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School grades take a tumble

Grading formula toughened; scores fall across Florida.

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One third of Columbia County elementary schools dropped a letter grade and two schools fell to a D this year. Five county schools maintained their grades, but no school was able

to improve a letter grade.

State education officials released elementary and middle school grades Wednesday, which show a statewide decrease in the number of A-rated schools, the result of a tougher school grading formula. Since 1999, the state has handed out A-to-F grades that are

used to reward top schools and sanction those that get failing marks.

Students this year faced a new, tougher Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test with a higher grading score. Also for the first time scores

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RIGHT: State education officials have not yet released high school grades, which are based on additional factors like graduation rates. The state did not issue a grade for Lake City Middle on Wednesday, likely due to error, say local officials.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOLS Report Card		
	2011	2012
Columbia High	B	Pending
Richardson Middle	C	D
Melrose Park Elementary	A	B
Eastside Elementary	A	A
Five Points Elementary	C	C
Fort White Elementary	A	A
Fort White Middle/High	B	Pending
Summers Elementary	A	B
Niblack Elementary	C	D
Lake City Middle	A	Pending
Columbia City Elementary	A	A
Westside Elementary	A	A
Pinemount Elementary	A	A

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600-plus seek federal aid

Number is certain to rise, says county emergency official.

From staff reports

More than 600 Columbia County residents have applied for federal disaster aid, county public information officer Harvey Campbell said Wednesday.

"It's good that they're doing it sooner than later," Campbell said. "The important thing is, do it."

The figure was current as of the close of business Monday and is sure to rise, Campbell said.

FEMA persists with open doors at the DRC at Suite 145 in the Westfield Square Shopping Center. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., seven days a week.

The county urges residents to pre-register with FEMA if they plan to file an application for grants, loans or low interest loans from the Small Business Administration.

You can contact FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or on the web at www.disasterassistance.gov. Residents



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AID continued on 3A A crane is used Wednesday to remove furniture and personal items taken from homes in the Callaway subdivision after floodwaters receded.

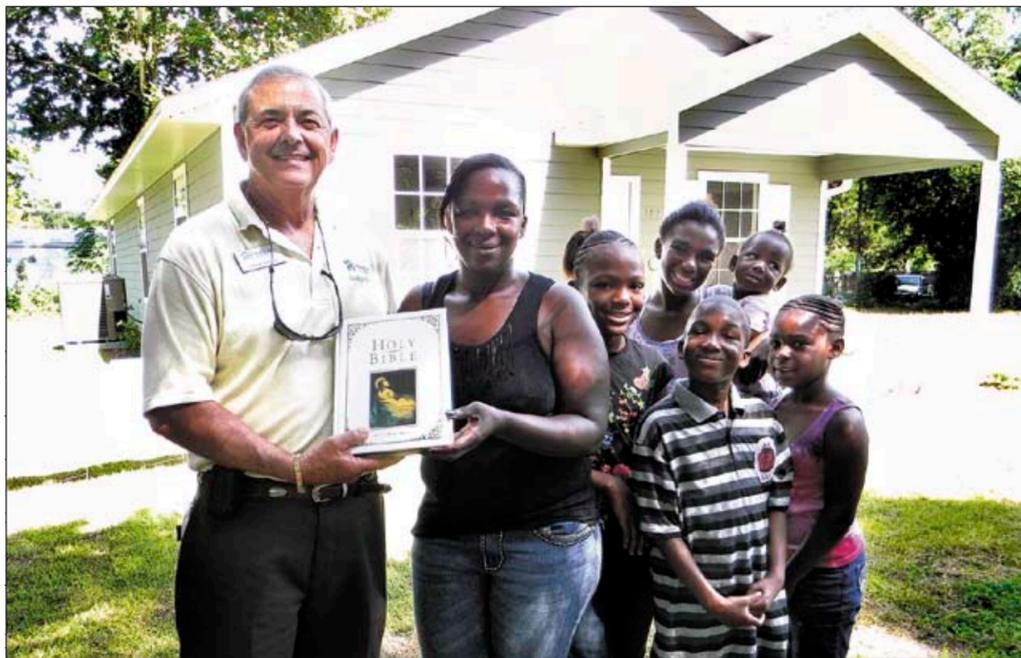
Habitat turns over the keys to 5th home

By TONY BRITT
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More than five months of work, sweat, bonding and fellowship culminated earlier this week in a celebration when the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate dedicated its recently completed house.

The house dedication took place Monday afternoon, when Annie Mosley and her family received the keys to a 1,200 sq. ft. home with four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

George L. Burnham Jr., chairman of the board of the Habitat for Humanity of Lake City/Columbia County said it took a little more than five months for the Habitat for Humanity of Lake City/Columbia County and its volunteers to complete the home. Roughly 40 people total attended the event, predominantly vol-



COURTESY

George Burnham, chairman of the board of the Habitat for Humanity of Lake City/Columbia County, presents a Bible to Annie Mosley and her family during a Habitat For Humanity House dedication ceremony earlier this week.

"I feel honored and fortunate to have worked on this home for a deserving family," Conklin said. "I met Annie last year working on

pleted. "We've built five houses since 2005," Burnham said. "It provides simple, decent, affordable hous-

but we're taking it all in." Although the organization just

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New city emergency alert plan in effect

By TONY BRITT
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City residents can now get emergency alerts about severe weather, fire, floods, toxic environmental issues and other emergencies through a new service provided by the City of Lake City.

The city recently finalized a service agreement with Everbridge Aware for Citizen Alerts, an emergency notification service, to communicate with businesses and residents quickly in an emergency situation.

Messages can be sent to residents on any communication path desired, including cell phone, home phone, e-mail, text messaging, fax, pager, PDA and more, ensur-

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TODAY IN PEOPLE
The return of Breaking Bad.

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Local news roundup.



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'Breaking Bad' returns with new season, new twists

NEW YORK — Turns out "Breaking Bad" is an inadvertent argument for "Obamacare."

Consider: If affordable health care had been available to Walter White when "Breaking Bad" began five seasons ago, this struggling high school chemistry teacher might not have felt driven to cook and sell crystal meth to avert financial ruin for his family after he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer.

On the other hand, there would have been no "Breaking Bad." This would have deprived viewers of arguably TV's most twisted, bleakly funny and just plain addictive series ever.

On Sunday at 10 p.m. EDT on AMC, "Breaking Bad" returns for a run of eight episodes that pave the way to a final eight airing next year. By this point in its fast-evolving narrative, the formerly milquetoast teacher has morphed into a triumphant drug lord (played by Bryan Cranston) in tumultuous cahoots with his one-time slacker pupil, Jesse Pinkman (co-star Aaron Paul).

Last season ended with Walt successfully assassinating Gus Fring, the reigning meth distributor in Albuquerque, to solidify his own rule.

Sunday's episode picks up with the same phone call Walt placed to his wife,



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Bryan Cranston as Walter White, right, and Aaron Paul as Jesse Pinkman return for season 5 of "Breaking Bad," on AMC.

Skyler, moments after the monstrous Fring was blown up in last season's finale.

"It's over," Walt tells her. "We're safe."

Long pause.

"Was this you?" Skyler asks him, the question catching in her throat. "What happened?"

"I won," Walt growls with satisfaction.

Thinking about that scene — and how it

gobsmacks Skyler — makes Anna Gunn, who portrays her, laugh.

"At that moment, a hammer comes down," says Gunn, voicing what goes through Skyler's mind: "We can never come back. This is a corner we can never un-turn. If Walt was involved with this guy Fring and had something to do with his death: Omigod, we're in trouble!"

Just one of many hitches

to Walt's victory dance: the Drug Enforcement agents (including, inconveniently, his own brother-in-law) are hot on the trail of the mysterious Heisenberg, which happens to be Walt's drug-lord alter ego.

Gabor's husband is conservator

LOS ANGELES — A judge has appointed Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband as her temporary conservator in an agreement reached with the ailing actress' daughter.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Revaa Goetz appointed Frederic von Anhalt as conservator during a brief hearing Wednesday. The appointment will remain in effect until the next court hearing in January.

Hilton's attorney Kenneth Kossoff says he will be receiving monthly statements on Gabor's finances and spending will be controlled through a special account. He says a settlement agreement also calls for Hilton to be able to visit her weekly.

Hilton sought a conservatorship in March, citing concerns about von Anhalt's care and financial management.

Kossoff says he is cautiously optimistic the arrangement will work.

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Celebrity Birthdays

- Comedian Bill Cosby is 75.
- Musician Christine McVie is 69.
- Basketball player Paul Silas is 69.
- Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 64.
- Rocker Walter Egan is 64.
- Actress Cheryl Ladd is 61.
- Figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 41.
- Actress Anna Friel is 36.
- Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 34.
- Actor Topher Grace is 34.

Thought for Today

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

- Jeremiah 32:17 NIV

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AROUND FLORIDA

Ex Carroll aide alleges misconduct

TALLAHASSEE — An ongoing criminal case against a former top aide to Florida Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll is transforming into a swirl of allegations about improper relationships, widespread illegal taping and other incidents inside Carroll's office.

The allegations, which Carroll denies, were included in a court filing made late last week by the attorney representing Carletha Cole, who was arrested last October on charges that she gave an illegally taped conversation with another Carroll aide to a newspaper reporter.

