final round, at Birmingham, Ala. (same-day tape)

GYMNASICS
4 p.m.
 NBC — Visa Championships, at St. Louis

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 TBS — N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees
2 p.m.
 WGN — Chicago Cubs at Minnesota
8 p.m.
 ESPN — Detroit at Cincinnati

MOTORSPORTS
2 p.m.
 SPEED — FIM World Superbike, at San Marino (same-day tape)

SOCCER
11:45 a.m.
 ESPN — UEFA, Euro 2012, group phase, Spain vs. Italy, at Gdansk, Poland
2:30 p.m.
 ESPN — UEFA, Euro 2012, group phase, Ireland vs. Croatia, at Poznan, Poland

TENNIS
9 a.m.
 NBC — French Open, men's championship match, at Paris

Monday
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1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, N.C. State at Florida (if necessary)
4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, Arkansas at Baylor (if necessary)
7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, super regionals, game 3, Oklahoma at South Carolina (if necessary)

CYCLING
5 p.m.
 NBCSN — Tour de Suisse, stage 3, Martigny to Aarberg, Switzerland (same-day tape)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m.
 ESPN — Boston at Miami
NHL HOCKEY
8 p.m.
 NBC — Playoffs, finals, game 6, New Jersey at Los Angeles

SOCCER
11:45 a.m.
 ESPN — UEFA, Euro 2012, group phase, France vs. England, at Donetsk, Ukraine
2:30 p.m.
 ESPN — UEFA, Euro 2012, group phase, Ukraine vs. Sweden, at Kiev, Ukraine

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Cleveland	31	27	.534	1½
Detroit	27	32	.458	6
Kansas City	24	32	.429	7½
Minnesota	24	34	.414	8½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	34	26	.567	—
Los Angeles	31	29	.517	3
Seattle	27	33	.450	7
Oakland	26	33	.441	7½

Late Thursday				
Chicago White Sox	4	Toronto	3	

NL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	34	23	.596	—
Atlanta	34	25	.576	1
Miami	31	27	.534	3½
New York	32	28	.533	3½
Philadelphia	29	32	.475	7

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	32	26	.552	—
Pittsburgh	30	27	.526	1½
St. Louis	31	29	.517	2
Milwaukee	27	32	.458	5½
Houston	25	34	.424	7½
Chicago	19	40	.322	13½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	37	22	.627	—
San Francisco	34	26	.567	3½
Arizona	28	30	.483	8½
Colorado	24	34	.414	12½
San Diego	20	40	.333	17½

Late Thursday
 St. Louis 14, Houston 2
Friday's Game
 Milwaukee 9, San Diego 5
Saturday's Game
 San Diego 5, Milwaukee 2
Today's Game
 San Diego (Bass 2-5) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 4-5), 2:10 p.m.

Interleague play
Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh 4, Kansas City 2
 N.Y. Yankees 9, N.Y. Mets 1
 Philadelphia 9, Baltimore 6
 Cincinnati 6, Detroit 5, 10 innings
 Tampa Bay 5, Miami 1
 Washington 7, Boston 4
 Atlanta 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings
 Minnesota 8, Chicago Cubs 7, 10 innings
 Houston 8, Chicago White Sox 3
 Cleveland 6, St. Louis 2
 L.A. Angels 7, Colorado 2
 Arizona 9, Oakland 8
 Seattle 1, L.A. Dodgers 0
 Texas 5, San Francisco 0

Saturday's Games
 Minnesota 11, Chicago Cubs 3
 Baltimore 6, Philadelphia 4, 12 innings
 San Francisco 5, Texas 2
 Atlanta 5, Toronto 2
 Washington 4, Boston 2
 Detroit 3, Cincinnati 2
 Chicago White Sox 10, Houston 1
 L.A. Angels 11, Colorado 5
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Jockey John Velazquez (right) drives Union Rags past Paynter and jockey Mike Smith to the finish line for victory in the Belmont Stakes horse race at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., on Saturday.

Union Rags gets the riches

By **BETH HARRIS**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Union Rags picked up where I'll Have Another left off — coming from behind to catch a Bob Baffert-trained horse at the finish in a Triple Crown race.

In Saturday's Belmont Stakes, it was even a photo finish.

Union Rags rallied through an opening on the rail to edge Paynter by a neck, dealing Baffert a third loss in this year's Triple Crown series.

I'll Have Another won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness with stirring stretch drives over

Baffert's Bodemeister. But the champion stunned the racing world Friday when he was scratched from the Belmont and retired due to a tendon injury, relinquishing a shot at the first Triple Crown sweep since 1978 and only the 12th ever.

His absence opened up the race for Union Rags, who finished a troubled seventh in the Derby.

A crowd of 85,811 cheered as Paynter and Union Rags battled down the stretch, and Union Rags barely caught the front-runner at the end to win by a neck.

Trained by Michael Matz, Union Rags skipped the Preakness and switched jockeys for the Belmont

— from Julien Leproux to John Velazquez, who picked up his second Belmont victory; he won in 2007 with filly Rags to Riches.

"I have to give it to the horse. He did it all for me. He just worked so unbelievable and I was just hoping he could put that work into today's race and he did," Velazquez said. "I was very proud of him."

Union Rags was along the inside in the middle of the pack until it was time to make a move for the lead. Velazquez guided Union Rags to the inside of the front-running Paynter and relentlessly closed the gap and won by a neck.

The 5-2 second choice

behind Dullahan, Union Rags covered the 1½ miles in 2:30.42. The colt is owned by Phyllis Wyeth.

"It was my dream and he made it come true," said Wyeth, wheelchair-bound as the result of a 1962 car accident in which she broke her neck.

"He ran a great, great race, but I'm not too proud of my performance, though," said Smith, a 46-year-old Hall of Fame jockey who was aboard Bodemeister in the two earlier defeats. "I'm an old veteran, you know. They're not supposed to get through on the fence on me, and he did. I dropped the ball. My fault."

Gators win opener; Seminoles rained out in super regionals

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Not even two rain delays totaling nearly 3 hours slowed Florida.

Mike Zunino homered and drove in three runs, Hudson Randall pitched seven scoreless innings and the Gators beat North Carolina State 7-1 in the opener of their best-of-three NCAA super regional series Saturday.

The top-seeded Gators (46-18) improved to 9-0 against Atlantic Coast Conference teams this season and need one more win to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., for the third consecutive year.

Florida and N.C. State play Game 2 today.

The Wolfpack (43-19) will send undefeated left-hander Carlos Rodon to the mound with their season on the line.

Florida led 5-0 behind Randall's gem when heavy rain halted the game for 2 hours, 3 minutes in the bottom of the seventh. The game had a second stoppage, this one for 48 minutes, in the eighth.

FSU postponed

TALLAHASSEE — Saturday's scheduled second game in the NCAA super regionals between Florida State and Stanford was postponed because of rain.

It has been rescheduled



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Florida's Preston Tucker (25) slides into second base safe on a steal as North Carolina State's Matt Bergquist (7) waits for the ball during the fifth inning of the NCAA super regional game in Gainesville on Saturday.

for 7 p.m. today.

The Seminoles (47-16) have a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series. Stanford (41-17) needs to win the second game to force a deciding third game on Monday.

NCAA officials waited roughly 90 minutes Saturday as a steady rain fell and the weather radar showed little letup for the next several hours.

FSU 17, Stanford 1

Florida State coach Mike Martin said Stanford's Mark Appel was the best pitcher

he has seen this season.

Luckily for Martin and his Seminoles, Appel couldn't get anything good going Friday night.

Florida State (47-15) chased Appel with seven runs in the fourth inning.

Devon Travis homered twice and drove in six runs and Florida State took advantage of Appel's wildness on its way to a 17-1 victory over Stanford in the opener of their best-of-three NCAA super regional.

The Seminoles batted around in the fourth and fifth innings to build an 11-1 lead. Travis, a second base-

man drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 13th round earlier this week, singled in a run in the fourth, hit a two-run homer in the sixth and belted a three-run shot in the seventh.

Freshman left-hander Brandon Leibrandt (8-2) pitched six innings before leaving with a 14-1 lead. He struck out four and was backed by three double plays.

Appel (10-2) was hurt by wildness and an error by Kenny Diekroeger, who booted a potential double play grounder as Florida State scored its first run.

With humility and hard work, Durant chases NBA title

By **JEFF LATZKE**
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Win or lose, Kevin Durant can be found after just about any Oklahoma City Thunder game talking about the need to keep working and getting better.

It was his approach when the Thunder were 3-29. It's the same now that he's led the team to the NBA finals just three years later.

Durant has never been about glitz and glamour. His winning combination has been humility and hard work, and it may soon pay off. The Thunder need four more wins to win a championship in only their fourth season in Oklahoma City and fulfill Durant's ultimate goal.

"There's always another level you can go to. In basketball, you always can be better at something, I think," Durant said Saturday after Oklahoma City's practice.

"I haven't seen a guy that totally dominates the game in every aspect. He can't make every shot, he can't get every rebound, he can't get every assist, so I think you can get better. That's the mindset I take."

Durant has gotten his fair share in each of those categories, particularly this season. Durant became the seventh player

in league history to win three straight scoring titles, averaging 28 points per game, and set career highs in shooting percentage, 3-point shooting, rebounding, assists and blocks.

And yet he's still driven to want more.

"I wouldn't say I'm satisfied," Durant said. "I'm happy that I progressed a little bit. I have a long ways to go and I think that if I continue to just keep getting better at the mental part of the game — watching film and knowing where the defense is going to play, knowing where my teammates are going to be — then I can get better."

"I've just got to keep improving."

As Durant approached his first chance to leave — even as a restricted free agent — there became growing concern about whether a budding superstar would want to remain in one of the league's smallest markets without as many opportunities to make money and promote himself.

Instead, he even skipped the chance to put an opt-out clause in his maximum contract to stay five more years in Oklahoma City.

"My job is to come in here and get better every day as a basketball player, and being here provides me the best opportunity to do so," Durant said.

ROOKIE: At Southside

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Bronsen Tillotson started the inning with a triple to the fence in right field. He scored when the picture dropped a pop-up on a diving catch off the bat of Zane Starling.

Evan Umstead followed with a single and was forced at second by Matthew Dumas. Hayden Gustavson hit a ground ball through the legs of the shortstop to score Starling.

Dumas and Gustavson scored on singles by John Hendry and Jacob Haines.

Columbia plays Fort Caroline Thunder and South Lakeland Red Bulls today. Columbia's Monday game is 1:30 p.m. against PVAA 8B.

Fort White will pick up its postponed game against Madison County today, then take on Whitehouse. On Monday, Fort White plays Marietta Bullsday at noon.

Games to be completed or made up today are:

Field 1—South Lakeland Rebels vs. Fort Caroline Stingrays; Jacksonville Beach 7A vs. Palm Beach Gardens Blue;

Field 2 — Whitehouse vs. Marietta Bullsday; 6 p.m. — PVAA 8B vs. South Lakeland Red Bulls;

Field 3 — Chiefland vs. Normandy Rage; Julington Creek vs. Orange Park;

Field 4 — Suwannee Valley vs. Northside Athletic; Madison County vs. Fort White.

Today's games and Monday's schedule follow.

