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Eyes on Isaac

Storm expected to hit Florida Monday as Cat. 1 hurricane.

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They're ready a week early. Just in case.

Columbia county officials are taking precautionary steps to prepare for Tropical Storm Isaac, a storm expected to hit South Florida on Monday as a Category 1 hurricane.

County manager Dale Williams said because of lingering destruction from Tropical Storm Debby, the damages could be widespread.

"Anything that Isaac may bring us is not to our advantage," Williams said.

With retention ponds filled to the brim and the ground still deeply saturated, the county is anticipating a problem if Isaac brings any substantial rain or wind to Columbia County.

"The rain, we can normally prepare for to some degree but

because of Tropical Storm Debby we are very, very limited," Williams said. "The problem we are having today is not willingness to pump it's where to pump."

If Isaac brings strong winds, the damage could be very expensive.

Williams said the county spent nearly \$3 million on debris disposal alone after the winds from the 2004 hurricanes hit.

Williams said the county is discussing options for sheltering

ISAAC continued on 6A



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From left, Public information officer Harvey Campbell, county commissioner Scarlet Frisina, county manager Dale Williams and senior staff assistant David Kraus discuss ways to prepare if Tropical Storm Isaac hits Columbia County with excessive rain and winds.

Rivers to crest Saturday



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(Above) Jim Widows, of Orlando, takes in the scene as he gazes out at the Santa Fe River Tuesday. Widows said that he planned to go tubing with his daughter at Ichetucknee Springs, but the constant thunderstorms dampened his plans. According to the Florida Forestry Service, Columbia County received 0.7 inches of rain Tuesday. (Right) The Santa Fe River is seen near a boat ramp at Fort White Tuesday.



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Daily rains make forecast uncertain

Flooding remains problem in parts of Columbia County.

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Localized flooding continues to be a problem for residents in southern Columbia County as the Santa Fe River creeps toward an expected crest on Saturday.

The river is expected to flood in the Fort White region, hitting 25.6 feet. The

flood stage for the area is 24 feet.

The crest will be less dramatic than flooding from Tropical Storm Debby, Columbia County Emergency Management Director Shayne Morgan said.

"By comparison, when it crested during Debby, it was at 32.24 [feet]," Morgan said.

The forecast does not consider potential effects from Tropical Storm Isaac, but is affiliated with rain that has been falling the last few days.

The crest also depends on how much rain may fall in daily showers the remainder

of the week.

"It (river level) has been holding steady the last few weeks around 22 feet," Morgan said. "There is not a lot of room for margin for error between where it's been holding and the flood stage."

Morgan said he expects to see flooded roads and some houses evacuated on the river because of the crest.

The National Weather service has issued a river flood warning for the areas around the Santa Fe River at Fort White until further notice.

No other areas of the Santa Fe or Suwannee rivers are expected to flood.

"At Three Rivers and the Suwannee White Springs, those are both well below the flood stage," he said.

"We're not going to open up any shelters at this point in time. It's a situation we're closely monitoring," Morgan said. He added that individuals who decide to stay in their homes should be prepared with food, water and necessary medications.

"Be prepared, you might not be able to get out," he said.

Who gets a chance on ballot?

Several names surface as deadline for selection by Democratic Party nears.

From staff reports

Democrats in the Third Judicial Circuit say they plan to place a state attorney candidate on the ballot in the November general election, but have yet to confirm who that person will be.

Officials have less than a week to make a selection after incumbent Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis withdrew from his re-election campaign.

While Democrats across the seven-county circuit consider their options Wednesday, several Columbia County names continued to surface as possible candidates for the ballot.

"I want the job. I want to get my reputation back," said Madison County resident Michael J. San Filippo, a former assistant state attorney. "Nobody else wanted to apply for the Democratic nomination, so I think I should be approached."

San Filippo announced his intention to challenge Jarvis early in the primary season, but never qualified for the ballot. San Filippo said he did not have the \$10,000 necessary to qualify, so he withdrew his candidacy.

San Filippo worked in the state attorney's office under former state attorney Jerry Blair and also Jarvis. Jarvis fired San Filippo from his job in January 2010, San Filippo said.

Earlier this year, San Filippo filed the initial complaint on Jarvis accusing him of conducting improper background checks on San Filippo and his wife. That claim launched an FDLE investigation on Jarvis' use of confidential databases.

"I think I should be approached for the job," San Filippo said. "If the Democratic party would consider me as a candidate, I would be willing to discuss it."

Other names surfacing as possible candidates for the job included Lake City attorneys Bill Brannon and Tina Seifert.

Brannon, a Lake City native, has held numerous legal positions in the area in both the public and private sectors. He currently works in Jarvis' state attorney's office. Brannon could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

Seifert, now in private practice in Lake City, is a former assistant state attorney who served in Jerry Blair's office and worked more than a decade as a prosecutor. She worked in the State Attorneys Office from 1994 -1998 and from 2001 - 2008, as chief of the Lake City office.

While professionally qualified, she said she is not interested in the position, because she recently opened her own practice, and she's obligated to her clients and staff.

"Based on my party affiliations and Florida law, the Democratic Party is unable to consider me as a candidate for that position," she said.

Yet, she seemed confident that several colleagues from the office would be suitable to fill the circuit's state attorney post.

"I know of several former prosecutors who would be very qualified for that position, including the current candidate," Seifert said.

Whoever is selected among possible Democratic candidates from the seven-county region will face Republican Jeff Siegmeister of Lake City in the November general election.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jolie-Pitt daughter makes debut

LOS ANGELES — Four-year-old Vivienne Jolie-Pitt is making her movie debut alongside her famous mom.

Walt Disney Studios says Angelina Jolie's youngest daughter will play a "minor role" in "Maleficent," in which Jolie plays the title character. Vivienne is set to play a young Princess Aurora, who grows up to be evil Maleficent's target in the live-action "Sleeping Beauty" tale.

Production on the film began in London in June. "Maleficent" is set to hit theaters in March of 2014.

No word if Vivienne's twin brother, Knox, is working on a movie career of his own.



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Angelina Jolie attends the news conference of the film "In the Land of Blood and Honey" at the 62 edition of the Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin. Walt Disney Studios announced, Wednesday that Jolie's youngest daughter, four-year-old Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, will play a "minor role" as a young Princess Aurora, in the upcoming film, "Maleficent."

NBC gets no Romney help

NEW YORK — NBC News is having no luck getting Mitt Romney to participate in its prime-time special on the Mormon church this week.

The show's executive producer, Rome Hartman, says the hour-long episode of "Rock Center" will air as planned Thursday evening.

NBC requested an interview with Romney weeks ago but was denied. It tried again on Monday after it seemed the Republican was becoming more open to talk about his faith.

Hartman said

Wednesday many Americans know little about the church even though one of its members is on the eve of becoming the first Mormon nominated by a major political party to run for president of the United States.

Among other topics, the show will look at why so many Mormons succeed in business.

Jackson nephew is co-guardian

LOS ANGELES — A judge appointed Michael Jackson's nephew on Wednesday to share guardianship responsibilities for the singer's three

children, but not without a last-minute effort by some relatives to delay the decision.

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff named TJ Jackson as the children's co-guardian who will now share responsibilities for raising the siblings, who range in ages from 10 to 15.

Rapper LL Cool J nabs intruder

LOS ANGELES — LL Cool J plays a special agent on TV's "NCIS: Los Angeles," and now he's caught an actual bad guy.

Los Angeles police say the rapper grabbed and held a burglary suspect

at his Studio City home Wednesday morning.

Police got a 911 call shortly before 1 a.m. from someone who said her father had spotted an intruder in their home and was holding him downstairs.

Officers arrived and took a man into custody. Police say he had minor bruises and will be arrested on suspicion of burglary. His name hasn't been released.

A representative for LL Cool J says the 44-year-old and his family were not hurt and he is cooperating with police. Nothing was apparently stolen from his home.

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Celebrity Birthdays

- Satirist Mark Russell is 80.
- Actress Barbara Eden is 78.
- Actress Shelley Long is 63.
- Rocker Rick Springfield is 63.
- Actor Jay Mohr is 42.
- Actor Scott Caan is 36.
- Figure skater Nicole Bobek is 35.
- Basketball player Kobe Bryant is 34.
- Singer Julian Casablancas is 34.
- Basketball player Jeremy Lin is 24.

Daily Scripture

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

- Romans 8:32 NIV

Thought for the Day

"The only competition worthy of a wise man is with himself."

- Washington Allston

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AROUND FLORIDA

81-year-old charged with child sex abuse

FORT LAUDERDALE — An 81-year-old Florida man who needs oxygen tubes to breathe is facing multiple charges of sexually abusing young girls.

The Broward Sheriff's Office said Wednesday that Murry Snider of Margate was charged with 10 counts of lewd or lascivious molestation of a child under 12. Court records did not list an attorney for Snider.

The investigation began when a teenager now living in Sebring told her mother that Snider molested her when she was between the ages of 6 and 9. At the time Snider did maintenance at a Pompano Beach motel.

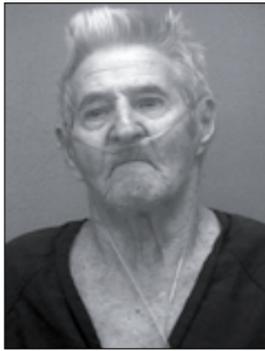
Authorities say Snider admitted molesting girls virtually his entire life. More victims might come forward.

In Florida, Snider has lived in Sebring, Clearwater, Largo, St. Petersburg and Miami. He's also lived in Las Vegas, Tallahassee, Ala., and several counties in Texas.

Former mayor gets 6 months

TAMPA — The former mayor of Port Richey and his wife have been sentenced to six months in jail and 6 months of home confinement for tax evasion.

The Tampa Tribune reports that a federal judge in Tampa sentenced Richard Rober and his wife, Averill, on Wednesday. The couple pleaded guilty in May to conspiring to defraud the federal government by hiding income from the IRS.



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Murry Snider, 81, of Margate, was arrested Wednesday and charged with 10 counts of lewd or lascivious molestation of a child under 12.

They must also pay restitution. Rober resigned from office in March.

Federal authorities say the Robers diverted money from a water testing and treatment company they previously owned into a separate account. The couple under-reported more than \$239,000 of income from 2005 to 2007, with unpaid taxes exceeding \$55,000.

An IRS audit began following a 2009 civil lawsuit brought by Florida Utility Group, which bought the Robers' business in 2007.