The court filing was made in response to a push by prosecutors to keep confidential information that Cole's attorneys wanted to use as possible evidence in the case.

In the filing, Cole contends that she witnessed Carroll and a top aide in a "compromising position" inside Carroll's office, that Carroll's chief of staff secretly recorded conversations routinely at the direction of those working for Gov. Rick Scott, and that the trash can at Cole's desk might have been deliberately set ablaze following an argument between her and the aide.

Cole also said at one point she was ordered by the aide, Beatriz Ramos, to find adjoining hotel rooms for Carroll and Ramos when they traveled. Cole said that she was "scolded" by an agent with Carroll's security team when she placed Ramos next door to Carroll when the lieutenant governor and her husband traveled last summer to Puerto Rico. The agent

told her to not do it again, Cole says, although he did not explain why. She says Ramos was also living in Carroll's home.

Carroll, a former Navy officer who is also a mother of three, says the allegations are all lies.

"That's totally false and absurd," said Carroll, a former Republican legislator who was chosen by Scott as his running mate in 2010.

Carroll said the allegations are an attempt by Cole and her attorney to get the criminal charges against Cole dropped. Cole is charged with a third-degree felony and could get up to five years in prison.

"They are trying to pull at straws," Carroll said. "All this stuff you mentioned doesn't excuse what happened."

Parents infuriated over comment

BRADENTON, Fla. — Parents are infuriated over a Florida school district's decision to issue only a verbal warning to a teacher who described a student as the "evolutionary link between orangutans and humans" on Facebook.

Music teacher Lauren Orban at Rogers Garden Elementary School in Bradenton, about 45 miles south of Tampa, made the comment in a Facebook conversation that included two other teachers from the school in May. She identified the 8-year-old boy by his initials.

The principal was alerted and, after reviewing Orban's record and discussing the matter with other school leaders,

issued a verbal reprimand to all three teachers, district spokeswoman Margi Nanney said. They were also given a copy of the district's rules of ethics.

On Tuesday, the child's mother and her attorneys criticized the Manatee County School District for not taking tougher action. They said the district's response is a "mere slap on the wrist."

"At minimum, the teacher should be suspended without pay," attorney Sasha Watson said, the Bradenton Herald reported.

Shipments to Cuba resume

MIAMI — Direct maritime shipments to Cuba are set to resume from Miami for the first time in half a century.

The humanitarian shipments will leave from a Miami River terminal through a weekly service provided by International Port Corp.

The Miami Herald reports the shipments will begin Wednesday. They will include items from authorized religious groups and charitable groups and from individuals shipping packages to family and friends on the island.

The company says it holds licenses from both the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the U.S. Commerce Department.

Shipments will cost about \$6 per pound and will take between a week and two weeks to arrive, depending on their destination.

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THE WEATHER

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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Thursday, July 12
Thursday's high/Thursday night's low

City	Friday	Saturday
Cape Canaveral	88/76/pc	88/76/t
Daytona Beach	89/75/pc	89/75/t
Ft. Lauderdale	90/79/t	90/78/t
Fort Myers	92/74/t	92/74/t
Gainesville	91/72/pc	92/71/t
Jacksonville	89/74/pc	91/74/pc
Key West	89/80/t	89/80/t
Lake City	92/71/pc	92/71/t
Miami	89/79/t	86/79/t
Naples	90/75/t	89/75/t
Ocala	92/72/pc	92/71/t
Orlando	93/76/t	93/76/t
Panama City	89/77/t	88/77/t
Pensacola	87/77/t	92/71/t
Tallahassee	93/72/t	92/72/t
Tampa	92/75/t	93/75/t
Valdosta	92/71/t	92/71/t
W. Palm Beach	89/78/t	89/77/t

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TEMPERATURES
High Wednesday 91
Low Wednesday 71
Normal high 91
Normal low 71
Record high 100 in 1900
Record low 65 in 1963

PRECIPITATION
Wednesday 0.00"
Month total 0.58"
Year total 30.00"
Normal month-to-date 2.34"
Normal year-to-date 25.45"

SUN
Sunrise today 6:38 a.m.
Sunset today 8:34 p.m.
Sunrise tom. 6:38 a.m.
Sunset tom. 8:34 p.m.

MOON
Moonrise today 1:32 a.m.
Moonset today 3:13 p.m.
Moonrise tom. 2:10 a.m.
Moonset tom. 4:06 p.m.

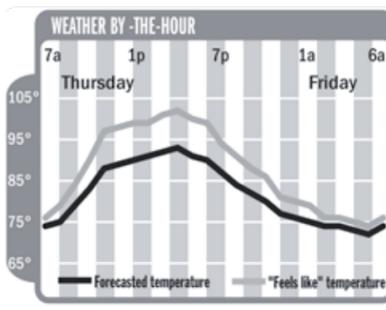
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Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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Econ board reviews trash-sorting proposal

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The Economic Development Department continues to review proposals from local businesses on plans for expansion in Columbia county.

President Paul Yatsko of Columbia Technology Inc., a waste sorting business that owns 300 acres of land in Columbia county, addressed the board concerning the marketing of 65 parcels within the company's purchased acreage.

According to Yatsko, CTI uses specific technology to process and sort a bag filled with various kinds of trash into separate components.

Organic matter, metals and plastics are divided into categories by weight, composition and other factors. Each type of trash is then processed accordingly, filling the landfill with less waste.

"We don't just expect you from your home to separate things out and make the trash stream clean for us," Yatsko said. "We expect a Hefty bag, 50 gallon or 40 gallon or 30 gallon or a 13 gallon kitchen bag with chicken bones, diapers, anything you can put in there."

Yatsko said the process saves space in a landfill by filtering out non-biodegradable materials.

Byproducts produced from the system can also supply added benefit. Small organic materials are composted until they transform into fine, black soil. Raw materials such as aluminum and steel are sold for reuse.

"For a county, we take their dollar and stretch it sometimes double or triple in length," Yatsko said.

The CTI facility in Columbia county is expected to be around 60,000 square feet on around 60 acres of land.

According to Yatsko, the project is in

"limbo" because of changes in the authority at the county landfill. The company is also in the process of waiting for a the Department of Environmental Protection to approve a wetlands permit.

Economic Development Board member Stephen Douglas told Yatsko it was important to focus on the CTI project before diverting energy to selling land parcels.

"We're focused on your project right now," Douglas said. "We have very limited resources."

Yatsko argued that projects should be considered in parallel to ensure that interested land investors do not become impatient.

Douglas assured Yatsko that the EDD would help move the process along and get questions answered by county officials.

CMS Staffing also presented, telling the board about their hopes for expansion in the county.

CMS Staffing is health care staffing company that employs over 300 medical professionals in Florida as well as in Washington D.C. The company also produces a staffing software called Schedulit.

Founder Chris Samson and account executive Byron Borchardt spoke to the board about receiving assistance for the acquisition and renovation of a new building.

Samson said CMS Staffing already has contracts all over the country but is unable to pursue them because there is not enough room in their current headquarters to administrate that business.

"We are a snake in a cage," Samson said.

The board agreed they would consult with county officials and attempt to find ways to assist the company.

"I think it's a wonderful idea and we want to be as helpful as we possibly can for you," EDB member Glenn Owens said.

AID: 600-plus

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with smart phones can make contact with the site at m.fema.gov.

If you have already registered with FEMA and filed your assistance application, please be reminded you will have an appointment with a FEMA inspector to assess the amount of damages.

If the inspector is unable to get into your home because of flood waters remaining high, you'll have to contact FEMA again and arrange for a new inspection once flood waters have receded enough to allow for full access to your home or property.

The emergency shelter at Richardson Middle School for residents displaced by the flooding has now been closed.

Falling Creek Park has now reopened. The Alligator Lake Recreation Park and Rum Island Park near Fort White continue to be closed until floodwaters recede more and repairs are made to the facilities.

Mosquito spraying continues on a nightly basis, seven days a week. County officials have received a new supply of pellets to treat standing water and kill mosquito larvae.

Residents are urged to patrol their property for accumulated water in which mosquitoes could

breed. Pellets to kill larvae in standing water are not available to the public at the Health Department, but residents can call the agency at 758-1058 to report locations to be treated.

Columbia County has requested approval for aerial spraying from the Florida Department of Agriculture for mosquitoes, but approval has not yet been given.

The Columbia County Health Department has extended its days of operation to test for potentially contaminated well water. Testing will be done Monday through Friday.

A Human Services Disaster Recovery Center has also open at Suite 105 in the Westfield Square Shopping Center, 426 S.W. Commerce Drive. Red Cross, Catholic Charities, United Way, Meridian Health Care, Florida Crown and Department of Children and Family Services are among the various agencies that can provide assistance to local residents affected by the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Debby last week. The Human Services DRC will also be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., seven days a week.

The Columbia County Citizen's Information Center (CIC) has reduced its hours to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can contact the CIC at 719-7530. You can call to report any new sink holes you find, general questions about recovery efforts and other non-emergency issues.



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Sanitation technician Eddie Allen (from right), of Veolia Environmental Services, and Columbia County landfill employees Ben Skipper watch as Michael Nettles uses a claw Wednesday to collect a pile of personal items that have been soaking in floodwaters. The waters have gone down in some homes within the Callaway Subdivision where residents can begin clearing away items that cannot be salvaged.