Today Field 1

Perry vs. Bradford; Winter Park vs. Lake City; Jacksonville Beach 8B vs. PVAA 8B; Marietta Bullsday vs. Madison County; Northside Athletic vs. Bradford; South Lakeland Red Bulls vs. Columbia;

Field 2

Sweetwater vs. Union County; Keystone vs. Orange Park 8B vs. Jacksonville Beach 7A; Orange Park vs. South Lakeland Rebels; Normandy Rage vs. Union County; Palm Beach Gardens Blue vs. Keystone;

Field 3

Fort Caroline Thunder vs. Columbia; Hamilton County vs. Suwannee Valley; PVAA Sharks vs. CCPAL; Palm Beach Gardens Red vs. Lake City; Fort Caroline Stingrays vs. Julington Creek Outlaws;

Field 4

MAA Diamond Dogs vs. Keystone; Dixie County vs. Chiefland; College Park vs. Jacksonville Beach Barracudas; MAA Vipers vs. Suwannee; Fort White vs. Whitehouse;

Monday Field 1

9 a.m. — Madison County vs. Whitehouse; 10:30 a.m. — MAA Diamond Dogs vs. Orange Park 8B;

Noon — Suwannee vs. Jacksonville Beach Barracudas;

1:30 p.m. — Keystone vs. Jacksonville Beach 7A; 3 p.m. — MAA Vipers vs. Keystone;

4:30 p.m. — Normandy Rage vs. Sweetwater;

Field 2

9 a.m. — Julington Creek vs. South Lakeland Rebels;

10:30 a.m. — Fort Caroline Thunder vs. Jacksonville Beach 8B;

Noon — Lake City vs. CCPAL;

1:30 p.m. — Columbia vs. PVAA 8B;

3 p.m. — Palm Beach Gardens Red vs. Winter Park;

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Noon — Orange Park vs. Fort Caroline Stingrays;

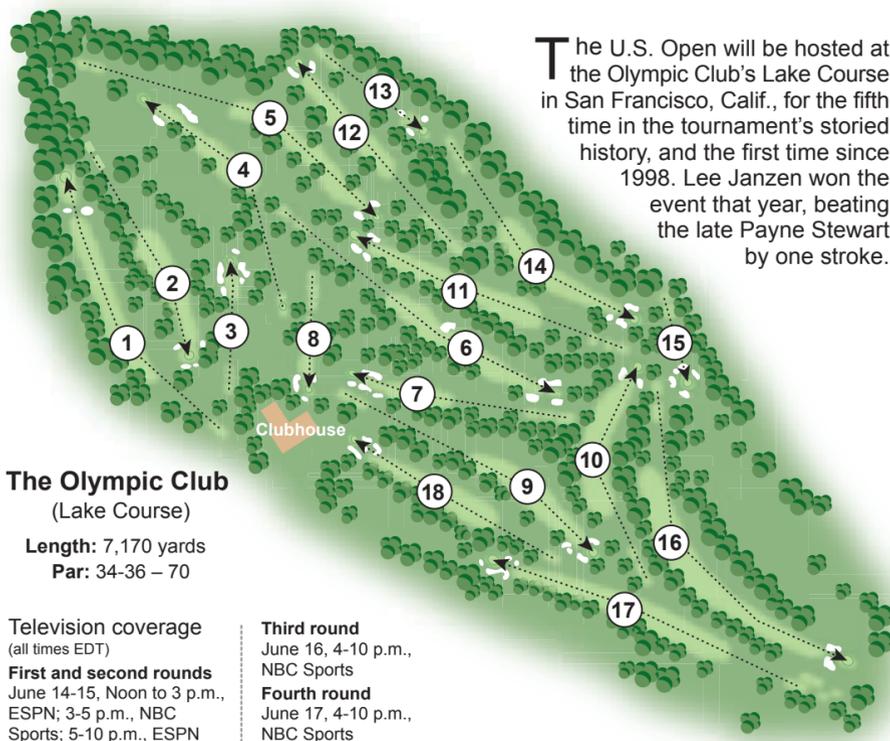
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3 p.m. — South Lakeland Red Bulls vs. Fort Caroline Thunder.

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San Francisco treat

The U.S. Open will be hosted at the Olympic Club's Lake Course in San Francisco, Calif., for the fifth time in the tournament's storied history, and the first time since 1998. Lee Janzen won the event that year, beating the late Payne Stewart by one stroke.



The Olympic Club (Lake Course)

Length: 7,170 yards
Par: 34-36 - 70

Television coverage
(all times EDT)

First and second rounds
June 14-15, Noon to 3 p.m.,
ESPN; 3-5 p.m., NBC
Sports; 5-10 p.m., ESPN

Third round
June 16, 4-10 p.m.,
NBC Sports
Fourth round
June 17, 4-10 p.m.,
NBC Sports

1 Par 4 Yards 520

What contributes to such a brutal start is changing the opening hole to a par 4 for the first time. The hole moves slightly to the right, then drops down a slope toward the green. There is plenty of room to run the ball onto the green for those who can't reach the green in two. The danger is the mowing down the rough left and long of the green, so any miss is likely to run into thick brush.

2 Par 4 Yards 428

Pay no attention to the yardage. This is another difficult hole, with a tight fairway beyond 270 yards that might force players to opt for 3-wood or hybrid off the tee. The approach is to an elevated green that is both shallow and severely sloped from back to front. An extra club is needed for the elevation change, yet anything long makes for a very difficult par.

3 Par 3 Yards 247

A new tee offers an incredible view of San Francisco, including the top of the Golden Gate bridge on a clear day. More daunting is the hole, which plays downhill to a relatively small green and is guarded by bunkers on both sides. The USGA also will use a forward tee from about 230 yards. Even from the tips, expect the players to be hitting a long to mid-iron because of the change in elevation.

4 Par 4 Yards 438

The shape of the tee shot is important. In classic Olympic fashion, the fairway bends sharply to the left, but the ground slopes to the right. The fairway narrows at 265 yards, leaving an uphill approach from a hanging lie to a difficult green that slopes severely from back left to front right. The green drops off sharply, with a collection area to the right.

5 Par 4 Yards 498

The opposite of No. 4, this hole bends to the right with the fairway sloping to the left. Large trees guard the right side of the tee shot. The difference is that the approach shot plays downhill, with help from a prevailing wind, and the green is relatively straightforward.

6 Par 4 Yards 489

A new tee means this will play some 50 yards longer than it did in 1998. This hole is unique in that it has the only fairway bunker on the course, but the new tee means players will need a 295-yard drive if they choose to carry it. Because players could clear the bunker at the turn of his slight dogleg left in 1998, they were left with a wedge. Expect to see longer clubs this time.

7 Par 4 Yards 288

The first hole that offers a realistic shot at birdie, and the one par 4 that can be reached from the tee. Players who hit iron off the tee will have a sand wedge to the green. Around the green, there is only 5- to 6-inch rough to increase the penalty for those trying to drive the green, which also is guarded by bunkers.

8 Par 4 Yards 200

This is a new hole and will play about 60 yards longer. The clubhouse is perched above the green, and a large hill to the right will provide a natural amphitheater. The green slopes from right to left and is set at an angle. Any shot veering too far left could catch a large cypress tree.

9 Par 4 Yards 449

With a two-tee start, half of the field will start on this par 4 that features typical Olympic traits. The fairway bends to the right, and the turf slopes strongly to the left toward Lake Merced. The green has bunkers on each side close to the front, and a closely mown area from the middle and back portions could present more problems for errant shots.

10 Par 4 Yards 424

The angle on this left-to-right hole has been enhanced by moving the fairway several yards to the right, making it more likely that a tee shot could run through the fairway. The second shot will be a short iron to a green that slopes from front to back.

11 Par 4 Yards 430

This fairway also was shifted, to the left, to create a sharper left-to-right dogleg. Players can smash a driver here, though that could lead to a hanging lie because of the slope in the fairway. The two-tiered green slopes from back to front.

12 Par 4 Yards 451

This will play 35 yards longer than in 1998, starting with a claustrophobic tee shot because of the chute of Monterey pine and cypress trees. The fairway has been shifted slightly to the left. The approach shot, again most likely featuring a hanging lie, is to a green with bunkers and a closely mown collection area.

13 Par 3 Yards 199

This will be a mid-iron for most players, but distance control is everything to this long green with bunkers coming into play for front hole locations. The change from 1998 is that the left of the green is now closely mown, so a miss could run all day into a dry water hazard. Players should still be able to play a shot from the hazard if they wind up there.

14 Par 4 Yards 419

This is a severely elevated hole that bends hard to the left and is guarded by trees down the left side. This most likely will be a 3-wood or a hybrid off the tee, though driver would leave only a flip wedge to the green. Anything too far left will lead to a punch shot under the trees.

15 Par 3 Yards 154

The shortest par 3 at Olympic, this will be a 9-iron or wedge, but accuracy is paramount. Similar to the short par-4 seventh, there will be only the deep, 5- to 6-inch around for those missing the green. Still, this is the best birdie opportunity on the par 3s.

16 Par 5 Yards 670

With a new tee that won't be used every day, this becomes the longest hole in U.S. Open history. If length isn't enough, it's a sharp dogleg to the left and the fairway narrows right at 300 yards. The hole continues to bend to the left until the green, and shots that miss the green long or to the left will bounce even farther away because of the closely mown grass beyond the green.

17 Par 5 Yards 522

For the first time in a U.S. Open at Olympic, this will be a par 5 instead of a par 4. That doesn't make the drive any easier, because the fairway slopes more severely (to the right) than any other hole. Players have to hit a hard draw to eliminate the roll to the right. Finding the fairway or first cut leaves a good chance to reach the green in two. The green slopes strongly from left to right and back to front, and any approach missing long or to the right will tumble down a collection area under the trees. One bad shot eliminates the ease of birdie.

18 Par 4 Yards 344

It's not the toughest closing hole in a U.S. Open, but it's the signature hole at Olympic, with the clubhouse on the horizon. This offers a birdie, but the tee shot (most likely a 3-iron) must find the narrow fairway. The approach is semi-blind because of the elevated green, and players will be able to see only the top half of the flagstick. The green slopes from back to front and is surrounded by thick rough.

U.S. Open champions at The Olympic Club

YEAR	WINNER
1955	Jack Fleck (p)
1966	Billy Casper (p)
1987	Scott Simpson
1998	Lee Janzen (won in playoff)

SOURCE: USGA

Ed DeGaspero, AP

Olympic has history of U.S. Open surprises

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Nothing ever turns out the way anyone expects when the U.S. Open goes to The Olympic Club.

Instead of a record fifth U.S. Open for Ben Hogan, Olympic delivered Jack Fleck in one of golf's biggest upsets.

Arnold Palmer turned his pursuit of a record score into a royal collapse.

Tom Watson had his heart broken in San Francisco when Scott Simpson ran off a late string of birdies.

The way this year is unfolding, Olympic seems like the ideal location.

Hardly anything has gone according to plan.

Tiger Woods already has won twice this year, most recently last week at the Memorial with a ball-striking clinic and a chip shot that brought back some of that magic. That made him the betting favorite to end his four-year drought in the majors with a record-tying fourth U.S. Open.

Only it's not that simple.

Two months ago, Woods won Bay Hill by five shots and became an instant favorite at the Masters. Instead of slipping on the green jacket, he turned in his worst performance as a pro at Augusta National, starting the worst three-tournament stretch of his career.

"He goes to the Masters and he fell apart because of nerves for the first time in his career," Johnny Miller said. "So I don't know what to think of Tiger Woods at the Open. I don't know if that was learned from Augusta, or something he can't control."

Defending champion Rory McIlroy returned to No. 1 in the world just over a month ago and looked like the player to beat until the 23-year-old from Northern Ireland missed three cuts, threw a club and suddenly looked lost.

Rickie Fowler, finally a winner on the PGA Tour, was poised to take his popularity to new heights until he shot 84 at Muirfield Village

"We're trying to make it the toughest test of the year. It didn't happen last year."

—Mike Davis,
USGA executive director

playing in the second-to-last group with Woods. Phil Mickelson played in the last group of the Masters and fell out of contention when Lefty hit consecutive shots from the right side.

The green jacket went to another lefty, Bubba Watson, a big hitter who never liked the notion that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

Golf is difficult to predict even in steady times. There's no telling what to expect when the 112th U.S. Open returns to The Olympic Club on June 14-17 for the fifth time. History would suggest there are more surprises in store on the golf course built on the side of a hill just south of the Golden Gate Bridge.

"You think about the past national Opens here that have been played ... and in

some ways you think, 'Geez, you remember more about who didn't win — what great legend didn't win an Open here — versus who did win,'" USGA executive director Mike Davis said. Adding to the intrigue is the parity that has taken over golf over the last few years. Ever since Padraig Harrington ended the 2008 season with consecutive majors, 14 players have won the last 14 majors.

Predictions, anyone? Perhaps the only safe bet is that Olympic won't be a pushover.

McIlroy shattered U.S. Open scoring records last year at Congressional when he reached double figures under par before he even finished his second round.

Because of soft conditions from rain earlier in the week, he finished at

268 to break the record 72-hole record by four shots, and his 16-under par was four better than Woods at Pebble Beach in 2000.

The USGA didn't lose much sleep when Woods finished at 12-under 272 at Pebble Beach because no one else was under par and he won by 15.

Congressional was different. McIlroy won by eight shots, but 20 players broke par, the most since 1990 at Medinah, a par 72.

