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Munn guilty on 9 counts

Suwannee County man convicted in triple murder case.

By TONY BRITT
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LIVE OAK — A Suwannee County jury returned nine guilty verdicts against Lonnie Robert Munn Friday afternoon for his involvement in a 2010 triple murder in McAlpin where three people were shot and killed execu-

tion style.

The jury, consisting of five women and one man, deliberated for about three hours before returning the guilty verdicts against Munn in a Suwannee County capital case where the state has waived the death penalty.

Munn, 47, of Live Oak, was



Munn

found guilty of three counts of premeditated murder for his role in the Aug. 25, 2010 shooting deaths of Joseph and Nancy Militello and their nephew, Angelo Rosales, in their McAlpin farm home. Munn was also found guilty of three counts of home invasion robbery and three counts of kidnapping in the case. The verdict was delivered around 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Munn is facing three mandatory life sentences without the

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High school referee collapses, dies Friday

By TONY BRITT
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FORT WHITE — An official who refereed the Fort White - Hamilton County high school football game died of an apparent heart attack minutes after the contest concluded, Fort White officials said.

The football official has been identified as Gary Stanley, 62, of Trenton.

"In the fourth quarter he was

removed and placed on the sideline because he was not feeling well," said Keith Hatcher, Fort White High School principal. "The Fort White training staff tended to him on the sideline. After the game he collapsed in the referee changing area and the paramedics were called in after that."

Sgt. Ed Seifert, Columbia County Sheriff's office public

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Water Woes



Kayakers are seen soaking up the beauty of the Ichetucknee River. A restoration plan for the river says that officials responsible for managing area water resources do not have enough consistent information to be effective in doing it.

Local races look to heat up after Labor Day

5 positions, including superintendent of schools, still open.

By TONY BRITT
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The Labor Day Holiday is the final holiday of the summer and signals the fall election season is quickly approaching.

For several local political candidates, this is the time of year to make the final push toward collecting more votes to secure seats in the November election.

There will be five local contested races on the Nov. 6 ballot where candidates are in a runoff to secure a political post.

Runoff races will take place for three county commission posts, for the superintendent of schools post and for a school board position.

The superintendent of schools race proved to be the most competitive race on the ballot during the Aug. 14 primary election with only 44 votes separating the candidates. The race features Terry Huddleston and Glenn Hunter competing for the position.

During the primary Hunter secured 33.8 percent of the vote, with 4,573 votes, while Huddleston had 33.4 percent of the vote, 4,529 votes.

In the race for the Columbia County District 1 county commissioner post, incumbent Ron Williams will face-off against political upstart Oni Allen.

During the primary Williams was the lead candidate and collected 1,199 votes, while Allen collected 675 votes to finish second in a race that featured four candidates running for the post.

The race for the Columbia County District 3 county commission seat will pit Bucky Nash against Mike Gordon.

During the primary Nash finished first in the race, collecting 1,547 votes (45.9 percent), while Gordon garnered 762 votes (22.7 percent). Five candidates competed in the August primary.

The runoff for the Columbia County District 5 county commission post, incumbent Scarlet Frisina is competing for the post against Tim Murphy.

In the August primary, Frisina racked up 1,290 votes (45.8 percent), while Murphy collected 1,151 votes (40.9 percent), as they bested the other two candidates in the race.

There will also be a runoff race for the School Board District 5 post where Stephanie Finnell and Bill Gootee are competing for the post.

In the primary, which featured three candidates, Finnell collected 1,125 votes, roughly 39.7 percent, while Gootee collected 769 votes, roughly 27.2 percent, to make their way into the runoff.

The November ballot will also feature a contested race for the Third Circuit

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Springs plan details problems and who should handle them

Agricultural, urban development thought to be creating difficulties.

By LAURA HAMPSON
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A restoration plan for Columbia County's Ichetucknee Springs says officials charged with managing area water don't have enough information to be effective and the regulatory process used by the agency responsible for water quality is too slow.

The plan also recommends actions by local officials and organizations as well as the Florida Legislature.

The Ichetucknee Springs Restoration Plan was released Tuesday by the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute. Dr. Robert Knight, director of the Florida Springs Institute and a University of Florida professor, compiled the report.

Agricultural and urban development pressures are causing water pollution,

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■ Ichetucknee visitors enjoy final week-end of full-length river floating, LIFE, ID

declining groundwater levels and lower average spring flows, according to the plan.

"The springs will stop flowing in 20 years at the rate we are going," Knight said. "There are ways to stop these problems without stopping economic growth."

In 2010, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) funded a three-year project to write a restoration plan. The Ichetucknee Springs Working Group and a consulting firm developed a draft of the restoration plan, but because of state funding cuts, the working group dismantled in June 2011. The Florida Springs Institute volunteered to complete the final report.

Knight will explain the science behind water Friday during the free, multi-media event Our Water, Our Future at the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9

p.m. Springs photographer John Moran will also have a presentation.

Side effects

The most noticeable side effects of the deteriorating springs is the increase in algae and the dominance of eel grass, Knight said. "Algae is not attractive in anyone's book," he said, and it has repercussions for the springs' plants and animals. Divers can see a change in water clarity and color, he said.

Two types of eel grass have replaced the seven dominant plants species once found in the springs and river. The next step is almost complete dominance of algae, Knight said.

The Ichetucknee is not as degraded as many other springs across the state. It could be worse.

"It's somewhere in the middle right now," he said. "It's not dead. I'd say it's getting ready to go to the emergency room. That's why I'm raising the alarm," Knight said.

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AROUND FLORIDA

Pygmy sperm whale dies after washing up

PENSACOLA — A pygmy sperm whale has died after washing ashore on Pensacola Beach.

Wildlife officials said the 10-foot, 1,000 pound whale washed ashore Friday morning. Rescuers made repeated attempts to push the whale back into the water, but were not successful. Wildlife officials and tourists helped lug bucks of water to dump on the whale to keep it wet.

Natalie Dyson of St. Francis Veterinary Center said the whale suffered serious bruising and looked very beat up.

The Pensacola News Journal (<http://tinyurl.com/96rnns5>) reports about 20 people helped load the whale on a tarp for transport to Dyson's clinic, but it died on the way there.

Dyson will perform a necropsy to determine the exact cause of death.

Bernard to challenge loss in Senate race

TALLAHASSEE — Mack Bernard plans to challenge the results of a Florida Senate race after Democrat Jeff Clemens defeated him by 17 votes.

Clemens initially won the race by 34 votes out of more than 24,000 cast. A recount later showed Clemens with a 17-vote win.

Bernard is also a Democrat. There was no Republican candidate.

Bernard's attorney, Juan-Carlos Planas, said a challenge will be filed in a Tallahassee court Thursday.

Clemens is a former Lake Worth mayor who ran as a progressive. Bernard is a former

city commissioner who won the support of Republicans and the local business community.

A spokesman for Clemens' campaign said the challenge is being pushed by a former Republican house member and past lead counsel for a chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association.

Alleged robber found dead inside car wash

JACKSONVILLE — The body of an alleged robber has been found inside a Jacksonville car wash.

Authorities said the owner of the car wash found an apparent burglar dead inside the business Friday morning. Coins and soda from a vending machine were scattered around his body. *The Florida Times-Union* reports there was no sign of forced entry. Police believe the man may have hidden inside before closing.

Authorities said it's unclear how he died, but there are no signs of foul play.

Strong rip currents expected along coast

TALLAHASSEE — Officials are warning Florida beachgoers that there may be dangerous rip currents and extreme heat this Labor Day weekend.

Florida Division of Emergency Management officials said increased wind and waves are contributing to a higher risk of rip currents along Florida's Gulf Coast this weekend. Next week, an increased threat of rip current is also expected on Florida's east coast.



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Beach fun

Dillon Heath lifts his son Brayden Heath, 3, out of the Gulf of Mexico on Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach Saturday. Beaches are packed across the state this weekend.

Hot temperatures and high humidity could also lead to heat indexes of more than 100 degrees this weekend.

A heat advisory was issued for the Florida Big Bend on Friday where the heat index was expected to reach as high as 105 to 108 degrees. Officials cautioned beachgoers to remain alert when red flags are flying.

Police say man stole, crashed patrol car

TAMPA — A Tampa man has been arrested after he wrestled away from a police officer and

allegedly stole the officer's patrol car.

The officer was patrolling a Tampa motel Friday when he heard a man and woman arguing. The officer said he stepped out of his car and noticed Lorenzo Little shoving drugs into his mouth. The officer said he grabbed Little and the two struggled.

Tampa Police said 48-year-old Little broke free, jumped in the officer's patrol car and sped off. But Little lost control of the cruiser and crashed into a parked car.

Authorities said Little then broke into a home as he tried to escape. A police dog picked

up his scent and helped capture him.

Little was charged with trafficking narcotics, manufacturing synthetic drugs and battery.

Free pie with every dog or cat adoption

SANFORD — Adopt a pet in central Florida, and get a pie.

Seminole County Animal Services is hosting its first Pets and Pie Day on Saturday. They will give out free pies with every dog or cat adoption at its facility in Sanford.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Usher puts personal troubles behind

LONDON — Usher's had a turbulent few months, but now he's back where he belongs — on stage.

On Saturday, the R&B singer kicks off the iTunes Festival in London, a month's worth of free shows at the Roundhouse.

Over the summer, Usher coped with the death of his stepson and a custody battle over his two sons, which he won.

He took time out to deal with these challenges, all while his fans were desperate for him to perform again.

Usher jokes: "Man, it's like 'shut up and entertain, we don't care about your personal stuff.'"

He adds, however, that his fans gave him support on Twitter during the tough times, proving their loyalty.

Lauren Miller calls on family for 'Good Time'

NEW YORK — Lauren Anne Miller isn't afraid to talk dirty.

The 31-year-old actress stars in the racy romp "For a Good Time, Call ..." that she also produced and co-wrote with her former college roommate Katie Anne Naylor.

"You know girls ... we talk about sex and we talk about dirty things and in the writing process I loved any moment that I could write something that made Katie blush or be like, 'You wrote that?'" Miller said in a recent interview.

In the film, roommates Lauren (Miller) and Katie (Ari Graynor) start a phone-sex company in their New York City apartment. The story is loosely based on the pair's real-life friendship. (Naylor ran a phone-sex line out of her Florida State dorm room.)

But the script was finished before R-rated, female-centric comedies like "Bridesmaids" and "Bad Teacher" proved to be major box-office hits, so Miller and Naylor struggled to find a studio willing to take a risk on their bawdy flick.

"One day it hit me like a ton of bricks, and it was like, 'We need to make this happen for ourselves

because no one is going to hand us this opportunity,'" Miller said.

Tritt, others perform at Tenn. Soybean Festival

MARTIN, Tenn. — Country artist Travis Tritt, classic rock band Grand Funk Railroad and pop punk band Bowling for Soup are performing at the 19th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival that starts this weekend in Martin.

The Labor Day tradition is a free event that includes a circus, a street fair, a barbecue cook off, a car show and a parade. The event starts on Friday and runs through Sept. 9.

David Belote, an assistant vice president at University of Tennessee at Martin and festival chair, said in a news release that the festival brings together residents for a celebration of one of northwest Tennessee's best cash crops.

Release date for third 'Hobbit' film announced

BURBANK, Calif. — "Hobbit" fans need only wait seven months between the second and third installments of Peter Jackson's highly anticipated trilogy.

Warner Bros. Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures announced Friday the final film in the series will be called "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," and released worldwide on July 18, 2014. The title was taken from the second installment, which will now be called "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug."

Here's how it all breaks down: — "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," Dec. 14, 2012.

— "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug," Dec. 13, 2013.

— "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," July 18, 2014.

Adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's beloved masterpiece, "The Hobbit" series will be released in High Frame Rate 3-D, other 3-D formats, IMAX and 2-D.

8 hurt in collision between car, band bus

SAN ANTONIO — A tour bus carrying the popular Mexico-based Banda El Recodo toppled onto its side, injuring seven occupants, when it was sideswiped by a car on a South Texas highway.

The driver of the car also suffered minor injuries in the Friday morning crash on Texas 123 about 45 miles southeast of San Antonio. Trooper Gerald Bryant of the Texas Department of Public Safety says the woman's car crossed into the oncoming lane and sideswiped the bus, knocking it over.

Bryant says none of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening. The bus was carrying the band's 21-member traveling party from a Dallas engagement to a scheduled Saturday gig in McAllen.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the band has produced more than 160 albums over 74 years.

Hip-hop mogul's death in NYC ruled a suicide

NEW YORK — The New York City medical examiner's office has ruled the death of hip-hop mogul Chris Lighty a suicide.

The 44-year-old manager of Mariah Carey, Sean "Diddy" Combs and 50 Cent was found dead in his Bronx apartment Thursday with a gunshot wound to the head. A 9 mm handgun was found in the apartment.

The medical examiner's office said Friday that Lighty died from a self-inflicted wound.

Lighty had been a major player in the industry for decades, working with pioneers like LL Cool J before starting his own management company, Violator.

Lighty and his wife, Veronica, had been in the process of divorcing and he was also having financial trouble, according to court records.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Composer Horace Silver is 84.
 ■ Football player Terry Bradshaw is 64.
 ■ Actor Mark Harmon is 61.
 ■ Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 60.
 ■ Actor Keanu Reeves is 48.
 ■ Boxer Lennox Lewis is 47.
 ■ Actress Salma Hayek is 46.
 ■ Actress Erin Hershey is 36.
 ■ Actor Yani Gellman is 27.

Daily Scripture

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

- Proverbs 22:6 NIV

Quote for the Day

"Grief teaches the steadiest minds to waver."

- Sophocles

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OPINION

New from the EPA: bad gas

The corner gas station soon might be pumping fuel with an extra slug of ethanol. That's bad news for drivers because they could be saddled with the bill for big repair expenses. Drivers can thank the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for this because bureaucrats there have been unrelenting in their push to dilute pure gasoline with a politically correct additive.

In June, the EPA waived Clean Air Act restrictions on the sale of E15, a fuel blend containing 15 percent corn alcohol. A coalition of automakers, fearful that a boost of ethanol in fuel will harm engines, succeeded in winning a temporary stay of the waiver. On Aug. 17, however, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit swept away a legal challenge to the sale of "midlevel" ethanol, ruling that the manufacturers lacked standing to contest the EPA's waiver.

E10 — fuel containing 10 percent ethanol — has been around for years and is considered relatively safe for use in most cars. In 2009, corn growers petitioned the EPA for a profit-boosting increase in the cap on ethanol content. This will help the industry achieve the artificial mandate Congress established, guaranteeing the companies sales of 36 billion gallons of their product by 2020. The EPA announced in 2010 that E15, which has 50 percent more corn juice, was safe for use in model year 2007 cars and newer. Then, last year, the agency expanded the claim to include all cars made since 2001 and designed a pump label to warn drivers of older cars about misfueling dangers.

The Association of Global Automakers contends E15 is more corrosive than gasoline and could damage cylinder heads, requiring \$2,000 to \$8,000 in labor-intensive repairs, depending on the type of engine.

If Americans suffer costly car repair bills as a result of the EPA's ethanol push, they're likely to conclude that E15 is junk food for cars.

■ The Washington Times

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The nukes are OK

The Republican Party platform includes some scare talk. "The United States is the only nuclear power not modernizing its nuclear stockpile," the platform warns. "It took the current administration just one year to renege on the President's commitment to modernize the neglected infrastructure of the nuclear weapons complex — a commitment made in exchange for approval of the New Start treaty."

These statements are wrong and misleading. President Obama has increased the budget for nuclear weapons and the weapons complex. The president doesn't like to talk about it as much — he prefers the lofty speech about a world free of nuclear weapons — but the truth is that he's a big spender.