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OPINION

Lower taxes a lot

As the economy continues to stagnate, President Barack Obama and Congress still dither over extending income tax cuts first enacted under President George W. Bush. Mr. Obama wants to continue the reduced rates for taxpayers earning less than \$250,000 a year, but let them expire for those making that amount or more, meaning the top tax rate would rise to 39.6 percent from the current 35 percent.

Republicans in Congress, where they form a majority in the House but not the Senate, are insisting on extending the cuts for everybody, or making the cuts permanent. That also is the position of Mitt Romney, the presumptive GOP nominee for president.

Mr. Obama obviously is making this class-warfare campaign of envy a major plank in his reelection bid. The tax-cut extensions might not be resolved until after the November election.

Yet the news isn't all bad. "The message here is that at least Mr. Obama is willing to extend the tax cuts for the middle class. That's a positive," Esmael Adibi told us; he's the director of the A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman University. "Having no cuts at all would be a disaster."

He said the best option would be to make the tax cuts permanent. Next-best would be to pass another extension for all taxpayers, followed by the Obama option of extending tax cuts for some people. Worst of all would be no extension, meaning a full whammy of tax increases on everyone.

"No wonder the latest numbers showed the May national unemployment rate stuck at a dismal 8.2 percent, the same as in April. Investing, hiring, spending and other fiscal decisions all await the voters' decisions.

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No choice needed between the environment and jobs

In the past week, I have eaten small portions of sustainable blue fin tuna, sea asparagus, crab, shrimp, octopus and raw fish. (It was a caloric experiment, not a dare.)

So it was with great interest that I learned that the Chinese central government is banning shark fin soup at official banquets.

I have tasted shark fin soup in China on a reporting story and enjoyed the idea of eating it very much if not the actual bland taste. But I have no doubt that I will never taste it again. And that is fine with me.

Not only is it very expensive, but also the consumption of vast quantities of shark fin soup has endangered global shark populations.

Given all our troubles this summer, from killer fires to killer storms and an economy that seems lifeless, worrying about sharks may appear to be a luxury we don't need. But, folks, this is serious stuff.

Scientists worry that every time we kill off a species, which we are doing at an astounding rate, we destroy a chance to learn more about our universe. Even worse, we may be destroying a cure for a major disease or a path to some remarkable discovery that could change lives for the better. Also, plants and animal species rely on each other; when a species becomes extinct, other plants and animals are endangered. The entire ecosystem is weakened.

Humans spent \$10 billion to build a Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland which found the long-sought Higgs boson. Particle physics will never be



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the same. And while we non-physicists struggle to grasp the enormity of the discovery in explaining our universe (and fail), we have to be proud as humans that there are people so smart that 1) they found the Higgs boson and 2) they understand it.

Which is why it is so careless and shortsighted of us to destroy creatures and the ozone layer and pristine wilderness when we don't understand their significance or the ramifications of what we are doing.

You would think that even in a bad economy, what we are doing to our environment would be of some interest in the presidential campaign. But is a non-issue.

President Barack Obama wants to be a good environmental steward. But he wants even more to be re-elected and knows that talking like an environmentalist (aka "tree hugger") won't help him because so many Americans falsely think environmental protection kills jobs. (Studies repeatedly show that being good stewards of the environment creates more jobs than it kills.)

GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney equates environmental protection with hampering big oil companies. He opposes mandates on businesses to

clean up. He doesn't seem to think that climate change is real or if he does, he doesn't want it known because so many conservatives think it is akin to heresy and prefer to ignore scientific reality.

It is interesting that China, which has some of the dirtiest air on the planet, is concerned enough about endangered species that it is banning (or attempting to ban) a soup that has been an important staple of lavish banquets for centuries.

All over the globe we are overfishing. Such fish as Atlantic, Chinook and sock-eye salmon as well as white sturgeon, blue whales, finback whales, humpback whales, sperm whales and a wide variety of sea turtles are endangered.

Some of our favorite animal species also are endangered: African and Asian elephants, bald eagles, grizzly bears, tigers, Western gorillas, caribou, Florida cougars, alligators, black-footed ferrets, West Indian manatees, Canadian lynxes, American alligators, jaguars, short-tailed chinchillas, black rhinos, California condors, Utah prairie dogs, whooping cranes and Northern spotted owls.

It is a false argument to be told that we have to choose between the environment and jobs. No, we don't. We can be good stewards and create jobs too, and we need politicians to make that clear.

Enough. I'm going out for a sandwich.

■ Scripps Howard columnist Ann McFeatters has covered the White House and national politics since 1986.

Requiem for college life as I knew it

I am fortunate to have had my college experiences during the 1960s and the early 1970s. I am glad I am not attending an American institution of higher education today. I would not do well.

Unlike President Thomas Jefferson, who drafted the Declaration of Independence and founded the University of Virginia, I did not have the "sublime luxury" of reading original works in Greek and Latin. I had the freedom to learn for the sake of learning, for enlightenment.

All of my courses were valuable, and the overwhelming majority of my schoolmates thought the same. Our course catalogs were virtual road maps to freedom, with many electives.

Looking back, I realize that electives were fortifying experiences. By taking them, my schoolmates and I were expressing our individuality. The lectures and texts were springboards into other intellectual adventures.



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I will always remember that afternoon, as a sophomore majoring in biology, when I overheard two English majors discussing Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness." Their debate — over whether its protagonist was Charlie Marlow or Kurtz — had been so animated that I borrowed a copy of the novel from the library and read it over the weekend.

The rest of my undergraduate years were just as intellectually freewheeling. I read on my own and traveled as often as possible. Like many of my schoolmates, I put my formal studies aside for a while. For two semesters, I regis-

tered black voters throughout the South for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The knowledge I gained as a young civil rights worker was irreplaceable.

Today, because of profound changes — including online instruction and other technology-related practices, budget constraints, fast-track graduation requirements and governing boards primarily composed of businesspeople who meddle and micromanage — campus life in the United States is a shadow of its old self.

U.S. higher education is being radically commercialized. Far too many non-academics are making the big decisions, shunting aside faculty and ignoring the interests of students, who should have a direct say in their studies.

I am glad I graduated during those good old days.

■ Bill Maxwell is a columnist and editorial writer for the St. Petersburg Times.

ANOTHER
VIEW

Middle Eastern chaos

Radical Muslims want to tear down Egypt's pyramids and take over the world. The least the rest of us can do is take them seriously.

Islamist political victories in Egypt have invigorated the debate in certain circles over what to do with the country's historical sites, or as the extremists call them, the symbols of pagan idolatry. The most pious Muslim theologians do not see the ancient statues, carvings and pyramids as important tourist destinations so much as affronts to their beliefs. Bahraini Sunni leader Abdal-Latif al-Mahmoud called on the Egyptians to "destroy the Pyramids and accomplish what [Egypt's Muslim conqueror] Amr bin al-As could not." Abdel Moneim Al-Shahat, a leading member of Egypt's radical Nour party, suggested that should the pyramids be too difficult to dismantle, structures that have stood for five millennia ought at least be covered in wax to hide them from view.

Others plan to bring this same degree of common sense and tolerance to the rest of the world. This week a group called the United Muslim Nations International released a 23-page pamphlet entitled "The Global Islamic Civilization: The Power of a Nation Revived" which outlines a plan for Islamic world domination. The group's leader, Sheik Farook al-Mohammedi, writes in the plan that "Christianity should be destroyed and wiped from the face of the earth," along with all faiths other than Islam. He maintains that "submission to Allah" will be the future of the "Islamic State of America" and "Eurabia" and other parts of the world not currently under the sway of Shariah. This type of grandiose vision is certainly nothing new in radical circles, as al Qaeda has been pursuing its global domination plan for years. Although Sheik Farook al-Mohammedi is a lesser-known extremist with a miniscule following who is unlikely to surmount the Caliph's throne, he's still dangerous. The best and the brightest likewise scoffed at misfits like Hitler, Lenin and Mao — until the secret police arrived.

Where fanatics hold sway, they implement their plans as well as they can. In dusty Timbuktu, Mali, militants have systematically destroyed tombs and shrines that they consider idolatrous. Eight of 16 ancient mausoleums in the city have been torn apart by local radicals of the Ansar Dine group.

The world was also horrified this week by a viral video showing a Taliban executioner shooting a burqa-clad woman nine times as a mob of men chanted "God is great!" The woman was allegedly accused of adultery, but may have simply been the victim of a Taliban leader's jealousy. What the video showed is the rule, not the exception.

Let anyone dismiss the notion that any government would be so foolish as to destroy the only surviving ancient wonder of the world, the threat is real. The Taliban set the modern standard when they ruled Afghanistan. In 2001, they dynamited the monumental, 1,500-year-old Buddha statues carved into a mountain face at Bamiyan. If the radicals ever are allowed the chance of fulfilling their ultimate dreams, Mt. Rushmore won't be far behind.

■ The Washington Times

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.

July 13

Car cruise in

The Southern Knights Street Rodders will have a Cruise In at Hardee's on U.S. Highway 90 July 13 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your old car and show it off. Contact Bob McGraw at 386-984-6573 for more information.