Remember, the year after Johnny Miller shot 63 to win at Oakmont in 1973, the U.S. Open was as tough as ever. Hale Irwin finished at 7-over par and still won by two shots at Winged Foot.

Payback time? Davis almost guaranteed a tougher U.S. Open, though not from anything the USGA has cooked up.

"We're trying to make it the toughest test of the year. It didn't happen last year," Davis said.

Miller was a junior member at Olympic as a teenager, and he was low amateur in 1966 the year

Billy Casper chased down mistake-prone Palmer. He knows what to expect from Olympic, with its tight fairways that bend one way and slope another, and its tiny greens.

"Congressional, it was a good course, but it was almost like a tour course," Miller said. "It's not going to be so much fun and games out there. It's going to be hard work, and I think a sterner test."

Olympic is nearly 200 yards longer than when Lee Janzen won at even-par 280 in 1998.

"It's going to be a hell of a test," Woods said.

Don't be surprised if Woods or Mickelson get into contention. And don't be surprised if they lose out to someone not quite as famous.

Olympic has a knack for doing that in the U.S. Open.

The four U.S. Open champions at Olympic combined for seven majors in their career. The four players who were runner-up combined for 27.



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Members of the Fort White 15-under Babe Ruth Baseball All-Stars are (front row, from left) Kyle Sharpe, Mike Sheffield, Trace Wilkinson, Tyler Wendel, Jordan Harrington, Rhett Willis and Alex Mitchell. Back row (from left) are JJ Cohrs, Willie Carter, Raymond Barber, coach Donnie Wilkinson, Austin Dupree, coach Mike Price and coach Brady Wilkinson.

Fort White 15U all-stars serve notice for district

Special to the Reporter

The Fort White 15-under Babe Ruth All-Stars left no doubt that they will be a force in this year's district tournament, as they defeated three of their rivals in the recent Suwannee Invitational Warm-up Tournament.

Fort White beat Mayo, 9-2, in the championship game. Fort White pounded out 10 hits from eight players and eight players scored runs.

Starter Rhett Willis struck out eight in five innings. JJ Cohrs closed out the last two innings with one hit.

Fort White struck early with three runs in the first inning. Willis walked and moved all the way to third base on a sacrifice by Alex Mitchell. Willie Carter had an RBI-single, followed by a walk to Trace Wilkinson. A double steal and two passed balls allowed the runners to score.

In the third inning, Mike Sheffield reached second base on a deep fly ball

that the fielder misplayed. Tyler Wendel singled to send Sheffield to third. An error on a slow-roller from Austin Dupree allowed Sheffield to score. Jordan Harrington reached on an error and stole second base. He scored on a single by Willis.

Fort White scored three more runs in the sixth inning. Wendel walked and Sheffield singled. Kyle Sharpe doubled both home and later scored on a single by Cohrs.

Fort White went 1-1 in Saturday pool play, defeating Mayo, 7-4, but losing to Jefferson County, 5-0.

Wilkinson hit a three-run bomb in the win and Carter added an RBI-single. Both Carter and Willis were 2-for-2. Sheffield had a single and walked twice.

Fort White managed just three hits in the loss.

The Fort White bats came alive on Sunday. Needing to win three games, Fort White did just that, spanking tournament host Suwannee, 10-0, get-

ting revenge vs. Jefferson County, 4-2, and beating Mayo for a second time to win the championship.

Raymond Barber and Wilkinson both went 3-for-3 against Suwannee. Carter was 2-for-3 with a double. Adding hits were Harrington, Mitchell, Dupree, Sheffield (double) and Willis. Sheffield, Wendel and Cohrs combined on a two-hit shutout.

In the rematch vs. Jefferson County, Fort White received a stellar pitching performance from Wilkinson, who started and gave up two runs in five innings. Cohrs pitched the final two innings.

Willis had the hot bat, going 3-for-3 with a walk. Wilkinson helped himself with a double. Mitchell went 2-for-3, while Dupree and Sharpe added singles.

Leading Fort White in batting for the tournament were Willis (.600), Carter (.357) and Wilkinson (.353).

Fort White's district tournament is June 21-24 in Lake City.



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Babe Ruth 6-under champions

The North Florida Glass 6-under team was Lake City Babe Ruth Baseball spring league champion with a 13-1 record. Team members are (front row, from left) Gamble Whitcomb, Drew Jackson, Brennan Baisden, Jayse Brinkley, Keegan Knight and Logan Summers. Second row (from left) are Gavin Crews, Bryer Carrico, Cameron Saunders, Evan Williams, Blair Baisden and Grant Bowers. Back row coaches (from left) are Chad Crews, Brian Saunders, Jeff Knight, Jim Bowers, Lee Crews and Brian Crews.



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Tuning up for district

The Fort White Indians 16-under softball all-stars will be playing in the district tournament in Alachua on June 21-24. The Indians have already qualified for the Girls Babe Ruth World Series in Wilson, N.C., in August. The team opened the spring season 10-0. Team members are Alexis Gibbons (front left) and Madyson Greek. Standing (from left) are Caitlyn Bruce, Bella Valdez, Barbra Mendez, Shea Chesney, Kayla Redwine, Brianna Selgas, Ashley Chesney, Chayenne Bronson, Kateri Allen, Shania Pelham and Kristan Temberlake.

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Girls softball 8-under champions

Brian's Sports 8-under team was Columbia County Girls Softball spring league champions. Team members are (front row, from left) Kinsley Cuppet, Gracyn Markham, Krista Fort, Aspen Hollinsworth and Macy Brown. Second row (from left) are Jesse Taylor, Laya Bradley, Megan Dicks, Savannah Bailey, Lille Lee, Lailey Brinkley and Emma Edson. Back row coaches (from left) are Jacob Brown, Clint Dicks and John Lee.



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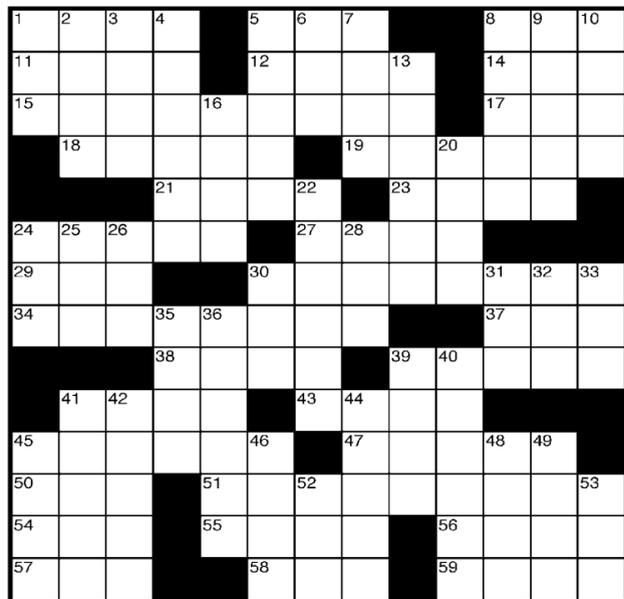
Warm-up tournament winners

Lake City Babe Ruth Baseball's 12-under All-Stars won first place in the Live Oak Warm-Up Tournament. Team members are (front row, from left) Cody Collins, Danon Dumas, Ethan Perkins, Clayton Steinruck and Noah Feagle. Second row (from left) are Caleb Strickland, Drew Minson, Brock Edge, Dylan Blair, Lance Minson and Micah Krieghauser. Back row coaches (from left) are Tim Collins, Jason Blair and Mike Krieghauser. Hunter Houston, Noah Sapp and bat boy Colby Strickland also are on the team.

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- 1 Notorious pirate
- 5 Wildebeest
- 8 Promising
- 11 Became frayed
- 12 Relaxation
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- 15 Mexican sandals
- 17 Trot
- 18 Audible kiss
- 19 Dangerous job
- 21 Computer graphic
- 23 Went by car
- 24 Geneflected
- 27 Term paper abbr.
- 29 Sushi morsel
- 30 Upset
- 34 Old-fashioned illumination
- 37 Sweet-talk
- 38 Ballad writer
- 39 Susceptible
- 41 "The Mummy's —"
- 43 Mets' former ballpark
- 45 Dinosaur bone
- 47 Gain admission
- 50 — a date!
- 51 Plunged suddenly (hyph.)
- 54 Fair grade
- 55 Victorian exclamation
- 56 Corn Belt st.
- 57 Mi. above sea level
- 58 Titanic message
- 59 Mardi —

- DOWN**
- 1 Utility bill abbr.
- 2 Debt memos
- 3 Drug weight
- 4 Jump the tracks
- 5 Sticky-footed lizard
- 6 Nope
- 7 Treats shabbily
- 8 Sharp-smelling
- 9 Dried fruit
- 10 Metallic sound
- 13 — de corps
- 16 IRS employee, briefly
- 20 Jedi master
- 22 When to see stars
- 24 100 pounds of nails
- 25 Teachers' org.
- 26 Metro RRs
- 28 Took the bait
- 30 Improve, as wine
- 31 Playing card
- 32 Many millennia
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- 39 Hang fire
- 40 PG or R
- 41 Vacation expense
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Sharapova completes Slam

By **EDDIE PELLIS**
Associated Press

PARIS — The picture she posed for at the beginning foreshadowed a mismatch in the making: 6-foot-2 Maria Sharapova standing at the net, towering over an opponent nearly 10 inches smaller than her.

The pictures snapped at the end told a different story: Sharapova, down on her knees after a tougher-than-expected win, head buried in her hands, celebrating after completing a comeback three years in the making and cementing her name among the greatest in tennis.

The Russian star won the French Open on Saturday, defeating her tiny Italian opponent, Sara Errani, 6-3, 6-2 in the final at Roland Garros to complete the career Grand Slam.

"I believe in my game," Sharapova said. "I think that's one of the reasons I'm sitting here with my fourth one and winning Roland Garros, because I always believed I could be a better player."

Sharapova, seeded second and who was guaranteed of moving to No. 1 in the rankings regardless of the result, jumped to a quick 4-0 lead against the 21st-seeded Errani, who was in her first Grand Slam final.

But Errani battled back on a cool, blustery day in Paris, turning what had the makings of a blowout into an 89-minute endurance contest, filled with long rallies that forced Sharapova to find another gear. Eventually, Sharapova's bigger serve and bigger groundstrokes wore down the 5-4½ Errani.

"She won many points with her serve or in the first two or three shots," Errani said. "It was difficult. I couldn't play long points



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Maria Sharapova of Russia returns in the women's final match against Sara Errani of Italy at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris on Saturday.

like I wanted to play."

When Errani netted a short backhand on the third match point, Sharapova dropped gingerly to the clay to start the celebration, then reached back and looked heavenward — a long, hard road back to the top finally capped with the only major title that had eluded her.

Sharapova won the trophy at Roland Garros about three years after dropping as low as 126th in the rankings after shoulder surgery that threatened her career. She rededicated herself to the game and made a special effort to improve on red clay, the surface on which she moved to 16-0 this year.

She did it knowing it wasn't really necessary. She's a millionaire many

times over, her endorsement cachet full — as comfortable on the red carpet as she now is on the red clay.

"I've had so many outs and I could've said I don't need this," she said. "I could've said, 'I've got the money, I've got the fame, I've got the career victories and Grand Slams.' But when your love for the game is bigger than those things, that's when you continue to get up."

She added this year's French Open title to championships at Wimbledon in 2004, the U.S. Open in 2006 and the Australian Open in 2008 to become only the 10th woman to win all four major tournaments, joining players such as Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, Serena Williams and

Billie Jean King.

It was Sharapova's 27th overall career title. She'll be back at No. 1 in the WTA rankings Monday for the first time since June 2008, though this win reminded her of a scene a few years before that.

Back in 2004, Sharapova was 17, just becoming a name on the tennis scene when she swept into Roland Garros and made a surprise trip to the quarterfinals.

A preview of things to come: A month later, she won Wimbledon and everyone knew her name.

"I thought when I won Wimbledon at 17, that would be the most treasured moment in my career," she said. "But when I fell down on my knees today, I realized this is extremely special, even more so."

The lopsided score in the final wasn't all that unexpected, given the size, experience and power advantage Sharapova brought to her first meeting with Errani. But really, the score didn't tell the whole story.

Errani, who won the doubles title Friday and will move to the top 10 in singles for the first time Monday, struck a victory for any

athlete, from the pros to the playground, who has ever looked up at an opponent towering over them by a foot and said, "Hey, maybe I can do this."