On the nuclear stockpile, the National Nuclear Security Administration, a part of the Energy Department, is undertaking a 20-year, multi-billion-dollar effort, known as the Life Extension Programs, to prolong the life of four types of nuclear warheads and bombs. Just one of them, the B-61 gravity bomb, is facing enormous new cost estimates. While the president has said he won't build new nuclear weapons, the existing arsenal is getting an overhaul.

More broadly, the United States is modernizing the triad: the land-sea-air combination of planes, submarines and missiles that delivers the nuclear bombs and warheads. While some have suggested it may be overkill two decades after the Cold War ended, the president decided to keep the triad intact. The modernization of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile and the Trident II submarine-launched ballistic missile is underway, and the Navy is planning to replace the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines. Not a sign of weakness there.

Congressional Republicans have been griping lately that Mr. Obama broke faith with a 10-year spending projection for nuclear weapons activities laid out when the New Start treaty was submitted for Senate ratification in 2010. In fact, led by House Republicans, Congress last year cut back the president's proposed spending for nuclear weapons. Mr. Obama's proposed 2013 budget is just slightly below the original top line of the 10-year plan — \$7.58 billion, compared with \$7.95 billion — because of the congressional cuts and the growing pressure on spending. This minor dip is not bad faith, "renege" or unilateral disarmament; rather, it is how Congress and government work. Mr. Obama's nuclear weapons budgets are still sizably above those left by President George W. Bush.

The president made a commitment in a letter to the Senate in February 2011 to accelerate, "to the extent possible," the design and engineering of a new plutonium facility, the Chemical and Metallurgy Research Replacement building at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. But after escalating costs and budget cuts by Congress, the administration decided that it could not sustain this project and another multi-billion-dollar uranium plant in Tennessee. So the president made choices and proposed in his 2013 budget to defer work on the plutonium facility for five years. Again, a reasonable response to changing circumstances.

What we need now is a thorough going debate on the role of nuclear deterrence in the 21st century and what arsenal will most properly and effectively meet the challenge.

■ The Washington Post

The death of Sara

Sara was a beautiful, homeless, gentle pit bull who belonged to no one. She apparently lived under abandoned houses on the street behind Fu King Restaurant.

Nobody knows where she came from but everybody who saw her loved her gentle nature. However, if you tried to pet her, she would run away. She was, in a word, untouchable.

Sara would gently approach most anyone but stop ten feet away. If you displayed kindness, she would follow you but never get close enough for you to pet her. A woman employee at First Federal on SW Main named her Sara and the name stuck.

Neighborhood employees felt great affection for Sara and would bring her home-cooked food. Danny Hill of Danny's Auto Repair brought her food most every day. Employees at First Federal and the North Florida Eyecare also brought her food, even on weekends.

The feeding routine was always the same. Call Sara's name and when she approached, just put down the food and walk away. Only then would Sara come forward and eat.

Some felt Sara had possibly been abused as a puppy and simply did not trust humans up close. Yet, no animal seemed to crave love more than she did.

People who knew every trick in the book about pets tried to entice Sara to come close but they all failed.

Then one day these caring people noticed an ominous sign. Sara was growing and her collar was getting danger-



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ously tight. They knew their beloved Sara would be strangled unless the collar could be removed.

So, animal control was notified and Sara was tranquilized and rushed to a vet's office. The plan was to remove the collar, give Sara any needed shots and medical treatment, place her in a confined area, and try to find her a good home where the owner would understand her special needs.

But as Sara woke from the tranquilizer shot, she simply died. Just like that. Some felt she was so panicked by being surrounded by bright lights and strange people that the shock killed her.

I heard there were not a lot of dry eyes in the room the day Sara died. But this story obviously has two parts. First, is, of course, the heartbreaking tragedy of Sara's death.

The other part is those kindly, compassionate people who tried so hard every way they knew to save Sara—a lovely, gentle soul who did not belong to any of them.

CHS RING FOUND

A local woman found a CHS

1972 class ring at Ichetucknee Springs and she wants to return it to its rightful owner. It is a man's ring and has the initials JTB on the underside of the ring. If the owner of this ring will call me at 386-755-8183 and provide a correct description of the ring, we will be glad to return your ring to you.

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

If any reader of this column attended Clearwater High School in the 1950's, or knows anybody who did, please call me at 386-755-8183. I have some interesting written history of that school from that period.

SCRIPTURE WITH SALES

A storeowner was known for quoting an appropriate Scripture verse with every sale. If a customer bought salt, he would say, "Ye are the salt of the earth." If a customer bought bread, he would say, "Bread is the staff of life."

One day an out-of-towner came in to buy a horse blanket and was told the blanket cost \$5. The indignant customer said he had a \$50,000 horse and he wanted an expensive blanket for his expensive horse.

So, the storeowner went into his storeroom and brought out an identical but different colored blanket and charged the man \$50. As the satisfied customer left, the owner said softly, "A stranger came to me and I took him in!"

■ Morris Williams is a local historian and long-time Columbia County resident.

Freedom the only issue we face

The political parties throw a lot of glitz at us with their made-for-TV spectacles, which we call conventions. But the bottom line defining the choice facing Americans this year is stark and clear, and these conventions provide no new insights or information.

If you think we're struggling because we don't have enough government, then the Democrats are the party for you. If you think the point of government is to protect individual freedom, and the problem is it has gone way beyond that, then Republicans are the party for you.

No visual dominates the landscape of our nation's capital like the Washington Monument. Today, however, other than memorializing our first president, it also provides a message about the role and efficacy of government. Last year on Aug. 23, a 5.8-magnitude earthquake hit Washington, D.C. The earthquake caused cracks in the monument, so the National Park



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Service shut it down.

Now, one year later, the monument remains in disrepair, closed to the 600,000 annual visitors it usually receives. *The Washington Post* reported in January that the monument would be closed until sometime in 2013. According to that report, the contract to do the repairs would "probably not be awarded until late summer, with work starting sometime after that." Now the latest report in *The Washington Post* indicates that repair of the monument may not be complete until 2014.

In January 1994, Los Angeles was hit with a massive 6.7-magnitude earthquake, knocking down two sections of the Santa Monica Freeway. An initial estimate from

the California Department of Transportation was that it would take 12 to 18 months for repairs. Considering the massive potential costs to the local economy of shutting down sections of the world's busiest freeway, Caltrans officials decided to turn loose the time-tested formula for American success: market incentives and individual ingenuity. They opened bidding to contractors who would accelerate the repair process, offering incentive bonuses for early completion. The result: The repairs were completed in less than three months, with the contractor collecting a \$14.5 million bonus for finishing 74 days ahead of schedule.

Only when free can individuals deal with life's endless surprises in creative and resilient ways. Bureaucracy and government control are guarantees for failure.

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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.

Sept. 4

Fort White FFA

There will be a Fort White FFA Alumni Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 4 at 7 p.m. in Mrs. Huesman's room at Fort White High School. All parents of current members are urged to attend. We would also like to invite any past members to attend and become FFA Alumni members.

Value Added workshop

UF/IFAS will conduct the next Living On a Few Acres Class entitled "Marketing and Value Added Products" on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia County Extension Office. For more information please contact Derek Barber at 758-1030.

Sept. 5

Annual Fall Art Show

The Art League of North Florida announces the Annual Fall Art Show and Exhibition Sept. 7 through Oct. 19 at the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Center. All artists 18 years and older are eligible to enter the show. The entry fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Applications are available when checking in at the arts center or at the Fabric Art Shop and the Frame Shop and Gallery in Live Oak. Artwork will be submitted to the center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Cash prizes will be awarded for each of four categories: painting, photography, drawing and 3-D art. The awards will be presented at the reception on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. The community is invited to the reception to enjoy the art, refreshments, fellowship and meeting the arts. For additional information call 755-1109.

Newcomers luncheon

The September Friendship Luncheon of the Lake City Newcomers and Friends will be held at Red Lobster, located at 2847 West US 90, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 5. For more information, call Rose Taylor at 755-2175 or Barbara Test at 754-7227.

Sept. 7

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. 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.



Courtesy

RNC support

Florida Highway Patrol troopers (left to right), Leon Gill, Richard Gill and Lt. Mark Boatright stand near the Florida Highway Patrol Disaster Response Trailer that was stationed in Tampa while in support of the Republican National Convention last week. The men provided mostly security services for the week-long event.

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

Breakfast with the chief

Come join Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore for a complimentary breakfast, informative discussion, and Community Forum on Neighborhood issues and concerns Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Ct. If your business or organization would like to be a site host for the next breakfast in December, call Audrey Washington 386.719.5742.

Sept. 11

Medicare seminar

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center of Lake City will

host a Free Medicare Educational Seminar from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Sept. 11. Subjects to be covered include what a person needs to know about Medicare, when to enroll, what's covered and whether or not a supplement is needed. The seminar is for educational purposes only and is not a sales event. Call (386) 755-3476, Ext. 107, for more information.

Sept. 12

Olustee planners meet

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 to plan the Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will be at the school district central building room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St.

Newcomers luncheon

The regular luncheon of the Lake City Newcomers and Friends will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 12 at Guangdong Restaurant in the Lake City Mall. The guest speaker will be Bill Steele from Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, who will speak about services available from his agency. Lunch is \$11. For more information, call Barbara Test at 754-7227 or Rose Taylor at 755-2175.

Nursing consortium

All Healthcare Providers are invited to the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium-Veteran Care Conference. The consortium will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn of Lake City, 213 SW Commerce Drive Lake City, FL. To register call 352-376-1611 (Ext. 4018 or 5440) or 352-682-7057 or email valerie.whitton@va.gov, Julie.dudash@va.gov or nbarnes@hospiceofthenaturecoast.org. Class size is limited to 80. CEUs will be provided to RNs, LPNs, and ARNPs.

Sept. 13

FFA orientation

The Columbia FFA

downtown in Olustee Park from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be live bands, vendors and food. The pageant will be at the Lake City Country Club from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Lake City Pride, hosting by Indie Brooks. Contestant fee is \$50. For more information call 386-697-5663 or email simeon_32055@yahoo.com.

Sept. 17

Daughters meeting

Faye Bowling Warren will speak at the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, Lake City monthly meeting September 17 at 5:15 p.m. at China Buffet, 345 West Duval St. Buffet will be served after the meeting. Cost is \$9.00. Warren is a chapter member and the executive director of the Blue Grey Army, Inc. For more information call Linda Williams 352-215-8776.

Sept. 18

Square dance lessons

Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club will have square dance lessons every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. starting Sept. 18 at Teen Town, 533 NW DeSoto St. The first two lessons are free, each lesson after is \$3 per person. For information call 758-3654 or 754-1478. Visit the group's Website at www.dixiedancers.net.

Sept. 22

Class of 77 reunion

Columbia High School Class of 1977 celebrates "A Step Back in Time" 35th reunion Sept. 28-30. There will be an alumni bonfire, banquet and church service. Itineraries and tickets will be forwarded when rsvp is received. Cost is

\$35 per person, after Sept. 22 prices increase to \$50 per person. RSVP to CHS Class of 77, 244 SE Pine Dr. Lake City 32025, or nancytrogers@msn.com. For information call 867-1271.

Sept. 29

FACS meeting

The Filipino American Cultural Society of Lake City will hold its Fall Family Festival and general meeting from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Alligator Park Main Pavilion. All FACS active members and guest should plan to attend the group's annual outdoor event, featuring lots of games, prizes, music, dancing, cultural food, and just plain fun for the entire family. Everyone is asked to bring their best covered dish to share. For more information, contact Bob Gavette at 965-5905.

Oct. 3

Olustee planners meet

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 to plan the Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will be at the school district central building room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St.

Nov. 10

Wright Brothers race

The Race Against the Wright Brothers 5k run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 10 at 205 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City. Participants can register online at Active.com or in person at Carquest Auto Parts on Pinemount Road. Proceeds benefit Disabled American Veterans at Lake City VA Medical Center. Contact Michelle Richards at (386) 438-5830 for more information.



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Genesis 1:27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image."

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Obama to try to make case for sticking with him

JULIE PACE

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Don't expect President Barack Obama to try to reinvent himself next week at the Democratic Party's national convention. Instead, he and a slew of his defenders will seek to convince voters to stick with the president they know rather than gamble on someone new, a challenging task given that most Americans say the country is heading in the wrong direction.

"This Thursday, I will offer you what I believe is a better path forward, a path that grows this economy, creates more jobs and strengthens the middle class," Obama said Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa, previewing his pitch. "And the good news is, you get to choose which path we take."

The convention opens Tuesday with first lady Michelle Obama, whose popularity far surpasses her husband's, as a featured speaker. San Antonio, Texas, Mayor Julian Castro also is slated for that night. He will be the first Hispanic to deliver the Democratic convention's keynote address. Their roles on the convention's opening night are part of Democrats' efforts to shore up support among women and Hispanics, two crucial voting blocs where Obama holds an advantage over Romney.

Mrs. Obama is expected to make the case that Obama is the best candidate to advocate on behalf of the middle class because he has experienced their struggles himself.

Many voters already have heard Mrs. Obama's stories about her husband being raised by a single mother and his grandparents or having struggled to pay off student loans.

But she is emphasizing them again in this campaign in hopes of drawing a contrast with Romney's privileged upbringing.

Polls show voters think

Obama understands the economic issues that are important to them better than Romney, even though the Republican has an edge on who voters believe is better suited to manage the economy.

Former President Bill Clinton, who is emerging as one of the campaign's most effective surrogates, will headline the convention Wednesday and formally nominate Obama. He hopes to remind voters of the flush economy he presided over and make the case that Obama's policies will lead to similar results.

Vice President Joe Biden and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry will address the large stadium crowd Thursday night before Obama speaks.

Kerry, seen as a potential second-term secretary of state under Obama, will try to capitalize on the Democratic Party's rare advantage on national security issues. He is expected to trumpet Obama's decision to order the raid that killed Osama bin Laden and the president's plan to end the Afghanistan war, a sharp contrast to Republicans who rarely mentioned the war during their convention or the tens of thousands of troops still engaged in combat.

Obama's young daughters start school in Washington next week and are not expected to have a formal role at the convention. But they could come to Charlotte Thursday night for the president's acceptance speech.

Obama picked Charlotte as his convention site in part to help boost his chances of holding onto North Carolina, a state he moved into the Democratic column in 2008 for the first time in decades. Democrats acknowledge that the political landscape in North Carolina has shifted back toward the Republicans, though they hope the convention will help them reverse that course.



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President Barack Obama smiles during a campaign stop at the Living History Farms Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.



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David Letterman laughs while talking with first lady Michelle Obama on the set of the "Late Show with David Letterman," Wednesday. Mrs. Obama will be one of the main speakers during this year's Democratic National Convention.



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Former President Bill Clinton holds a program with an image of former Vice President Hubert Humphrey in St. Paul, Minn. Aug. 4. Clinton, an ardent supporter of President Barack Obama in recent weeks, will speak at the upcoming DNC. He is set to headline the convention on Wednesday.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a campaign stop at the United Auto Workers Local 1714 Union Hall, Friday. Biden will speak at the DNC.

Fiery Obama embarks on march to the DNC

BEN FELLER

DAVID ESPO

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — President Barack Obama lampooned the just-completed Republican National Convention as better-suited to an era of black-and-white TV and "trickle-down, you're on your own" economics Saturday, and declared that Mitt Romney "did not offer a single new idea" to fix the economy.

"There was a lot of talk about hard truths and bold choices, but no one actually told you what they were," Obama said in Iowa, chuckling, as he set out on a three-day tour of battleground states in the run-up to his own convention. Later, Obama said, the Republican gathering was so rooted in the past, there should have been a rabbit-ears antenna on the convention hall.

Yet even the site of Obama's convention, Charlotte, N.C., served as an unwelcome reminder to the Democrats of an economy so weak that it threatens his chances for re-election.