July 14

Kids summer art program

Calling young artists ages 10 to 14, the Young DaVinci Summer Art Program is offering free art classes. Hosted by the Art League Of North Florida and the Columbia County Library, registration for the program is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. July 14 at the West Branch Library, 435 NW Hall of Fame Drive in Lake City. Professional artists will teach classes on drawing, fabric art, and painting. Classes will be held on July 21, 28, and August 4, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the West Branch Library. Space is limited and offered on a first come basis. For more information call 758-7853.

Dance class charity event

ZUMBA Blacklight Charity Event for flood victims in the Lake City and Live Oak areas Saturday, July 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Richardson Community Center, 255 NE Coach Anders Lane in Lake City. We are asking for donations of boxed and canned goods, diapers, bottled water, and toiletries for this free event. There will be local ZUMBA instructors to keep you moving and grooving ZUMBA-style. So come out and support your neighbors and have some fun. Wear something comfortable that glows in the dark.

July 17

Pet loss workshop

Coping with the Loss of your Pet will be offered to the public on Tuesday, July 17 at 2 p.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd (Lake City Plaza). The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Joy Dias, director of Client Counseling and Support Services at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine will offer an overview of grief and understanding with a loss of a pet. There is no cost. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc./Hospice of the Nature Coast.

July 19

'72 class meeting

The CHS Class Of 1972 will have reunion meeting 7 p.m. July 19 at Beef O'Bradys. For information contact George H. Hudson



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Live Oak flood damage

Crews work on the foundation of a building in downtown Live Oak where a sinkhole has formed. The sinkhole sits across from the Suwannee County Courthouse and has created cracks in the asphalt and parking lot area.

Jr. 386-623-2066.

July 20

Juggler event

The Columbia County Public Library will host Ron Anglin, Juggler Friday, July 20 at 10 a.m. at the Fort White Branch Library and 3 p.m. at the Main Library.

July 21

Class of '80 party

The Columbia High School class of 1980 will have a 50th birthday party July 21 at 5 p.m. at Ed Higgs' place. Cost is \$23 per person, which includes a barbecue dinner with two sides and soft drinks. RSVP by July 16 and mail money to Melinda Spradley Pettyjohn, 1811 SW County Rd 242A, Lake City, FL 32025. For more information call 229-232-1238.

Jazz and Soul Fundraiser

The Greater Lake City CDC and Levy Entertainment present a Jazz and Soul Fundraiser Saturday, July 21 at 8:30 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Tickets are available for \$20. For information call 752-9785 or 344-5928.

FACS road cleanup

The Filipino American Cultural Society of Lake City's Adopt-a-Highway Community Service Pickup number 2 will be Saturday, July 21 at 8 a.m. All FACS members please plan to meet at the corner of U.S. Highway 90 and Turner Road to help complete our 2nd Community Service Trash Pickup of the two mile stretch north on U.S. 90. For more info contact; Bob Gavette 965-5905.

July 25

Early Learning Coalition

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, Inc. Program Quality Committee Meeting will begin at 9 a.m. July 25 at the Coalition office. The Coalition oversees state and federal funding for all school readiness programs birth to age five for the following counties: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union. Community participation is encouraged and welcome. Anyone interested in attending the meeting who has a disability requiring special assistance should contact Stacey Nettles at (386) 752-9770.

Aug. 10

Alzheimer's workshop

The Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Columbia County Senior Services will be presenting a workshop Aug. 10 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center in Lake City entitled "Maintain Your Brain." This program is free of charge and anyone interested in learning more about maintaining optimal cognitive health is welcome to attend. Topics covered will include: mental exercises, the importance of physical activity, the role of nutrition, cardiovascular health, stress/depression issues, and much more. To register for this workshop or for more information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

Ongoing

Live Oak Artists Guild show

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be representing their annual fine arts exhibition - Autumn Artfest 2012 - Sept. 10-21. Applications, with an entry fee of \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers, must be submitted by Aug. 21. Applications are available at the following locations. The Frame Shop and Gallery, Rainbow's End and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Artists can also download and print an application from liveoartistsguild.org. All artists 18 and older are eligible and invited to submit an application.

Autumn Artfest 2012 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. A minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library, Sep. 22-Oct. 5.

For more information, call Suzanne Marcil at (386) 362-7308.

Small Farms conference

Interested in becoming part of Florida's small farm community? University of Florida/IFAS Columbia County Extension is partnering to host the Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference, July 27-29 in Kissimmee, FL.

The conference will feature Florida farmers, a trade show with suppliers and resources, farm tours and networking opportunities, live animal exhibits and a Saturday evening social. Early registration ends July 9. To register or for

more information go to www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/smallfarms or contact Derek Barber at the Columbia County Extension Office at (386)752-5384.

Kindergarten registration

Registration for kindergarten is ongoing in the local area and should be done at the school for which children are zoned. School zoning information is available from any school. The following items are needed to register a child: birth certificate, immunization record (the school's nurse reviews all records), records of physical examination (which must have been completed within a year before school begins), and the child's social security card (if available).

Each elementary school is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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.

Volunteer driver needed

Shands LakeShore Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for volunteer golf cart drivers to transport staff and patients to and from parking lots and the hospital. Volunteers are asked to work a four-hour shift once per week, but are welcome to work more often. They will receive a shirt and one free meal. To help call (386)292-8000, ext. 21216.

OBITUARIES

Linwood (Taylor) Anderson

Linwood Charles (Taylor) Anderson, 59, departed this life July 6, 2012. Linwood was born November 11, 1952 to Coetta Anderson Taylor. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Linda Lucas Anderson. He received his education in the Columbia County public school system. Linwood was converted at an early age, attended Trinity United Methodist Church, later joining Grace Holiness Church under the leadership of Pastor Willie James Lucas. Linwood was a Chaplain of American Legion Post #322. He is preceded in death by a son, Terrell Taylor. Left to cherish memories: a devoted wife, Linda Anderson, mother, Coetta A. Burney, daughter, LaToya Taylor, five stepchildren, Pamela Crum (Darrian), Linda Louise Jackson, Yvonne, Jackson, Yvette Jackson, Christinia Jones; eight sisters, Cassandra Taylor, Marcia Turner (Alyson), NaaComia Taylor (Robert), Collita Jenkins (OJ), Charlene Bowles, Alesia Johnson, Virginia Rahming, Mary Nelson (Paul); two brothers, Quintin Taylor (Nikki), Kevin Burney (Verna); seven, brothers-in-law, Freddie Lucas (Mable), Willie James Lucas (Shirley), Tommy Lucas, Bernard Lucas, Rudolph Lucas, Nathaniel Lucas, Arthur Lucas; two, sisters-in-law, Rossie Coles (Arthur), Betty McCloud (Johnny); hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mr. Linwood Anderson will be 1:00

p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2012 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 248 NE Martin Luther King Street, Lake City, FL. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2012 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. "The Caring Professionals"

Keith Vernard Cray

Keith Vernard Cray was born August 27, 1965 in Lake City, Florida to Bishop Zane Cray, Sr. and the late Evangelist Thereasa Ramsey Cray. He was educated in the public school system of Columbia County, and as a young man, he attended his father's church. Keith was known for his energetic personality and his infectious laughter. There was never a dull moment when you were in his presence. Keith worked diligently at the Lake City Community College (Florida Gateway College) as a Custodial Engineer for 10 years. He later became Head Custodial Engineer at the Columbia County Recreation Department (Richardson Community Center) where he worked faithfully until his health failed. Those left to cherish his memories: His Father, Bishop Zane Cray, Sr., Lake City, FL.; children, Keiona Cray, Brooklyn, N.Y., Jasline Cray, West Palm Beach, FL, Dante Bailey (Kendra), West Palm Beach, FL., two grandchildren, Deion and Domi-

nic Bailey, West Palm Beach, FL.; sisters, Thereasa Cray McNeil, Brenda Cray Clark (Kelvin), both of Lake City, FL.; brothers, Dale Cray, Dwayne Cray, both of Lake City, FL.; Zane Cray (Elaine), Valdosta, GA.; special aunt, Carolyn Ramsey, Gainesville, FL.; special niece, Reese Johnson, Lake City, FL.; special friends, Mr. Aubrey Scott, Mr. Mario Coppock, Mr. Darrel Bailey, Mr. Rodney "A.D." Farmer, Mr. & Mrs. Dave and Jenifer Pauwels, Pastor Alvin Baker; hosts of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends mourn his passing. Celebratory services for Mr. Keith Cray will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2012 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 550 NE Martin Luther King Street, Lake City, FL. The family will receive friends from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Keith's care entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. Marq Combs-Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"

Dorothy Flowers Wilson

Dorothy Flowers Wilson, 91, of Greenville, FL departed this life for eternal rest on Saturday, July 7, 2012. She leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters; Barbara Lake of Lake City, FL, Roshell (William) Clark of Winston-Salem, NC, and Loretta (Alphonso) Watson, of Houston, TX; six grandchildren: Gretchen (John) Jackson,

Chiquita (Cedric) Komegay, Angela (Mark'el) Graham, Denise (Dexter) Kenon, Dealdon Watson, and Doretta Watson; ten Great-Grandchildren and three Great-Great-Grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charleston and Alberta Flowers and all of her siblings, Effie Alexander, Jimbo Flowers, Ollie Wyche, Eulee Evans, Clemenmtine Roundtree, and Bernard Flowers. Home going Services will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012, at 11:00 AM at Allen Chapel AME Church in Greenville, FL. Viewing will be Saturday morning from 10:00 AM-10:45 AM, prior to the service. The family will receive visitors at the church on Friday, July 13, 2012 from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM. 1697 S.W. Grand Street, Greenville, FL. Mother Wilson was a faithful and active member of Allen Chapel AME Church in Greenville, FL where the Rev. Ernest Washington is the Pastor. She received many awards for her faithful service to her church and community. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the Pulpit Aid Board of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in her honor. Arrangements entrusted to: COOKS-COOPER FUNERAL HOME, 701 Third Street, Madison, FL. Announcement courtesy of COOPER FUNERAL HOME, 251 N.E. Washington Street, Lake City, FL. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D.