Despite spinning serves in at 70-80 mph, while Sharapova was topping out in the 115 mph range, Errani played Sharapova toe-to-toe for the better part of the hour and a half, especially after she overcame the jitters in the shaky opening games.

Eventually, Sharapova's power game won out but Errani fought to the bitter end — showing the savvy to hit two drop shots that won points in the final game, each of them sending Sharapova scrambling toward the net, only to arrive a split second late.

Still, Sharapova finished the match with 25 winners from the baseline compared to four for Errani, while committing 29 unforced errors to 11 for her opponent. Sharapova also led in aces, 6-0, including one that set up the third and final match point — the one missing in an otherwise stellar career.

"It's a long journey," she said. "It started from a very young age and it's not over yet. I'm not sitting here and saying I'm done because I'm far from it. I have a lot more in me to achieve."

Then men's final between Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic is 9 a.m. today.



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Joey Logano (left) is congratulated by his Home Depot Toyota Camry crew chief Jason Ratcliff after winning the pole position for the Pocono 400 auto race at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., on Saturday.

Logano wins pole with track record at Pocono

By **DAN GELSTON**
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Thanks to a repave that led to blistering speeds, Pocono Raceway's track record was topped 36 times.

Joey Logano had the fastest speed of them all.

Logano turned a lap of 179.598 mph on Saturday to set the track record during qualifying for the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Pocono. Logano won his first pole of the season and fourth in 125 career Sprint Cup starts.

He drove the No. 20 Toyota around the 2½-mile track in 50.112 seconds.

"It's cool to get a pole here," Logano said. "A new track record, too."

Logano went out 18th out of 44 cars and waited for about 45 minutes until the final qualifying lap

was turned and he could celebrate. Kasey Kahne held the record of 172.533 mph set on June 11, 2004. Consider this: Kahne starts 10th Sunday and went 177.823 mph.

Carl Edwards joins Logano on the front row for Sunday's 400-mile race. Paul Menard, Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin round out the top five.

Joe Gibbs Racing put Logano, Busch and Hamlin in the top five.

Drivers have raved about a repave that points leader Greg Biffle said was "glass smooth at 200 mph."

Pocono had absorbed decades of criticism from drivers who said the race was too long, outdated, and unsafe. Pocono cut the race to 400 miles for the two Cup races this season and recent safety upgrades have drivers suddenly raving about

the track.

It's a new era at Pocono. Logano and the rest of the field posted the speeds to prove it.

The pole continues a recent uptick of solid results for Logano. Only 22, Logano is entering a make-or-break season at JGR in the final year of a four-year deal. He's insisted in the past his contract status has not added pressure to him. Considered a phenom when he broke into NASCAR, Logano's lone Cup win came in 2009.

He's fared much better on the second-tier Nationwide Series. Logano has 13 career Nationwide wins, four this season, including last week at Dover International Speedway.

"Every time we've been in position to win a race, we've won that race," Logano said.

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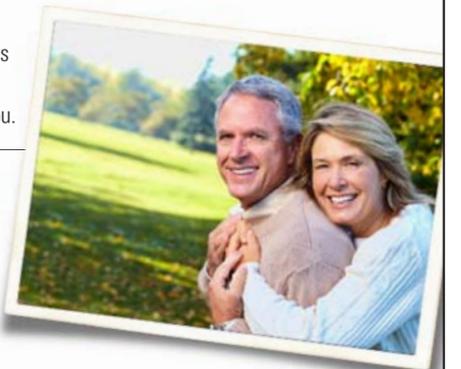
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TDC to lend a hand on the 4th

The Columbia County TDC is proud to be assisting again with the annual July 4th fireworks celebration at Lake DeSoto. This event draws upwards of 25,000 for an evening of live entertainment, free activities for the children and a spectacular 20-minute fireworks show. To say the least, this is an expensive endeavor and we want to express appreciation to the business community for the willingness to financially underwrite the event. The title sponsor again this year is the *Lake City Reporter*.

TOURISM continued on 2C

Ellisville to get a makeover

Redevelopment plan will benefit 'blighted' landscape

By HANNAH O. BROWN
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ELLISVILLE—A year after the installation of water and sewer utilities in the Ellisville area, county government is beginning to formulate a redevelopment plan for the "blighted" landscape of Ellisville.

"The goal is to make Ellisville more financially sustainable," senior staff assistant David Kraus said. "In the past couple of years, because of the condition of properties, because of the vacancies, the property values the past couple years have actually fallen out there. So we're hoping we can put some money into it, fix it up, cause the property values to increase."

The Ellisville redevelopment plan will be structured in a similar manner as the Community Redevelopment Agency plan in downtown Lake City.

Kraus said the area does not qualify as a CRA because it does not have schools or other agencies required by state ordinance to be eligible.

However, Kraus said finan-

cial support for the area will be structured in much the same way.

"Based on any increase in the value of property, any increase in the collection of taxation from that area from the base year would then be used to put back into the area for redevelopment projects," Kraus said.

Additionally, the area may qualify for a brownfield designation, which is defined as property of which the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of may be complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Contamination has been found in Ellisville.

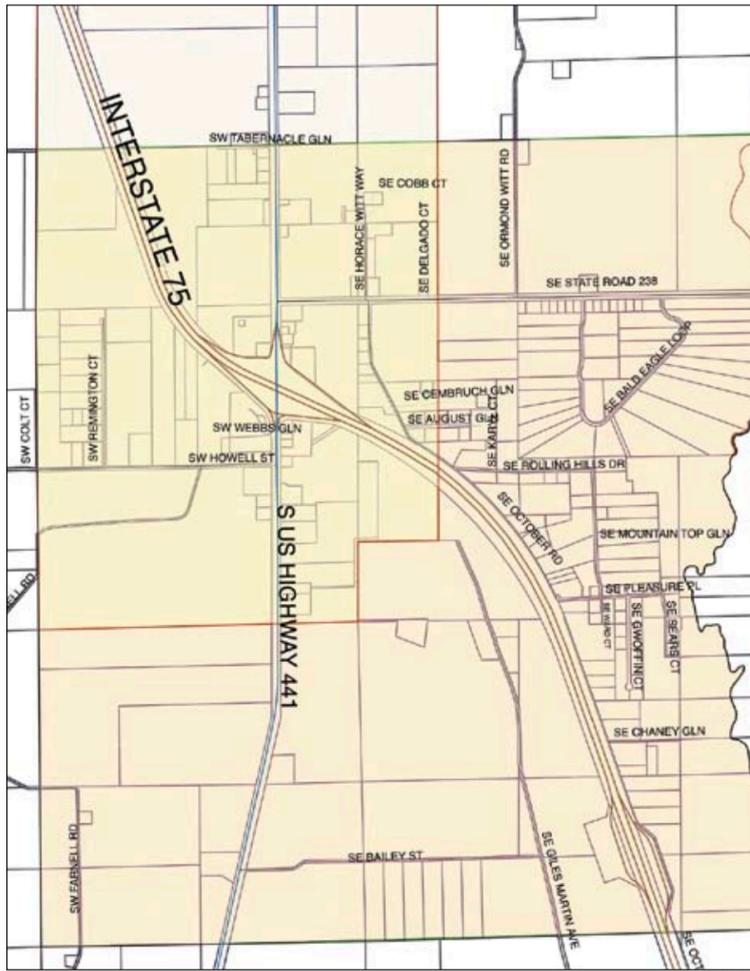
An abandoned truck stop south of Interstate 75 is contaminated with a petroleum leak from underground tanks.

According to Kraus, the property is currently being monitored by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The perception of contamination is also an issue.

"The conditions of a lot of the properties tend to give it a blighted feel," Kraus said.

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Map of the Ellisville area, to which county officials hope to bring new life.

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Should I steer clear of companies with losses, since there are so many profitable companies out there? — S.F., Binghamton, N.Y.

Not necessarily. Many (if not most) great companies started out losing money. Young companies typically have to make large investments in order to establish themselves and grow. So while a firm might be generating hefty revenues, it might be spending even more on advertising and expanding its infrastructure in order to establish a strong position in its industry. At a later date, it can spend less and enjoy profits.

It's not stupid to invest in unprofitable companies — as long as you've done enough research to be confident that they'll be profitable one day. Understand that these firms are often riskier than more established companies. Many will end up failing, while others become household names.

Don't park too much of your money in unprofitable companies, though.

There's also nothing wrong with investing more conservatively by focusing solely on profitable businesses. There are plenty of them, after all, and they can be more reliable. You can look up companies' financial results and historical performances online at caps.fool.com and morningstar.com.

What's an 8-K report? — C.U., Gainesville, Fla.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires companies to file 8-Ks whenever certain special events have occurred since they last filed their comprehensive annual 10-K report.

The kinds of happenings that necessitate 8-K reports are those that have a significant impact on a firm's performance or financial health, such as mergers, layoffs, plant closings, and court awards or penalties.

To see if any 8-Ks have been filed lately for a company you're following, look up its SEC filings at caps.fool.com or sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm.

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Debt: It's Not All Bad

Don't assume that spotting some debt on a company's balance sheet is bad. Debt can be both good and bad.

For example, if a company is laden with a lot of debt, it's locked into interest payments that it must make. If at any point it doesn't have the cash to cover these, it's in trouble. (Many of us can relate to this, if we've racked up debt on credit cards.) Even if the company can make the payments, it's spending money on debt that it might have been able to use in other ways.

On the other hand, debt can help businesses survive and grow. Consider that most of us would never be able to buy our homes without taking on debt. Without car and school loans, many folks would probably be driving used cars and taking correspondence courses.

Many major companies, such as FedEx, Dell and Pfizer, are here because of early loans to their founders.

Established companies can make

good use of debt as well, borrowing to expand operations and grow their businesses. And interest payments, which are deductible, can decrease a company's taxable income.

Investors considering companies with debt need to evaluate whether the debt taken on is manageable and whether the money raised and invested is earning more than it costs.

Perhaps you're worried about the debt load of Typewriter Land Inc. (ticker: QWERTY). Glance at the notes in its annual report, and you may find that the effective interest rate for its debt is 5 percent. If QWERTY is putting the borrowed funds to work earning, say, 8 percent, then things aren't so bad. But if QWERTY is generating \$100 million in cash annually while owing \$200 million in annual interest payments, that's a problem.

When companies need money, they can typically issue more stock or debt. Issuing stock may dilute the value of existing shares, so debt can sometimes be more efficient. Overall, though, we prefer to see little debt on a balance sheet. (Motley Fool newsletter services have recommended Dell, Pfizer and FedEx.)

My Dumbest Investment

Quaint Math Works

I remember, quite clearly, doing the math on electronic storage company EMC the first time I heard someone touting it. I was considered "quaint" at the time (during the dot-com boom) for concerning myself with P/E ratios, but I did the math, and figured that the company would need to sell everyone on Earth a couple hundred megabytes (a lot of storage back then) before it could justify that price. So I passed on buying it.

A month later, the stock had doubled, everyone was talking about it, and it kept rising. I gave up and followed the herd: I bought in, when the stock was near \$120 per share. We all know what happened next: dot-com bust. EMC promptly tanked. I rode it all the way down to \$15 or so, and finally sold out. The lesson? Stick to what you know. — J.E., California

The Fool Responds: You learned that not only is it important to find great companies in which to invest, but they also need to be trading at attractive prices. Overvalued stocks have no margin of safety.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Scary Facebook Numbers

Many are considering investing in Facebook, but it's not enough to just know and like the service. Initial public offerings (IPOs) are often best avoided until the stock settles down. And here are some other reasons to be cautious with Facebook:

There are 23 pages of risks detailed in the company's prospectus, such as users potentially defecting to competitors' products, users' faith in the company decreasing and a growth rate expected to decline over time.

Fully 15 percent of its revenue is derived from Zynga apps and related advertising. If Zynga runs into trouble, so will Facebook.

More than 50 percent of Facebook's voting power is held by just one person, CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The prospectus itself explains this conflict of interest:

"As a board member and officer, Mr. Zuckerberg owes a fiduciary duty to our stockholders and must act in good faith in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of our stockholders. As a stockholder, even a controlling stockholder, Mr. Zuckerberg is entitled to vote his shares ... in his own interests, which may not always be in the interests of our stockholders generally."