The president carried North Carolina in 2008, but the state's unemployment rate is pegged at 9.6 percent, well higher than the nation's 8.3 percent and tied with next-door South Carolina for fifth from the bottom.

Obama's convention opens Tuesday at the Time Warner Cable arena with evening speeches by first lady Michelle Obama

and San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro, the keynote speaker.

The president will be nominated for a new term on Wednesday, when former President Bill Clinton also will speak. Vice President Joe Biden delivers his own acceptance speech the same evening.

Obama's prime-time acceptance speech, to be delivered at the outdoor Bank of America Stadium, caps the convention on Thursday night. Aides predict a capacity crowd will hear the speech at the site, which has a capacity of nearly 74,000 for football.

Democrats are taking their turn in the convention spotlight just days after the Republicans met in Tampa, Fla., to nominate former Massachusetts Gov. Romney for the White House and Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan to be vice president.

A parade of speakers in Tampa excoriated Obama's handling of the economy, which is struggling in the weakest recession recovery of the post-World War II era.

The economy has been the top-rated issue in opinion polls all year, and the president is eager to turn the focus onto Romney on that subject.

Republicans "will take us backwards," Obama said, to the age of "trickle-down, you're on your own" economics that begin with tax cuts for the rich but tax increases for the middle class.

NOTICE OF MEETING LAKE CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CITY OF LAKE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 6:45 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Phase I Environment Study (Vann Property)

All interested persons are invited to attend.

AUDREY E SIKES, MMC
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AT 205 NORTH MARION AVENUE, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- **Public Hearing to receive public comments on the consideration of re-imposing fire protection special assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012. City Council Resolution No. 2012-049**
- **City Council Resolution No. 2012-050 – Adopting FY 13 millage rate**
- **City Council Resolution No. 2012-051 – Adopting FY 13 budget**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid or services for any of the meetings identified above, as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.

AUDREY E SIKES, MMC
City Clerk

SPRINGS: Restoration plan says management teams need more information

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Available research

The Ichetucknee is not the best or the worst studied spring, Knight said. "There's a lot of gaps in the data we have," he said. Research is funded periodically by various groups, Knight said.

Turtles have been studied twice. Fish populations are measured periodically and yearly bird counts began recently, he said.

Scientists have good data on flows from the springs, but water quality data is periodic and sloppy, he said.

The changes occurring in the Ichetucknee are not in compliance with current laws, Knight said.

Restoration goals

The 103-page report is "based on best available science and is intended to provide a foundation and preliminary blueprint for immediate and continuing actions" needed to restore and protect the Ichetucknee System. The plan lists eight goals with specific actions and the entity Knight labels as responsible.

The Florida Legislature and the Florida Park Service are responsible for the overall springs protection, according to the report.

Lawmakers can establish stricter groundwater nitrate standards, adequately fund the FDEP and require complete minimum flows and levels for bodies of water before water use permits are issued, the plan says.

The park service can define the human carrying capacity, especially near sensitive spring areas, like Blue Hole.

The Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) is responsible for restoring spring flows and must establish minimum levels for environmental needs, according to the report. How much groundwater is actually available for human and environmental needs is not available to the district's governing board, the report says.

The district should require agricultural water-use metering and set a timeline for overall groundwater pumping reductions to return spring flows, the report says.



A young boy searches for fish while snorkeling in the Ichetucknee Springs head earlier this summer.

The SRWMD is also responsible for groundwater assessment and should create a database with all existing wells to estimate pumping rates and historic levels.

Florida Leaders Organized for Water, the consortium of local governments, should implement strong conservation measures, according to the report. FLOW should ask Suwannee River and St. Johns water management districts for a Regional Sustainable Groundwater Yield and strict water conservation programs, Knight said.

Columbia County, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the FDEP are agencies responsible for restoring water quality, the plan says.

The county should use its taxing and zoning authority to protect the springs by establishing Aquifer Protection Zones and discouraging residential lawn fertilization.

FDACS should draft legislation that provides incentives for conversion to crops requiring little or no fertilizer and animal operations cutting their nitrogen discharge. New livestock operations should be prohibited near area springs.

FDEP should phase in

advanced nitrogen removal at all wastewater treatment plants. FDEP should also work to implement the Basin Management Action Plan, which would reduce pollutants, on an accelerated schedule. FDEP should also study the feasibility of cluster sewage collection for high-density areas in the Ichetucknee Springshed, the plan said.

A program of SRWMD and FDACS, the Suwannee River Partnership is responsible for reducing agricultural impacts. The partnership should work with agricultural producers to implement best management practices and grow crops that require less groundwater and nitrogen fertilizer, the restoration plan says.

Nonprofit, The Ichetucknee Partnership and local media outlets are responsible for effective communication, according to the plan. TIP should lead the implementation of the restoration goals and fund Springs Health Report Cards, published reports on spring health, Knight said. Local media should report the improving or declining health of the springs.

Nonprofit, federal and state environmental organizations, such as the Florida Springs Institute, Four Rivers Audubon, Three Rivers Trust and the U.S.

Geological Survey, are responsible for documenting spring health, the plan says. The groups and agencies can implement ecological monitoring programs and expand water quality and biological sampling for the springs. After monitoring, they can prepare bi-annual Springs Health Report Cards.

With less reliance on groundwater and less fertilizer in the area, the springs can come back, Knight said.

"A phased plan to cut back on consumptive uses of groundwater within and outside of the Ichetucknee Springshed as well as restoration of natural drainage and water storage patterns in wetlands and streams will be needed to restore spring and river flows," according to the plan.

Fertilization and wastewater disposal practices also need to be updated for more efficient technologies to reduce the load of nitrate reaching the aquifer, according to the report.

More technical information is needed to understand flow reductions, sources of increased nitrogen loads and their effects on the health of the Ichetucknee, the report said.

The plan also calls for educating the public as well as local, state and federal

leaders on the importance of restoring the Ichetucknee System and its natural biodiversity.

Economic impact

Florida state parks have a \$950 million impact on local economies, according to the report. A 2002 study estimated visitors to Ichetucknee Springs State Park spent \$23 million a year, about \$34 per visitor. About 90 percent of the visitors were from outside Columbia and Suwannee counties.

Birds, fish and other wildlife depend on the Ichetucknee, but their value is hard to measure. "The value of these natural resources/living plants and animals is not easily measured in terms of dollars but is priceless to natural environment and many of the people who regularly visit the Ichetucknee River and its springs and those who breathe the local air and drink from its waters," the report said.

Reactions

"The district is working to accomplish much of what the restoration plan recommends through our water use permitting and data monitoring programs, minimum flows and levels

development, and water supply assessment and planning efforts," the SRWMD said in a statement Friday.

In addition, the district recently received a grant of nearly \$1 million from the FDEP to implement water quality and quantity improvements in the Santa Fe Basin, which includes the Ichetucknee river and springs, the statement said.

Through the program, the district will work in coordination with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Suwannee River Partnership to fund retrofits to existing irrigation systems for area farmers. This work will prevent more than 1 million pounds of nitrogen annually from entering the Santa Fe River Basin and save 670 million gallons per year of water use.

"These efforts will equip irrigation systems to deliver a more uniform and efficient application of water and fertilizer and reduce water use and the potential for nutrients to leach into the water table," said District Assistant Executive Director Charlie Houder.

FDEP has adopted a Basin Management Action Plan, a five-year blueprint for reducing nutrients in the Santa Fe Basin. The district will cooperate in the plan's implementation, the statement said.

"The one thing that I'm sure of is, we've got to do something," said Fort White environmentalist Loye Barnard.

Knight is a knowledgeable voice speaking on the front line, she said. Barnard said the public and elected officials need to see the information. "We have to know that we will lose so much if we don't protect the springs," she said.

Although the Florida Springs Institute has no authority to enforce the plan, Knight said he will present it to local officials and groups to encourage action. "I'm going to spread the message as far as I can," he said.

A 20-page summary of the plan will be available this month to help more people understand the issues. The full report is available at floridaspringsinstitute.org.

MUNN: Jury convicts Suwannee man

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possibility of parole in connection with the deaths of the Militellos and their nephew. Munn also faces up to 30 years prison time for each charge of home invasion robbery and 30 years to life on each of the three kidnapping charges. Third Circuit Judge David Fina was the presiding judge in the case.

A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 6 at the Suwannee County Courthouse, where the terms of Munn's prison sentence will be announced by Judge Fina.

Assistant state attorney Craig Jacobsen was the lead prosecutor for the state in the case with Kyle McCleod working as his assistant.

"The jury was provided with a lot of evidence to find him guilty," Jacobsen said. "The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office did a fantastic job and Sheriff Tony Cameron had this case solved within four hours of being called out and his team of investigators, Chris Frye and Jeff Cameron, did a fantastic job in gath-

ering the evidence. This is one of the more terrible murder incidents in the history of this county."

Jacobsen also said authorities in Minnesota, where Munn was captured with co-defendant, James Lindsey Howze, did an excellent job in collecting evidence.

Howze pleaded guilty in November to nine felony charges in connection with the triple murder and was sentenced to three consecutive life terms without parole plus 180 years in prison on kidnapping and home invasion charges. By pleading guilty Howze escaped the death penalty in the capital case.

Walter Flinn, a private attorney from Lake City's Marsee-Flinn, attorneys at law, was court-appointed as the defense attorney in the case and represented Munn.

Jeff Siegmeister was representing Munn in the case, but filed a motion in May to be removed as Munn's attorney.

RACES

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State Attorney Post where Republican candidate Jeff Siegmeister is facing off against Democratic candidate Bill Brannon.

Brannon was added to the ballot to replace incumbent Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis after Jarvis withdrew from the race in late August. Brannon was selected by the Florida Democratic party to replace Jarvis on the ballot.

The race will be on the ballot in the seven counties of the Third Judicial Circuit — Columbia, Dixie, Lafayette, Suwannee, Madison, Hamilton and Taylor counties.

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rape?

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

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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, September 2

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	88/73/pc	87/73/pc
Daytona Beach	88/73/pc	89/71/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	89/76/pc	88/76/pc
Fort Myers	92/74/pc	91/74/t
Gainesville	92/70/pc	91/70/pc
Jacksonville	90/72/pc	90/73/pc
Key West	88/80/s	88/80/pc
Lake City	92/71/pc	91/71/pc
Miami	89/77/pc	88/76/pc
Naples	89/74/pc	90/74/pc
Ocala	92/70/pc	91/70/pc
Orlando	91/73/pc	92/72/pc
Panama City	88/76/pc	88/76/pc
Pensacola	90/76/pc	90/75/pc
Tallahassee	92/72/pc	91/72/pc
Tampa	91/76/pc	90/75/pc
Valdosta	93/71/pc	91/71/pc
W. Palm Beach	87/75/pc	87/76/pc

NATIONAL FORECAST: NATIONAL FORECAST: The remnants of Isaac and associated tropical moisture will lead to a wide area of showers and thunderstorms stretching from the Mid-Mississippi Valley to the Mid-Atlantic. A cold front in the Plains will generate thunderstorms in the Dakotas, some of which may be severe. Monsoonal moisture will bring a few thunderstorms to the Four Corners region.

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 104°, Thermal, Calif. Low: 28°, Meacham, Ore.

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TEMPERATURES

High Saturday	91
Low Saturday	75
Normal high	89
Normal low	71
Record high	96 in 1970
Record low	62 in 1999

PRECIPITATION

Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.00"
Year total	42.11"
Normal month-to-date	0.17"
Normal year-to-date	35.74"

SUN

Sunrise today	7:08 a.m.
Sunset today	7:51 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	7:09 a.m.
Sunset tom.	7:50 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today	8:54 p.m.
Moonset today	9:02 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	9:29 p.m.
Moonset tom.	9:58 a.m.

Sept. 8 Last Sept. 15 New Sept. 22 First Sept. 29 Full

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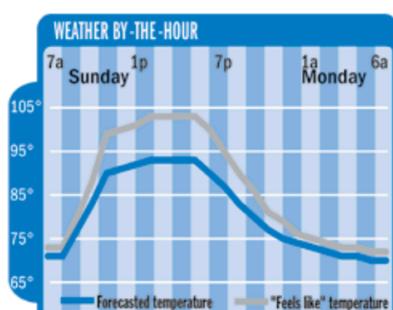
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CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	83/68/0	79/59/pc	Des Moines	83/73/0	88/70/pc	Omaha	89/67/0	91/70/pc
Albuquerque	86/68/0	93/67/pc	Detroit	83/70/0	81/68/pc	Orlando	92/76/0	92/70/pc
Anchorage	50/48/16	56/51/f	El Paso	91/69/0	95/71/pc	Philadelphia	91/73/0	84/71/t
Atlanta	89/74/0	90/73/t	Fairbanks	53/49/0	63/43/sh	Phoenix	98/88/0	106/85/pc
Baltimore	92/73/0	83/71/t	Greensboro	91/74/0	81/70/t	Pittsburgh	86/74/0	80/67/t
Billings	81/64/0	85/49/s	Hartford	87/69/0	77/62/pc	Portland ME	74/64/0	70/55/t
Birmingham	86/75/0	89/74/t	Honolulu	81/76/0	87/74/s	Portland OR	64/50/0	74/55/pc
Bismarck	92/66/0	88/53/pc	Houston	91/78/20	94/79/pc	Raleigh	91/73/0	89/72/t
Boise	79/61/0	82/49/s	Indianapolis	79/75/09	79/71/t	Rapid City	99/67/0	88/57/pc
Boston	79/67/0	73/62/pc	Jackson MS	89/76/25	93/75/pc	Reno	75/49/0	88/55/s
Buffalo	85/65/0	82/63/s	Jacksonville	90/73/0	92/71/pc	Richmond	89/73/0	87/73/t
Charleston SC	92/74/0	90/75/pc	Kansas City	81/71/59	90/71/pc	Sacramento	64/50/0	89/59/s
Charleston WV	90/72/49	86/72/t	Las Vegas	94/79/0	98/79/pc	St. Louis	80/74/52	83/73/t
Charlotte	94/71/0	90/70/t	Little Rock	92/75/10	95/76/pc	Salt Lake City	77/62/29	84/62/pc
Cheyenne	87/56/0	84/55/pc	Los Angeles	77/65/0	74/67/pc	San Antonio	92/79/0	98/76/pc
Chicago	75/73/0	82/71/sh	Memphis	92/79/0	93/76/t	San Diego	79/68/0	81/70/pc
Cincinnati	89/71/0	81/72/t	Miami	91/81/0	89/77/pc	San Francisco	59/55/0	70/55/pc
Cleveland	83/72/0	81/69/c	Minneapolis	84/65/0	87/70/pc	Seattle	63/51/0	72/53/pc
Columbia SC	94/73/0	93/71/pc	Mobile	89/74/0	90/73/pc	Spokane	68/49/0	74/47/s
Dallas	96/78/0	100/79/pc	New Orleans	90/79/0	90/77/pc	Tampa	92/78/0	91/75/pc
Daytona Beach	88/74/0	89/70/pc	New York	90/77/0	80/69/c	Tucson	95/75/0	100/77/pc
Denver	92/64/0	91/60/pc	Oklahoma City	98/71/0	101/73/pc	Washington	93/76/0	83/72/t