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CITY: 911

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ing that residents, customers and city staff receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes.

Citizens and utility customers listed in the city's 9-1-1 database will be automatically subscribed to alerts by land-line phone. However, city officials encourage all citizens to self-register, providing the best contact information, or opt out.

The city also plans to use the Everbridge system to notify residents about other important activities, such as community alerts and water utility maintenance.

Wendell Johnson, city manager, said the city has already implemented the system, its active and residents can enroll.

"There is no cost to the citizens," he said, noting the city is paying \$13,034 annually for the service. "This is a courtesy service to the residents."

City council members started looking at the service in November 2010 and the resolution to initiate the service was adopted in November 2011 with a service agreement with Everbridge. The city recently installed the software for the service.

Johnson described the system as a reverse call-in system, where once people are enrolled, a notice or message can automatically be sent to them whether it's a storm threat, boiled water notice or any type of other emergency.

Johnson encouraged residents to check-out the service through the city's website at www.lcfla.com or call city hall if they need additional information.

"This is giving residents the added protection of knowing when something is a treat to the citizens in this community," he said. "I think it's a good thing without costing anything. I think everybody would be wise to make sure they're enrolled in the Everbridge



COURTESY

Willow Creek Band includes (l-r) Tony Bryan - bass guitar, Dave Ward - drums, Lawrence Bryan - lead vocals and guitar, Rodney Coble - vocals and guitar, Edwin Ward - lead guitar and vocals and Rocky Knight - keyboard and vocals.

Willow Creek Band set to perform at SOSMP

SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK, LIVE OAK - Willow Creek Band of Mayo will entertain at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak July 14, in the Music Hall. This popular Mayo band plays old and new country, Southern rock and blues and classic rock music. These guys have played the Wellborn Blueberry Festival for the past three years with resounding approval from festival goers,

as well as a variety of other venues that include radio shows, the Big 98, fairs and festivals. The band's founding roots are in Mayo but members are from Mayo, Live Oak, O'Brien and Ellisville.

"We love playing and entertaining the crowd," said Lawrence Bryan.

Band members are Tony Bryan - bass guitar, Dave Ward - drums, Lawrence Bryan - lead vocals and guitar, Rodney Coble -

vocals and guitar, Edwin Ward - lead guitar and vocals and Rocky Knight - keyboard and vocals. Be sure to bring those dancing shoes Saturday night when the Willow Creek Band will be in the house at the SOSMP!

The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129. Keep an eye out for the SOSMP sign and white painted board fence.

HABITAT: New home

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dedicated its most recently completed home earlier this week, Burnham said they are looking for another eligible family so the organization can begin building again in the near future.

"We are currently seeking qualified, hardworking partner families," he said. "We currently do not have

anyone to build another house for at this time."

There are three requirements to become a partner family with the Habitat for Humanity of Lake City/Columbia County. The requirements are: The family must live in substandard housing; the family has to put 350 sweat equity hours in their home or someone

else's home and the family must sign a 20-year zero interest mortgage.

"We would like to thank all of our donors, volunteers, advocates and partner family for making this such an exciting event for the community," Burnham said.

Burnham also spoke of presenting a Bible to the Mosley family as part of the home dedication.

"This organization is a Christian ministry to provide housing which began

in 1976 by Millard Fuller and his wife Linda," he said. "Thirty-six years later, this organization has 1,700 affiliates in 93 nations and has built more than a 1.5 million homes serving 2 million people around the world."

The local Habitat affiliate has no paid staff and is operated by volunteers.

"We currently have enough money in the bank to immediately start another house, provided we can get a qualified, hardworking partner family from

Columbia County or Lake City," Burnham said. "We already have the property to construct the home. We would like to emphasize more involvement from the churches and large employers for donors and volunteers and partner families."

GRADES: Drop

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for students with disabilities and English language learners counted towards the total school grade.

Fifty percent of the graded schools in Columbia County earned an A, compared to 43 percent statewide.

Niblack Elementary and Richardson Middle schools both dropped to a D this year from a C in 2011.

Columbia City, Eastside, Westside, Pinemount and Fort White elementary schools all received an A this year and last year.

Melrose Park and Summers elementary schools both dropped from an A in 2011 to a B this year.

Five Points Elementary School maintained a C grade.

Lake City Middle School's grade was marked as pending by the state, although the school does not have high school grades. Millikin said the school scored more points than last year when it was an A. It was likely classified incorrectly, but the district is checking into the grade, he said. The school is expected to score an A or B, said Michael Millikin, superintendent of schools.

Bradford, Hamilton and Suwannee counties did not have any A elementary or middle schools this year. The elementary and middle schools in Union County both earned an A.

"We are always disappointed when any school drops," Millikin said. "We are pleased with our successes at our schools," he said.

Millikin said depending on the outcome of pending scores, the district could have 10 of 13 schools with A's or B's, which is the same as last year.

Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson earlier this month warned that the school grades would drop because of grading system changes.

To help compensate for the changes, the State Board of Education in May voted not to let any school drop more than one letter grade. Also this year, school grades were not penalized if the lowest performing students did not meet guidelines for adequate progress.

The state has raised expectation for school grades five times in the past 10 years,

Robinson said in a statement. Results show that after an initial drop, grades improve consistently in the following years.

With the grades, the district can pinpoint the issues some schools are facing, whether problems are in a specific subject or with the number of students making yearly progress.

"Science at Niblack is a major problem," Millikin said. Richardson also struggled in science and math, but the school did make some gains in science.

Science is one of newer FCAT sections, he said. "It's an area we need to greatly improve," Millikin said.

At Richardson, Melrose Park, Five Points and Niblack, more than 80 percent of students are on free or reduced lunch.

"Many of those families struggle to make a daily living. It has to have an impact on student performance," he said.

High school grades, which include other factors like graduation rates and participation in accelerated coursework, are expected to be complete this winter.

Millikin said Fort White and Columbia high schools are on track to receive an A. Preliminary scores show the schools total points are higher than last year, he said. The district is waiting on graduation rates to be released, but both schools typically graduate students at a higher rate than the state average, Millikin said.

"Florida is raising education standards because we know from past experience that students and teachers consistently rise to occasion when challenged," said Gov. Rick Scott in a press release. "In just two years, Florida will move to a new testing standard that significantly reduces our reliance on the FCAT and moves to Common Core State Standards. This new system will allow us to compare our students with those in other states so that we can benchmark results, measure progress, and adjust curriculum to better prepare students for college and the workforce, so that they are better able to compete in the global marketplace," Scott said.

"It is never easy to raise the standards for excellence in education. This year is no exception," Scott said. "But every time we raise the expectations of our students and teachers, they ultimately get better in later years. Simply put, raising the bar works."

The Associated Press contributed to the article.



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Last drugs standing: Key Alzheimer results coming

MARILYNN MARCHIONE,
AP Chief Medical Writer

We're about to find out if there will be a way anytime soon to slow the course of Alzheimer's disease. Results are due within a month or so from key studies of two drugs that aim to clear the sticky plaque gumming up patients' brains.

A pivotal study of a third drug will end later this year, and results from a small, early test of it will be reported next week at an Alzheimer's conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

These three treatments are practically the "last men standing" in late-stage trials, after more than a decade of failed efforts to develop a drug to halt the mind-robbing disease. Current medicines such as Aricept and Namenda just temporarily ease symptoms. There is no known cure.

Experts say that if these fail, drug companies may pull out of the field in frustration, leaving little hope for the millions of people with the disease. An estimated 35 million people worldwide have dementia, which includes Alzheimer's. In the U.S., experts say about 5 million have Alzheimer's.

The three treatments being tested are not even drugs in the traditional, chemical sense. They are antibodies — proteins made by the immune system that promote clearance of amyloid, the stuff that forms the plaque.

It's a strategy with a checkered history, and scientists aren't even sure that amyloid causes Alzheimer's or that removing it will do any good in people who already have symptoms. But there are some hopeful signs they may be on the right track.

"Everybody in the field is probably holding their breath that there is something positive to come out of these trials," said Dr. Ronald Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.



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Jason and Karin Marder pose for a picture in their home in New York. Jason Marder, who turned 70 July 10, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's more than eight years ago. In the roughly five years that her husband has taken Gammagard, "there has been decline" in his health but it is very minimal and the kind of slowing down you might expect from ordinary aging, she said. "He travels the subways, he does things that you and I do. And our quality of life together is what's most important."