Then there's the valuation. The company's market cap was recently near \$90 billion, similar to that of McDonald's. Does that seem right? Consider the stock from all angles and decide for yourself.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1847 and to a confectionary company in New England. Known for a certain colorful round treat, I also produce Sweethearts, Mary Janes, Candy Buttons, Clark Bars, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Slap Stix and Sky Bars. In 1847, a newly invented lozenge cutter made my first product possible. I offered profit-sharing to employees back in 1906. During World War II, I provided rations and emergency items for the armed forces. In 2007, I was bought by the private equity firm American Capital Strategies. Based in Massachusetts, I'm America's oldest continuously operating candy company. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!



LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was founded in 1937 by my namesake, the inventor of an automatic loom. My U.S. division was launched in 1957. I've been the world's top carmaker, with about 1,500 dealerships in the U.S. and more than 1.6 million vehicles sold in 2011. In the U.S., I directly employ 30,000 people and indirectly employ more than 300,000 (through suppliers, dealerships, etc.). Some of my models have names synonymous with the petals of a flower, an arctic terrain and Sean Connery. I introduced the world's first mass-produced hybrid car in 1997 and have now sold more than 2 million. Who am I? (Answer: Toyota Motor)

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ELLISVILLE: Redevelopment plan will reduce area blight

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"So it qualifies very well for a brownfield designation, which gives people access to grants, gives them access to tax credits through the state, a lot of things that otherwise they might not have access to."

Kraus said he believes the area is an ideal location for certain types of industrial development.

"It's halfway between Gainesville and Lake City. You're far enough from (US) 90 that you're

not interfering with the development that's on 90. Now that there's water and sewer there it really does make it a lot more marketable for industrial development," Kraus said.

He also believes the area has potential for more commercial types of development as well.

"A lot of different kinds of industrial activity could be invited here, now that this is happening," Kraus said. "But we want to try

and make it nicer, spruce it up, make it more appealing and inviting for businesses if you want to market it for economic development."

Fabulous Coach Lines, a motorcoach service from the Southeast area that travels across North America, moved into the Ellisville area about a month ago.

The coach service currently occupies around nine acres of land. President of Fabulous

Coach Lines Ray Land said the service has "big plans" for the location that will be developing over the next few months.

Kraus said it would probably be one or two years before the the project coordinators become serious about putting the parties together.

"But the thought is, if you plan for it now, if you set the table for it now, when the economy does turn around you will be ready to go," Kraus said. "If you wait two years to start planning, you may be too late."

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Automatic Investing Can Pay Off for You

To achieve investment success, you don't have to start out with a huge sum or "get lucky" by picking "hot" stocks. In fact, very few people actually travel those two routes. But in working toward your investment goals, you need to be *persistent* — and one of the best ways to demonstrate that persistence is to invest automatically.

How do you become an "automatic" investor? You simply need to have your bank automatically move money each month from a checking or savings account into the investments of your choice. When you're first starting out in the working world, you may not be able to afford much, but any amount — even if it's just \$50 or \$100 a month — will be valuable. Then, as your career progresses and your income rises, you can gradually increase your monthly contributions.

By becoming an automatic investor, you can gain some key benefits, including these:

- **Discipline** — Many people think about investing but decide to wait until they have "a little extra cash." Before they realize it, they've used the money for other purposes. When you invest automatically, you're essentially taking a spending decision "out of your hands." And as you see your accounts grow over time, your investment discipline will be self-reinforcing.

- **Long-term focus** — There's never any shortage of events — political crises, economic downturns, natural disasters — that cause investors to take a "timeout" from investing. Yet if you head to the investment sidelines, even for a short while, you might miss out on some good opportunities. By investing automatically each month, you'll maintain a long-term focus.

- **Potential for reduced investment costs** — If you invest the same amount of money

each month into the same investments, you'll automatically be a "smart shopper." When prices drop, your monthly investment will buy more shares, and when prices rise, you'll buy fewer shares — just as you'd probably buy less of anything when prices are high. Over time, this type of systematic investment typically results in lower costs per share. Furthermore, when you invest systematically, you're less likely to constantly buy and sell investments in an effort to boost your returns. This type of frequent trading is often ineffective — and it can raise your overall investment costs with potential fees, commissions and taxes. (Keep in mind, though, that systematic investing does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss. Also, you'll need the financial resources available to keep investing through up and down markets.)

Clearly, automatic investing offers some major advantages to you as you seek to build wealth. Of course, if you're contributing to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you're already automatically investing because money is taken out of your paycheck at regular intervals to go toward the investments you've chosen in your plan. But by employing automatic investing techniques to other vehicles, such as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can continue your progress toward your long-term goals, including retirement.

So, do what it takes to become an automatic investor. It's easy, it's smart — and it can help you work toward the type of future you've envisioned.

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TOURISM: Numbers looking strong

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The event also gets significant financial support from the Board of County Commissioners and City of Lake City. The Lake City Public Works Department contributes a tremendous amount of labor to get Lake DeSoto ready for the event and then clean-up after the celebration. You'll see posters around the community which includes the names of all the sponsors. You are encouraged to join the TDC and Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce in saying "Thank You" to all of the sponsors.

Area fares well on new grants

Our local area applied for five grants from VISIT FLORIDA and we are proud to announce we were awarded all five at the organization's board of directors meeting held May 24 in Sarasota. The grants included \$2,500 for a new golf package promotion; \$5,000 for an image development project to augment our current photo library; \$5,000 for a marketing grant which will involve a new Suwannee River Valley map brochure; \$5,000 for a Small Partner grant that will involve marketing for both sports and faith-based conference initiatives; and \$2,000 for a hospitality education program. All of the grants will become available for funding starting with VISIT FLORIDA'S new fiscal year starting July 1.

Tourism numbers remain strong

According to the Florida Department of Revenue, Local Option Tourist Development Tax (bed tax) collections have remained strong through the first quarter of 2012. March collections were

\$67,205, an increase of approximately \$5,000 compared to the same month last year. Meanwhile Smith Travel Research shows that occupancy at Columbia County hotels increased 25.5 percent in April with an Average Daily Rate of \$71.55. Total room revenues were up 26.9. At the same time, occupancy rates were down in Alachua and Marion counties in Florida and in Lowndes County, Ga. Congratulations to our lodging industry for another strong month. A variety of factors contributed to the strong showing in March and April, including the Waneec Festival, several sports tournaments and the presence of firefighters involved in the Osceola National Park fire.

Sports tournaments on the way

As festivals begin to diminish, sports action is going into full throttle now that school is out. The months of June and July will see 11 baseball and softball events hosted in the Suwannee River.

Tourism lunch event a success

Our congratulations to all of the winners honored at the annual tourism awards luncheon which was hosted by Camp Weed on May 16. We also appreciate the keynote address made by Kerri Post, who is the marketing director for the Florida Department of State. Ms. Post informed the group about plans for the Viva Florida 500 project which will be celebrated throughout the state in 2013.

■ Harvey Campbell is the executive director of the Columbia County Tourist Development Council. He can be reached at 386-758-1397.



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COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSION TO HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Columbia County Commission will conduct an Executive Session Meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at the Courthouse Annex, 135 NE Hernandez Avenue, Suite 203, Lake City, Florida, to discuss pending litigation. The Executive Session will begin at 3:00 p.m. After the meeting is convened, the Board will go into closed session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes. The subject matter of the Executive Session is: Columbia County, Florida v. Robert Moulton, et al., Columbia County, Circuit Court, Case No. 10-564-CA. Also, Columbia County, Florida v. Darrell D. Strickland, et al., Columbia County, Circuit Court, Case No. 11-368-CA. The discussions in this session shall be confined to settlement offers and negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation and expenditures as to this litigation matter. The session will be recorded by a certified court reporter. The meeting will last approximately one hour and will be attended by Commissioners Scarlet P. Frisina, Jody Dupree, Ronald Williams, Stephen Bailey and Rusty DePratter; County Manager Dale Williams; County Attorney Marlin M. Feagle; and Special Counsel Paul Smith. Following the closed session, the Board will reconvene in open session in the Board Chambers so that Chairman Dupree may announce the termination of the Executive Session.

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Palms are very special

Palms in the landscape can offer some shade, especially when grown in clusters or in groupings with other ornamental plants. Tall palms can add the element of vertical accent, while short palms can soften corners and provide texture.

GARDEN TALK



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Whatever their architectural function is in the landscape, palms add a hint of the tropics to the surroundings.

If you start out with the right plant in the right place, and plant at the right depth, chances are pretty good that you can be successful at growing a palm. The right palms that are winter hardy for North Florida include cabbage palm, pindo palm, needle palm and dwarf palmetto. To read about other palms that thrive in North Florida, go to <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP019> on the UF/IFAS website. The right place may vary by species, but don't plant palms where the soil stays constantly wet or damp.

Palms have root systems completely different from other trees and shrubs that grow in your landscape. At the base of the palm trunk is a single area called the root-initiation zone. All roots emerge and develop from only this area. If the trunk is set too low when transplanting, the roots will suffer from lack of oxygen. If it is transplanted too high in the ground, the undeveloped roots will fail to emerge from the zone and the tree will dry out or fall over from lack of support.

A field grown palm should be planted so the root ball is at the same depth as it was in the field. Container-grown palms, however, may have settled or shifted in the potting soil while in the container. Locate the root-initiation zone and position it 1" below the surface of the soil. Neither field grown nor container-grown palms should have any soil amendments added at the time of planting.

If you already have a palm in the landscape that is too shallow, you can mound up soil to cover this zone. Roots will soon emerge and grow down to help anchor the plant. Palms that are planted too deeply, however, may decline from suffocating roots. Recently planted palms can be lifted and reset. Established palms may last for several years, but can suddenly give up and die at any time.

Regular watering is important until newly transplanted palms are established, usually about four to six months. Field grown palms have roots cut during digging. For many species, this will cause the roots to die so the tree must grow all new roots from the root-initiation zone.

During this period of new root emergence, the palm must live on stored water in the trunk. Most of the leaves are usually removed so that little water is lost through the foliage. That's why large newly planted palms have had such a severe 'hair cut.'

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Summertime activities plentiful

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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Summertime is the perfect time to delve deeper into hobbies or learn something new. Children can take advantage of the Columbia County 4-H Summer Adventure Series, eight workshops sure to beat boredom.

The classes, ranging from shooting sports to photography, are taught by University of Florida county extension office agents and personnel with expertise in the subjects.

Columbia County 4-H members helped select the workshops, which are open to all youth.

4-H is the youth development arm of the University of Florida, which a focus on developing youth in citizenship, leadership, and life skills. The 4-H program reaches more than 4,000 children in Columbia County through school programs and classes. About 250 county children are traditional club members.

To register for one or several workshops contact the Extension Office at 752-5384 or visit the office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane in Lake City.

Jellies and jam making

June 12 and 13
Learn how to preserve foods by making jams and jellies. Participants get to keep what they make. This class is for ages 10 and up. It runs from 9



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Reece Chasteen, 10, a 4-H member, and Kaicie Chasteen, 18, Columbia County 4-H vice president, help prepare supplies for the Summer Adventure Series. The workshops on topics like photography and cooking are offered throughout the summer to area children.

a.m. to 1 p.m., with a limit of 15 children. Cost is \$10 for 4-H'ers, \$15 for non-members. Register by June 11.

Shooting sports camp

June 25 and 26
The Columbia County extension office and the 4H Target Terminators Shooting Sports Club are offering a 4H Shooting Sports Day Camp. Learn rifle safety, firearm equipment and target shooting skills. The second day of the workshop will be at a shooting range, but this is not a hunter education class. All equipment is provided. This class is limited to 14 participants,

age 12 to 16. The workshop runs 8:30 a.m. to noon on Monday and 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Cost is \$15 for 4-H'ers, \$20 for non-members. Register by June 20.

Crafty kids

June 28 and 29
Learn to glue, cut and craft like a pro during this workshop. Participants will learn how to make a variety of crafts from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snack is provided. The workshop is open to 15 participants, ages 10 and up. Cost is \$10 for 4-H'ers, \$15 for non-members. Register by June 15.

Animal science experience

July 12
Tour the UF's animal science facilities, including beef and swine units. There is no maximum, but limited rides are available. This trip is for children ages 10 and up. Cost is \$2 for 4-H'ers, \$5 for non-members. Register by July 6.