WEATHER HISTORY

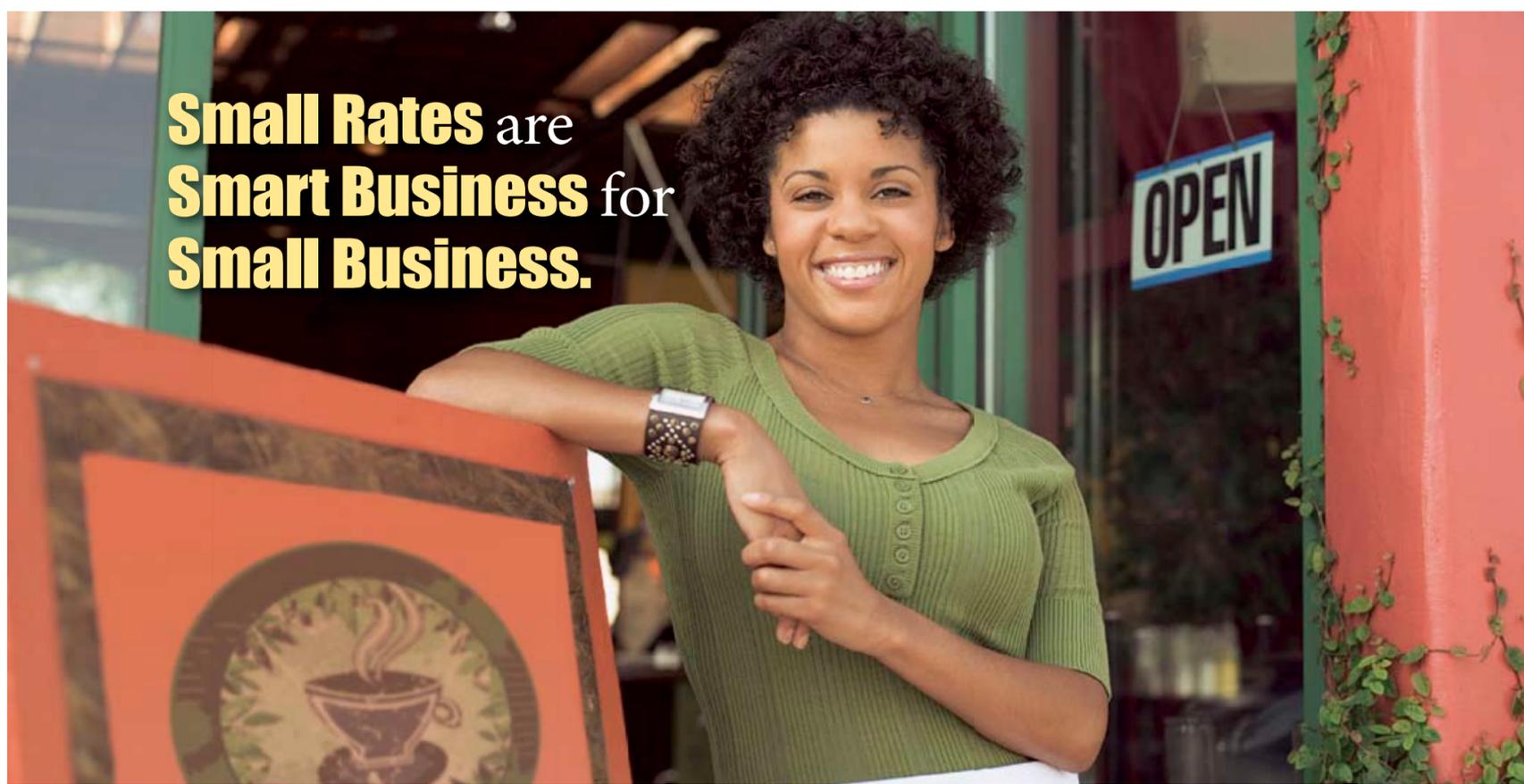
On this date in 1988, hot weather continued through the northwestern U.S. High temperatures of 98 degrees at Seattle, Wash., 105 degrees at Portland, Ore., and 110 degrees at Medford, Ore., set records for the month of September.

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CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	82/77/85	94/80/t	La Paz	61/25/0	53/32/pc	Rio	79/63/0	80/66/pc
Amsterdam	66/52/0	68/58/c	Lima	63/59/0	68/60/s	Rome	75/66/0	81/67/sh
Athens	84/77/0	89/69/pc	London	72/55/0	69/53/sh	St. Thomas VI	89/79/0	85/78/t
Auckland	59/46/0	58/48/r	Madrid	82/52/0	83/56/s	San Juan PR	89/79/02	86/77/t
Beijing	86/73/0	75/64/sh	Mexico City	70/59/0	76/59/t	Santiago	77/43/0	70/46/s
Berlin	68/54/0	70/54/pc	Montreal	75/61/0	76/54/s	Seoul	82/72/0	84/71/sh
Buenos Aires	75/50/0	70/44/pc	Moscow	57/43/0	51/48/sh	Singapore	90/81/0	88/78/sh
Cairo	91/73/0	95/72/s	Nairobi	79/57/0	76/59/pc	Sydney	59/41/0	66/50/s
Geneva	59/50/0	71/51/sh	Nassau	88/79/0	89/77/t	Tel Aviv	88/75/0	89/76/s
Havana	88/72/0	88/73/t	New Delhi	93/82/0	97/82/sh	Tokyo	86/75/0	87/74/t
Helsinki	59/55/20	64/54/sh	Oslo	66/43/0	68/48/sh	Toronto	81/63/0	81/72/s
Hong Kong	91/79/0	89/78/sh	Panama	86/77/0	86/76/t	Vienna	61/55/0	80/59/pc
Kingston	91/79/0	89/77/pc	Paris	70/43/0	71/57/c	Warsaw	66/61/0	74/55/pc

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



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Section B

BRIEFS

CHS FOOTBALL Q-back Club meeting Tuesday

The Columbia County Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Jones Fieldhouse. For details, call Joe Martino at 984-0452.

FORT WHITE FOOTBALL Q-back Club to meet Tuesday

The Fort White Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the faculty lounge at the high school. For details, call Harold Bundy at 365-5731.

YOUTH BASEBALL Fort White fall registration

Registration for Fort White Babe Ruth Baseball's fall league is 4-7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and 4-7 p.m. Sept. 11 at South Columbia Sports Complex. Five leagues are offered for ages 4-15. A birth certificate is required for children who have not previously played in the Fort White league. Cost is \$45 for T-ball and \$50 for all other leagues. Coaches are needed. For details, call Chris Sharpe at 292-4224.

Fall registration is under way

Registration for Lake City Columbia County Youth Baseball at Southside Sports Complex is 5-7 p.m. Friday. Five leagues are offered. Fee is \$70. A parent must provide a birth certificate. For details, call Tad Cervantes at 365-4810.

■ From staff reports

GAMES

Tuesday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Oak Hall School at Gainesville Country Club, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Santa Fe High, St. Francis Catholic High at Meadowbrooke Golf Club, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High volleyball vs. Oak Hall School, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High volleyball at Newberry High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

Wednesday

■ Columbia High JV football vs. Madison County High, 7 p.m.

Thursday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Buchholz High at Haile Plantation, 3:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High volleyball at Interlachen High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White JV football vs. Newberry High, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High football at Gainesville High, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

■ Fort White High football at Newberry High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

■ Columbia High swimming at St. Augustine High with Fletcher High, 8:30 a.m.

■ Columbia High cross country in Katie Caples Invitational at Bishop Kenny High, 6:55 p.m. (girls); 7:30 p.m. (boys)

Gators get by Bowling Green

Gillislee rushes for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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GAINESVILLE — It was shades of 2011 again in the season opener, as Florida struggled but survived against Bowling Green, 27-14.

For more than three quarters, Bowling Green was the most disciplined team and it

showed on the scoreboard as Florida hung onto a 17-14 lead, due in most part to two missed field goals from the Falcons.

Florida was stout in the running game, which kept the Gators alive in the contest. Much of that came from a career day for Mike Gillislee who had 24 carries for 148 yards.

It was enough to keep Florida clinging to a tight rope, but it needed more in

GATORS continued on 8B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida's Mike Gillislee (23) scores his second touchdown in the Gators 27-14 win over Bowling Green in Gainesville on Saturday.

Domination

Columbia blanks Baker County, 50-0, in opener.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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It's hard to say that a game's most important drive happens on the first series, but that's exactly what happened in Columbia High's 50-0 win against Baker County High at Tiger Stadium on Friday.

Baker County took possession first and drove the ball into Columbia territory before facing a fourth-and-2 situation. A quick kick by quarterback Corey Lawler pinned the Tigers at their own 3-yard line.

Columbia's opening drive broke the Wildcats' back. The drive started with a 10-yard run by Braxton Stockton and finished with a Jayce Barber touchdown pass to Darren Burch from the 6-yard line.

From that point on, it was easy sailing for the Tigers. The next drive wouldn't take but four plays.

Again it was Barber connecting on a pass. This time the quarterback found Trey Marshall, one of eight receivers he hit on the night, for a 42-yard touchdown. Braydon Thomas added his second extra point of the night for a 14-0 lead.

Two plays into Baker County's next drive, Rakeem Battle came down with an interception and the Tigers would use the running game to power the ball down the field for their next touchdown. Columbia

CHS continued on 3B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

ABOVE: Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23) runs by a Baker County High defender.

BELOW: Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) heads down the field after breaking a tackle.



Indians take out Trojans, 45-8, to begin season.

By **TIM KIRBY**
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FORT WHITE — Fort White High football continued the strong play shown in the kickoff classic with a 45-8 home win over Hamilton County High on Friday.

After losing a fumble on its first possession, Fort White bounced back to score on three consecutive drives and build a 20-0 lead. The Indians would add a safety and a 58-yard punt return touchdown by Trey Phillips to make the margin at halftime 29-0.

Tavaris Williams rushed for 106 yards in the first half and scored on a 10-yard touchdown run.

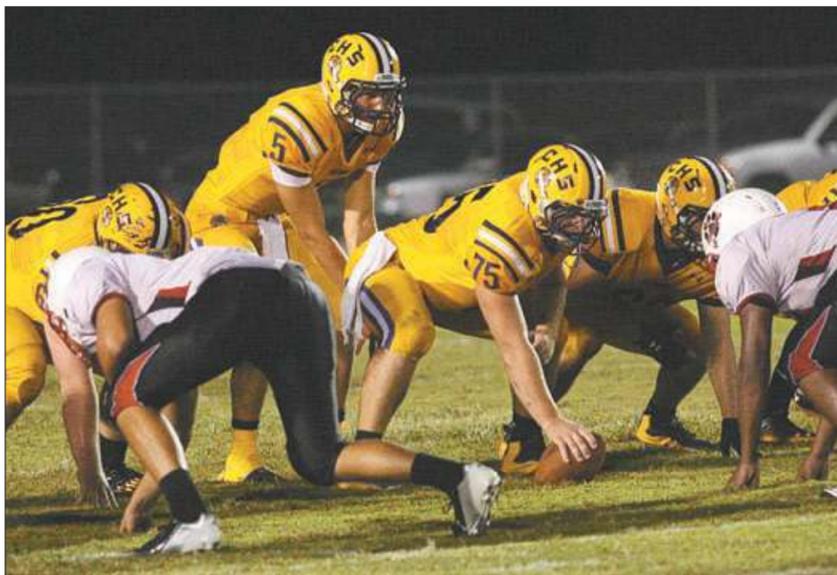
Andrew Baker completed 4-of-5 passes for 88 yards and one touchdown in the half. He also scored a touchdown on a four-yard run.

Baker's touchdown pass turned into a tip drill. Tight end Caleb Bundy and wide receiver Shayne Newman converged to the same spot on the sideline next to the Fort White bench. Bundy jumped up for the catch and lost it after being hit. Newman snagged the ball and sprinted the remaining 39 yards to the end zone.

The score polished off a seven-play, 75-yard drive.

After a quick three-and-out, Fort White marched 53 yards in five plays with Baker scoring on a keeper. After missing the first extra point, Nathan Escalante

INDIANS continued on 5B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber (5) looks over the defense in the game on Friday.

Barber plays at top of his game

CHS quarterback had 3 touchdown passes in first half.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High head coach Brian Allen said last week that he expected quarterback Jayce Barber to play like the best quarterback in the state each time out. Against Baker County High on Friday, Barber looked the part in a 50-0 win.

The quarterback put together his best half of

football as the Tigers' quarterback before Columbia called off the dogs in the second half. Barber was 11-of-16 for 189 yards and three touchdowns. By the end of the half the Tigers had built a 34-0 lead and Columbia turned to the running game.

But the damage by Barber was already done.

His first touchdown pass of the game capped off a 93-yard drive on the opening series of the game when

BARBER continued on 3B

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

TV sports

Today
AUTO RACING
7:30 a.m.
 SPEED — Formula One, Grand Prix of Belgium, at Francorchamps, Belgium
12:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — IRL, Indy Lights, at Baltimore
2 p.m.
 NBCSN — IRL, IndyCar, Baltimore Grand Prix
5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NHRA, qualifying for U.S. Nationals, at Indianapolis (same-day tape)
7:30 p.m.
 ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, AdvoCare 500, at Hampton, Ga.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Noon
 ESPN — FCS, Alabama St. vs. Bethune-Cookman, at Orlando
3:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Kentucky at Louisville
6:30 p.m.
 FSU — SMU at Baylor
GOLF
7 a.m.
 TGC — European PGA Tour, European Masters, final round, at Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland
1 p.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, third round, at Norton, Mass.
3 p.m.
 NBC — PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, third round, at Norton, Mass.
7 p.m.
 TGC — Web.com Tour, Mylan Classic, final round, at Canonsburg, Pa. (same-day tape)
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 TBS — Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
2:10 p.m.
 WGN — San Francisco at Chicago Cubs
8 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Chicago White Sox at Detroit
PREP FOOTBALL
2 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Teams TBA
SOCCER
9 p.m.
 NBCSN — MLS, Chivas USA at San Jose
TENNIS
11 a.m.
 CBS — U.S. Open, men's third and women's fourth round, at New York
Monday
AUTO RACING
Noon
 ESPN2 — NHRA, U.S. Nationals, at Indianapolis (same-day tape)
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
1 p.m.
 NBCSN — Toronto at Hamilton
4:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Edmonton at Calgary
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
8 p.m.
 ESPN — Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech

GOLF
11:30 a.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, final round, at Norton, Mass.
1:30 p.m.
 NBC — PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, final round, at Norton, Mass.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay or Baltimore at Toronto
 WGN — Chicago Cubs at Washington
8 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, San Diego at L.A. Dodgers or Minnesota at Chicago White Sox (7 p.m. start)
PREP FOOTBALL
4 p.m.
 ESPN — Daphne (Ala.) at Spanish Fort (Ala.)
TENNIS
11 a.m.
 CBS — U.S. Open, round of 16
7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — U.S. Open, round of 16

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	76	56	.576	—
Baltimore	73	59	.553	3
Tampa Bay	72	61	.541	4½
Boston	62	71	.466	14½
Toronto	60	72	.455	16

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	72	60	.545	—
Detroit	71	61	.538	1
Kansas City	59	72	.450	12½
Cleveland	56	77	.421	16½
Minnesota	54	78	.409	18

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	78	54	.591	—
Oakland	74	57	.565	3½
Los Angeles	71	62	.534	7½
Seattle	64	70	.478	15

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 3
 Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 4
 L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 2
 Minnesota 3, Kansas City 1, 1st game
 Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 1
 Cleveland 4, Texas 3
 Minnesota at Kansas City, 2nd game (n)
 Boston at Oakland (n)
Today's Games
 Baltimore (Tillman 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (PHughes 13-11), 1:05 p.m.
 Texas (D.Holland 9-6) at Cleveland (McAllister 5-5), 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Price 16-5) at Toronto (R.Romero 8-12), 1:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (Vasquez 0-0) at Kansas City (Mendoza 7-9), 2:10 p.m.
 Boston (Matsuzaka 1-3) at Oakland (BreAnderson 2-0), 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Weaver 16-3) at Seattle (Iwakuma 5-3), 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Sale 15-5) at Detroit (Verlander 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
Monday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
 Texas at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Boston at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

NL standings

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	80	52	.606	—
Atlanta	74	59	.556	6½
Philadelphia	64	69	.481	16½
New York	63	70	.474	17½
Miami	59	74	.444	21½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	81	53	.604	—
St. Louis	72	61	.541	8½
Pittsburgh	70	62	.530	10
Milwaukee	64	68	.485	16
Chicago	51	81	.386	29
Houston	41	92	.308	39½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	75	58	.564	—
Los Angeles	70	63	.526	5
Arizona	66	67	.496	9
San Diego	62	71	.466	13
Colorado	53	77	.408	20½

Saturday's Games
 San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 2
 Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1
 St. Louis 10, Washington 9
 Houston 2, Cincinnati 1
 N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 3
 Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 2
 San Diego at Colorado (n)
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers (n)
Today's Games
 N.Y. Mets (C.Young 3-7) at Miami (Buehrle 12-11), 1:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Westbrook 13-10) at Washington (Strasburg 15-6), 1:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Arroyo 11-7) at Houston (B.Norris 5-1), 2:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 12-6) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 14-8), 2:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (M.Cain 13-5) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 4-11), 2:20 p.m.
 San Diego (C.Kelly 1-0) at Colorado (Francis 5-4), 3:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Miley 14-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 11-10), 4:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Hamels 14-6) at Atlanta (Maholm 11-9), 5:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Chicago Cubs at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
 Houston at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

AP Top 25 schedule

Today's Game
 No. 25 Louisville vs. Kentucky, 3:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
 No. 16 Virginia Tech vs. Georgia Tech, 8 p.m.