"It may not be a home run" in terms of improving memory and cognition, but if brain imaging or spinal fluid tests show the drugs are hitting their target, "they will be regarded as successes," he said.

William Thies, scientific director of the Alzheimer's Association, agreed.

Even if there is just a small effect, "that would be a huge finding because that would let you know you had a drug that worked," he said. It then could be tried as a preventive medicine or given earlier in the course of the disease when it may have more impact.

The three drugs and their developers are:

—Bapineuzumab (bap-ih-NOOZ-uh-mab), by Pfizer Inc. and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy unit.

—Solanezumab (sol-ah-NAYZ-uh-mab), by Eli Lilly & Co.

—Gammagard, by Baxter International Inc.

All are given as periodic intravenous infusions; some companies are trying to reformulate them so they could be given as shots. If a major study shows that one of the drugs works, there will be a huge effort to make it more convenient and practical, Thies predicted.

Still, it would probably be very expensive.

The first two on the list are lab-made, single antibodies against amyloid. Gammagard is intravenous immune globulin, or IVIG — multiple, natural antibodies culled from blood. Half a dozen companies already sell IVIG to treat immune system and blood disorders. It takes 130 plasma donations

to make enough to treat one patient for a year.

Treating Alzheimer's with IVIG would cost \$2,000 to \$5,000 every two weeks, depending on the patient's weight, said Dr. Norman Relkin, head of a memory disorders program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He consults for some drugmakers and has patents for tests that measure amyloid.

Relkin is also leading a late-stage, 400-patient study of Gammagard that will wrap up late this year. A much smaller, earlier study he led showed less brain shrinkage among people receiving the drug than among those getting dummy infusions.

"It was so startling that I sent it to two laboratories for independent verification," Relkin said.

Next week, at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Canada, Relkin will give a three-year progress report on 16 patients out of the original 24 enrolled in that earlier study.

Jason Marder is among them. The New York City man, who turned 70 on Tuesday, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's more than eight years ago.

"It was devastating," said his wife, Karin Marder. "I thought, 'Our life is over together as a couple.' But in fact it really has not been, and I have to attribute this really to the clinical trial."

In the roughly five years that her husband has taken Gammagard, there has been decline in his health, but it is minimal and the kind of slowing down you might expect from ordinary aging, she said. "He travels the subways, he does things that you and I do. And our quality of life together is what's most important," she said.

Jason Marder said he takes a creative writing class, runs errands for his wife and bikes around the city. As for his disease, "I fight it as much as I can," he said. "I feel I can handle it."

It's impossible to say how Marder would have fared without the treatment. Some patients decline rapidly, while others not for years. Hard evidence comes from large studies like the one that will conclude later this year, in which a group of patients getting the treatment is compared with a similar group given dummy infusions.

Studies on the two other drugs already have ended and results are being analyzed. The main outcome is likely to be announced by the companies as soon as it is known, and detailed results are to be presented at scientific conferences in October.

Bapineuzumab is one of the largest bets ever placed in

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Too little mental health care for baby boomers

WASHINGTON — Getting older doesn't just mean a risk for physical ailments like heart disease and bum knees: A new report finds as many as 1 in 5 seniors has a mental health or substance abuse problem.

And as the population rapidly ages over the next two decades, millions of baby boomers may have a hard time finding care and services for mental health problems such as depression — because the nation is woefully lacking in doctors, nurses and other health workers trained for their special needs, the Institute of Medicine said Tuesday.

Instead, the country is focused mostly on preparing for the physical health needs of what's been called the silver tsunami.

"The burden of mental illness and substance abuse disorders in older adults in the United States borders on a crisis," wrote Dr. Dan Blazer of Duke University, who chaired the Institute of Medicine panel that investigated the issue. "Yet this crisis is largely hidden from the public and many of those who develop policy and programs to care for older people."

Already, at least 5.6 million to 8 million Americans age 65 and older have a mental health condition or substance abuse disorder, the report found — calling that a conservative estimate that doesn't include a number of disorders. Depressive disorders and psychiatric symptoms related to dementia are the most common.

While the panel couldn't make precise projections, those numbers are sure to grow as the number of seniors nearly doubles by 2030, said report co-author

Dr. Peter Rabins, a psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University. How much substance abuse treatment for seniors will be needed is a particular question, as rates of illegal drug use are higher in boomers currently in their 50s than in previous generations.

Mental health experts welcomed the report.

"This is a wake-up call for many reasons," said Dr. Ken Duckworth of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The coming need for geriatric mental health care "is quite profound for us as a nation, and something we need to attend to urgently," he said.

Merely getting older doesn't make mental health problems more likely to occur, Rabins said, noting that middle age is the most common time for onset of depression.

But when they do occur in older adults, the report found that they're too often overlooked and tend to be more complex. Among the reasons:

—People over 65 almost always have physical health problems at the same time that can mask or distract from the mental

health needs. The physical illnesses, and medications used for them, also can complicate treatment. For example, up to a third of people who require long-term steroid treatment develop mood problems that may require someone knowledgeable about both the medical and mental health issues to determine whether it's best to cut back the steroids or add an antidepressant, Rabins said.

On the other side, older adults with untreated depression are less likely to have their diabetes, high blood pressure and other physical conditions under control — and consequently wind up costing a lot more to treat.

—Age alters how people's bodies metabolize alcohol and drugs, including prescription drugs. That can increase the risk of dangerous overdoses, and worsen or even trigger substance abuse problems.

—Grief is common in old age as spouses, other relatives and friends die. It may be difficult to distinguish between grief and major depression.

That also means a loss of the support systems that earlier in life could have helped people better recover from a mental health problem, said Dr. Paul D.S. Kirwin, president of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. Adding stress may be loss of a professional identity with retirement, and the role reversal that happens when children start taking care

of older parents.

"There'll never be enough geriatric psychiatrists or geriatric medicine specialists to take care of this huge wave of people that are aging," Kirwin said.

The Institute of Medicine report recognizes that. It says all health workers who see older patients — including primary care physicians, nurses, physicians' assis-

tants and social workers — need some training to recognize the signs of geriatric mental health problems and provide at least basic care. To get there, it called for changes in how Medicare and Medicaid pay for mental health services, stricter licensing requirements for health workers, and for the government to fund appropriate training programs.

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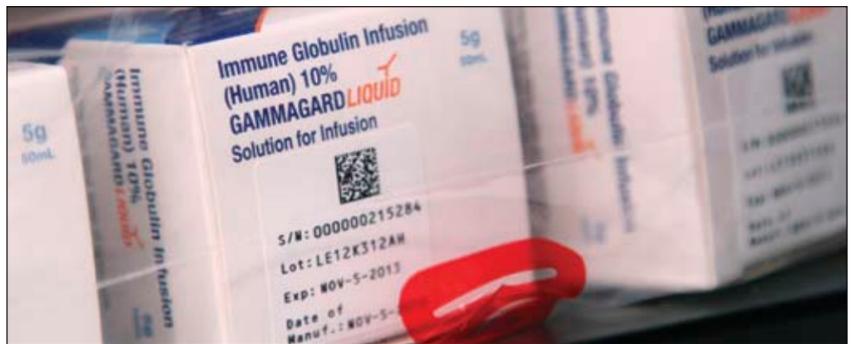
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DRUGS

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the field of Alzheimer's disease. More than 4,000 patients are participating in four studies around the world — two in people with a gene that raises the risk of Alzheimer's and two in people who don't carry that gene. The studies, which started enrolling patients in 2007, involve brain scans every few months. "That's enormously expensive and time-consuming," said Dr. Eric Yuen, head of clinical development for Janssen. These experiments are just now yielding results.

abnormalities in up to 10 percent of patients on the drug. However, most had no symptoms and were able to resume treatment after a brief break, Yuen said. In fact, some researchers think these changes might be a sign the drug is working to clear the amyloid plaque. The fact that independent monitors have not stopped the new studies has made Dr. Reisa Sperling optimistic the drug will prove to be safe. Director of the Alzheimer's center at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, she has consulted for Janssen

and Pfizer and enrolled patients in the studies. Relkin, who is leading the Gammagard study, said that if all three of these drugs fail, "we're in trouble." There hasn't been a new drug even to help symptoms in nine years, he said. Petersen of the Mayo Clinic agrees. "If they're dead-flat negative, the impact on the field and the implication for Big Pharma could be huge," he said. Companies "may bail" from the field entirely. "They may just say, 'This nut is too tough to crack.'"



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Gammagard, a treatment that is being tested for Alzheimer's disease, is seen at the home of a patient in New York. Three treatments, including Bapineuzumab and Solanezumab, being tested for the disease are antibodies - proteins made by the immune system that promote clearance of amyloid, the stuff that forms the plaque.

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Section B

Indians 16U second at state

Fort White team gearing up for World Series trip.

By TIM KIRBY

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FORT WHITE — The Fort White Indians 16-under softball team faced its first real adversity of the season at the state tournament and fought through it for a second-place finish.

The 2012 Babe Ruth Softball Florida State Championships was last week at Shocker Park in Ocala.

Fort White entered the tournament with a 13-0 record that included a district championship and a win in a Babe Ruth World Series qualifier tournament in March.