Photography workshop

July 13 and 20
Learn how to take great pictures with your digital camera. Snack is provided, but participants must have a digital camera. This workshop is

open to 15 children, ages 10 and up. Cost is \$15 for 4-H'ers, \$20 for non-members. Register by July 6.

Puppet theatrical workshop

July 23 and 24
Learn about the art of puppetry and stagecraft, including a Muppet-type puppet and shadow puppet. Build and take home a puppet. Snack is provided. This workshop is open to 15 children, ages 10 and up. Cost is \$15 for 4-H'ers, \$20 for non-members. Register by July 13.

Fishing workshop

July 25 and 26
Go on fishing day trips, including the UF campus. Fishing poles and materials are provided. This workshop is open children ages 5 and up. Ages 5 to 8 put have a parent attend. Cost is \$15 for 4-H'ers, \$20 for non-members. Register by July 18.

Cooking for the fast food nation

August 1
Learn to make a variety of nutritious and delicious dishes from cooking experts. You will be eating all morning long. This workshop is open to 20 children, ages 10 and up. It runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 4-H'ers, \$15 for non-members. Register by July 25.

New Miss USA cites Hepburn as role model

By **CRISTINA SILVA**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The nation's newest Miss USA winner is a Rhode Island cellist who describes herself as a nerd and aspires to be more like Hollywood icon Audrey Hepburn.

Olivia Culpo shares Hepburn's European heritage and dark brown hair and soon they will share something else. Culpo said after winning her crown Sunday night that she plans to go to Tiffany & Co. in New York and recreate Hepburn's iconic opening scene from "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Culpo, a Boston University sophomore, will take a year off from her studies to tackle her duties as Miss USA and represent the nation in the 61st Miss Universe contest in December. The 20-year-old said she wished she could have shared her crown with her 50 competitors during the pageant at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Culpo strutted across the stage in a lilac bikini, then donned a flowing fuchsia gown with sparkly trim around her waist and décolletage. After making it to the final five, Culpo voiced her support for transgender beauty queens during the make-or-break interview round.

"Would you feel it would be fair that a transgender woman wins the Miss USA title over a natural-born woman?" asked celebrity judge Rob Kardashian. The question came from a pageant follower on Twitter, a first for the competition.

Culpo didn't hesitate before embracing the Miss Universe Organization's recent decision to admit transgender contestants.

"I do think that that would be fair, but I can understand that people would be a little apprehensive to take that road because there is a tradition of natural-born women, but today where there are so many surgeries and so many

people out there who have a need to change for a happier life, I do accept that because I believe it's a free country," Culpo said.

Culpo said after the pageant that she wasn't put off by the question when she heard it.

"This is a free country and to each their own," she said.

Culpo said she was short and chubby as a girl, but blossomed after a growth spurt. She spent her summers at band camp after learning to play the cello in second grade. Her parents are also musicians, and her love for music saw her perform at Symphony Hall in Boston and Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Culpo is a 2010 graduate of St. Mary Academy Bay View, an all-girls Catholic school in Riverside, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She said she comes from a big, Italian family and speaks some Italian. On her Twitter account, she describes herself as a nerd and model.

"I was just so surprised, so shocked, so honored to be there," she said of her win.

Rounding out the top five contestants were first runner-up Nana Meriwether of Maryland, second runner-up Audrey Bolte of Ohio, third runner-up Jade Kelsall of Nevada and fourth runner-up Jasmyn Wilkins of Georgia. As Meriwether and Culpo held hands waiting for the winner to be announced, Culpo bit her lip and cringed with anticipation.

Culpo demonstrated an outgoing personality throughout the competition, blowing a kiss and shimmying across the stage during the opening number. She cited Hepburn as her source of inspiration, noting her many years of volunteer work.

"She was beautiful on the outside but also beautiful on the inside," said Culpo, who sang the chorus of "Funny Face" from her favorite movie of the same name after her win.

Miss Iowa USA Rebecca Hodge was named Miss Congeniality, and Miss Oregon USA Alaina Bergsma was named the most photogenic.



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Miss Rhode Island Olivia Culpo poses as she is named one of the 16 finalists during the 2012 Miss USA pageant, Sunday in Las Vegas.

They both won \$1,000, but didn't make the top 16.

The pageant had three competitions: swimsuit, evening gowns and interview question. The contestants were whittled to 16 after the show's opening fashion show number. The contestants were later narrowed down to a field of 10 and then five.

Pop band Cobra Starship performed as the beauty queens modeled their string bikinis. Singer Akon danced with the top five during the evening gown competition.

Culpo had one of the more mod-

est dresses of the contest, with many of the beauty queens wearing revealing gowns with bare backs, high slits and sheer fabric. In contrast, Culpo's flowing gown covered her legs and lower back while revealing some cleavage.

The judge's panel included Chef Cat Cora, TV personality Arsenio Hall and singer Joe Jonas. Andy Cohen and Giuliana Rancic stepped in to host. Miss USA 2011 Alyssa Campanella of California crowned Culpo her successor at the end of the night.

Super-tall bike a new sight in Havana

By ANNE-MARIE GARCIA
Associated Press

HAVANA — Many people would be leery of cycling through chaotic downtown Havana, sharing its narrow, pot-holed streets with the darting scooters, incorrigible jaywalkers and hulking 1950s Detroit classics that clog every byway.

Felix Guirola does it every day, and not on just any bicycle.

Guirola rides 13 feet (4 meters) above the ground atop his homemade super-tall bike, peering over pickup trucks and even buses and without a helmet or other protective gear to break a fall.

"I feel good up high. I don't get nauseated or dizzy, nothing like that," the 48-year-old Guirola said. "Up there I see the scenery better. I feel relaxed. There's more of a breeze, I breathe it and I feel freer."

Since Guirola sold his home in the central province of Ciego de Avila and moved to Havana in November, the odd spectacle of him pedaling around town at eye-level with second-story apartments has become a daily occurrence. But neighbors still turn their heads and gawk, and smiling tourists whip out digital cameras.

"It's crazy. It must be difficult to keep his balance up there," said Rafael Trejo, a 55-year-old motorist. "And when he comes to a stoplight, he must be a ninja to be able to climb down from there."

In fact, Guirola more resem-

bles a daring child on a jungle gym than a deadly assassin. To mount, he has other people stabilize the bike while he scrambles up the metal frame. When a red light looms, he starts lowering himself while the bike's still in motion, leaps to the ground and grabs the frame before it can topple.

"It's easy. ... It's perfectly normal for me," said Guirola, an athletic man of medium stature who practiced judo and boxing in his youth. "I never get scared, nor have I fallen, and I obey all traffic laws."

Guirola has been riding tall since 1983, when seeing a tandem bike inspired him to build up instead of out. He said his first tall bike measured 5.3 feet (1.6 meters), and they got progressively taller until five years later he was riding 18 feet (5.5 meters) in the air at Ciego de Avila carnivals.

That would put Guirola in the ballpark of the world record.

A representative of Guinness World Records told The Associated Press in an email that it currently recognizes as the world's tallest rideable bicycle an 18-foot, 2.5-inch (5.55-meter) contraption that was ridden more than 1,000 feet (300 meters) in 2004 by Canadian Terry Goertzen.

Guirola is nearing completion of another 18-footer to use in Havana, and he's planning a 26-footer (8 meters) sometime in the future. But he said he was returning to Ciego de Avila this week to work out some residency issues, so he's not planning

an immediate attempt to mount the taller bike.

His dream is to earn a living from the bike through tips or performance payments, and along the way honor the memory of his disabled sister, who died two decades ago. Guirola's sister Eneida had a brain tumor that was operated on when she was in her early 20s, and afterward had problems with balance and was unable to walk without assistance. After living that way for about a decade she died at age 33.

"I told her that one day with my giant bike I would make enough money to buy her everything she needed for her disability," Guirola recalled tearfully. "Eneida is no longer around to see me, but I want to keep my promise. And if one day I win an award, I'll give part of the money to help disabled children in Cuba like my sister."

For now, the occasional tip isn't enough to pay the bills, and he lives off savings and the meager income from his wife's privately run cafeteria.

A welder by trade, Guirola has used the proceeds from the sale of his home to buy parts for the new bike he is building. A nearby workshop charges him a nominal fee for a space to store and work on the bike, which he has yet to try out even though it lacks only the finishing touches.

"I haven't ridden the 5.5-meter one yet," said Guirola, "because I want to do it when it's painted and all pretty and try to win a Guinness record."



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Felix Guirola waves to people as he takes his self-made 11-foot tall bicycle for a spin through downtown Havana, Cuba. Guirola has been riding tall since 1983, when seeing a tandem bike inspired him to build up instead of out.

Kids could someday get on Facebook, without lying

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Though Facebook bans children under 13, millions of them have profiles on the site by lying about their age.

The company is now testing ways to allow those kids to participate without needing to lie. This would likely be under parental supervision, such as by connecting children's accounts to their parents' accounts.

Like many other online services, Facebook prohibits kids under 13 because federal law requires companies to obtain parental consent if they want to collect information about those children.

Such information collection is central to Facebook. Every photo or status update a kid posts on Facebook could count as information collection. Many companies consider the parental-consent requirement too burdensome, so they simply ban all children under 13 instead.

But that ban is difficult to enforce. In many cases, parents themselves help children skirt it by setting up profiles for them and



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A child looks at a laptop displaying Facebook logos in Hyderabad, India. Facebook said Monday it is testing out ways to allow younger kids on its site without needing to lie.

lying about their ages. There are an estimated 7.5 million kids under 13 on Facebook, out of more than 900 million users worldwide.

In a statement, Facebook noted that many recent reports have highlighted "just how difficult it is to enforce age restrictions on the Internet, especially when parents want their children to

access online content and services."

"We are in continuous dialogue with stakehold-

ers, regulators and other policymakers about how best to help parents keep their kids safe in an evol-

ving online environment," the company said.

Few details are available on the nature of Facebook's tests, which The Wall Street Journal reported on in Monday's editions. Relaxing the ban on younger children could be a long way off, or never get implemented, as happens with many features that Facebook tests.

The report comes just two weeks after Facebook began trading stock as a public company. Its stock price has fallen in part because of concerns about its ability to keep increasing revenue and make money from its growing mobile audience.

To James Steyer, the CEO of the nonprofit Common Sense Media, Facebook's discussions on permitting young kids to join is about expanding its audience — and profits.

"With the growing

concerns and pressure around Facebook's business model, the company appears to be doing whatever it takes to identify new revenue streams and short-term corporate profits to impress spoked shareholders," Steyer said in a statement.

But Stephen Balkan, the CEO of another kids-and-technology nonprofit, the Family Online Safety Institute, disagrees.

Balkan, who sits on Facebook's Safety Advisory Board in an unpaid position, said the company has been discussing the issue for more than a year. That's months before Facebook made regulatory filings in February for its initial public offering of stock, which took place in mid-May.

In addition, parents could have final say on whom their kids become friends with on Facebook.



Engagement announcement

Rowand-Hill

Ralph and Nancy Rowand of Lake City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Rowand of Lake City, to Charles Garrett Hill of Jacksonville, son of Ray and Cherrie Hill of Lake City. The wedding is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16 at Lake City Church of Christ. A reception will follow at The Rowand. The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate

of Columbia High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of North Florida and is currently working to become a registered dietitian. The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Columbia high school, a 2007 graduate of Faulkner University and a 2010 graduate of Florida State University's College of Law. He is currently working as an assistant state attorney in Jacksonville.

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Truck driver Michael Siau after he was reunited with his dog, Rambo, in Hannibal, Mo. Siau was en route to North Dakota and made it all the way to Cedar Rapids, Iowa when he realized Rambo wasn't in the back seat. Rambo waited until Siau's truck route sent him back through Hannibal to pick him up.

HANNIBAL, Mo. — A 9-month-old Yorkie wasn't about to leave a Missouri rest stop without his master. Mistakenly left behind by an Arkansas truck driver, Rambo waited there for two days until his owner was able to track him down.

Rambo jumped out of Michael Siau's rig when Siau stopped at a rest area near Hannibal on Friday, the Hannibal Courier-Post reported.

"Didn't even cross my mind that he might jump out. He never has before," Siau said. "I jumped back in the truck, put it in gear and drove off. And I just thought he was in the back asleep."

Siau made it all the way to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 170 miles to the north, before he realized Rambo was gone. But he knew if he turned around, his schedule would be thrown off and his job jeopardized.