CHS boys golf starts 2-0

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High's golf team teed off with a 2-0 start to the season after defeating Oak Hall School and Gainesville High during the first week of play.

The Tigers shot an impressive 158 to beat Oak Hall, which finished at 169, by 11 strokes in its first match of the year at The Country Club at Lake City on Tuesday.

Nick Jones picked up medalist honors with a 1-under 35 in the match.

The rest of the Tigers also came in with solid scores, including Tim Bagley at 40, Dillan VanVleck at 41 and Jacob Soucinek with a 42 to round out the top four scores.

Columbia was hot again on Thursday with a 167-199 win against Gainesville at The Country Club at Lake City.

Jones finished as co-medalist in the match with a 39. Luke Soucinek had a 42, followed by Bagley and VanVleck with 43s.

"It's early in the season, but we have a lot of

high expectations for this group," head coach Steve Smithy said. "We don't have a lot of people on the team, but what we do have has a lot of quality. Our guy at No. 6 can come in and shoot just as good as No. 1 or No. 2. I still don't think we're shooting what I think we're capable of, but it's early in the season. That's what we have the rest of the season for."

Columbia will travel to Meadowbrook Country Club at 4 p.m. Tuesday to take on Santa Fe and St. Francis high schools.

JV, MIDDLE SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Wolves open up with road win

From staff reports

Richardson Middle School's football team doubled up Hamilton County Middle School, 24-12, in Jasper on Thursday.

Kamario Bell rushed for 120 yards and scored two touchdowns. Jovares Thomas also score two touchdowns, while rushing for 96 yards.

Michael Dougherty, D'Angelo Perry and Thomas had interceptions. "The defense played real good," Wolves head coach Joey O'Neal said. "The offense had first-game jitters and struggled in some sports. We had two turnovers."

Richardson hosts Taylor County Middle School at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Falcons football

Lake City Middle School football opened on the road at Camden Middle School

in Georgia on Wednesday.

Camden led 21-15 when lightning forced the teams from the field late in the first half. Play was never resumed.

Donald Robinson had a 65-yard touchdown run for the Falcons and scored a two-point conversion. Lake City also scored on a touchdown pass from Davin Shuck to Terrius Baker. Hunter Houston kicked the extra point.

Lake City opens at home at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 against Madison County Central. The game will be at Memorial Stadium.

Tigers football

Columbia High's junior varsity gave Baker County High a taste of things to come as the Tigers defeated the Wildcats, 34-6, at Memorial Stadium in Macclenny on Thursday.

Akeem Williams scored two touchdowns to lead

the squad to victory. His first came on a 50-yard punt return and he capped off his night on a pass reception of 30 yards for a score.

"The kids played well," head coach John Brown said. "The defense pitched a shutout and their only score came on a fumble recovery. Our running backs Earl Frame, Dallan Sheppard and Dalon Washington did a good job running the ball and the offensive line did a good job of opening the holes. I was most impressed with that part."

Indians football

Fort White High's junior varsity lost 26-0 at Suwannee High on Thursday.

The Bulldogs broke a scoreless tie with a touchdown and two-point conversion late in the first half.

The Indians host Newberry High at 7 p.m. this Thursday.

BOWLING

Lake City Bowl league play:
GOLDEN ROLLERS
 Team standings: 1. Ups & Downs; 2. Quicky Quad; 3. Team 14
 Team high handicap game: 1. Knock em Down 840; 2. Jo's Crew 821; 3. 2 Girls & 2 Guys 815.
 Team high handicap series: 1. Bubba & His Bubbetts 2,359; 2. 2 Plus 2 2,336; 3. Wild Things 2,321.
 High scratch game: 1. Debbie Walters 179; 2. Doreen Waters 160; 3. (tie) Betty Brown, Susan Mears 147.
 1. Tom Young 201; 2. Vernon Black 188; 3. Winton Brewer 183.
 High scratch series: 1. Barbara Griner 469; 2. Yvonne Finley 435; 3. (tie) Amy Musselwhite, Diane Madsen 421. 1. Dan Ritter 565; 2. Lee McKinney 514; 3. Art Joubert 509.
 High handicap game: 1. Joanne Denton 228; 2. Susan Stanfield 216; 3. June Pat Klock 215. 1. Bill Dolly

232; 2. (tie) George Mulligan, Vernon Black, Jim Burnett 218.
 High handicap series: 1. DeDe Young 591; 2. (tie) Joyce Hooper, Judy Johnson 584. 1. Wayne Johns 607; 2. (tie) Dave Duncan, Tom Evert 593. (results from Aug. 16)
HIT & MISS
 Team standings: 1. Legal ladies (3-1, 568 team average); 2. Sandbaggers (3-1, 524 team average); 3. All Mrs's (3-1, 503 team average); 4. Oddballs (3-1, 465 team average).
 Team high handicap game: 1. Sandbaggers 800; 2. Oddballs 789; 3. Git Up & Bowl 761.
 Team high handicap series: 1. Legal Ladies 2,261; 2. All Mrs's 2,221; 3. Spare Us 2,219. (results from Aug. 21)
WATERGUARD LEAGUE
 Team high handicap game: 1. Dominators 874; 2. Canam 836;

3. Split/House 832.
 Team high handicap series: 1. Team # 8 2,442; 2. O 2 Cool 2,411; 3. WolfG Pack 2,405.
 High scratch game: 1. Lorrie Geiger 233; 2. Chrissy Fancy 201; 3. Chrissy Fancy 195. 1. Bill Dolly 217; 2. Charles Yulee 213; 3. Jim Lobaugh 203.
 High scratch series: 1. Lorrie Geiger 583; 2. Chrissy Fancy 563; 3. Debbie Walters 493. 1. Jim Lobaugh 575; 2. Bill Dolly 571; 3. Charles Yulee 569.
 High handicap game: 1. Lorrie Geiger 244; 2. Debbie Walters 225; 3. Mary Lobaugh 222. 1. Michael McInally 240; 2. Bill Dolly 233; 3. Charles Yulee 229.
 High handicap series: 1. Lorrie Geiger 622; 2. Chrissy Fancy 617; 3. Debbie Walters 603. 1. Jim Lobaugh 620; 2. Bill Dolly 619; 3. Charles Yulee 617. (results from Aug. 28)

Potential showdown for Rory, Tiger

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — The Deutsche Bank Championship has had a fair amount of heavyweight battles in its 10-year history. This Labor Day weekend is

shaping up as another one featuring two generations of stars.

Rory McIlroy made an eagle on one par 5 and scrambled for a bogey on another par 5 during an otherwise steady round of

6-under 65 to give him a one-shot lead over Louis Oosthuizen.

Two shots back was Tiger Woods, who didn't make nearly as many putts as he did Thursday but still managed a 68.

Serena wins

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams didn't watch any video of her Australian Open loss to Ekaterina Makarova as she prepared for their rematch at the U.S. Open.

She even hates looking at photos from defeats. But she is free to check out this match again after she won in straight sets Saturday.

The fourth-seeded American won 6-4, 6-0, avenging her straight-set defeat in the Australian Open's fourth round.

When they played in January, Williams had seven double-faults and 37 unforced errors. Saturday's numbers were one and 16.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

These speakers rock, honey! Listen to that bass! 50% off the retail price. Today only.

WHEN THE SALESMAN TOLD HIM THE STEREO WAS 50 PERCENT OFF, HE SAID THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: ABATE IMAGE BENIGN PIRACY
 Answer: After his climbing companion started to panic, he told her to — GET A GRIP

Stewart on the pole at Atlanta

Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — On the advice of his teammate, Tony Stewart took the high road

He wound up with the pole for tonight's NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Stewart turned a fast lap of 186.121 mph on Friday to take his first pole of the season.

Coming off a helmet-throwing episode at Bristol last weekend, Stewart made peace with Matt Kenseth before the qualifying session, then showed

he intends to be a force at the next-to-last race before the playoff begins.

Greg Biffle (185.648) will start on the outside of the front row for the AdvoCare 500.

Kyle Busch (185.493) and Kenseth (185.319) took spots on the second row.

ACROSS

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 5 Dog show figure
 10 Orange or lime
 12 Trends
 13 Save your —!
 14 Parthenon goddess
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 16 Wise one
 18 Good name for a cook?
 19 Gym amenities
 23 Festive night
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 27 Jazz's home
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 34 Falling star
 35 Zodiac twins
 36 Caution
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 7 Membership charges

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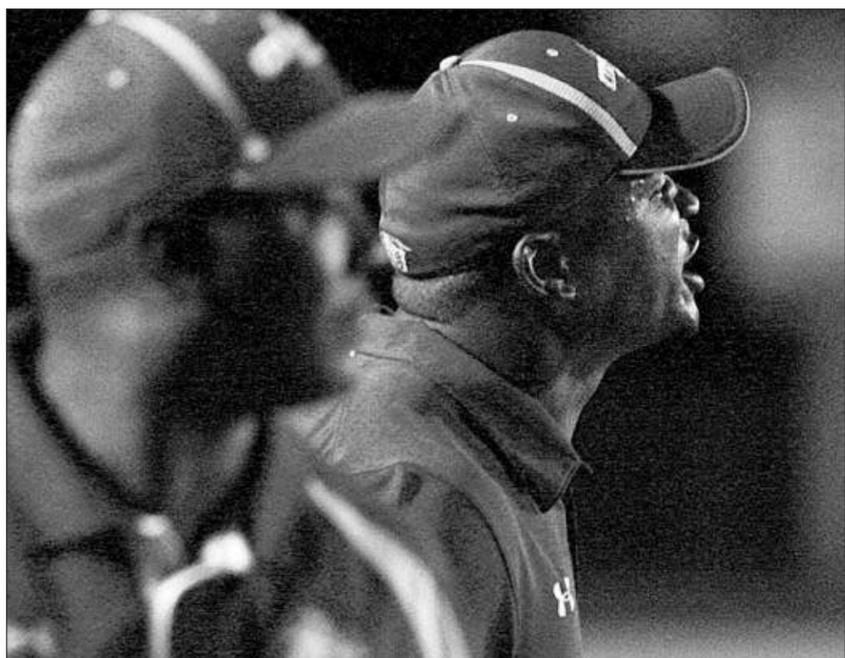
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Lonnie Underwood (24) attempts to escape a couple of Baker County High tacklers as he drives down the field on Friday.



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Columbia High coach Brian Allen (right) yells out signals from the sideline.



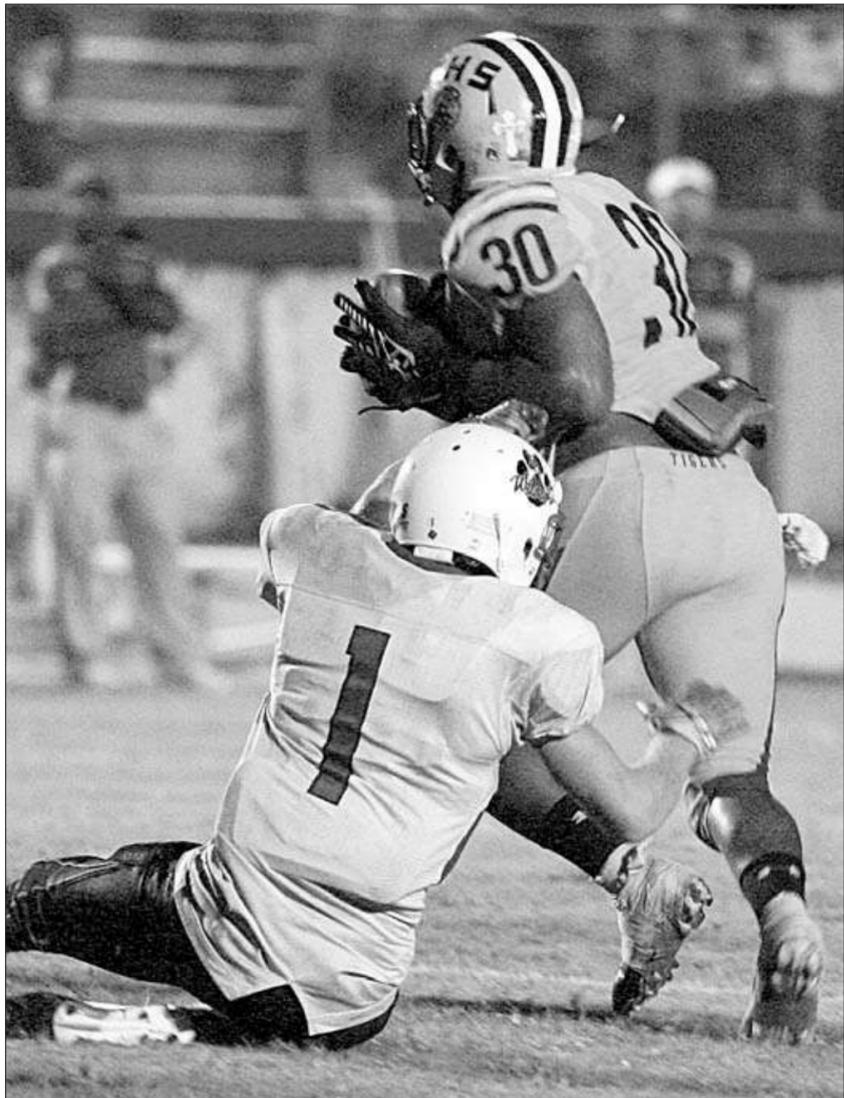
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Columbia High School football fans dance to pop songs between downs on Friday.



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Columbia High's Ben Kuykendall (11) and Trey Marshall (21) prevent a Baker County High receiver from catching a pass.



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Solomon Bell (30) picks off a pass intended for a Baker County High receiver during Columbia High's 50-0 win against the Wildcats to begin the season.

Allen likes what he sees in defense

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Two games — including the kickoff classic — into the 2012 season and the Columbia High Tigers haven't allowed an offensive touchdown. That's not a bad start for a unit trying to one-up last season's effort of going five consecutive games without allowing a touchdown.

The Tigers totally dominated Baker County High in a 50-0 win at Tiger Stadium on Friday, and it was in no small part due to the defense.

Columbia forced three interceptions (Rakeem Battle, Terry Calloway and Soloman Bell) and held the Wildcats to an impressive 110 yards of total offense.

"Anytime the yellow, purple, white or whatever color we're wearing is forcing turnovers, it's going to be a good night," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "You couple that with a ton of tackles for loss and that's a great feat. There's still room for improvement.