Zimmerman closing Facebook

ORLANDO — The attorney for the shooter of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin says he is shutting down a Facebook page that had been used as a social media outlet for supporters of his client because of what he says are "diminishing returns."

Attorney Mark O'Mara

announced the decision Wednesday on a separate website set up to distribute information on George Zimmerman's defense for Martin's February shooting. That site, GZlegalcase.com, remains active.

Zimmerman is charged with second-degree murder in the shooting and has pleaded not guilty.

O'Mara said the Facebook page had served several purposes over the past three months, including giving Zimmerman and the defense team an official social media presence. But it also allowed for discussions of evidence and Zimmerman's guilt or innocence that O'Mara said was not helpful.

4 are finalists for PSC vacancy

ORLANDO — Incumbent Lisa Edgar and three others were selected as finalists for a vacancy on Florida Public Service Commission, the five-member panel responsible for setting electricity and water rates for millions of Florida residents.

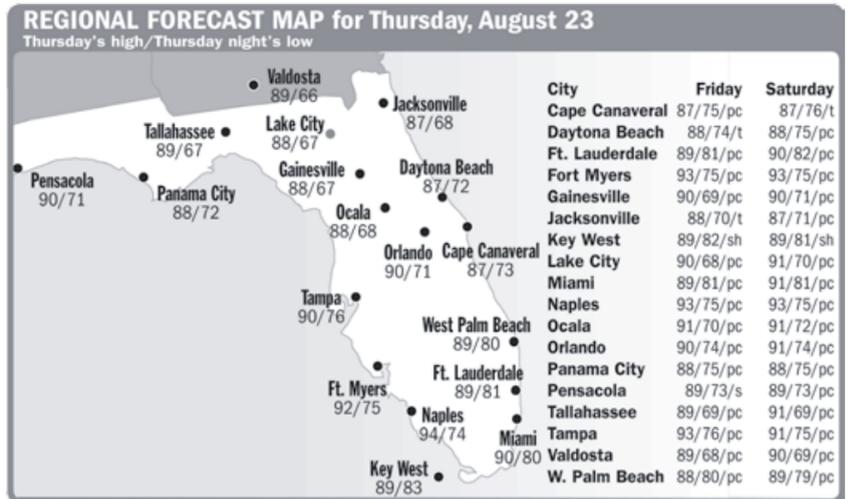
A nominating committee picked finalists Wednesday during a meeting in Orlando.

Gov. Rick Scott is expected to make an appointment by the end of September.

Edgar, who joined the commission in 2005 and previously served as its chairwoman, is the panel's longest-serving member. She is the only commissioner still serving who voted to reject rate increase applications from Florida's two largest investor-owned electric utilities in 2010.

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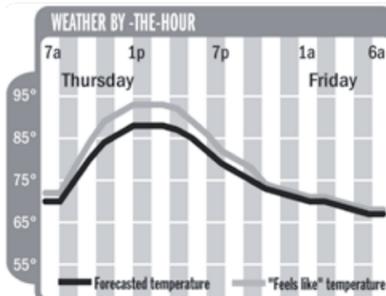
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Low Wednesday	69	Sunset today	8:03 p.m.
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Normal low	72	Sunset tom.	8:02 p.m.
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Record low	60 in 1930	Moonrise today	1:14 p.m.
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Richardson Middle School eighth-grader dies

By **TONY BRITT**
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Richardson Middle School students, faculty and staff are reeling after learning about the unexpected death of Davion Markhel Smith, a rising eighth grader at the school.

Smith, 13, died Tuesday at Shands at the University of Florida Hospital.

According to a Lake City Police Department preliminary report, police officers were called to the child's home on Saturday where he was found unresponsive. The

LCPD's investigation remains active, but authorities have not released any details regarding how the teenager died.

Lex Carswell, Richardson Middle School principal, said school officials were notified Smith had died and on Wednesday he, the school resource officer, assistant principal over guidance and a guidance counselor went to the Smith's home and spoke to the child's family.

"We expressed our condolences and let them know we were there for them if there was anything we could do for them," he said.

Carswell said the school had two grief counselors on staff Wednesday and they will have two grief counselors on staff Thursday and Friday.

"We met as a faculty Wednesday afternoon and we went over the process of how we want to deal with the children," he said. "If any of the children show any signs of grief we're going to get them and bring them down to guidance."

Carswell said there are plans to address the student body this afternoon over the school's public address system.

"Friday morning we're going to spend some time writing our thoughts as a school — staff and students — to give it to the Smith family as a tribute to Davion," he said.

Smith was a rising eighth-grader at Richardson Middle School. He attended sixth and seventh grades at Lake City Middle School and during his seventh grade year he transferred to Richardson Middle School.

"He wrestled on our wrestling team and was good kid," Carswell said. "He had very, very little

discipline problems. He was an all around good kid. This is just a very unfortunate thing."

Carswell said several faculty members who knew Smith are also having a tough time coping with his death.

"They are very upset," he said. "In Wednesday's faculty meeting we talked about how we know we have to be here and handle students but we also know that the adults may need some help, too. Grief counselors will be here not only for the students, but for the faculty too. We know the adults here are reeling, too."

Six-hour search produces suspect

By **TONY BRITT**
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Local authorities spent more than six hours on a manhunt Tuesday before they apprehended and arrested an alleged burglary suspect in a heavily wooded area just north of town.



Dover

Cody Dover, 21, 367 NW Menlo Glen, was charged with dealing in stolen property and resisting arrest without violence in connection with the case. He was booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility on \$11,000 bond.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, deputies were investigating a burglary at a local business that occurred Monday, where several vehicle batteries were stolen.

Authorities determined that the suspect, Dover, had sold some of the batteries to a local secondary recycling business. Based on that information, authorities began to search for Dover.

Around 4 p.m. Tuesday, a vehicle known to be used by Dover was spotted at the intersection of Northwest Taft Street and Northwest Cheswick Street. Deputies

learned from a passenger in the vehicle that Dover had fled from the area on foot.

Sheriff's office deputies established a perimeter in the area as they searched for Dover.

The search utilized sheriff's office K9 units and K9 units from the Florida Department of Corrections, that tracked Dover for more than six hours in the area near County Road 25A and U.S. Highway 41 North.

Around 10:20 p.m. Dover was found in a wooded area off U.S. Highway 41 and taken into custody without incident.

Dover may face additional charges as the investigation progresses, sheriff's office officials said.



COURTESY

DOT award winners

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented superior accomplishment awards to employees in its 18-county region today. Award winners were (front row, left to right) Frank Suarez of Earleton, Distinguished Manager; Belinda Lubben of Hawthorne, Sustained Exceptional Performance; Leigh Ann Bennett of Lake City, Sustained Exceptional Performance; Fae Ross of Lake City, Role Model. (Back row, left to right) Wayne Lavis of Jacksonville, Exceptional Contribution; Andrea Atran of Ponte Vedra Beach, Public Transportation; Joe Jordan of Lake City, Leader of the Year; Brandi Vittur of Lake City, Highway Engineering; Kanoye Capps of Jasper, Excellence in Diversity; Ross Hammock of Lake City, Bridge Engineering; and James Howard of McAlpin, Role Model.

Man steals truck, drives it into pond

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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A Kentucky man was arrested early Wednesday after he allegedly tried to steal a utility trailer with a stolen truck that ended up partially submerged in a retention pond.

Dustin G. Stone of Louisville, Ky. was arrested on charges of grand larceny,

resisting an officer without violence and loitering and prowling, according to the Lake City Police Department. He was held at the Columbia County Detention Facility in lieu of \$7,000 bond.

During a patrol of businesses along U.S. 90, LCPD Sgt. Robert Milligan noticed brake lights near a closed business at about 1:44 a.m.

The vehicle was gone, but Milligan found fresh tire tracks near the flat-bed utility trailer and heading across wet grass to the rear of the business.

Following the tracks Milligan found a green and gray Ford Ranger partially submerged in a retention pond.

A resident told police Stone, 30, was at the Gateway Inn, according to the report.

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OPINION

The issue of energy

There's no doubt the Obama administration is waging an all-out war on affordable energy. Instead of unmanned killer drones, red tape is the weapon of choice for this White House offensive. Unfortunately for President Obama's top general, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, the battle plan unraveled Tuesday.

The D.C. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals invalidated one of the EPA's most insidious schemes to shut down affordable power generation.

In practice, the agency was offering coal companies the choice of either shelling out \$72 billion for scrubbing equipment that provides a barely perceptible improvement in air quality, or going out of business.

This is by design, as Mr. Obama explained in a candid 2008 interview with the San Francisco Chronicle. "If somebody wants to build a coal-fired power plant, they can," said the then-senator from Illinois. "It's just that it'll bankrupt them because they're going to be charged a huge sum for all that greenhouse gas that's being emitted."

The maneuver almost worked, but the court scolded Mrs. Jackson's agency for going too far. "Congress did not authorize EPA to simply adopt limits on emissions as EPA deemed reasonable," Tuesday's ruling explained. The agency rule "flagrantly" crossed the line and trampled on federalism in an attempt to centralize air-quality decisions in Washington.

That's good news for consumers, but the fight for affordable energy is far from over. Mr. Obama remains committed to declaring uneconomic windmills, solar panels and algae the power sources of the future — to the delight of his campaign donors from these heavily subsidized industries. Meanwhile, the rest of the American manufacturing base can't afford to keep factories running. Ending the war on coal is the first step to reviving the U.S. economy.