Siau was heartbroken. In October, Rambo's father, Ollie, who also accompanied Siau on trips, was run over and killed. Siau was so distraught he took six months off work, and the thought of losing another dog was too much to bear.

Siau said he was "freaking out" as he tried to determine where Rambo was lost. He finally concluded the puppy must have

gotten out in Missouri.

Siau began calling authorities. By Sunday morning, he had learned Hannibal had jurisdiction over the rest area. Hannibal animal control officer Tim Ledbetter was sent to the site.

Sure enough, little Rambo was there, sitting patiently.

But he might not have been there much longer. Ledbetter said a family that had stopped at the rest area was just about to adopt the apparently lost puppy.

"In about 60 seconds, he would have been gone," Ledbetter said.

Siau was in Hannibal Tuesday to pick up his buddy and thank those at the animal shelter who found Rambo and took care of him.

When a shelter worker brought the dog out for the reunion, Rambo heard Siau call his name and began to whimper, tremble and squirm. Once in Siau's arms, Rambo climbed up his shoulder and began kissing the back of his neck.

"You've never been this excited," Siau said.

Siau and Rambo then left for the next stop, Tennessee. From now on, Siau said, he'll always make sure Rambo is on board.

■ Associated Press

Ohio school withholds diplomas for cheering

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A suburban Cincinnati high school held onto four graduates' diplomas and required community service as punishment for what it describes as overly boisterous cheering by their families during the graduation ceremony.

The mother of one of the graduates, who was one of the leading tacklers on the Mount Healthy school football team, doesn't think he should get flagged for excessive celebration.

"What does that have to do with him?" Traci Cornist told Cincinnati radio station WDBZ.

She doesn't dispute there was a lot of loud cheering for Anthony Cornist. Cornist also said she teaches her children to be accountable for their own actions, but she doesn't think he should be punished for what other people do.

"It took away so much from how happy I was," she said. "It makes absolutely no sense."

Schools Superintendent Lori Handler said Wednesday the problem wasn't the loudness of the yells, but their long duration, which she said halted the ceremony.

After past disruptions, a new policy was implemented this year aimed at making sure that all parents can hear their children's names called and celebrated. When they ordered graduation tickets, parents agreed that "any disruptive behavior" would result in their child's diploma being held until 20 hours of community service is completed, she said.

"Our whole push for this was to make sure that every single student's name is heard and recognized," Handler said, adding that that most parents are pleased with the new rules. "Everybody understands that upfront."

Four seniors, of the 205 who went through graduation May 23, were denied their diplomas, she said. When they went to school to pick them up, they got a letter from the principal informing them it was being withheld because of "excessive cheering" by their guests.

The students are considered legal graduates, and are free to use their transcripts as they apply for college or jobs, Handler said.

Local school boards in Ohio have policymaking powers governing such things as guests' graduation ceremony conduct, and schools also sometimes hold diplomas until fees are paid, books returned or other issues are resolved.

Handler said the school was "very flexible" about how the students can complete the service, whether it's helping other students, cleaning up around the school or doing something for their communities. Also, other family members can perform service on behalf of the student.

Cornist said Anthony is the second of her seven children to graduate from Mount Healthy, and she has another daughter due to graduate next year, so she's not looking for a big fight with the school. But she's very proud of her son and thinks he deserves his diploma.

"I want him to have it, and he shouldn't have to do anything," she told WDBZ on Tuesday. "He's a good kid. ... We'll see. I'm praying on it."



This October, 1964 file photo provided by the Ford Motor Company, shows the 1965 Ford Division Car, with a travel trailer. The type of car a family chooses before a family road trip can help ease discomfort.

Summer: A time for family road trips

DETROIT — It's an American rite of passage: The family road trip.

While everyone loves the destination — whether it be the Grand Canyon or the beach a few hours from home — not many people relish the time spent in the car. But the type of car you choose can help ease that discomfort.

Large sedans or minivans are best for families with younger children, because the windows sit lower and make it easier for kids to look out, says David Champion, senior director of auto testing at Consumer Reports. Station wagons are great, too, because it's easier to reach in back and get snacks.

When it comes to features, Champion suggests nixing built-in navigation, which can be pricey. It's too hard to talk to those systems over the sound of the kids in the back, and they can be frustrating to deal with while driving. Instead, have a passenger type in the destination on a hand-held navigation device or smart phone.

Here are five new or recently redesigned cars and SUVs that are ideal for road trips because of their family-friendly features or great gas mileage. All of them have top ratings from the government or the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. And, of course, plenty of cup holders.

1. TOYOTA PRIUS V

If fuel economy is your main concern, consider the Prius V hybrid wagon, which went on sale last fall. The five-seat Prius V gets an estimated 42 miles per gallon in city and highway driving, which isn't as good as the 50-mpg standard Prius small car but better than its non-hybrid competitors among crossovers.

It's also roomier than a standard Prius, with 13 additional cubic feet of luggage space behind the rear seats. That cargo space doubles when you fold down the rear seats, which also recline for young nappers.

Champion says the Prius V isn't the

most comfortable vehicle for a long trip, and it's noisier than some competitors, but it can get you further before you have to fill up.

The Prius V starts at \$26,550. A well-equipped version, with a sunroof and a hands-free parallel parking system that parks the car by itself, will set you back \$30,140.

2. HONDA CR-V

The CR-V, which was redesigned last fall, is consistently one of the best-selling crossovers in the country. Car buying site Edmunds.com praises the five-seater's car-like ride and fuel economy, which averages 26 miles per gallon. It has 37 cubic feet of cargo space — the equivalent of 52 grocery bags — behind the rear seats.

The CR-V has a lot of standard family-friendly features, including a backup camera and a "conversation mirror" that makes it easier for parents to see what's going on in the back seat.

The CR-V starts at \$22,495. To get Honda's rear entertainment system, which has a 7-inch screen mounted above the rear seats and wireless headphones, you have to upgrade to a \$27,945 EX-L model.

3. MAZDA5

It's hard to beat a minivan for convenience when traveling with a family. The Mazda5, which was redesigned for the 2012 model year, offers minivan amenities like dual sliding doors in a small package that's fun to drive.

It seats six, with second-row captain's chairs that can recline or fold down for easier access to the third row. It's not as roomy as its rivals, and its four-cylinder engine has less power than their V6s. But it also gets better fuel economy: 28 miles per gallon, compared with 24 on the Toyota Sienna.

The Mazda5 starts at \$19,625 for a manual transmission. For \$1,200, you can

add a seven-inch overhead monitor with a remote control and wireless headphones.

4. HYUNDAI AZERA

The redesigned Azera, which went on sale earlier this year, has the most head and leg room of any large sedan and an ample, 16-cubic-foot trunk. For comparison's sake, that's two more cubic feet than the Toyota Avalon, a close competitor.

Among the Azera's standard features are a backup camera and heated front and rear seats. At 23 miles per gallon, fuel economy isn't great, but it's comparable to others in the segment.

The Azera starts at \$32,000.

5. FORD FLEX

Champion's hands-down favorite for a road trip is the Ford Flex, a seven-passenger wagon that was redesigned for the 2013 model year and went on sale earlier this year. According to Ford, the Flex has the most second- and third-floor leg room of any large utility vehicle, and there's 43 cubic feet of cargo space if the third row is folded down.

It also has one feature exclusive to Ford: inflatable seat belts in the rear that give extra protection to kids in a crash. The Flex gets 23 miles per gallon.

It starts at \$30,885, but many features cost extra, and they can add up in a hurry. The inflatable belts are a \$195 option, for example, while an entertainment system with two 7-inch DVD monitors that can be installed for \$658.

The ultimate family feature — a refrigerated center console in the back seat that can chill seven cans — is a \$795 option in the \$42,000 Flex Limited.

The sportier Ford Escape crossover, which arrives in dealerships this month, might also be a good road trip contender, but it hasn't yet been tested by safety agencies.

■ Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Couple hesitates to confess living arrangements to priest

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Jenny," and I are being married next year. Jenny is a devout Catholic and is having a difficult time coming to terms with the fact that we're living together. We recently moved out of state as a result of job transfers and - for purely economic reasons - moved in together.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

Now that we're about to be married, Jenny is beside herself with what to tell her new parish priest because she's afraid he will refuse to marry us if she reveals that we're living together.

Abby, I love Jenny very much, and I'm concerned that this is going to cause problems between us. She's considering not telling the priest that we live together because she feels he wouldn't understand. I'm inclined to agree. Before we moved, we were living separately.

Any advice would be helpful. - LIVING IN SIN IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR LIVING IN SIN: I don't know what the policies are in St. Louis, but some dioceses will not marry couples who cohabit unless they first separate.

You and your fiancée should go to the priest, explain the entire situation,

including the economic reasons for your living together, and tell him you would like to be married. It may not be as bad as Jenny fears. The alternative, starting married life with a lie, is worse than separating temporarily.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of many years has asked me to promise him that I won't inform his family and adult children when he dies. He wants no funeral or obituary - nothing to mark his passing. I am concerned because his health isn't good and I must decide soon if I can make that promise.

His adult children and their families rarely call, visit or write to him. They never send a greeting card for any occasion. The only time he hears from them is when they want something. He says that since they don't care about him while he's living, they

won't care when he dies.

Only a few members of his family like me. I don't want to cause more hard feelings. Were my husband to die next week, I would be hard-pressed to obey his final wish. I would want to notify those few family members who would be hurt if I didn't.

- BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

DEAR BETWEEN: While I understand your husband's desire that his children, who show no concern for him, not be notified in the event of his death, I do not agree that they should not be told of their father's passing. Failure to notify them will only fuel the fire of resentment they already feel for you.

In spite of their inattentiveness, the children should be notified, whether there is to be a funeral or not. If you wish to have a memorial service of some kind to enable you and those you care about to grieve, you should be entitled to have a private one. His children can hold their own service if they need the closure.

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD

Eugenia Word

grounds will help you get your priorities straight. A past connection will help you re-establish unfulfilled goals. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep a clear head and avoid taking on too much. A financial matter will have underlying motivations that may not be in your best interest. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems with partnerships will prevail. Listen carefully and be ready to counter any move that may make you look incompetent. An emotional situation will leave you feeling less confident about what you know and do. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get lazy when there is so much to gain by being active. The people you meet and the information you are given will help you make vital decisions regarding your future and where you are going to put your efforts. Love is high-

lighted. ★★ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use intuition and your innovative outlook to make things happen that will help you emotionally, financially and physically. Money is in the picture and will come to you from an unusual source. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wasting time on senseless bickering will be tiresome. Stick to the truth if you want to avoid problems. A change in your living arrangements will do you good and help clear up any misconceptions someone has about your preferences. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Only trust information you receive firsthand. Responsibilities brought on by friends or relatives must be monitored. Take on what you can handle, nothing more. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money matters will improve and old debts can be resolved. Love is on the rise, and spending more time with someone special should be your intent. With a couple of adjustments, you can make your home comfortable, efficient and affordable. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be sincere regarding the way you feel. Don't let emotional ups and downs lead to a poor choice. Speak from the heart. ★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