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Columbia High's Trey Marshall (21) knocks the legs from under Baker County High's CeCe Jefferson during the Tigers' 50-0 win on Friday.

We're critical as a staff, and I can guarantee you when

we look at the tape we'll find areas to improve."

Allen, a former linebacker, said it all started with

the linebacker unit against the Wildcats.

"Anytime you coach a position you played, you start to live vicariously through them," Allen said. "They're a special group. It starts with Felix (Woods), who is kind of the quarterback of our defense. Terry is also half our quarterback and Soloman and Jesse (Stokes) are both playing well. I promise you though, we're not without flaws."

One thing Allen is hoping to improve upon is the Tigers ability to contain runs to the outside.

"We can't allow the running backs to get the edge," he said. "There were a couple of times that we allowed them to bounce outside."

And that wasn't the only thing that Allen was able to quickly pick out, despite the shutout.

"We've got to get better at communicating," he said. "Even on the good plays, there were points where we didn't do a good with communication. We have some things that we need to identify, but nothing major."

CHS: Gainesville showdown looms

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used eight runs, coupled around two passes, to drive 71 yards for the 21-0 lead. Lonnie Underwood finished the drive off with an eight-yard score.

A three-and-out by the Wildcats gave Columbia the ball back and the Tigers used only three plays to score. This time, it came from Braxton Stockton on a 47-yard run. He finished with nine carries for 100 yards.

With 1:31 left in the first half, the Tigers showed off their hurry-up offense and took little time to score. Barber finished off his touchdown passes for the night with a strike to Antonio Pelham from 32 yards out for the 34-0 lead after a missed extra point.

"Thinking back to last spring, (receivers) were one of the areas we identified as a weakness," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "This year, it's a world of difference. We have some dang good ones. We might not be the fastest, but we know how to find holes in zones."

Columbia kept the ball rolling in the second half with its opening drive of 63 yards capped off by a Cody Beadles' field goal from 30 yards out for a 37-0 lead.

Terry Calloway had his first interception as a Tiger on the following possession and returned it to the Wildcats' 3. Ronald Timmons used three runs to power the Tigers into the end zone for a 43-0 lead.

The running clock came and the Wildcats drove deep into the Tigers' territory again before Soloman Bell picked off a Jacob Carter pass and returned it to the 37-yard line.

Columbia ended the game with 11 consecutive runs to reach the half century mark. Stockton's 25-yard run was the highlight of the drive and he capped it off from two yards out.

Baker County coach Ryan Sulkowski was impressed with what he saw out of the Tigers, saying Columbia will probably be the toughest team the Wildcats face all year.

"We played a heck of a team," he said. "Top to bottom, they're just better. That's why they are ranked in the top five. Penalties played a big factor for us, and we have to find a way to correct those mistakes."

Sulkowski also was impressed with how Laremy Tunsil competed against his freshman All-American from last season, CeCe Jefferson.

"He's the best offensive lineman in the state," he said. "Jefferson is still growing, but you have to take your hat off to him."

Tunsil also respected the sophomore despite his ability to get to Barber on the night.

"He's a beast and a pretty good player to be a sophomore," Tunsil said.

But his focus quickly turned to Gainesville next week.

"It's time to go against the best in Florida," Tunsil said.

Preparing for Gainesville was part of the reason Allen kept his starters in to the final whistle.

"We're going to play a state championship caliber team," Allen said. "We want to have our guys in condition to play four quarters or more. We have to go in prepared for that."

Columbia	0	0	0	0	—	0
Baker County	7	27	9	7	—	50

First Quarter
CHS—Burch 6 pass from Barber (Thomas kick), 5:31

Second Quarter
CHS—Marshall 42 pass from Barber (Thomas kick), 11:49

CHS—Underwood 8 run (Thomas kick), 6:28

CHS—Stockton 47 run (kick failed), 3:44

CHS—Pelham 32 pass from Barber (Beadles kick), 1:07

Third Quarter
CHS—Beadles 30 field goal 8:31

CHS—Timmons 1 run (Beadles kick), 6:38

Fourth Quarter
CHS—Stockton 2 run (Beadles kick), 1:28

	Columbia	Baker County
First downs	15	5
Rushes-yards	31-208	17-72
Passing	189	38
Comp-Att-Int	11-18-0	5-12-3
Penalties-Yards	5-30	12-90

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Columbia, Stockton 10-100, Timmons 13-63, Timmons 7-32, Barber 2-13, Baker County, Lawler 7-23, Lee 7-31, Boone 1-2, Jefferson 1-16.

PASSING—Columbia, Barber 11-18-189-0, Baker County, Lawler 3-10-26-2, Carter 2-4-12-1.

RECEIVING—Columbia, Johnson 3-32, Ayers 1-13, Webber 1-12, Bradley 1-33, Burch 1-6, Marshall 1-42, Pelham 2-19, Baker County, Dyal 1-0, Boone 2-20, Miller 3-13, Rogers 1-(2).



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Terry Calloway (3) is brought down by Baker County High defenders after making an interception Friday.

Mixed results for CHS opponents in week 1

By BRANDON FINLEY
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While Columbia High was impressive in its 50-0 win against Baker County High on Friday, the Tigers next opponent had a field day against Yulee High as Gainesville High knocked off the Hornets 51-28.

The Hurricanes were led by Chris Thompson, who had three touchdown catches and an 18-yard interception return for a touchdown in the first half.

Gainesville wasn't without defensive struggles, however, as Yulee's Derrick Henry ran for 316 yards.

Elsewhere, Orange Park High picked up a 21-3 win against Ponte Vedra High behind the all-around play of Raekown Fuller, who rushed for 57 yards and scored the game-clinching touchdown.

The Raiders held the

Sharks to 185 yards of offense and only nine first downs. Orange Park rushed for 178 yards.

Oakleaf High fell to Forrest High, 20-13. The Knights were defeated by the air attack of Jeff Vining, who threw three touchdown passes. He finished 11-of-18 for 167 yards. Oakleaf's Austin Chipoletti accounted for the Knights' two scores. He threw a touchdown pass to LaRobert Mims and rushed for a one-yard score.

Godby High dismantled district foe Leon High in a 63-7 win at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee. The Cougars rushed for 292 yards. Leon transfer Tim Longmire led the charge with three touchdowns in the contest.

Eastside High beat Buchholz High, 13-0, in a defensive struggle. The Bobcats jumped out to a 10-0 lead and held

it until seven minutes remained in the contest. Quinlan Washinton's pass was picked off by Tracy Williams and returned 25 yards to change the game. Sir Jackson punched in a three-yard run with 49.4 seconds left to play to give the Bobcats the win.

Vanguard High lost to Camden County, 53-7, with its only score coming off a one-yard run in the second quarter.

Last year's district champion, Ridgeview High, defeated Creekside High, 38-13, behind touchdowns on its first three offensive possessions. Quarterback Josh Moore ran for 244 yards of offense.

Middleburg High didn't fare as well with a 27-0 loss against Bishop Kenny High. Florida commitment Ahmad Fulwood scored on a receiving touchdown and a punt return. Bishop Kenny has won 16 straight regular-season games.

BARBER: Praises receivers, O-line

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Barber hit fullback Darren Burch for a six-yard touchdown.

A drive later and Barber was going more vertical. This time he hit defensive back Trey Marshall, who also plays in certain packages on the offense, for a 42-yard touchdown strike.

The quarterback capped off the drive displaying Columbia's two-minute offense.

Needing just six plays and 1:07, Barber led the Tigers on a touchdown drive to close out the half up 34-0. His final touchdown came on a 32-yard pass to Antonio Pelham.

But Barber isn't quick to take credit no matter the circumstance. He gave credit to his receivers for getting on the same page this week in practice for his efficient performance in which he connected with

eight receivers.

"The reason we didn't play well last week is we were playing as individuals and selfish," he said. "This week I sat down with every receiver and we talked about playing unselfishly and for one another. We have to continue to run our routes to help other guys get open and it paid off tonight."

And it wasn't just his receivers, Barber has also been excited about the play of his offensive line throughout the early portion of the season.

"They're blocking like monsters," he said. "Laremy (Tunsil) is a beast. Milla (Chasteen) is impressive. Thomas Holmes has improved so much since last year. John Sweat and Deonte Crumitie are playing well. I'm going to have to have all of those guys over for dinner and cook

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—Jayce Barber,
Columbia High quarterback

Fieldhouse dedicated to Hunter

By **TIM KIRBY**

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FORT WHITE — Coach Mike Hunter Field House became a reality with a dedication ceremony prior to Fort White High's season-opening football game with Hamilton County High on Friday.

Principal Keith Hatcher, who hired Hunter as the first head coach for the Indians in 2000, served as master of ceremonies.

"I am thrilled to death to do this tonight and see it happen," Hatcher said. "I said it before at his retirement part, Mike is the 'Father of Fort White Football.' He deserves this for all of his tenacity and hard work. All the way back to the 80s, he had the dream of carrying this through to a high school program."

Hatcher said it was appropriate for the dedication to come on a night when the Indians were playing Hamilton County. The Trojans were the first foe for Fort White football, and the Indians started on a positive note by winning that preseason game in Jasper.

Hatcher explained Hunter's tenacity, saying that the coach's vision was to get a program started at Fort White, even when there was no high school.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Former Fort White High head coach Mike Hunter is joined by wife Brenda, daughter Kali and grandchildren Peyton and Masina Sapp at the fieldhouse dedication in his honor prior to the Indians game against Hamilton County High on Friday.

"I appreciate this community more than you will ever know," Hunter told the fans. "At that first game in Jasper, I took a deep breath and thought all of our dreams have come true. We had wished, prayed and hoped for a high school in Fort White and it came to be.

This is quite an honor." Indians head coach Demetric Jackson, who succeeded Hunter as coach and played for him in middle school, said as a Fort White native he knew what Hunter did for children.

"We honor him tonight because he meant so much

to our community and has given us his time coaching and teaching," Jackson said. "He means a lot to the kids. He would take them home, pick them up and sometimes give them money to eat with. There is a lot he did that people don't know, and he's done

it for a long time. This is a way I can represent all those kids and pay back to him and his family."

Fort White Quarterback Club president Harold Bundy joined Hatcher and Jackson in presenting a framed Indians football jersey for Hunter — No. 32.

"I have known Coach Hunter for 20-25 years and he is a tremendous asset," Bundy said. "He had effected so many lives and I'm proud for him going out in style. I had the privilege of him coaching my son in middle school football."

Fort White athletic director John Wilson has spent many hours with Hunter.

"I think this is awesome," Wilson said. "Coach Hunter worked so hard for so many years, I am happy to see something like this going his way. He got us started and if there is anybody who deserves all the accolades it is him."

Coach Isiah Phillips joined Hunter's middle school staff in the 1980s.

"It is a great thing and well-deserved," Phillips said. "He pretty much established Fort White football, and I am glad to be a part of it. It is a good honor for him."

In return, Hunter acknowledged his debt to Fort White.

"When I started coaching, this wasn't the plan," Hunter said. "I was a lucky person to be in the right place at the right time. A lot of coaches move from place to place, but I just stayed and good things happened. A lot of people are looking for that better job, but I had it. It fit perfectly for me."

Indians good in three phases

By **TIM KIRBY**

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FORT WHITE — Fort White High's win over Hamilton County High featured the Fort White formula of establishing the running game with plenty of carries for the tailback.

That's fine with Tavaris Williams, who finished the game with 122 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns. Williams had 106 of those yards and 17 carries at halftime.

"We had a game plan and I just had to do my part tonight," Williams said. "I wanted to break 200 yards, but coach wouldn't put me back in."

Williams had runs of 23, 20 and 20 yards to go with his pair of 10-yard touchdowns. He also caught a



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Fort White High's Tavaris Williams (2) runs the ball on Friday.

flair pass and turned it into an 18-yard gain.

"When Tavaris gets in the open field, he is hard to stop," Jackson said. "He did a great job of catching the ball and taking off and running."

Williams said his favorite play is the 32 yard draw fold, a delay out of the shotgun.

"You can go wherever you want to go," Williams said. "It's showtime and I'm a playmaker."

Fort White's defense allowed only four first downs until late in the third quarter. There was Drew Gaylard's interception and a fumble recovery, and Cameron

White recorded a sack.

"We did all right," Gaylard said. "The secondary did their job and the linebackers keyed on the ball. The defensive line always got them. We ran their offensive line all night. They were trying to double-team us, but they just couldn't."

The Indians special teams players did their part.

In addition to Trey Phillips' punt-return touchdown, Michael Mulberry had kickoff returns of 32 and 34 yards, both coming after the safety free kicks and giving the Indians great field position.

Kellen Snider returned the opening kickoff 23 yards into Trojans territory.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print answer here:

Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: IDIOT SLASH TONGUE UNFOLD

Answer: When the salesman told him the stereo was 50 percent off, he said this — SOUNDS GOOD

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

INDIANS: Tough four-week stretch

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was good on this one and four more that followed.

Hamilton County answered with a 44-yard run by Kenric Williams and made it to the Indians 17. The Trojans set up a screen and Fort White lineman Drew Gaylard got in the flow and picked off the pass. He rumbled 10 yards before being tackled.

"It was exciting," Gaylard said. "I dropped back and he came to me I said 'I better take off.' I just wanted to hit somebody. I lowered my head, but he got lower. It's fun when you do that."

Baker quickly got the Indians out of the hole with a 26-yard pass to Phillips who made a diving catch. The two then connected for 12 yards and a first down on fourth-and-11. A third-down completion to Newman put the ball on the Trojans 10 and Tavaris Williams scored from there.

After a safety and an exchange of possessions, Phillips fielded a punt on the Indians side of the field. A block by Reginald Williams opened the door and Phillips raced down the field to score.

Hamilton County lost a fumble on the second play of the third quarter and the Indians marched 42 yards to Tavaris Williams' second touchdown.

That brought on a semi-

running clock that turned full bore when Fort White added a safety on another high snap into the end zone. The Indians led 38-0 at 7:01 of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, Hamilton County scored on a 52-yard pass play from Kentwan Daniels to Trey Zanders. Fort White matched that when Reginald Williams broke a 44-yard touchdown run.

Hamilton County rolled up 136 of its 183 yards after Fort White led 38-0, but Trojans head coach Mike Pittman saw some good.

"At one time we had five sophomores and freshmen on offense," Pittman said. "No. 13 (quarterback Daniels) is a freshman and he made some freshman mistakes that hurt us early. We found some skill people. That No. 15 (Kenric Williams) can play and we got another linebacker. Our defensive ends played well. We're young and that has a lot of negatives, but overall we're in a good position."

Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson was pleased, but peeking ahead.

"We wanted to show our speed, be simple and get back to basics," Jackson said. "We spread the ball around a little bit. Shayne caught the touchdown and a slant. We've got Newberry

next week, then Taylor, Wakulla and Union County. The next four will tell us where we are at."

Hamilton	0	0	0	8	—	8
Fort White	13	16	9	7	—	45

First Quarter	
FW—Newman	39 pass from Baker (kick failed), 4:55
FW—Baker	4 run (Escalante kick), 1:30

Second Quarter	
FW—T. Williams	10 run (Escalante kick), 6:58
FW—Safety,	ball snapped into end zone, 5:59
FW—Phillips	58 punt return (Escalante kick), 1:30

Third Quarter	
FW—T. Williams	10 run (Escalante kick), 8:36
FW—Safety,	ball snapped into end zone, 7:01

Fourth Quarter	
HC—Zanders	52 pass from Daniels (Daniels run), 7:01
FW—R. Williams	44 run (Escalante kick), 3:44

First downs		Fort White		Hamilton	
	12		8		
Rushes-yards		39-242	27-114		
Passing		112	69		
Comp-Att-Int		6-9-0	4-12-1		
Punts-Avg.		0-0	3-31		
Fumbles-Lost		2-1	3-1		
Penalties-Yards		5-55	7-45		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING—Fort White, T. Williams 19-122, R. Williams 2-47, Baker 8-33, Sanders 3-22, Garrison 4-15, Phillips 1-6, Levy 1(-1), Middleton 1(-2), Hamilton, K. Williams 2-45, Washington 6-35, Randolph 5-33, Daniels 9-11, Zanders 4-4, Webb 1(-14).	
PASSING—Fort White, Baker 6-9-112-0, Hamilton, Daniels 4-12-69-1.	
RECEIVING—Fort White, Newman 2-50, Phillips 2-38, T. Williams 1-18, Mulberry 1-6, Hamilton, Zanders 2-49, Webb 2-20.	