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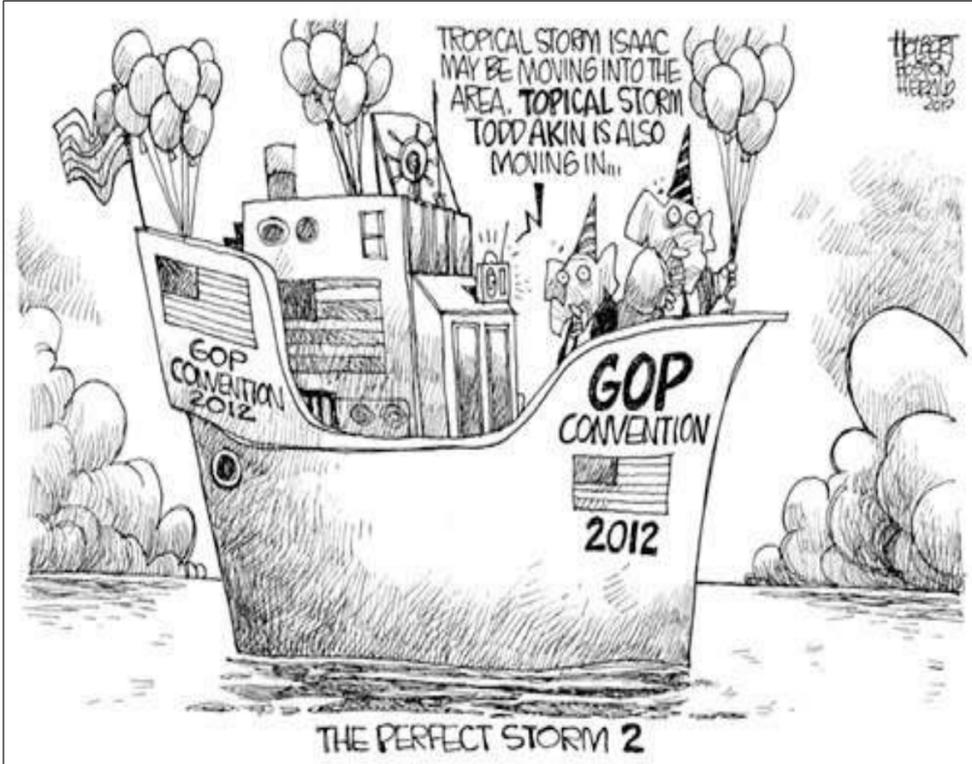
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ANOTHER
VIEW

Just tell us what your tax plan is

In a previous letter, Glenn Hubbard, dean of the Columbia Business School and an adviser to Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, takes issue with an editorial we published Sunday, headlined "Mr. Romney's 'garbage.'" Mr. Romney claims he can reduce income tax rates while not reducing revenue or hurting middle-class taxpayers. This is a central argument of his campaign, so it's worth reexamining in light of Mr. Hubbard's response.

Mr. Romney says he will abolish the estate tax, permanently extend the Bush tax cuts, get rid of capital gains taxes for families earning \$200,000 or less, reduce the corporate tax, eliminate the alternative minimum tax and reduce income tax rates by 20 percent so that, for example, the top bracket will go from 35 percent to 28 percent. He says he can accomplish this reduction in rates without lowering revenue by "broadening the base," or closing loopholes. He hasn't said which loopholes, maybe because the most expensive ones are also very popular: Among them are tax breaks for mortgage interest, charitable donations, state and local income tax and employer-provided health care.

The Tax Policy Center (TPC), a joint venture of the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution, examined Mr. Romney's claim and found that, even if every loophole for the top brackets were closed, there wouldn't be enough revenue. The middle class would have to pay more. Mr. Romney called that analysis "garbage." Mr. Hubbard says it's "simply incorrect." What's his case? First, he says the TPC ignored the effects of corporate tax reform. That's not quite true; the report assumed Mr. Romney's corporate tax reduction would be revenue-neutral, which worked to Mr. Romney's advantage. Given his proposed reduction in corporate tax rates, had the TPC taken this into account, "the result would have been an even larger tax cut on high-income individuals," the TPC argued in a follow-up report.

Mr. Hubbard says the TPC analysis didn't account sufficiently for changes in individual behavior and economic growth. In fact, since broadening the base would offset the rate reductions, the authors of the TPC report — Samuel Brown, William Gale and Adam Looney — found there wouldn't be much effect on growth.

Because Mr. Romney said he doesn't want to reduce incentives for savings and investment, the TPC assumed that tax breaks for life insurance and municipal bonds would be safe. What's most disturbing about their claims is that Mr. Romney and his team are unwilling to lay out their plan to back them up. Mr. Hubbard is right that President Obama hasn't presented a satisfactory plan; we've said many times that just raising taxes on the wealthy can't solve the nation's fiscal challenge.

"Mr. Romney's tax reform plan exists," says Mr. Hubbard. Great. Tell us what it is. Just repeating that it's possible, without explaining how, isn't much of an argument.

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Iran or Israel worthy of censure?

Iran or Israel: which is more deserving of censure? On the one hand, as the French news agency, Agence France-Presse, reported last week, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is calling Israel "a cancerous tumor" which, he threatened, will "soon be excised." He added: "The nations of the region will soon finish off the usurper Zionists ... With the grace of God and help of the nations, in the new Middle East there will be no trace of the Americans and Zionists."

On the other hand, the AFP article goes on to say: "Israel has been employing its own invective against Iran and its leaders, invoking the image of Hitler and the Nazis on the eve of World War II and accusing Tehran of being bent on Israeli genocide."

So let's place these statements on the scale. Dehumanizing Israelis, likening them to a disease, vowing to exterminate them ... well, that does sound a tad extreme. But the Israeli response ... well, it is pretty darn insulting! And really, what is the basis for the Israeli charge?

Could it have anything to do with the fact that Ahmadinejad's words are identical to those used by Nazi propagandists? For example, in 1941 Hitler ordered the excising of what he called "the Jewish cancer" from Germany. After that came the murder of 6 million European Jews — genocide.

Ahmadinejad also accused "Zionists" of having started World War I and World War II — just as Hitler blamed the Jews for these conflicts even as his troops were raping Czechoslovakia. Still, does that justify drawing a comparison between Iranian Islamists and German Nazis?

Logically, of course it does, but in AFP's eyes, no. How to



Cliff May

explain this departure from reality and morality? Several possibilities come to mind.

It could be that AFP reporters and editors are simply ignorant — that they have no idea what the Nazis said, believed or did. I'm sure these journalists attended good schools (not everyone uses a word like "invective") but perhaps they majored in 17th century French literature and know nothing of modern history.

A second explanation: To acknowledge that Iran's rulers are akin to Nazis and are threatening genocide carries policy implications. It suggests that Iran's rulers should, at all costs, be prevented from acquiring nuclear weapons. But anyone who says that risks being labeled a warmonger, a neoconservative, or something equally unfashionable.

There is this possibility, too: The AFP article expresses anti-Israelism and perhaps, also, the most ancient and durable bias. Don't get me wrong: Not everyone who criticizes Israel is a Jew-hater. Not everyone who hates Israel is a Jew-hater. But all Jew-haters do criticize and hate Israel.

Revolutionary Islamists are candid in this regard. For example, Hassan Nasrallah, the head of Hezbollah, Iran's Lebanese-based terrorist organization, has said: "If we searched the entire world for a person more cowardly, despicable, weak and feeble in psyche, mind, ideology and religion, we would not find anyone like the Jew. Notice I do not say the Israeli." Nasrallah

also has said that if all Jews gather in Israel, "it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."

One final point that the good folks at AFP ought to understand: Any serious concept of free speech includes the right to insult and offend — to "employ invective." But for leaders of a nation to incite genocide is a crime under international law.

The well-known international human rights lawyer, Irwin Cotler, a former Canadian minister of justice and attorney general, has been making a strenuous effort to remind Western leaders that there is a Genocide Convention which they have an obligation — legal, moral and strategic — to enforce.

"The Iranian regime's criminal incitement has been persistent, pervasive and pernicious," Cotler recently wrote. In particular, this genocidal incitement has intensified and escalated in 2012, with the website of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei declaring that there is religious "justification to kill all the Jews and annihilate Israel, and Iran must take the helm."

Cotler's words have so far fallen on deaf ears. And on Sunday, representatives of the so-called Non-Aligned Movement will be welcomed in Tehran. The new president of the NAM: Iran.

Some bold AFP reporter should ask the diplomats from those 120 NAM nations if they are more concerned about Iran's genocidal incitement or by Israelis "employing invective" in an attempt to call attention to these realities. Of course, their presence in Tehran for the NAM celebration answers the question eloquently. In that sense, Agence France-Presse is simply following the herd.

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GOP planners try to stick to subject

The modern political convention is a slickly packaged, tightly scripted, controversy-free commercial for the party, its rising stars and running mate, culminating in a rousing acceptance speech by the nominee.

The Republicans, who gather in Tampa, Fla., next Monday, are generally better at this — 2008 being an exception — than the Democrats. But this time the Republicans face a peculiar set of problems.

The forgotten man of this convention is former President George W. Bush, who will again be conspicuously absent from the proceedings, as will any mention of the eight years he ran the country, most of that time with a



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Republican Congress.

Unexpectedly, events, including even the weather, have conspired to have the delegates and the country talking about everything but the convention. It's possible that Tropical Storm Isaac could become a hurricane and hit Tampa on Monday, the opening day of the convention.

No word will be said on the convention floor but the hallways will be buzzing about Rep. Todd

Akin, the party's Senate candidate in Missouri. Akin made himself unelectable, and may have cost the GOP control of the Senate, with coarse remarks about rape and an ignorance of the female anatomy that argued strongly for returning sex education to the public schools.

The organizers are glued to the website of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (whose parent agency several GOP presidential candidates wanted to abolish) tracking the path of Isaac and another tropical storm behind it, hoping the weather cooperates. Not much else has so far.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Rick Burnham at 754-0424 or by e-mail at rburnham@lakecityreporter.com.

Aug. 23

Class of '72 meeting

The Columbia County High School class of 1972 will hold a reunion meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at Beef O'Bradys. For more information, contact George H. Hudson Jr. at (386) 623-2066.

Grief workshop

The Journey Through Grief: Reflections on Healing will be offered to the public on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd (Lake City Plaza). The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, will offer an overview of grief and healing while coping with a recent loss. 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.

Quit smoking classes

Quit smoking now with free group sessions from the Florida Area Health Education Center and the state Department of Health from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays Aug. 23 to Sept. 27 at Branford Elementary School, 26801 St. Rd. 247. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are provided. To register call 866-341-2730.

Tea Party meeting

You may have heard people talking about Sustainable Development - on TV, radio and public meetings. But what is Sustainable Development or the UN Agenda 21? Attend this month's meeting of the North Central Florida Tea Party Thursday, Aug. 23 to find out more. Our presenter will be Victoria Baer, an expert on Agenda 21. She is a Certified Paralegal and owner of an ad agency for the past 15 years. Our doors open at 6 p.m. for a pot-luck style dinner. Bring a dessert to share if you can. We meet at the Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Ave., in Lake City.

Aug. 24

Elks event

B&S Combs Elks Lodge number 1599, 1688 NE Washington St., will be hosting its first Exalted Ruler Black Tie Affair on Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. There will be an awards ceremony, good food and good music for a donation of \$25. Come out and enjoy an evening with the Elks Family. Contact Carlos Brown at 288-6235 for information.