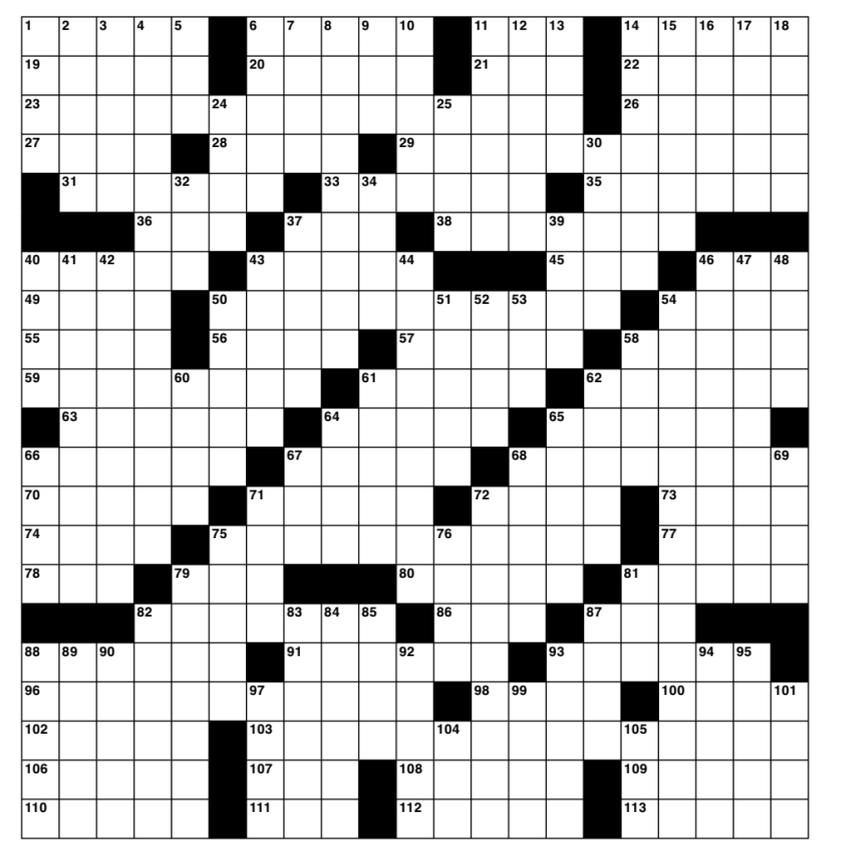
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
"BUKLYBSZPVUZYLYLHS HNGFH OHC BUZ. VBUKY KFBK LVTBO BUZWO YMCTVKCUZY." - ALWMBKKUBTT

Previous Solution: "There's no way to be able to tell what it's like to be a country singer until you're walking in the shoes." - Tanya Tucker
TODAY'S CLUE: J. J. Speno
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

MYTH-LABELED By Patrick Berry / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across
1 Pages (through)
6 Moon shots?
11 Lead-ins to many YouTube videos
14 Sunset color
19 Maker of Reynolds Wrap
20 Film composer Morricone
21 A fire sign
22 Saint Clare of Assisi's sister
23 WARNING: Suspension system prone to failure
26 Company that owns Lands' End
27 Tea flavoring
28 Gershwin title character
29 WARNING: May contain Greeks
31 High-precision rifle user
33 Its first car was the Model AA
35 Well-connected industrialists?
36 Generally preferred work shift
37 John
38 Raring to go
40 They get punched out
43 "The Ballad of ___," 1967 comedy/western
45 Part of L.A.P.D.
46 Litter member
49 Function
50 WARNING: Possible heart-related side effects
54 1966 Florentine flooder
55 Musandam Peninsula nation
56 Big-box store
57 Single-masted boat
58 Uncorks
59 Proves false
61 Crime film centerpiece
62 Very tame tom
63 Avidly bogey
64 Picket line?
65 Bordeaux grape
66 Silently says "So what?"
67 Furniture purchase
68 Rent
70 Newswoman Roberts
71 Source of the word "bandanna"
72 Saloon singer Sylvia
73 Pods often pickled
74 Foot, e.g.
75 WARNING: Cutting tool required
77 Tour de force
78 Entertainment center location
79 Unrefined
80 ___ United (English football club)
81 Perplex
82 Company whose ads have "Peanuts" characters
86 Not be entirely independent
87 Japanese kana character
88 Big name in suits
91 ___ Creed (statement of religious beliefs)
93 Gliding dance step
96 WARNING: Do not open
98 Nettle
100 Completely cover
102 "The Addams Family" actor John
103 WARNING: Effects on children unknown
106 Ending with farm or home
107 Nothing but
108 Olympic group?
109 "Rubber Duckie" singer
110 Thomas of stage and screen
111 Mens ___
112 Biofuel source
113 Supplement
Down
1 Old naval punishment
2 Actor Cary
3 Symbol used to mark England's National Trails
4 WARNING: May cause damnation if swallowed
5 Unfortunate
6 Consult, with "to"
7 Wraps up
8 1956 Ingrid Bergman/Yul Brynner film
9 Wheel part
10 Like used fire irons
11 Earmarks
12 Entertain a party, in a way
13 1998 home run race participant
14 Approach clubs
15 Antediluvian
16 Strip of weapons
17 Minister's reading
18 City that hosts the world's biggest annual game fair
24 Comply with
25 Seasonal yield
30 At all, in dialect
32 ___ de deux
34 "Ars Amatoria" writer
37 Canters leisurely
39 Sound heard at equestrian events
40 Critter with a lot of teeth
41 Cache for cash, say
42 Oscar winner for "Little Miss Sunshine"
43 Made a misleading move, in football
44 Required
46 Like Spam
47 Grotesque
48 Blog entry
50 Names
51 "It's the stupidest tea-party I ever was at in all my life!" speaker
52 Headed heavenward
53 Floorboard problem
54 WARNING: Improper use could lead to jealousy, treachery and/or war



- 58 They're sometimes seen in banks
60 Compulsion
61 Fictional friend of Peter the goatherd
62 Smallest
64 Charitable creation
65 Notes
66 Certain missile
67 Officer's title
68 "Bewitched" regular Paul
69 Home to many John Constable works, with "the"
71 Complain loudly
72 Really ridiculing
75 Gainesville athlete study
76 Attention-getting sign
79 ___ Beach (California surfing mecca)
81 "I suspected as much!"
82 Near the center
83 Shoe part
84 Part of a calf
85 Future C.P.A.'s
87 Special creator?
88 Muscle woe
89 Food in many shapes
90 Cross the doorsill
92 Actor without lines
93 About to happen
94 Reliable
95 Grammy-winning Weird Al Yankovic song
97 In the distance
99 "Young
Frankenstein" role
101 Kojak's first name
104 Afflict
105 Biblical "indeed"

Grid for the crossword puzzle answers, showing numbers and some filled-in letters.

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

POSSIBLE AWLS DE LA WARE HOST
ON HER MICHIGAN LINE ANNIE
TEALS LAUGHING FALCONS
OKLAHOMA UNLERS BADREP
SPF ELUDERS CELELL KAY
I CONIFY TAUPE FERS
CARLOTTORI PENESSIS ALL
PHARAOH CORNSYRUP ELAPSE
RANDOM PANE LVANS GASTAPS
BRITANNIA DEMOCRAT
NEBRASKA ANENT ASHON ARKANAS
REDRYDER SHOUND
DARESAY BAHAM IANS EMINEM
SKYLEER LAMPSH ADE MISSUSA
AIRRAIDS PENS RECOURSE
LISA AMADO GENERIS
INA ENTRY UNCOVER ECU
EDBERG FLOOD MARYLAND
GEORGES DELATOUR HYMIE
ENNIO AIDA ILLINOIS OPERA
TENT KENTUCKY LOVE TONED

Grid for the crossword puzzle answers, showing numbers and some filled-in letters.



Nominate and vote for your favorites in a variety of categories, from best local pool cleaner to best hair stylist, THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

For the first two Sundays in the month of June the Lake City Reporter will run this blank ballot sheet with the full list of categories. You will need to fill out this ballot by writing in your favorite (*Be sure to fill out at least 50% of your ballot for it to be counted*). After those first two ballots run we will total up all of the entries and then the next two weeks run a new ballot with the top three nominees in each category. You will then vote in each category from the top three. From these votes we will determine the winner from each and then announce to the entire community who is really, the Lake City Reporter's Best of the Best in Columbia County!

First Ballot Chosen \$100

Second Ballot \$50

FILL OUT THE BALLOT (*Must complete 50% of ballot to be counted*)

ENTER YOUR NAME for the **RANDOM DRAWING.**

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Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Age _____
 Email address: _____

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BEST DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

- Best All-around Restaurant _____
- Best Bar _____
- Best Bar B Que _____
- Best Breakfast _____
- Best Buffet _____
- Best Burger _____
- Best Caterer _____
- Best Country Style Restaurant _____
- Best Deli _____
- Best Dinner Under \$10 _____
- Best Donuts _____
- Best Drive Thru _____
- Best Early Bird Dinner _____
- Best Fried Chicken _____
- Best Hot Dog _____
- Best Hot Wings _____
- Best Lunch Special _____
- Best Mexican Restaurant _____
- Best Asian Cuisine _____
- Best Pizza _____
- Best Place to Buy Ice Cream _____
- Best Restaurant Atmosphere _____
- Best Salad Bar _____
- Best Sandwich _____
- Best Seafood _____
- Best Steak _____
- Best Sub _____
- Best Sushi _____

- Best Pharmacist _____
- Best Plumber _____
- Best Real Estate Agent _____
- Best Server (female) _____
- Best Server (male) _____
- Best Tattoo Artist _____
- Best Veterinarian _____

- Best Printer _____
- Best Real Estate Agency _____
- Best Swimming Pool Sales/Installation _____
- Best Tanning Salon _____
- Best Towing Company _____
- Best Window Tinting _____
- Best Antique Store _____
- Best Appliance Dealer _____
- Best Bedding _____
- Best Boat Dealer _____
- Best Consignment/Thrift Store _____
- Best Convenience Store _____
- Best Domestic Auto Dealer _____
- Best Fabric Store _____
- Best Feed Store _____
- Best Floor Covering Store _____
- Best Florist _____
- Best Furniture Store _____
- Best Garden/Nursery _____
- Best Gift Store _____
- Best Hardware Store _____
- Best Import Auto Dealer _____
- Best Jewelry Store _____
- Best Manufactured Housing Dealer _____
- Best Motorcycle/ATV Dealer _____
- Best Pawn Shop _____
- Best Pet Shop _____
- Best Place to Buy Tires _____
- Best Produce _____
- Best Shoe Store _____
- Best Spa/Hot Tub Dealer _____
- Best Truck Dealer _____
- Best Used Auto Dealer _____

BEST SERVICES

- Best Auto Body Shop _____
- Best Auto Electronics _____
- Best Auto Service _____
- Best Bank _____
- Best Barber Shop _____
- Best Carpet Cleaner _____
- Best Cellular Store _____
- Best Child Care Center _____
- Best Cleaning Service _____
- Best Credit Union _____
- Best Dance Studio _____
- Best Dry Cleaner _____
- Best Funeral Home _____
- Best Gym _____
- Best Hair Salon _____
- Best Hearing Center _____
- Best Heating & Air Company _____
- Best Home Health Care Provider _____
- Best Hospital _____
- Best Karate School _____
- Best Lawn Care _____
- Best Lawn Mower Sales/Service _____
- Best Medical Clinic _____
- Best Motorcycle Repair _____
- Best Nail Salon _____
- Best Oil Change _____
- Best Optical Store _____
- Best Pest Control _____
- Best Pet Boarding _____
- Best Pet Grooming _____
- Best Pharmacy _____
- Best Place for a Massage _____
- Best Place to Buy Meat _____
- Best Pool/Spa Service and Repair _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Best Attorney _____
- Best Automotive Salesperson _____
- Best Chiropractor _____
- Best Bartender _____
- Best Dentist _____
- Best Dental Hygienist _____
- Best Electrician _____
- Best Doctor _____
- Best Hair Stylist _____
- Best Home Builder _____
- Best Insurance Agent _____
- Best Masseuse _____
- Best Orthodontist _____

BEST PLACES

- Best Apartment Complex _____
- Best Golf Course _____
- Best Hotel/Motel _____
- Best Place for a Wedding _____
- Best Place for a Wedding Reception _____
- Best Retirement Community _____
- Best Campground _____

INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL RULES: One entry form per household. Entries must be submitted on official entry ballot. Photocopies and carbon not accepted. Must be 18 years of age to enter. Ballots must include name, age, address and telephone number. Entries not meeting these criteria will not be tabulated nor entered in the drawing for \$150 worth of cash prizes. The Lake City Reporter reserves the right to verify all entries and to eliminate any category for any reason. This ballot must be postmarked by June 12, 2011 and mailed to: Reader's Choice Contest - Lake City Reporter, PO Box 1709 Lake City, FL 32056. Ballot must have at least half of the categories filled out to be considered valid. No purchase required. The Reporter will not be responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged or otherwise undeliverable mail. All entries become the property of the Lake City Reporter. Winner will be notified by telephone and/or certified mail by July 2, 2012 and will have seven days to reply and claim the prize. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Prize guaranteed to be awarded. Winner agrees to publication of name, hometown and photograph. An announcement of the winner will appear in the Lake City Reporter. The name of the winner will not be given out by telephone. Judge's decision is final. Contest coordinator will not enter into any written or oral discussion about the contest judge's or awarding of the prize. Employees of the Lake City Reporter (and their immediate families and members of their household) are not eligible.