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Fort White High defensive lineman Drew Gaylard (78) leads the celebration after making an interception in Friday's game against Hamilton County High.



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Hamilton County High's Malik Randolph (28) doesn't get far as a couple of Fort White High defenders drag him down during a game Friday.



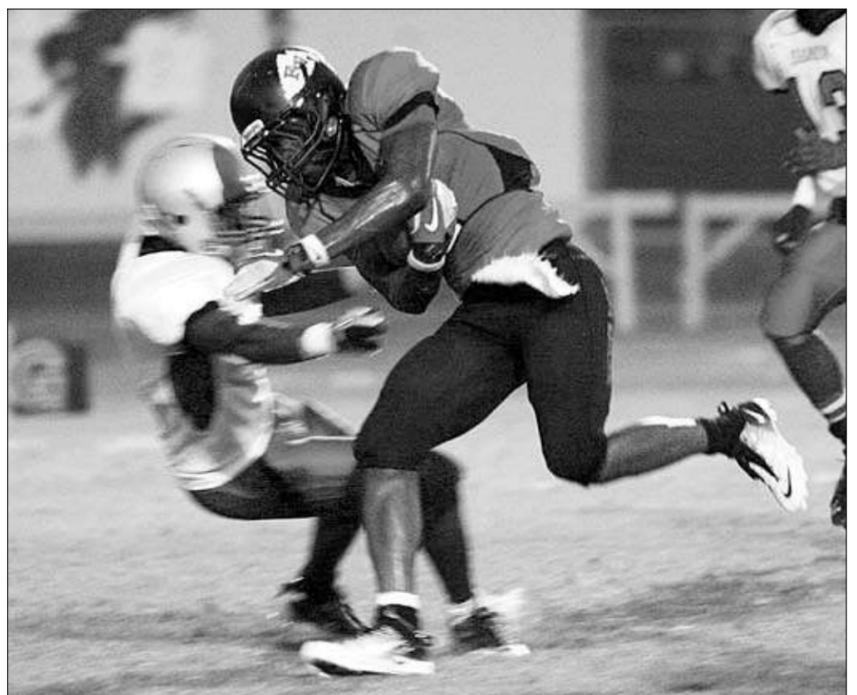
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Fort White High's Andrew Baker (12) stiff-arms Hamilton County High's Darian Speights (11) while running the ball on a quarterback keeper.



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Head coach Demetric Jackson gives instructions to Caleb Bundy (85) after a play Friday.



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Fort White High tailback Tavaris Williams runs over a Hamilton County High defender before heading into the end zone for a touchdown.

Seminoles soar

By **BRENT KALLESTAD**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Lonnie Pryor, James Wilder Jr., and Debrale Smiley combined for seven rushing touchdowns Saturday to lead No. 7 Florida State to a 69-3 win over Murray State.

Pryor ran for three TDs, and Smiley and Wilder added two apiece. Wilder finished with 106 yards rushing.

Florida State scored on its first touch of the new season on Rashad Greene's 47-yard punt return just 89 seconds into the game.

EJ Manuel passed for 188 yards and a touchdown before retiring midway in the third quarter.

Murray State's Casey Brockman passed for 117 yards, but was intercepted once and sacked six times, including four by Bjoern Werner.

The Seminoles totaled 606 yards while holding Murray State, a Football Championship Subdivision school, to 156 yards.

Murray State managed 39 yards rushing against the Seminoles, who return most of the defensive unit that finished last season ranked fourth nationally in

total defense.

Pryor sandwiched a pair of 1-yard scoring runs around an 18-yard TD and Wilder scored on runs of one and nine yards. Smiley scored twice on 1-yard runs.

Murray State failed to capitalize on its first scoring threat when Jordan Benton's 35-yard field goal try sailed wide left. Benton did connect later in the second quarter on a 28 yard kick to pull the Racers to within 21-3. And that was it.

It was Florida State's third win over a FCS school in any many seasons under coach Jimbo Fisher. The combined margin: 190-19. The Seminoles play another FCS team next Saturday when Savannah State visits.

Manuel had a streak of 128 consecutive passes without an interception snapped when Murray State's Josh Manning snatched a ball bobbled by Florida State receiver Kenny Shaw.

Dustin Hopkins, who is on pace to shatter both the school and Atlantic Coast Conference scoring records, added field goals of 28 and 30 yards and extended his string of successful consecutive point after kicks to 139. Hopkins now has 341 career points.



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Florida State wide receiver Jarred Haggins (12) leaps over Murray State cornerback Darrian Skinner (23) after catching a pass in the first half of a football game in Tallahassee on Saturday.



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Georgia wide receiver Michael Bennett (82) makes a touchdown catch as Buffalo defensive back Najja Johnson (22) defends during the football game in Athens, Ga., on Saturday.

Meyer debut successful

Associated Press

Braxton Miller helped make Urban Meyer's first game as Ohio State coach a record-breaking romp for the Buckeyes.

In Columbus, Miller rushed for 161 yards, a record for an Ohio State quarterback, and threw for two scores and 207 yards as the 18th-ranked Buckeyes beat Miami (Ohio) 56-10.

No. 6 Georgia 45, Buffalo 23

ATHENS, Ga. — Freshman Todd Gurley ran for three touchdowns, Aaron Murray threw three scoring passes as Georgia defeated Buffalo.

Gurley didn't start but may have emerged as the Bulldogs' future at tailback with his eight carries for 100 yards, including scoring runs of 10 and 55 yards. He added a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in

the first quarter.

Branden Oliver had 30 carries for 111 yards and a 2-yard touchdown run for the Bulls.

No. 11 West Virginia 69, Marshall 34

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Geno Smith threw for 323 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Mountaineers past Marshall.

It marked West Virginia's highest-scoring season opener in school history.

Smith completed 32 of 36 passes and set a school record for career completions before sitting out most of the fourth quarter.

The Mountaineers compiled 655 total yards Shawne Alston ran for 123 yards and two scores.

No. 12 Wisconsin 26, Northern Illinois 21

MADISON, Wis. — Montee Ball rushed for 120

yards and a touchdown, and Wisconsin needed a big defensive play to survive a fourth-quarter scare.

Leading 26-7 in the fourth quarter, Wisconsin allowed Northern Iowa quarterback Sawyer Kollmorgen to throw a pair of long touchdowns to David Johnson, cutting the lead to five

No. 17 Nebraska 49, Southern Miss 20

LINCOLN, Neb. — Taylor Martinez threw for a career-high 354 yards and matched his best with five touchdown passes to lead Nebraska.

The Huskers won their 27th straight opener.

Nebraska played the last three quarters without Rex Burkhead, who went out with a sprained ligament in his left knee after opening the scoring with a career-long 57-yard run.

Backup Ameer Abdullah ran 15 times for 81 yards.

'Bama punishes Michigan, 41-14

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — AJ McCarron threw two touchdown passes and Alabama's retooled defense showed it could still dominate as the second-ranked Crimson Tide pounded No. 8 Michigan 41-14 on Saturday night.

Even after sending three starting defenders from last year's national championship team to the NFL as first-round draft picks, the Crimson Tide threw around the Wolverines while stifling and pounding dual-threat quarterback Denard Robinson.

C.J. Mosley returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown. Dee Milliner had four pass breakups and an interception in the first half that set up a score after he shoved the intended receiver to the ground on the sideline.

This certainly wasn't what Michigan expect-

ed coming off an 11-win season under first-year coach Brady Hoke that ended with the Wolverines' first BCS victory since the 1999 season.

McCarron no longer has Trent Richardson to hand off to, but T.J. Yeldon and Eddie Lacy both ran for scores.

No. 14 Clemson 26, Auburn 19

ATLANTA — Andre Ellington rushed for 231 yards, DeAndre Hopkins set a school record with 13 receptions and No. 14 Clemson opened the season with 26-19 victory over Auburn on Saturday night.

Playing before a 50-50 crowd at the Georgia Dome — basically halfway between the two campuses — Clemson shook off any hangover from last season's embarrassing 70-33 loss to West Virginia in the Orange Bowl and

showed plenty of offense against Auburn (0-1) even without star receiver Sammy Watkins, who was suspended for the first two games after an offseason drug arrest.

The second half was a battle of field goals before Tajh Boyd lofted a 4-yard touchdown pass to Hopkins, who made a brilliant, twisting catch in the corner of the end zone with 9:17 remaining.

Ellington broke off a couple of long runs to set up a chip-shot field goal with just over a minute remaining for the final margin. Auburn got the ball back one more time, but with only one timeout. The Southeastern Conference team didn't even get it across midfield.

The 5-foot-10 Ellington scooted around and through the Auburn defense on 26 carries, the longest of them resulting in a 68-yard gain.

Miami beats Boston College

Associated Press



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Miami defensive lineman Anthony Chickillo (71) celebrates after recovering a fumble against Boston College in the second half of a football game at Alumni Stadium in Newton, Mass. on Saturday.

BOSTON — Freshman Duke Johnson broke two long touchdown runs, rushing for 135 yards to lead Miami to a 41-32 victory over Boston College on Saturday.

Johnson scored from 54 and 56 yards out for the Hurricanes, and Stephen Morris threw for 207 yards and a touchdown in the season opener for both teams.

Chase Rettig completed 32 of 51 passes for 441 yards and two touchdowns for BC, which led 14-0 after its first two possessions. But Johnson's second score made it 31-23, and then the Eagles fumbled the ball away on consecutive drives to start the fourth quarter. That set up a field goal and touchdown to give Miami a 41-23 lead.

BC cut the deficit on Rettig's 17-yard touchdown pass to Tahj Kimble, but it wasn't enough.

The Hurricanes improved to 24-5 all-time against BC.

Driskel looks to be quarterback choice

GAINESVILLE

FROM THE SIDELINE

The old saying is that if you have two quarterbacks, you really don't have any. Florida did its best job to prove that saying right through three quarters against Bowling Green in a 27-14 win at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday.

Florida head coach Will Muschamp said early in the week that he would give both of the quarterbacks equal time in the first half before determining playing time for the second half.

I'm not sure what Muschamp saw in the first half as both quarterbacks put up similar numbers, but as the game grew on so did Jeff Driskel's maturity.

In the first half, Driskel completed 4-of-5 passes for 27 yards, while Jacoby Brissett completed 3-of-5 for 31 yards.

At half, it would have appeared that both were on equal footing and the assumption was that both quarterbacks would see playing time in the second half. After the third quarter and solid but unspectacular play by Driskel, it was almost a certainty.

Muschamp didn't see it that way, however, and decided to stick with Driskel. He didn't offer up much explanation as to why Brissett wasn't given an opportunity in the second half.

"It was nothing he wasn't doing," Muschamp said.

Muschamp went onto say he's trying to give both quarterbacks a chance



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to play, even though it didn't pan out that way on Saturday.

"We're trying to be fair to everybody," Muschamp said. "We'll evaluate the film. (Offensive coordinator) Brent (Pease) and I will talk Sunday and we'll go from there."

Driskel's numbers were pedestrian at best with a combined 7-of-11 passing for 51 yards, but the coach stuck by him. I believe the move paid off for the Gators as he matured with his decision making.

While the play-calling had hampered Driskel's numbers throughout the day, Florida finally allowed the sophomore to throw the ball vertically on a hitch route. The result was a separation of speed by Frankie Hammond from Bowling Green's secondary and the wideout was able to turn the reception into a 50-yard touchdown score.

At that point, Driskel reached 101 yards passing and it was the first time in the game that Florida had more passing yards than penalty yards. The Gators had 11 penalties for 91 yards at the time.

But it wasn't just Driskel's biggest throw that showed a bit of maturity. Late in the game

as Florida hung onto a 24-13 lead, Driskel made a veteran decision by taking what the defense gave him.

He could have tried to force a throw for the first down, but his receivers were covered. Instead Driskel found Trey Burton for seven yards, which was three yards short of the first down.

What makes this a veteran decision however was that it put Caleb Sturgis within his range of 52 yards which Muschamp said he was comfortable with the kicker from that distance.

Driskel's 10-of-16 performance for 114 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions won't get it done next week in College Station, but at least there were positive signs to end a lackluster performance through three quarters.

More than anything, Driskel needs Florida to find the same discipline around him as he showed in the fourth quarter. The Gators had 14 penalties (two shy of the record 16 against Vanderbilt in 1996) for 106 yards.

For a team that was supposed to show more discipline than a unit that committed 100 penalties last year, the Gators didn't do a good job of dispelling that they've come much farther than last season.

The good news, Driskel may have grown up through the adversity.

The bad news: Florida didn't give the other quarterback a chance to showcase his skills.

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Bowling Green's Jon Pettigrew (20) is taken down by Florida defenders Jelani Jenkins (3) and Matt Elam (22).

GATORS: TD catch for Hammond

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the passing game to take the Falcons out of the box.

Florida was also plagued by penalties throughout the contest and ended with 14 for 106 yards.

Most of those came in the first half when Florida had 76 penalty yards to only 56 passing.

"I'm pleased with the win, but obviously looking at the game and at the tape, there are some things that we need to tighten up," Florida head coach Will Muschamp said.

The good news for Florida is that it was only penalized three times in the second half for 30 yards, so the adjustments at halftime cleaned up the game for the Gators.

That didn't tighten up a sluggish offense that had trouble finding rhythm.

But when the fourth quarter came, a light came on for quarterback Jeff Driskel.

Much of that can be credited to a run-after-catch for a touchdown by Frankie Hammond from 50 yards out. The catch and run broke the back of the Falcons who had scratched and clawed for everything they were getting to that point.

Hammond had been

plagued by two drops earlier in the game, so the catch served as a bit of redemption for the receiver.

"That's one of the things you have to live with as a receiver," Hammond said of the drops. "I dropped those balls and I had to come back and make up for it."

The play turned out to be the turning point for the Gators.

Florida began the game in a hole after punting on its first drive. The Falcons then marched 89 yards on their second possession to take the early 7-0 lead when John Pettigrew barreled in from one yard out.

Florida responded when faced with adversity with a 13-play drive of its own. Gillislee scored from 15 yards out one play after Florida converted on a fourth-and-one situation to extend the drive.

Gillislee scored his second touchdown of the game on the first play of Florida's next possession after a bad punt gave the Gators the ball at the Falcons' 38-yard line.

Though Florida struggled to find a rhythm, the Gators never turned back.

Muschamp took the blame for the offenses lack

of movement.

"I was very stubborn about trying to run the ball," he said.

Still, the coach was impressed with the way the line ground it out up front and how his senior responded when given space to work.

"I was very pleased with the physicality in the running game,"

Bowling Green extended a drive coming out of the half with a bit of trickery as Brian Schmeidebusch kept his punt and ran for a first down. The Falcons received 15 extra yards when Andre Debose was flagged for a late-hit penalty.

Two plays later, Bowling Green tied the game with a 12-yard run from Anthon Samuel.

Caleb Sturgis kicked one of his two field goals in the contest from 34-yards out to give Florida a lead it would retain for good.

"I think he's the best kicker in the country," Muschamp said.

Sturgis tried to prove his coach right again later in the game when he connected on a 51-yarder to extend Florida's lead to 27-14. It was his sixth in a row from outside 50 yards.