Aug. 25

Back to school service

Presley Excel and Scholars Program invites each of you to a Back-To-School Youth Worship and Praise Service for all of the students 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at Union A.M. E. Church, 357 Northwest Queen Rd. The speaker for the occasion will be Chief Argatha Gilmore of the Lake City Police Department. There will also be youth participation from the community. For additional information please contact: Oni Allen, Patricia Carter, Destiny Hill, Sandra Price or Bernice Presley at 752-4074. Thank you for supporting our outstanding youth dignitaries.

UF Extension Fun Day

UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension and Columbia County 4H invite all youth and adults to the Extension Family Fun Day Celebration held Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake City Mall. There will be fun and educational exhibits and presentations in the areas of Horticulture, Agronomy, Livestock and

Natural Resources, Family Food and Nutrition, Family Youth and Community Sciences and local 4H clubs. For more information contact Columbia County Extension at 752-5384.

Family Fun Pet Show

The UF Columbia County Extension and 4H Clubs will sponsor a Family Fun Pet Show on Saturday, Aug. 25th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exhibitors can be 5 years to adult and pet show categories are: Pocket Pets (mice, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pig, etc), rabbits, dogs, cats, exotic pets (reptiles, amphibians, spiders, etc), fish and farm pets. There will also be a pet fashion show. Registration info and entry rules are available at the Columbia County Extension Office at 752-5384.

Farmers market

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in Wilson Park, located along Lake DeSoto between the Columbia County Courthouse and Shands Lakeshore Hospital. This Saturday, Aug. 25 Ted Wright performs. Vendor space is available. The market features locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, honey, baked goods, jams & jellies, artists and much more! If you would like to host your event at the market, or for more information about the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market call 386-719-5766.

Aug. 26

Nutcracker auditions

Auditions for Nutcracker and youth group Next Generation will be Sunday, Aug. 26 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Pofahl Studios, 1325 NW 2nd St. in Gainesville. Audition fee is \$20. Dance Alive National Ballet welcomes dancers from surrounding counties, studios and gyms to audition. For information call 352-371-2986.

Aug. 27

Grief support

When a Child Dies Support Group will be offered to the public on Monday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Evergreen Baptist Church in Lake City. The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, will offer an overview of Grief and suggest ways of coping with a recent death of a child. 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.

Aug. 29

4H Broiler Hen project

Columbia County youth are invited to participate in the 4H Broiler Hen Fair Project. Youth will raise meat-type chickens to market weight and enter them in the Columbia County 2012 Fair for judging. Deadline to order chicks and sign-up for project is Aug. 29. Youth do not have to be currently enrolled in 4H. For more info or to order chicks please contact Derek Barber at the UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension at 758-1030.

Sept. 1

Canoe race

Branford Outfitters. Com will host a Canoe and Kayak race Sept. 1 with all entry fee proceeds going to Hospice of the Nature Coast. The race will run from the Little River Springs to Branford Springs. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Camp

O-Suwannee and the race starts at 10 a.m. Kayak entry is \$20 and two-man canoe entry is \$30. For questions about the race or to pre-register call (386) 854-1002. Canoes and kayaks rentals are available for the race.

Our water, Our Future

You are invited to attend a free multi-media evening, "Our Water, Our Future," from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Auditorium. T. Celebrated Spring's photographer John Moran will share his images. Florida Springs Institute Director Dr. Robert

Knight will explain the science of this precious resource. A host of community leaders will share their vision for a water ethic that we can all take to heart. The program will include refreshments and is sponsored by the Florida Gateway College and the Lake City Chamber of Commerce.

Hawaii Bash

Pride of B&S Comb Temple 1238 invites the community to attend their 3rd Annual Hawaii Bash on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. at the lodge, 1688 NE Washington St. Donation at the door is \$10.

Sept. 8

Stamp show

The Florida Stamp Dealers Assn. and General Francis Marion Stamp Club will host its annual Stamp and Coin Show on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St. in Ocala. Dealers will be available to buy, sell and appraise stamps, covers, coins and paper money.

Literacy Day

Join us next to the Santa Fe River within O'Leno State Park to celebrate the 5th

Annual Literacy Day event on Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. O'Leno State Park will be celebrating Literacy Day with Magic, and the Gentle Carousel Therapy Horses. Listen to stories read by local authors and guest readers. Talk with book illustrators. Take a "Where Tales Meet Trails" adventure walk. Sign up for a library card, receive a free state park day pass and learn about adult literacy programs.

There will also be an arts and crafts area, live animals and refreshments. Admission to the park is free with the donation of a new or gently used family oriented book.

OBITUARIES

Clifton Winton Allbritton Clifton Winton Allbritton, age 86, a resident of Perry, FL, passed away on August 21, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. Mr. Allbritton was born in Jacksonville, FL, on January 5, 1926, to the late Cleveland Caldwell Allbritton and the late former Maude Alice Spradley. He was raised in Lake City, FL and graduated from Columbia County High School. He was a US army veteran and served in the European and Pacific Theaters during WWII. In 1954, he moved to Perry, FL and lived there until his death. Mr. Allbritton was an active member of New Home Baptist Church and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He was a Construction Engineer with the Florida Department of Transportation and retired after more than 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Vermell Pearce Allbritton of Perry, FL, (4) sons; Winton Allbritton, of Decatur, AL, Michael Allbritton and wife Kimberly, Brian Allbritton and wife Linda, all of Perry, FL, Bruce Allbritton and his wife Gina, of Augusta, GA, a daughter, Teresa Levingson and husband W.L., of Perry, FL, a brother, Ralph Allbritton, of Mt. Dora, FL, (3) sisters, Mildred Tomlinson, of Haines City, FL, Dessie Meeks and Annette Snyder, both of Lake City, FL, (11) grandchildren, (10) great-children, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be held at New Home Baptist Church on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. with Bro. Bill Jenkins, Bro. Chuck Dugan, and Bro. Leon Akins officiating. Interment will follow at Pisgah Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at Burns Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Covenant Hospice, Tallahassee, FL. You may sign the guest book at: www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com

Davion Markhel Smith Davion Markhel Smith slept peacefully into eternal rest on August 21, 2012 at Shands at the University of Florida Hospital, Gainesville, Florida. Davion, son of Charita Johnson Williams, Lake City, FL, and Brian Keith Smith, Apopka, FL., was born May 1,



1999 in Lake City, FL. He received his primary education in Lake City and would have been an eight grader at Richardson Middle School this year. Davion was a member of Olivet Missionary Baptist Church. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Cherishing fond and loving memories: mother, Charita J. Williams (J.J.); father, Brian K. Smith; sister, Madison Smith, Apopka, FL; brother, Caileb Smith, Lake City, FL.; maternal grandmother, Eva Jean Johnson, Montevallo, AL.; paternal grandmother, Earnestine Baker, Apopka, FL.; maternal great-grandmother, Sadie Mae Johnson, Alabaster, AL; uncle, Demetrius Johnson, Lake City, FL., Johnny Smith, Tampa, FL; special friends, Izaya Latham, Maleak Gaskins, Antonio Williams and Travis Maeweather; hosts of cousins, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Davion will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, 901 NE Davis Street. Rev. Ronald V. Walters, Pastor. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 24, 2012 at the funeral home. In memory of Davion Smith, an account has been set up at Columbia Bank to assist the family with burial expenses. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. Marq Combs-Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professional"

Elaine Joyce Banks Ms Elaine Joyce Banks, 66 of Lake City passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at her home in Lake City. She was a native of Michigan and a daughter to the late Edward Miller and Opal Farneth Miller. Ms Banks had lived in Lake City for the past 24 years having moved here from Lakeland. She retired in 2008 from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission with over 30 years of service having most recently worked in the Jacksonville office and previously many years in the Lake City office. Ms Banks loved her poodles, spending time with her family and friends and she was a Christian by faith. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Denise Banks in 1997. Survivors include her daughter, Connie E. Clark and her husband Jeff, Brandon, FL; her brother, Wayne Miller and his wife Nancy, Ohio; one grandson, Joshua

Clark, Orlando, FL; special friends, Brenda and Jim Doxey, Robbinsville, NC; former husband, Jerry Banks, Oxford, MI; former husband and companion, John Buchanan, Lake City; one niece, Kim Marks, Virginia; and one nephew, Matt Miller, Africa. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Zach Douglas officiating. Interment will follow at Day Cemetery in Day, Florida. Visitation with the family will be from 1-2:00 PM, one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, Lake City, FL. Please sign the guest book at www.guerryfuneralhome.net

Henry Stalnaker

Mr. Henry Stalnaker passed away on Tuesday morning after an extended illness. Graveside services for Mr. Stalnaker will be conducted on Saturday August 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elim Baptist Church Cemetery in Fort White. A complete obituary will appear in the Friday edition of the Lake City Reporter. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 (386)752-1234.

Metrice Maxwell

Mrs. Metrice Maxwell, 95 of Lake City expired Tuesday, August 14, 2012 after an ill-

ness at the Avalon Healthcare and Rehabilitation Ctr. of Lake City. The voice of one loved and admired was hushed in silent. She was Born in Columbia County on April 2, 1917 to the late Mr. & Mrs. Henry and Essie Dangerfield. She leaves to cherish precious memories: Sons Henry Lee, Frederick, Herbert, Elijah, and Dwight. One Daughter Brooksie Mae, Son in-la Rufus. A host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Special nieces Mary Lee and Maggie, Great nieces and nephew and cousins. Two adopted daughters Brook-sene Smith and Judy Robinson. Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, August 24th, from 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be Saturday, August 25, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lee's Temple True Church of God and Unity, 629 N.E. Annie Mattox Street with Pastor Daniels officiating. Please take all donations of Food to the church. Interment will follow in the Olustee Cemetery. Mizell Funeral Home, 365 N.W. Washington Street is in charge of arrangements. Please sign register at www.mizellfuneralhome.com



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GOP upheaval arrives just before convention

THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

TAMPA — This is the convention prelude of the Republicans' dreams — their nightmares, that is.

Mitt Romney wanted to preside over a made-for-TV gathering showcasing his economic credentials and GOP unity. Instead, he's heading to Tampa with the national debate focused on rape and abortion and with the divisions within his party — and with running mate Paul Ryan — on full display.

"It's a huge distraction," Saul Anuzis, a RNC member from Michigan and a top Romney backer, said of the emotional quarreling touched off by embattled Missouri Rep. Todd Akin earlier this week. "We should be talking about the economy and here we are consumed by these side issues."