The Indians promptly dropped their first game in the tournament to Julington Creek, 7-5, on Wednesday. Fort White then won four games in the loser's bracket, including a revenge win over Julington Creek.

The Indians faced Southeast Volusia in the final and had to win two games. Volusia took the state title with a 7-2 win.

"The girls played an outstanding tournament," head coach Jay Harvey said. "We dropped our first game and it is hard to come all the way back in the loser's bracket."

Pitcher Brianna Selgas struck out three and had four RBIs in the opening game, which served as a wake-up call.

"Losing that first game didn't do any damage, but it made us think," Kayla Redwine said. "We were undefeated before and it showed us we could lose. We regrouped and made it all the way to the final."

Fort White's comeback started in a big way with a 25-2 win over Port Orange.

Ashley Chesney had three doubles and a single with four runs scored and three RBIs. Redwine had a double and four singles, with two runs scored and three RBIs. Shea Chesney had a double and three singles with two runs scored and three RBIs. Selgas had three hits with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Caitlyn Bruce had a hit and scored three runs. Alexis Gibbons had a hit and scored twice. Bella Valdes had a hit and scored a run. Shania Pelham scored three runs and had an RBI. Madysen Greek had two hits and scored two runs. Kristen Timberlake score a run, Kateri Allen had an RBI and Cheyenne Bronson reached on a walk.

The Indians beat Northside, 11-7, in their second elimination game on Friday.

Ashley Chesney had a triple and two singles with three runs scored and an RBI. Selgas had two doubles and a single with three RBIs and three runs scored. Shea Chesney and Bruce both had two hits and scored a run.

Allen had two hits with two RBIs and a run scored. Redwine (double, RBI, run scored), Timberlake (run scored) and Gibbons also had hits.

Fort White opened Saturday's elimination schedule with a 15-6 win over Waldo.

Redwine (double, single, two RBIs), Pelham (two singles) and Gibbons (single) each scored three runs. Timberlake had three hits with a double and run scored.

Selgas had a triple and double and scored two runs. Valdes had two hits and scored two runs. Allen had a single and scored a run.

The rematch with Julington Creek came next



TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

The Fort White Indians 16-under softball team placed second at the Babe Ruth Softball state tournament in Ocala. Team members are (front row, from left) Shania Pelham, Ashley Chesney, Kateri Allen, Cheyenne Bronson, Caitlyn Bruce, bat girl Jennifer Allen, Bella Valdes and Shea Chesney. Back row (from left) are coach Paul Valdes, Alexis Gibbons, Kriston Timberlake, coach Mike McIntosh, Madysen Greek, Kayla Redwine, Brianna Selgas and head coach Jay Harvey.



TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

Fort White Indians who placed in the skills competition at the state tournament are: Bella Valdes, second in Throwdown to Second Base (from left); Ashley Chesney, sixth in Bases Run; Shania Pelham, third in Bases Run; Kayla Redwine, second in Throwdown to Second Base; Brianna Selgas, second in Batting; Shea Chesney, second in Pitching; Caitlyn Bruce, first in Long Throw.

and Fort White won, 16-12.

"We came together as a team and got behind Brianna," Shea Chesney said. "Once we got our bats going, they couldn't stop us. We weren't going to let them beat us."

Gibbons had five hits and scored three runs. Redwine and Pelham each had a hit and scored three runs.

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CYCLING
7 a.m.
NBCSN — Tour de France, stage 11, Albertville to La Toussuire-Les Sybelles, France

GOLF
9:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Scottish Open, first round, at Inverness, Scotland
3 p.m.
ESPN2 — USGA, U.S. Senior Open Championship, first round, at Lake Orion, Mich.

WNBA
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Los Angeles at Indiana

BASEBALL

AL standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists standings for East, Central, and West Divisions.

NL standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists standings for East, Central, and West Divisions.

No games scheduled
Friday's Games
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

All-Star runs

National First: Justin Verlander pitching. C.Gonzalez strikes out swinging. Me.Cabrera singled to left. Braun doubled to right. Me.Cabrera scored. Votto strikes out looking. Beltran walks. Posey walks, Braun to third, Beltran to second. Sandoval triples to right, Braun, Beltran and Posey scored. Uggla singled to short, Sandoval scores. Furcal grounds into force out by second baseman Cano. 5 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on.
National 5: American 0.
National Fourth: Matt Harrison pitching. Sandoval flies out to center fielder Granderson. Uggla flies out to center fielder Granderson. Furcal triples down the right field line. Matt Holliday pinch hit for C.Gonzalez and singles to right, Furcal scores. Me.Cabrera homers to left on a 2-2 pitch, Holliday scores. Braun triples down the right field line. Votto grounds out to second baseman Cano to first baseman Fielder. 3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. National 8, American 0.

Baseball calendar

Friday — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.
July 22 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug 15-16 — Owners' meetings, Denver.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Oct. 5 — Postseason begins, wild-card playoffs.
Oct. 7 — Division series begin.
Oct. 13 — League championship series begin.
Oct. 24 — World Series begins.

FOOTBALL

NFL calendar

Late July — Training camps open.
Aug. 4-5 — Hall of Fame inductions; Hall of Fame game, Canton, Ohio.
Aug. 9-13 — Preseason openers.
Sept. 5 — Regular-season opener.
Sept. 9-10 — First full regular-season weekend.

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Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles).
Race distance: 318.46 miles, 301 laps.
Next race: Brickyard 400, July 29, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis. Online: <http://www.nascar.com>
NATIONWIDE F.W.WEBB 200
Site: Loudon, N.H.
Schedule: Friday, practice (Speed, 1:30-3 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 10-11 a.m., race, 3 p.m. (ESPN, 2:30-6 p.m.)).
Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles).
Race distance: 211.6 miles, 200 laps.
Next race: Indy 250, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis. Online: <http://www.nascar.com>

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Track: Iowa Speedway (oval, 0.875 miles).
Race distance: 175 miles, 200 laps.
Next race: American Ethanol 225, July 21, Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. Online: <http://www.nascar.com>
INDYCAR
Next race: Edmonton Indy, July 22, Edmonton City Centre Airport, Edmonton, Alberta. Online: <http://www.indycar.com>
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Wednesday 10th Stage
(A 120.9-mile ride from Macon in southern Burgundy into the Jura mountains to Bellegarde-sur-Valsérine, with the first "Hors categorie" climb of this year's tour to the Col de Grand Colombier)
1. Thomas Voeckler, France, Team Europcar, 4 hours, 46 minutes, 26 seconds.
2. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre-ISD, 3 seconds behind.
3. Jens Voigt, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, :07.
4. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, :23.
5. Dries Devenyns, Belgium, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, :30.
6. Sandy Casar, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 2:44.
7. Egoi Martinez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.
8. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, same time.
9. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, same time.
10. Dmitriy Fofonov, Kazakhstan, Astana, 2:52.
11. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 3:16.
12. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, same time.
13. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, same time.
14. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
15. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, same time.
16. Denis Menchov, Russia, Katusha, same time.
17. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.
18. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, same time.
19. Rui Costa, Portugal, Movistar, same time.
20. Jerome Coppel, France, Saur-Sojasun, same time.

Wednesday's Games
San Antonio 77, Chicago 68
Atlanta at Seattle (n)
Washington at Connecticut (n)
Today's Games
Tulsa at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Friday's Games
Washington at New York, 11 a.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Connecticut at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

WNBA schedule

Wednesday's Games
San Antonio 77, Chicago 68
Atlanta at Seattle (n)
Washington at Connecticut (n)
Today's Games
Tulsa at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Friday's Games
Washington at New York, 11 a.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Connecticut at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

CYCLING

Tour de France

June 30 — Prologue: Liege, Belgium, 6.4 kilometers (4 miles) (Stage: Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; Yellow Jersey: Cancellara)
July 1 — First Stage: Liege to Seraing, Belgium, plain, 198 (123) (Peter Sagan, Slovakia; Cancellara)
July 2 — Second Stage: Vise, Belgium to Tournai, Belgium, plain, 207.5 (128.9) (Mark Cavendish, Britain; Cancellara)
July 3 — Third Stage: Orchies, France to Boulogne-sur-Mer, medium mountains, 197 (122.4) (Sagan; Cancellara)
July 4 — Fourth Stage: Abbeville to Rouen, plain, 214.5 (133.3) (Andre Greipel, Germany; Cancellara)
July 5 — Fifth Stage: Rouen to Saint-Quentin, plain, 196.5 (122.1) (Greipel; Cancellara)
July 6 — Sixth Stage: Epernay to Metz, plain, 205 (127.4) (Sagan; Cancellara)
July 7 — Seventh Stage: Tomblaine to La Planche des Belles Filles, medium mountains, 199 (123.7) (Chris Froome, Britain; Bradley Wiggins, Britain)
July 8 — Eighth Stage: Belfort to Porrentruy, medium mountains, 157.5 (97.9) (Thibaut Pinot, France; Wiggins)
July 9 — Ninth Stage: Arc-et-Senans to Besancon, individual time trial, 41.5 (25.8) (Wiggins; Wiggins)
July 10 — Rest Day: Macon
July 11 — 10th Stage: Macon to Bellgare-sur-Valsérine, high mountains, 194.5 (120.9) (Thomas Voeckler, France; Wiggins)
July 12 — 11th Stage: Albertville to La Toussuire-Les Sybelles, high mountains, 148 (92)
July 13 — 12th Stage: Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne to Annonay Davezieux, medium mountains, 226 (140.4)
July 14 — 13th Stage: Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux to Le Cap d'Agde, plain, 217 (134.8)
July 15 — 14th Stage: Limoux to Foix, high mountains, 191 (118.7)
July 16 — 15th Stage: Samatan to Pau, plain, 158.5 (98.5)
July 17 — Rest Day: Pau
July 18 — 16th Stage: Pau to Bagneres-de-Luchon, high mountains, 197 (122.4)
July 19 — 17th Stage: Bagneres-de-Luchon to Peyragudes, high mountains, 143.5 (89.2)
July 20 — 18th Stage: Blagnac to Brive-la-Gaillarde, plain, 222.5 (138.3)
July 21 — 19th Stage: Bonneval to Chartres, individual time trial, 53.5 (33.1)
July 22 — 20th Stage: Rambouillet to Champs-Élysées, Paris, 120 (74.6)
Total — 3496.9 kilometers (2172.9 miles)