Even the weather is threatening to spoil Romney's party. As Wednesday's rain pounded the arena and hotel complex where the convention is scheduled for next week, Anuzis lamented the tropical storm churning toward Florida, saying that "it could cause havoc; it could be a chaotic situation from a transportation and security standpoint."

All this as a new Associated Press-GfK poll showed a neck-and-neck race between Romney and President Barack Obama just over two months before the election. Some 47 percent of registered voters say they plan to vote for Obama, while 46 percent favor Romney. That's virtually the same as last month — and evidence that Romney didn't get a bounce of support by choosing Ryan as his vice presidential nominee.

Romney and Ryan sought to gain ground Wednesday with fresh criticism of Obama on health care in separate rallies and with a new TV ad. But Republican troubles persisted, just as the party had seemed to be moving past deep divisions between its establishment and conservative wings in the name of rallying behind its presidential nominee and beating Obama.

Instead, the ticket found itself still overshadowed by the uproar over Akin's refusal to drop out of his Senate race after causing a stir by saying that women's bodies have ways of preventing pregnancies in cases of "legitimate rape." He has



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney arrives at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in New Orleans Aug. 21.

apologized repeatedly and has said he mis-spoke, but he also has bucked calls from top Republicans — including Romney and Ryan — to abandon his bid.

"It's bad timing. Akin happening now sort of amplifies the whole thing," Charlie Black, a veteran GOP presidential campaign strategist and informal Romney adviser, said, referring to distractions from the campaign's economic message.

Romney spokesman Kevin Madden tried putting the matter to rest during a campaign stop in Arkansas, telling reporters he did not expect the presumptive nominee to address Akin's comments further.

"We said what we needed to say," Madden told reporters.

As final preparations were being made for the four-day convention, there were fears rippling through the national party that fallout from the Akin situation demonstrated weakness by the GOP leaders who are uniting behind Romney. But Black and others predicted that the national conversation will shift back to the economy — and an unemployment rate above 8 percent — by the time Romney accepts the nomination Aug. 30, and certainly by this fall.

"I can't imagine Obama running ads in suburban Pennsylvania in October tying Mitt Romney to Todd Akin," said Black. "If he does, it means we're winning."

For now at least, Akin's comments have caused a furor in the Republican Party just as it's trying to narrow the advantage



Republican vice presidential candidate, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., leaves a campaign rally in West Chester, Pa. Aug. 21.

Obama and the Democrats have among women voters. And the debate has highlighted fissures within the GOP over when abortion should be legal. Romney does not oppose abortion in cases of rape and incest or if it will save a mother's life, while Ryan does oppose abortion in cases of rape and incest.

Underscoring the split, the Republican National Committee is including support in its draft platform for a ban on abortion without noting specific exceptions. The plank leaves exceptions up to states, but also stops short of listing rape or incest.

Ryan himself stoked the debate Wednesday when he was forced to emphasize anew that Romney is the nominee, brushing aside differences in their records.

"I'm proud of my pro-life record. And I stand by my pro-life record in Congress. It's something I'm proud of. But Mitt Romney is the top of the ticket and Mitt Romney will be president and he will set the policy of the Romney administration," Ryan told a Pennsylvania TV station.

He also defended a bill he cosponsored in the House to ban federal funding for abortion except in cases of incest and "forcible" rape. That language, which was eventually changed, would have narrowed the exception for rape victims. Akin and 225 other members of the House, including 11 Democrats, also cosponsored the bill.

Romney's campaign rejected the idea that the Akin issue was overshadowing

the party's effort to stir enthusiasm in its base membership. And advisers said they weren't worried that Missouri, a state Obama lost in 2008, would suddenly become competitive when it's long been considered a state Romney was virtually assured of winning.

But Akin's refusal to quit his race gave rise to GOP fears in other states. Senate GOP officials were deeply concerned that the Missouri congressman might be jeopardizing the party's chances of winning control the 100-seat chamber in a close-fought year. Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill, finishing her first term, was considered the Senate's most vulnerable Democrat until Akin's remarks this week.

Democrats were working to use Akin to go after Republicans at all levels.

"It's not just one extreme candidate in Missouri; it's part of a Republican pattern," says an ad supporting Massachusetts Democrat Elizabeth Warren in her Senate race against Republican Sen. Scott Brown. Brown is urging Akin to step aside.

There were other issues beyond Akin and abortion threatening Romney's convention.

The RNC's platform committee has adopted budget language similar to Ryan's House federal spending blueprint, which calls for turning Medicare into a voucher system. That issue again spotlights the differences between the two Republicans, and splits in the party.

At the same time, Democrats were making plans to try to steal some of the limelight from Romney next week.

Obama has arranged to campaign in Iowa, Colorado and Virginia. Biden is planning to campaign in Florida — including in Tampa — early next week, and Michelle Obama is to appear on David Letterman's show on Aug. 29, the third day of the GOP convention.

And there is one thing completely out of Romney's control: Tropical Storm Isaac is bearing down on Florida, threatening to reach the Tampa area just as thousands of people are pouring into Tampa.

Convention officials say contingency plans are in place should the storm stay on its course for Tampa. They are monitoring the storm but not yet contacting delegates about alternate plans.

Obama to be in 3 key states during GOP convention

KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trying to steal some of the spotlight, President Barack Obama plans to campaign in three battleground states next week as Republicans gather in Florida to nominate presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Obama's campaign said Wednesday the president would hold college-themed events in Ames, Iowa, and Fort Collins, Colo., on Tuesday, the second day of the Republican convention. Obama was traveling to Charlottesville, Va., on Wednesday for a rally that will come hours before Rep. Paul Ryan's convention address.

Vice President Joe Biden was to visit Florida on Monday and Tuesday, including a stop in Tampa, the site of the GOP convention. First lady Michelle Obama, meanwhile, was scheduled to appear on "The Late Show with David Letterman" on the GOP convention's third night as part of a back-to-school media tour. Her late-night TV

appearance that Wednesday will air shortly after Ryan's address and ahead of Romney's convention speech the following evening.

Presidential candidates have typically kept a low profile during the conventions of their opponents, but that has changed in recent years. During the 2008 Republican National Convention, for example, Obama campaigned in Ohio and Pennsylvania while Biden courted voters in Florida and Virginia.

By staying on the road, Obama and Biden will be able to offer a counterpoint to Republicans during their convention, which is considered an important opportunity for the GOP to introduce Romney before a national audience. Romney officials said the former Massachusetts governor was expected to hold events during the Democratic National Convention, which begins in Charlotte, N.C., on Sept. 4. The places he'll visit have not been announced.

Obama campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the presi-



President Barack Obama will campaign in Iowa, Colorado, and Virginia while the GOP convention is being held in Florida.

dent, first lady and Biden would be "laying out the choice the American people are facing in November, cutting through some of the political chatter." She said that by sending Biden to the city

where Republicans will hold their convention, "he's going to the belly of the beast."

Romney senior adviser Kevin Madden told reporters Wednesday that Biden's trip was aimed at dis-

tracting from the Democrats' economic record. He said the vice president's presence in Florida will help Republicans draw a contrast between the parties' economic visions for the country.

ISAAC: Local emergency planners get ready for storm

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but is not sure at this point if an at-risk shelter for local citizens or a host shelter for Florida residents affected in other areas will be necessary.

Because of the limited options available for post-storm management, county officials are encouraging individuals in vulnerable regions to begin preparing for a potentially devastating storm.

"There were many people who we barely got out during Debby. I can't promise you that we can get everybody out with a whole lot more rain," Williams said. "So we are going to try through the educational process to make sure that people take extreme precautions and be very, very familiar with their surroundings and the potential impact additional rain and wind could have on them."

County Commissioner Ron Williams said because of limited options of county officials,

residents should be ready to pack up and leave their home if conditions get bad.

"When we say get out, by golly they need to get out. It's just that simple, no matter whether you stay on the south, west, east or north end," he said. "There is going to be a bigger magnitude effect on this county, if this progresses, than the 2004 and 2005 hurricane season."

Because of the potential for a mass impact over the majority of the state of Florida, Columbia County is not expecting to receive emergency aid from other areas.

"We need to look within to meet our immediate need," Dale Williams said.

Public works director Kevin Kirby said reconstructed areas from Debby damage may be at risk if Isaac comes through.

"The structural stability is stronger but as a result of all the vegetation, the grass and

all that has been disturbed and has not come back yet," Kirby said. "If you have a high velocity, it's going to make it much more vulnerable."

The county is working on preparing a risk assessment map that will highlight areas of critical concern if the county ends up in Isaac's path.

"If you had flooding from Debby, if you had water on your property from Debby, if you had any kind of effect at all from Debby that made you think you could possibly flood, I'd say that you might want to go ahead and start making considerations as to where you would go away from your home because more rain would just add and really exacerbate that situation," Emergency Management Director Shayne Morgan said.

Morgan said the county does not anticipate issuing a mandatory evacuation but may issue a voluntary evacuation

for some areas.

Morgan said it is too far away to know if schools will be closed during the storm at this point.

"If atmospheric conditions happen, then there's a good chance that this storm might slow down and we might not see landfall until Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week," Morgan said.

Morgan said there is still a chance that the storm may head west and bypass the county altogether.

"Don't fall in love with where the center line is, there is a reason that they have that cone of error and that's just saying that it could go either way in this projected area," Morgan said.

The Citizens Information Center, a resource for information updates on the storm, will be opened beginning today from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The CIC number is 719-7530.

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Kids, no kids? One or four? When couples disagree

LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken Budd fell for his high school sweetheart all over again when they reconnected after college.

Both were 25 when they married. He just assumed they'd have kids one day, something he had always wanted, but it wasn't until his father died 14 years later that he even broached the subject with his wife. The result?

"I wanted to have a child and she ultimately didn't," Budd said. "She said she just felt like she didn't have maternal feelings."

Far less has landed couples in divorce court, but the Burke, Va., couple — he an editor and she a nurse — made it through. Budd, now 46, said he gave up the parenting dream and channeled his fatherly feelings into volunteer work on behalf of poor kids all over the world, trips his wife came along on a couple of times.

"You both wind up feeling guilty," said Budd, who wrote a book about his travels and the reasons for them. "She feels guilty because she knows I wanted this thing but she didn't feel like she could do it and I feel guilty because I've put her in this position where she feels guilty, so we both had to work through some things."

Whether it's having children at all or how many to have, divorce attorneys and therapists said the issue rears regularly, but it's often unrealistic to think couples can close the negotiation on kids before heading to the altar.

Talking about it, at the very least, is a good idea before the rings are on.

"You may resent your partner for denying you something that is so important to you. On the flip side, if you pressure a spouse into having a child they don't want, it can be detrimental not only to the marriage but to the child as well," said Lori Freson, a therapist in Encino, Calif.

It's easy, she said, to pretend a kid divide before the nuptials doesn't exist.

"Denial and avoidance can be

very powerful, especially in a love relationship," Freson said. "Love makes us do crazy things. Most people in love don't want to acknowledge the reasons why it might NOT work."

Sometimes minds change.

David Knoller is 65. He retired a few months ago as a medical research administrator at a hospital near his Fair Lawn, N.J., home. His wife, Rochelle, worked as a librarian for more than 20 years.

They have a 28-year-old son who, Rochelle noted wryly, "doesn't know how lucky he is to be alive."

The Knollers met in the summer of 1976, in line to renew their driver's licenses in Manhattan. They married the following January. Like the Budds, Rochelle was 25. Just about all of her friends were single at the time and of one thing she was certain: She didn't want kids.

"I had had a pretty unhappy childhood. I certainly didn't enjoy the child part of it, but my parents didn't seem to be having a good time, either," she said. "I had made up my mind not to have a child and that was it."

David, who is five years older, was aware of her feelings. He knew he wanted to be a dad, but love won. They were best friends who enjoyed hanging out together. And they were young. They were having fun.

"I figured time was on my side," he said. "I figured that it was a discussion that could be deferred until we really got to know each other."

It worked, about six years later, when Rochelle decided without urging to get pregnant at a time she was having trouble getting her career in recreation therapy off the ground. She trained later in library science.

"I occasionally used to wonder if I had found librarianship earlier would I have made this same decision, and will never know obviously," she said.

Jacqueline Newman, managing partner of a Manhattan family law firm specializing in wealthy clients, said Rochelle's turnaround isn't unique.

A variety of factors are usually at play once somebody comes knocking on Newman's door. When having kids is one, a change of heart by one or the other often surfaces, she said.

"Your priorities shift, lifestyles shift," Newman said, noting the case of a husband she once represented. "Both didn't want kids, then he decided he did once they were married. She felt completely tricked by it. Both earned lots of money, so things like hiring a nanny or quitting her job weren't a problem. She just felt like, 'We made a deal. You're changing the terms of that deal.'"

Count Newman among experts who believe premarital discussion of when, whether and how many kids to have can only help, even though partners grow older, careers evolve and minds may change.

While her clients are high earners, money comes into play for many couples who disagree.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report issued in June, a middle-income family with a child born in 2011 can expect to spend about \$234,900 (\$295,560 if projected inflation costs are factored in) for food, shelter and other necessities to raise a child over the next 17 years.

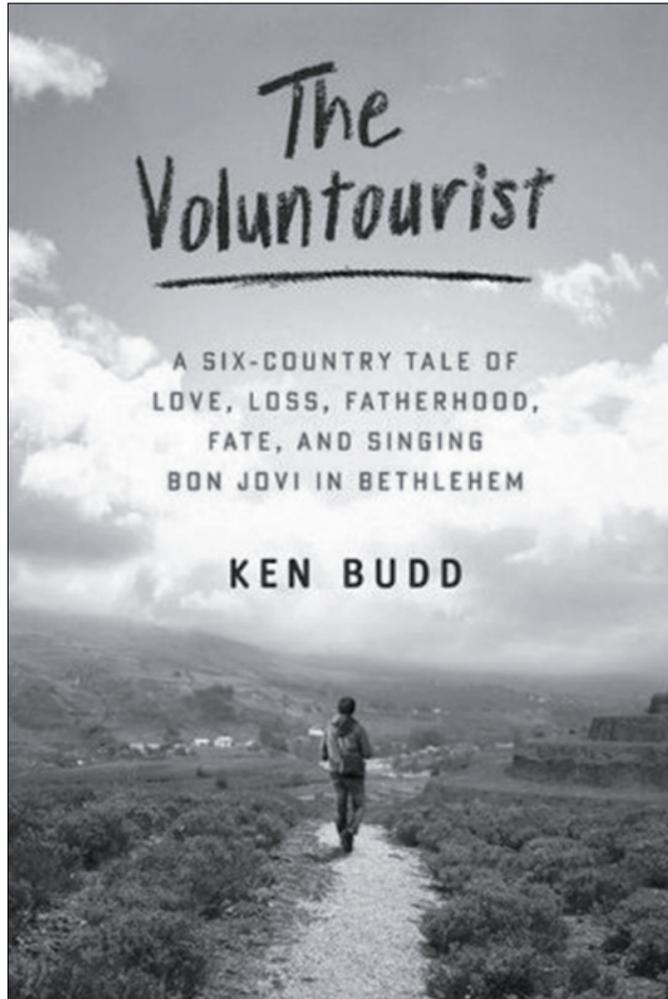
That's a 3.5 percent increase from 2010. Expenses for transportation, child care, education and food saw the largest percentage increases, with smaller hikes in housing, clothing, health care and miscellaneous expenses.

Being clear on parenting desires is crucial heading into marriage, said Ramani Durvasula, a psychologist in Los Angeles.

"This can actually be a back-breaking challenge for a relationship" because of the high potential for "unfixable regret," she said.

"That trip to Paris you didn't take 10 years ago can be addressed even when you're in your 70s, but decisions about kids have numerous ramifications in terms of lifestyle, finances, stress, identity."

Often, Durvasula said, couples get lost in the easy question of "Do you want kids?" They need to go



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This book cover image released by Newman Communications shows "The VolunTourist" by Ken Budd.

deeper, "into the dealbreakers like how many? Spacing? Will one parent stop working? Where will we live? And if one person assumes having kids means four, and the other one — that could really lead to tremendous strain and even a sense of betrayal if agreement can't be reached."

A form of "bait and switch" may develop, she said, "which can result in telling a new partner what he or she wants to hear to cement the relationship and then reneging once the deal is sealed. Not a good idea."

Leigh Cummings, a family law attorney in Atlanta, sees whether to have kids as a major issue among her clients 15 percent of the time.

When she asks why such a crucial aspect of a relationship wasn't discussed during courting, the responses usually go something like this:

"Either it didn't come up, or we just weren't thinking about that," said Cummings, who's expecting her first child. "Or we were just in love, or she thought she would change his mind. It's a huge, festering problem."

What to do when you can't sleep

From State Point Media

One in four US adults today suffers from occasional sleeplessness that occurs over a relatively short period of time, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sleep issues aren't just a modern problem tied to the hustle and bustle of today's hectic world. Throughout recorded history, philosophers, poets and scientists around the world have mused over the importance of sleep to physical and mental health.

Across time and geographies, people have been searching for sleep remedies as far back as 2800 B.C. Instead of concocting special elixirs with exotic plants and animals, today you can simply head to your pharmacy. However, navigating the sleep-aid aisle can be overwhelming because there are so many products.

The following questions may help you find the right product for you:

Do you have trouble falling asleep?

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If you are having trouble falling asleep due to occasional sleeplessness but aren't experiencing pain, try a single-active ingredient sleep-aid product containing either diphenhydramine or doxylamine succinate.

For example, Vicks ZzzQuil, containing diphenhydramine, is non-habit forming and can help you fall asleep, so you can wake rested and refreshed. More information can be found at www.zzzquil.com.

Do you have occasional sleeplessness accompanied by aches or pains?

If so, consider a sleep-aid that contains a pain reliever, such as acetaminophen or a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory, such as Ibuprofen. Look for pain reliever plus sleep-aid combination products within the pain section of the sleep-aid aisle.

Do you prefer a natural supplement?

Dietary supplements such as chamomile, valerian or melatonin are available in the supplement portion of the sleep-aid aisle. However, these supplements have not been evaluated and approved by the FDA.

These questions are meant to serve as a guide. Talk to your physician if your sleeplessness persists for more than two weeks.

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Mix things up and cool down with a wine cocktail

MICHELLE LOCKE

For The Associated Press

Remember wine coolers? Turns out they're not actually all that cool these days.

But don't put that cork back in the bottle just yet. Why not mix up a few wine cocktails, which — unlike their commercial predecessors — are quite sophisticated and of-the-moment.

"Wine-based cocktails are something that I think have really taken off," says Amy Currens, wine director at Prospect, a restaurant serving contemporary American cuisine in San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood.

Wine cocktails are a year-round drink, but they're especially good for summer, adding a fun touch to backyard barbecues and pairing well with grilled meats thanks to their grape underpinnings.

One of the cocktails served at Prospect, named appropriately enough the Prospector, consists of blended scotch,

Benedictine, bitters and Madeira, the fortified wine from Portugal. "Those red fruits that come out through the Madeira would complement roasted meat," says Currens. "I can see a good brat and a Prospector."

A classic wine cocktail is the Americano, which is part vermouth and part Campari, a liqueur. Another standby is the Bellini, a mix of sparkling wine, usually Italian prosecco, and peach puree. And in general, sparkling wine is an easy way to incorporate wine into a cocktail, providing fizz and a boost of flavor.

At the Bluestem Brasserie in San Francisco, the Violet Femme cocktail uses red seedless grapes, absinthe, cabernet sauvignon, sparkling wine, simple syrup and bitters. And the Briar Patch celebrates the season with macerated summer fruit, gin, lime and sparkling wine.

Port and sherry make good additions to a cocktail, as does moscato, which is often fruity and

little fizzy. Sonoma County-based Redtree Wine has come up with some cocktail recipes for its Redtree moscato wine including Bumble & Bubbles, made of 3 ounces of prosecco, 1 ounce moscato, and two dashes of orange bitters.

It's probably not surprising that wine has popped up as a cocktail ingredient given the trend of inventive drinks recipes that focus on using fresh and unusual ingredients.

The advantage of wine as an ingredient "really boils down to two main things," says Bluestem Brasserie owner Adam Jed. "First of all, wine adds a really unique flavor profile to cocktails. The other is that wine, especially sparkling wine or Champagne, adds an inherent lightness that soda water, syrups and other ingredients do not. It's that unique texture that really makes wine cocktails stand out from the crowd."

Ready to mix up your own grape cocktail? Here's the recipe for the Prospector.



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Bartender Daniel Bishop burns an orange while making a wine cocktail called the Prospector at the Prospect restaurant in San Francisco. The Prospector is made with Madeira wine, blended Scotch, Benedictine, bitters and burnt orange.

What every man over 40 should ask his doctor

From State Point Media

Annual physicals may not be at the top of every man's to-do list, but these visits are crucial for longevity — especially for those men over 40.