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MIAMI — Miami Heat president Pat Riley (left) guard Ray Allen (center) and head coach Erik Spoelstra (right) hold up Allen's jersey after Allen signed an NBA basketball contract with the Heat, in Miami, on Wednesday.

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By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

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Timberlake had a double, two singles and scored two runs.
Ashley Chesney had three hits and scored a run. Selgas, Greek and Valdes each had a hit and scored a run. Shea Chesney scored a run and Allen had a hit.
In the loss to Volusia, Selgas (two hits) and Redwine (double) scored the two runs. Pelham had two hits, while Shea Chesney, Bruce and Gibbons each had one hit.
Except for a brief stint by Shea Chesney in the Port Orange game, Selgas handled all the pitching duties for the Indians. For the tournament, she recorded 24 strikeouts and had 17 assists in the field.
The tournament Skills Competition was Thursday

and Fort White won the 16U division.
"The tournament brought us together as a team," Shea Chesney said. "For some of us it was our third trip to state and the third time is a charm."
The Babe Ruth World Series is Aug. 8-15 in Wilson, N.C., and the Indians are raising money for the trip. The team has chicken dinners on sale for \$6 at the South Columbia Sports Park meeting room from 1-7 p.m. Friday.
"When we first started, a couple of the girls didn't know how to play," Ashley Chesney said. "They all played in the state tournament and did great. We have our coaches to thank for that. They pulled us through."

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 12, 2012

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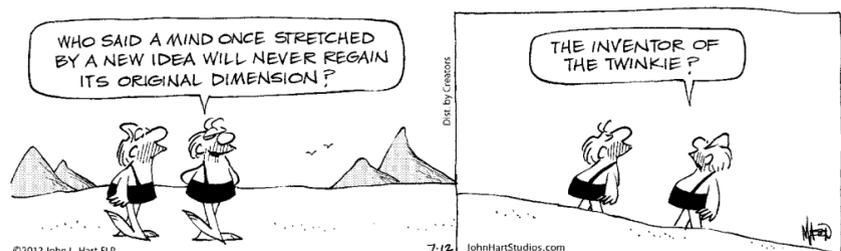
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DEAR ABBY

Email, online thank-yous suffice in stressful times



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: "Wants to Do the Right Thing" (April 18) asked about using email to thank those who donated to a fundraiser for her son, who has bone cancer. What is wrong with that?

I have been there. One of my twin boys was diagnosed with cancer at age 2. I was grateful for all the help my family and friends gave me, but I did not always have the time or energy to devote to writing thank-you cards.

You really have to have experienced this kind of long-term stress and trauma to understand. It takes all the strength you have to just get through each day without breaking down. For larger donations, I would write a card when I could or print some out on my computer. Sometimes I recruited a friend or family member to handle thank-you notes. People always ask, "What can I do?" Well, assign them this task!

Another way of thanking people was through a blog, like CaringBridge. These free websites were a great way to keep in touch with people and let them know what was going on. I often posted general notes of thanks there, then emailed everyone who contributed with a link to the site. The truth is, it was difficult to accept charity and help from others, and I often

found myself overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support. - TRULY THANKFUL IN NEW YORK

DEAR TRULY THANKFUL: Thank YOU for your heartfelt letter and helpful suggestions. I reminded "Wants" that writing personal thank-you notes was the proper thing to do, but not all readers agreed. Their comments:

DEAR ABBY: Any spare time that mom has needs to be spent with her family or taking care of herself. They are going through a very difficult time.

I believe that in this day and age, the majority of people would understand and not expect a thank-you note for their donation. So a quick email of thanks would be more than appreciated. Email is more acceptable now, especially among younger people. If this is all she has time for, it's better than no thank-you at all. - KELLY IN WINCHESTER, VA.

DEAR ABBY: To that

mother of the child with cancer: Instead of writing thank-you notes to all the people who help you in the community, please spend that time with your son. Someday, return the favor with some other family's child. Many families in our town cope with childhood cancer. We help each other. It is important that you spend every precious moment with him, not writing cards. We all understand. - PAYING IT FORWARD IN CLYDE, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: You correctly advised "Wants" that a handwritten, personal note was in order. However, having found myself in this position, I sometimes first send out a quick "blanket" email to all the donors:

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This acknowledges the generosity immediately, while relieving some stress for the writer at a busy time. - WISE IN WASHINGTON

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Move money around to cover your costs. A deal being offered is too good to refuse. A partnership will be a stabilizing factor in your life. New surroundings will give you a creative injection that improves your skills and productivity. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Listen to your heart, and don't be influenced by someone trying to manipulate your decision. Concentrate on creating your own scenario and deciding what works for you. You will learn a lot if you follow your own path. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let the actions of others cause doubt. There is plenty you can do to improve your life if you sign up for events, activities and lessons that will benefit you. Don't be a follower when you are a leader at heart. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep up with the trends and the times. Updates must be made, both personally and professionally. What you learn now will help you in the future. Don't pass up an opportunity to acquire skills or to get involved in a serviceable venture. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rely on what you know, not how you feel about what's going on around you. A costly mistake will occur if you listen to someone you love instead of relying on facts and figures to lead you in the right direction. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone's action is likely to disturb you. Take steps to secure your position and protect your assets and reputation. Travel to discuss what you want to see happen face-to-face with someone important. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need a change of pace and surroundings. Don't be fooled into taking an expensive trip. You'll get just as much out of a more budget-friendly destination that lets you enjoy people, places or things you don't see that often. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get wrapped up in someone else's melodrama. Back away from anyone trying to dump guilt or responsibilities in your lap. Do something that allows you to be creative and productive. Travel for

business connections or knowledge. ★★★ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Excess and opportunity will go hand in hand. Showing off a little will impress the right people. Your drive, attitude and ability to take action will lead to a proposal that will be too hard to turn down. Love is highlighted. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen carefully. You don't want to miss important information that will influence the choice you make. Not everyone will be on your team, so be careful not to fall for a biased point of view. Rely on what you know. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make a point of spending time with positive people who have similar interests. An opportunity to make a move geographically or to try out a different way of life is apparent. Educational pursuits will give you greater skills and confidence.★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take unnecessary risks. You must stick to what you know and do best to avoid suffering a loss. Too much of anything will not bring you the success you hope to achieve. Moderation and common sense will be required. ★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

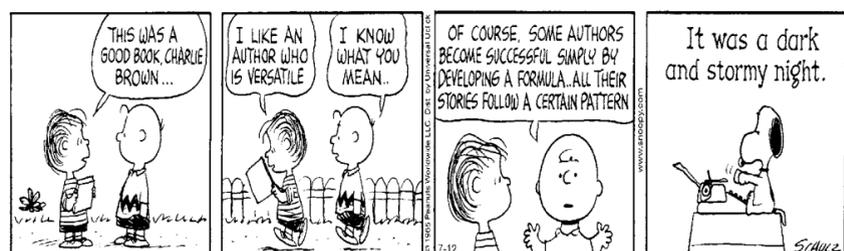
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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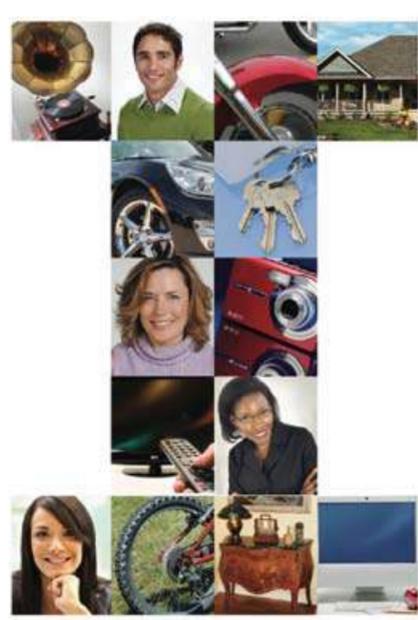
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Hooray for Hollywood

Friday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.

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Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Robert Battle, Artistic Director

Masazumi Chaya, Associate Artistic Director

Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

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Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour: 55th Anniversary

Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

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