There's no better time than your check-up to have all your looming health questions answered. Make the most of your next visit by composing a checklist of things you'd like to talk about during your appointment.

No matter how healthy you feel, there are some discussion points you'll definitely want to cover:

Prostate Cancer Screening

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America, affecting one in six men, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. If you're a man over 40, there are several major risk factors that you need to know about. If you are African-American, or have a family history of prostate cancer, talk to your doctor about your prostate health, beginning at age 40.

The older you are, the more likely you are to be diagnosed with this potentially life-threatening illness, but that doesn't mean younger men are not also diagnosed. In fact, one in every 38 men aged 40 to 59 is diagnosed with prostate

cancer. Talk to your doctor about when you should begin screenings and how you can lower your risk of diagnosis.

Be proactive! Visit the Prostate Cancer Foundation website at www.PCF.org for more information on risk factors, and to access a list of prevention tips.

Your Heart's Health

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease causes more than one in four deaths of men in the United States.

To get an accurate gauge of your risk, be honest with your doctor. He or she can't advise

you properly if you don't share all the facts on your habits — good and bad.

Have your blood pressure and cholesterol tested at recommended intervals. Ask your doctor if your levels are normal and what you can do if they aren't. If you don't currently get regular physical activity, your doctor can advise you on safely easing into an exercise program.

Diabetes Risk

Many people have the misconception that if something is wrong; their bodies will let them know. But diabetes often begins without symptoms. Your risk fac-

tor for developing diabetes goes up if you are overweight, have high blood pressure, or a family history of the disease. Ask your doctor if you need to be screened.

In the meantime, lower your risk for diabetes by maintaining a healthy weight. Your doctor is a great resource for helping you form an effective weight management plan.

It's vital for men to manage their risks for life-threatening diseases like prostate cancer, and one of the best ways to do that is with regular visits to the doctor. If it's been over a year since your last appointment, call today to schedule a visit.

Quick and smart food ideas

From State Point Media

Lunch is an important meal for children, accounting for one-third to half of their nutritional intake a day, according to the National School Lunch Program. Good lunches will help breed success, as children will be more likely to stay focused in class on full stomachs. Furthermore, the right snacks will keep them going strong for all their after-school activities.

Drink

Packing a drink is the easiest part of most school lunches. Low-fat or fat-free milk is the best drink for kids. Even when packing a lunch, your child can purchase plain or low-fat flavored milk at school. If your child does not prefer milk, a calcium-fortified beverage is the next best choice.

Main Course

Peanut butter and jelly is a classic and easy to make if you're short on time. Sandwiches made with whole grain breads and lean meats are great as well, and some variety will not only get your child excited for lunch, but also add different vitamins and minerals to their diet. Prepare lunch the night before to save time and always consider food safety.

Snacks

Choose snacks that provide nutritional value and are easy to pack. For example, Snack Pack pudding can be grabbed on the go, and is a tasty snack kids can look forward to. Snack Pack pudding has as much calcium as an eight-ounce glass of milk, offering 30 percent of a child's daily value of calcium.

Choosing health care providers

From State Point Media

Nothing is more important than the health of your family. So when it comes to selecting the right health care providers, it is vital to do careful research and come up with the right choices for you and your loved ones.

When it comes to selecting a doctor, most of us are very particular and know what to look for. Things aren't necessarily so clear when it comes to selecting other types of health practitioners, such as health care providers, rehab facilities, long-term care facilities and others.

"It's always important to equip yourself with some background knowledge and to use it to ask plenty of questions of any potential health provider or facility that will be treating you or a family member," says Paul Grace, President and CEO of the non-profit National Board for Certification in Occupational

Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT).

The experts at the NBCOT recommend these tips as you search for a certified health care provider:

- Ask if he or she is certified, and if so, by what board or authority. Certification and accreditation are designed to ensure that health professionals are qualified, capable, and prepared to perform the required services.

- Request documentation to confirm certification.

- Question the provider about his or her level of education, training and experience in the desired field.

- Inquire about any specialty certifications or other skills that might apply to your needs.

- Ask for references and perform independent research to determine suitability to provide the care.

Finding the right rehabilitation or long-term care facility in the event of an injury or ailment is just as important as

finding a health care provider. Always make sure facilities provide evidence that they are qualified to perform designated clinical activities and have met certain quality standards.

- Ask management if the facility is currently accredited, and if so, by what board or authority.

- Ask to see relevant documentation to confirm its commitment to excellence and evaluation.

- Ask about how the quality of care is measured and monitored by the facility.

- Check the benchmarks by which the facility is compared to on the regional and national level.

- Review client satisfaction surveys and perform independent research on each potential facility.

When it comes to the health of your family, you don't want to cut any corners. Make sure you cover all bases and provide your family with the care they deserve.

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Section B

BRIEFS

CHS VOLLEYBALL

Open scrimmage planned Friday

Columbia High's volleyball team has an intrasquad scrimmage open to the public from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday. Admission is a Powerade drink, which the team can use for away games.

For details, e-mail coach Rebecca Golden at goldenreb@gmail.com.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Little League sign-up Saturday

Lake City Parks and Recreation Department's Little League Football final registration (ages 6-13) is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Teen Town Recreation Center. Cost per player is \$50 to be paid at City Hall after registration. Three leagues are offered and there are weight restrictions for players ages 10 and 13.

The Lake City Recreation Department and the Columbia Youth Football Association have a Future Tiger Football Camp planned for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Memorial Stadium. There is no charge for the camp and lunch will be provided. Participants will receive a free Future Tiger T-shirt. Coach Brian Allen and members of his Columbia High staff will be instructing.

For details, call Heyward Christie at 754-3607.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Columbia Cheer sign-up Saturday

Columbia Cheer Association final sign-up (ages 4-12) for little league cheer season is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Southside Recreation Center. Registration cost is \$40; uniform cost is extra.

For details, call Wilda Drawdy at 965-1377.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Registration for fall under way

Registration for the Columbia County Adult Softball Fall Season is under way and continues through Sept. 6. There is a coaches meeting in the Southside Sports Complex meeting hall at 6 p.m. Sept. 6. Registration packets can be picked up at Brian's Sports.

For details, call Pete Bonilla at 623-6561.

■ From staff reports

Final warm-up

Tigers host Santa Fe High in kickoff classic on Friday.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Although Columbia High will play its first football game on Friday, this will be one time this year that the score won't matter.

The Tigers are looking for execution in preparation for the regular season which will begin against Baker County on Aug. 31.

But this week, coach Brian Allen is more worried about the Tigers doing the things that have been taught throughout the summer.

"The big thing I'll be looking for is that we have the hustle and effort," Allen said.

Allen said the plan is to play the starters for two quarters depending on what he sees out of the unit.

"If they play well, they'll probably go two quarters," he said. "I want to see big effort out of those guys and them doing the stuff that we have taught. It doesn't matter what kind of offense or defense we're going up against, we just want to do the stuff we've been teaching."

Columbia played Santa Fe last year in the kickoff classic, but the Raiders have a new coach for the second-consecutive season with Bill Wiles coming over from Branford.

Allen expects a balanced rushing attack out of the Raiders under their new coach after seeing them at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp during the



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High players stretch before practice as the team prepares for a game with Santa Fe High in the kickoff classic at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in Lake City.

summer.

"They'll have an even front on defense and they'll give us different looks on offense," Allen said. "They'll throw some option stuff at us, some trap stuff and the

basic things you see from a Wing-T."

Still, Allen expressed he's not gameplanning for this week's contest. His bigger concern remains with the Tigers.

"Again, we're more concerned with what we do," Allen said. "He feels they're a little down after losing 10 of 11 starters on defense. We have to play no matter the look."

Line of leadership



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Juniors A.J. Kluess and Chris Waites won't have to line up against each other once the season starts on Friday as Fort White High takes on Suwannee High at 7:30 p.m. in Fort White.

Kluess, Waites anchor Fort White's front

By TIM KIRBY
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FORT WHITE

Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson entered the season concerned with his offensive line, but he had two solid returnees on which to build.

Juniors Chris Waites and A.J. Kluess spent the summer preparing to stake their claim to line leadership.

I have gotten stronger and faster and stayed about the same weight," Kluess said. "I definitely

have to be a leader on the offensive line because we don't have a lot of old guys. I am trying to make sure everybody knows what to do and that they keep fighting. I am pretty good with the offense. I have it down pat."

Jackson agrees. "A.J. is probably the smartest guy on the team," he said.

"I got stronger in the summer and worked more on specific positions," Waites said. "The juniors are doing pretty good and we have to learn to be leaders. You step up when you have to. I think we will be pretty good. We are coming along."

Waites will be the only lineman

getting a lot of playing time on both sides of the ball.

"Chris is a guy we are really counting on for offense and defense," Jackson said. "He is strong and gives a great effort. We will use him both ways as much as possible."

Waites will play defensive end and guard on offense. He says he can do some damage on offense.

I love pulling," Waites said. "The guy never knows when you are coming and you get to unload on him. You get to be nasty."

Kluess also is getting a look at two positions — on the offense.

"Both center and tackle are very important," Kluess said.

"I wouldn't be upset if (Coach Jackson) put me at either one. I have no preference in run blocking or pass blocking. I like both."

Jackson has been pleased with the progress.

"A.J. is coming on," Jackson said. "He is our largest player by size and also our strongest. He really bought into the weight room this summer. We are really looking to running behind him and I hope he paves the way for us."

Kluess is peeking ahead a little bit to the district showdown.

"We want to go back at Trinity Catholic," Kluess said. "We had a

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6:30 p.m.
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7:30 p.m.
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St. Louis	66	56	.541	8
Milwaukee	56	66	.459	18
Chicago	47	75	.385	27
Houston	39	84	.317351/2	

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	68	55	.553	—
Los Angeles	67	57	.5401 1/2	
Arizona	62	61	.504	6
San Diego	55	70	.440	14
Colorado	48	73	.397	19

Tuesday's Games
Washington 4, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 4
Colorado 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 7, Houston 0
Miami 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings
San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 5, 10 innings
San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 1

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
Miami at Arizona (n)
Pittsburgh at San Diego (n)
Atlanta at Washington (n)
Cincinnati at Philadelphia (n)
Colorado at N.Y. Mets (n)
Houston at St. Louis (n)
Miami at Arizona, 2nd game (n)
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers (n)

Thursday's Games
Colorado (Chatwood 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (McHugh 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 1-5) at St. Louis (Westbrook 12-9), 1:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 16-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 14-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Hanson 12-5) at San Francisco (Zito 9-8), 10:15 p.m.

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Wednesday, Aug. 29
New England at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 11 p.m.

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GOLF REPORTS

An ace is an ace for Dortch

Tim Dortch put his tee shot in the cup on the par 3 third hole on Sunday. The shot was played to a temporary green with a slightly oversized cup, but an ace is an ace wherever it happens.

The shot ran Dortch's score to +16 and an easy first place finish in the blitz. David Rhodes was in second with +8.

The ace gave Dortch three skins for the day. Buddy Slay recorded two skins. Terry Hunter and Rhodes had one each.

Scott Kishton, Hunter, and Slay joined Dortch as closest to the pin winners.

Familiar names were at the top of the A flight in Wednesday's blitz. Mike McCranie (+9) topped Jordan Hale by two points for first place. Dennis Crawford (+4) edged Buddy Slay by a point for third place.

Bud Johnson (+9) barely overcame Bob Wheary (+8) to take first in the B flight. Don Howard was in third at +4, followed by Bob Randall and Lynn Smith in a tie for fourth.

Mike Gough and Steve

COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

Ed Goff

Patterson split the skins pot with McCranie, Crawford, Hale and Howard. Patterson won a small pot hole prize with his skin. The big pot hole remains in play.

Terry Hunter (+4) dodged a determined chase by Bruce Gibson to take the A flight of Saturday's blitz by a point.

John Brewer (+11) wasn't close to being challenged in the B flight, winning by eight points over Eli Witt and Steve Peters who tied for second.

Hunter added two skins to his day's take. Eddy Brown, Peters and Witt had one apiece.

All three Good Old Boys matches ended with one-shot wins. The team of Monty Montgomery, Tom Elmore, Emerson Darst and Paul Davis was victorious in match one, 6-5, over the threesome of Dennis Hendershot, Dave Cannon and Mike Spencer.

Match two went in the win column for the team of

Marc Risk, Bill Rogers, Carl Wilson and Dan Stephens, 3-2, over the team of Rhea Hart, Jeff Mayne, Tony Branch and Joe Persons.

The final contest ended in another 6-5 win, this time for the team of Ed Snow, Stan Woolbert, Merle Hibbard and Howard Whitaker over the team of Jim Bell, Eli Witt, Jim Stevens and Bobby Simmons.

Montgomery's 39-36-75 took medalist honors by a stroke over Risk's 35-41-76. The other top 18-hole score was posted by Whitaker with a 78.

Woolbert (38) had a nine hole win on the back over Snow (39).

The LGA ignored full shots and rewarded putting in a "low putts" format.

Natalie Bryant wielded the best flat stick and took the win with 30 strokes. Jan Davis and Dottie Rogers tied for second with 32 putts. Carol Felton and Gloria Rowley shared fourth with 33.

Nancy Edgar and Rowley split chip-in money.

The MGA four-man Best Ball tournament is Saturday.

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	72	51	.585	—
Tampa Bay	69	55	.5563 1/2	
Baltimore	67	56	.545	5
Boston	59	64	.480	13
Toronto	56	66	.459151/2	

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	67	55	.549	—
Detroit	65	57	.533	2
Kansas City	55	68	.447121/2	
Cleveland	54	69	.439131/2	
Minnesota	51	71	.418	16

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	71	51	.582	—
Oakland	66	56	.541	5
Los Angeles	63	60	.5128 1/2	
Seattle	60	64	.484	12

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 5, Toronto 3
Kansas City 1, Tampa Bay 0, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 5, Boston 3
Baltimore 5, Texas 3
Chicago White Sox 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Oakland 4, Minnesota 1
Seattle 5, Cleveland 1

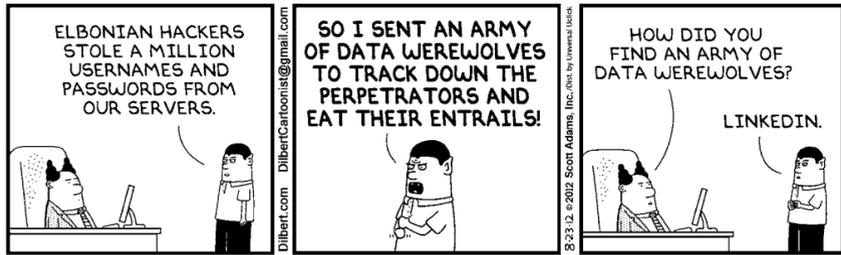
Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3
Minnesota at Oakland (n)
Cleveland at Seattle (n)
Toronto at Detroit (n)
L.A. Angels at Boston (n)
Baltimore at Texas (n)
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox (n)

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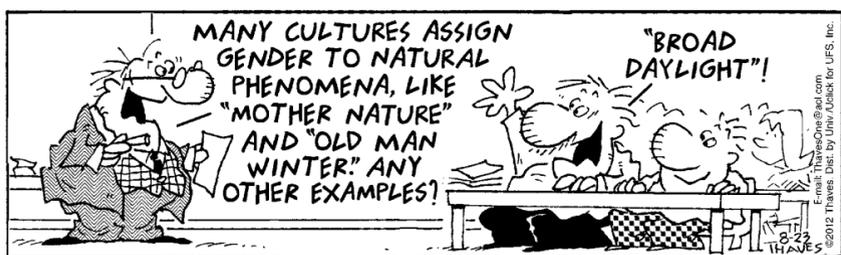
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

New boyfriend's old life is still uncomfortably close



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I started dating my boyfriend a month ago. On our third date he informed me that he was previously married. It lasted two years and he has been divorced for almost a year. It didn't bother me, so I let it go.

He introduced me to his two roommates - one of them is female. After spending a day with them, I noticed he had an odd relationship with her. When I asked him about it later, he said she's his ex-wife. They live together and share basically everything, including groceries and a laptop. He can't seem to understand why I'm disturbed by this.

He says the decision to divorce was mutual and that they have both been seeing other people for a while. I adore him and hate to end a fantastic relationship because I'm jealous. I have no life experience to prepare me to handle this sort of situation, so I don't know what to do. Help! - TAKEN

DEAR TAKEN: Sometimes when a person doesn't know what to do, the best thing to do is - nothing. Your relationship is very new. Stay calm and see how it develops. If you both decide to take it to the next level, the living arrangements may change

unable to attend.

DEAR ABBY: My 70-something-year-old mother is being remarried soon. I'm happy she has found love again after my father's passing. Several of her friends are throwing her a lingerie shower to celebrate. Abby, I am uncomfortable attending this party.

I asked that she exclude me from the list, but yesterday I received an invitation. Hooray! She has a new life which involves new love. I just don't want to think of my mother in that role. Am I wrong to not want to attend?

DEAR T.G.U.S.F.: You're not wrong. While most of us are aware that we did not arrive via immaculate conception, few of us want to dwell on the reality of our parents as sexual beings. Because you have already told your mother how you feel, simply respond to the invitation by saying you are

DEAR ABBY: I often read letters in your column you refer to as "Pennies From Heaven." I have something I'd like to share with you.

I believe that I have received such gifts from my older brother, Shane, who passed away as an infant. I found one the other day that can't be explained away as anything but a penny from heaven.

As I was about to leave for my morning commute to work, I went out to the garage where I keep my bike, helmet and biking gloves. As I pulled my glove on, I found - you guessed it! - a penny was lodged in the little finger. I never keep money where these gloves are, so I can only guess that Shane put it there for me. - LOVED LITTLE SISTER IN INDIANA

DEAR LOVED LITTLE SISTER: The penny may indeed have been a token of your angel brother's affection. Keep it for luck while you're on the road, and pedal on with confidence knowing you're being lovingly watched over from above.

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): Get ready to make changes that will help you out financially and emotionally. Take a good look at the relationships you have with both business and personal acquaintances and do what you can to make improvements. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't make a move because someone else does. You have to do what's best for you if you are going to excel. Being a follower will not get you what you want in the end. Do business via the phone or Internet. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discuss your plans and forge ahead. You may not get everyone's blessings, but you will feel at peace once your plans are out in the open. A move or a change in the way you live will help you feel good about your accomplishments. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on what's ahead, not on what has already taken place. Put your heart into whatever you do, and take time to enjoy the company of the people you enjoy being with most. A trip or new experience will help you rejuvenate. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep moving if you want

to get everything on your to-do list finished. A relationship you have with someone will change if one of you is secretive. You will learn quickly; focus on mastering a new skill to add to your resume. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider your motives before you get entangled in something for the wrong reason. You are best to follow your heart, not what you think will bring you the highest return. Happiness will be based on self-satisfaction. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open up a dialogue with people you feel have something to teach you. Don't let a relationship get you down or cause you to miss something you want to attend or do. You can resolve pending problems if you voice your concerns. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You aren't likely to win a debate by talking. Showing what you can do will be far more effective. An interesting concept you come across can be easily manipulated to fit something you want to pursue. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

Dec. 21): Keep things out in the open. Secrets will lead to suspicion. Make the alterations at home that will make your life better. A change of heart may end up costing you financially or emotionally. Choose your battles and your friendships wisely. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check out what everyone else is doing, and you'll find a perfect place to put your skills to work. What you contribute will be well-received and put you in the running for advancement. A partnership will enhance your future prospects. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Winning and controlling are not the same things. Make sure that everyone, including you, has the freedom to express individuality in whatever way possible. You will bring out the best in everyone and surpass your dreams, hopes and wishes. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be torn between what you should do and what you want to do. Don't miss out; get organized, call in favors and move quickly in order to take care of your responsibilities and enjoy fulfilling your desires. ★★★★★

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.

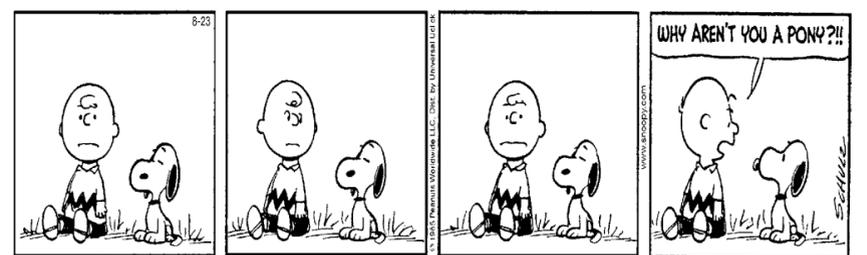
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Previous Solution: "Remind people that profit is the difference between revenue and expense. This makes you look smart." — Scott Adams

TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenbe I.

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