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Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) looks for an open receiver during the game against Bowling Green on Saturday.

Special teams cost Bowling Green

By **MARK LONG**
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Bowling Green had several chances to pull off an upset of No. 23 Florida.

Special teams let the Falcons down.

Fifth-year senior Stephen Stein missed field-goal attempts of 31 and 29 yards, and punter Brian Schmeidebusch had a 10-yard punt that led to Florida's go-ahead points in

a 27-14 victory Saturday.

Those mistakes were costly for a four-touchdown underdog on the road.

"We didn't consider ourselves underdogs," linebacker Dwayne Woods said. "We felt like we were better than Florida. The way we prepared for this and what we had coming back, we felt we were the better team. Today, it was too many mistakes, too many big plays."

Bowling Green could have taken the lead in the second

half, but Stein missed his second field goal.

"We've struggled with field goals for three years," said Falcons coach Dave Clawson, who planned to switch kickers if his team got another shot. "You miss two short ones like that, we're going to give the other kid a shot. You've got to come out of those drives with points. We had a chance to be down just four points at the half. That was big."

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Worker lawsuits are on the rise

Best Efforts will not substitute for knowledge.”
—W. Edwards Deming

In the last three to four years, HR lawsuits have been on the rise, and unfortunately, there does not seem to be any end in sight. The U.S. Department of Labor reports the number of lawsuits related to the Fair Labor Standards Act, alone, increased 35 percent in three years. And this is only one small area that an employer can be sued.

It has become so easy for employees to sue their employers as there are so many lawyers willing and able to take cases on a contingency basis. That is, the employee pays nothing in terms of legal fees, and the lawyer gets a percentage of the final settlement. As a result, lawsuits like these have truly become the bane of the entrepreneur's existence.

Without question, employees need to be protected, but I think the pendulum has swung too far the other way. Contingency lawyers have made it easier than ever for an employee to file a lawsuit, and juries have notoriously bent over backwards in favor of the employee to the detriment of the employer.

I am certainly not arguing that employers never violate labor laws, but in most cases, it happens unintentionally. More often than not, violations are the result of a dumb decision made by a manager who lacks the necessary training or knowledge.

These days, many of these lawsuits involve employees who have been laid off and have had difficulty finding a new job. They sue their employers as much to hurt their employer as to obtain additional cash flow.

Oftentimes, these suits catch employers by surprise since, even if they terminate an employee for a business reason, every separated employee can claim discrimination on the basis of a protected class such as race, gender or sexual orientation.

Complicating matters further, employees involved in lawsuits frequently fabricate facts or engage in what Bill Krizner, a local employment attorney, calls “selective memory syndrome.” I once saw a CEO follow the script devised by his HR department word for word only to have the terminated employee sue on the basis that this material was never discussed.

Employers want to fight unwarranted lawsuits, but the cost of going to court versus settling just does not make good business sense. These suits can

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With less inventory, homes sold faster in July

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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Pending home sales rose, while the inventory and time homes sat on the market dropped this July in Columbia County, according to housing market data released by trade association Florida Realtors last week.

In July, pending single-family home sales were up 61.5 percent in the county, compared to a year ago. New listings were down 14.7 percent and closed sales were down 21.1 percent.

Statewide in July, pending sales were up more than 42 percent, new listings were up 5.4 percent and closed sales were up 9.8 percent, compared to a year ago.

Pending sales refer to contracts that are signed but not yet completed or closed, while closed sales typically occur 30 to 90 days after sales contracts are written.

“It’s getting more back to normal than it used to be,” said Stan Batten, Lake City Board of Realtors president elect. “I’m optimistic about the way the real estate market is going,” he said.

The supply of inventory decreased 49.1 percent to 11.7 months, from 23 months one year ago, according to the report.

Industry analysts note that 5.5-months’ supply symbolizes a market balanced between buyers and



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia County's housing market is getting back to normal, according to local real estate agents. There were less homes on the market and more pending sales in July, compared to July 2011.

sellers.

Columbia County homes sold after an average of 85 days on the market in July, compared to 113 days the same time last year.

In 94.3 percent of sales, home sellers got their original listing price. That's up 11.1 percent from last July, according to the report.

Inventory that's priced right is selling, he said. “The hardest job we have as Realtors right now is convincing people what

their house is worth,” he said.

Sellers have to take into consideration area short sales and foreclosures, which can reduce appraisal values, Batten said. “It’s just part of the process that we have to work through,” he said.

The median sales price decreased 9.6 percent in July to \$113,000. Last July, the median price was \$125,000.

Foreclosures and other

distressed properties can also downwardly distort median price because they generally sell at a discount.

The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes last month was \$148,000, up 7.8 percent from July 2011.

Low interest rates and the number of available homes have enticed a lot of people to buy a new house, whether buyers are new to the area, upgrading their home or purchasing their

first home, Batten said.

“I think it’s a combination of things. Let’s face it, Florida is a great place to live,” he said.

The interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.55 percent in July 2012, significantly lower than the 4.55 percent average during the same month a year earlier, according to Freddie Mac.

“It’s a great time to buy, it really is,” he said.

Bernanke: With unemployment high, Fed can do more

By **PAUL WISEMAN**
AP Economics Writer

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. — Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear Friday that the Federal Reserve will do more to boost the economy because of high U.S. unemployment and an economic recovery that remains “far from satisfactory.”

He also argued that the Fed’s moves so far to keep interest rates at record lows and encourage borrowing and spending have helped bolster the economy.

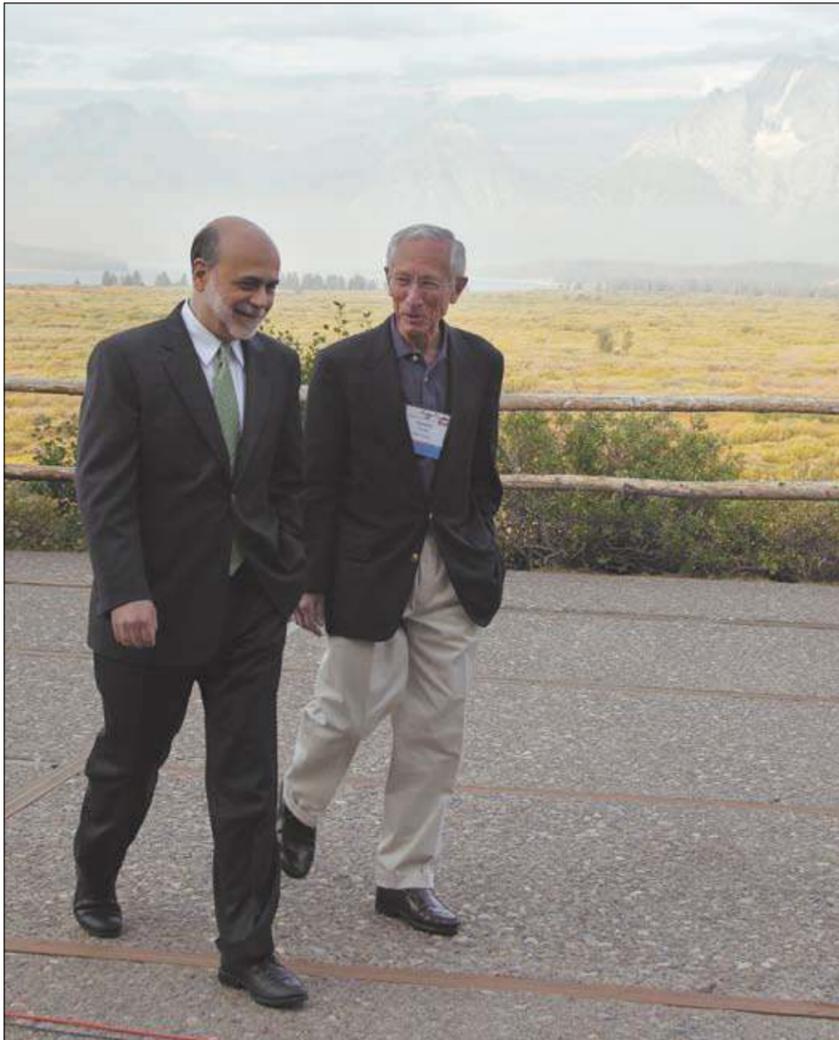
Bernanke stopped short of committing the Fed to any specific move, such as another round of bond purchases to lower long-term rates. But in a speech at an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Bernanke said that even with rates at super-lows, the Fed can do more.

He noted that further action carries risks but says the Fed can manage them. The Fed “should not rule out” new policies to improve the job market, Bernanke says.

The most dramatic step the Fed could take would be another round of bond buying. This is known as quantitative easing, or QE. In two rounds of QE, the Fed bought more than \$2 trillion of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities. Many investors have been hoping for a third round — QE3 — to be unveiled as soon as the Fed’s next policy meeting in September.

In light of Bernanke’s comments Friday, some analysts said that might be a stronger possibility now.

“Bernanke has taken a further step along the path to more policy stimulus, most likely a third round of asset purchases (QE3) to be announced at the mid-September FOMC



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With the Teton Mountains behind them, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke (left) and Bank of Israel Governor Stanley Fischer walk together outside of the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium, Friday, at Grand Teton National Park near Jackson Hole, Wyo. Bernanke made clear Friday that the Federal Reserve will do more to boost the economy because of high U.S. unemployment and an economic recovery that remains “far from satisfactory.”

meeting,” said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

At the same time, the Fed chairman avoided hinting of any one policy move or any timetable.

“This is really all he could say,” says Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist at Mizuho Securities. “He is not at liberty to promise

anything without the (policy) committee’s approval, and there seems to be various opinions on the committee about the best way forward.”

In his speech, Bernanke cited studies showing the Fed’s first two rounds of bond purchases created at least 2 million jobs.

“It is important to

achieve further progress, particularly in the labor market,” Bernanke said. “The Federal Reserve will provide additional policy accommodation as needed.”

That remark echoed what the Fed had said in a statement after its most recent policy meeting, July 31-Aug. 1. Since then, some-

what stronger economic news had led some analysts to say the Fed might now feel less urgency to act. But Bernanke’s reiteration Friday of the Fed’s readiness to provide more help suggested that his economic outlook remains dim.

The U.S. economy is still struggling to grow. It expanded at a tepid 1.7 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, the government estimated Wednesday.

The minutes of the Fed’s July 31-Aug. 1 policy meeting showed that officials spoke with increased urgency about the need to provide more help for the U.S. economy.

The policy committee decided that action “would likely be warranted fairly soon” unless it saw evidence of “a substantial and sustainable strengthening” of the economy. After it meets in mid-September, the Fed’s policy committee will meet once more, in late October, before the November elections.

QE3 isn’t the Fed’s only option. It already plans to keep short-term interest rates near zero through late 2014 unless the economy improves. It could settle for extending that pledge into 2015.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, is among those who think the Fed will extend its timetable for record-low rates into 2015 at the September policy meeting. And unless the economy improves, Zandi expects the Fed to launch another round of bond purchases after the election.

Bernanke’s comments Friday made clear that the economy has a long way back to full health.

FED continued on 2C

Retailers report best sales growth since March

By ANNE D'INNOENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — This summer, Americans were walking contradictions: They opened their wallets despite escalating fears about the slow economic recovery and surging gas prices.

A group of 18 retailers ranging from discounter Target to department-store chain Macy's reported August sales on Thursday that rose 6 percent — the industry's best performance since March — according to trade group International Council of Shopping Centers. At the same time, the government released numbers showing that Americans spent in July at the fastest clip in five months.

The news appears to show that what Americans say and do are two different things: The reports come two days after a private research firm said consumer confidence in August fell to its lowest level since November 2011 as Americans grew more concerned about the job market, business conditions and the overall economy.

"This is bit of a head scratcher," said Mark Vitner, a Wells Fargo Securities senior economist. "This runs counter to most of the other data related to the consumer."

But Roxane Battle Morrison, 50, said there's a logical explanation for the



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Shoppers at a Target store in Chicago check the receipts of their purchases. Americans kept spending in August despite their escalating fears about the slow economic recovery and surging gas prices. A range of retailers from discounter Target to club-operator Costco on Thursday, reported August sales that beat Wall Street estimates. The results seem to show that what Americans do and say are two different things: The strong sales reports come a day after a private research firm said consumer confidence in August fell to its lowest level since November 2011.

paradox. The Plymouth, Minn., resident said she is more worried about the economy, but she spent in August for one reason: she needed to help her 18-year-old son Jared get ready for college. So, Morrison, who produces videos for a non-denominational church, has stashed money away every month over the past year to save nearly \$1,300

to buy him books, sheets, a futon bed, and other dorm room accessories.

"I was counting every nickel, looking at every price tag," she said.

That consumers like Morrison are spending is an encouraging sign, but that they are doing so hesitantly is something retailers and economists will be watching closely. Consumer

spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. And while only a small group of merchants representing roughly 13 percent of the \$2.4 trillion U.S. retail industry report monthly revenue figures, the August numbers still offer a glimpse at how Americans are spending.

The revenue gains in August, which only factor in stores that were open at least a year, are better than the 4- to 5-percent increase Wall Street predicted at the beginning of the month. And it was the industry's best performance since March, when stores collectively posted a gain of 6.8 percent. Except for a lull in June, stores have seen a healthy pace of 4 percent to nearly 7 percent growth since the beginning of the year. But analysts worry that the healthy spending won't last.

"It's certainly strong on the surface. But is it a sign of an improving economy and retailing environment?"

Or is it just more of the same: shoppers were driven by need," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Stores certainly benefited from people shopping for supplies and clothes for back-to-school, the second biggest-shopping period of the year. Many department and clothing stores like Macy's Inc. and Gap Inc. had better-than-expected results as trendy fashions like brightly colored jeans caught shoppers' attention. Gap, which filled its stores with fashions in hot pinks, coral blues and aqua greens, posted a 9 percent gain, as back-to-school shoppers headed into its chains, particularly Old Navy. The results niftily beat analysts' expectations of a 5.4 percent rise.

Target also reported better-than-expected results. It had a 4.2 percent increase in August, better than the 3.1 percent increase that Wall Street expected. Business



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Rick Kimsey stands in front of his franchise, Doctors Express urgent care Facility in Sarasota, Fla. Many first-time buyers like Kimsey are finding it's harder than they expected to buy and run a franchise.

Getting a loan to open a franchise getting harder

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — When Rick Kimsey decided to start a business, a franchise seemed like the best way to go.

Buying a franchise — in his case, a Doctors Express urgent care facility — meant he didn't have to start from square one. The business came with a concept and a service to sell. Urgent care centers treat a range of common non-life threatening medical conditions such as colds, sprains, broken bones, rashes and stomach ailments — usually without an appointment. For many people, the facilities are more appealing and less expensive than a trip to the emergency room. Kimsey just needed to get the franchise up and running, and then operate it. It didn't even matter that he had no medical training.

But what sounded like a great plan wasn't so easy. Financing for the business was nearly impossible to get in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and the recession. Kimsey was dealt his first blow when his bank froze his home equity line of credit. Then six banks turned him down for a loan.

"The rug was pulled out from under me," Kimsey says. It took more than a

year before he was finally able to close the deal.

The tough economy has made the prospect of operating a franchise attractive to the unemployed, to workers who don't want to wait to get knocked off the corporate ladder and to others looking for a new way to generate income. But first-time franchise buyers are finding it's harder than they expected to cobble together the money needed to get their businesses off the ground. Lenders are rejecting them because of their inexperience or because the franchises they're buying are relatively young and not as well-known as established brands such as McDonald's and Jiffy Lube.

Kimsey was attracted to Doctors Express because health care is one of the fastest growing franchise segments. He had spent nearly 20 years in the wireless telephone industry. He decided to leave that business because the mega-mergers in wireless meant it was getting harder to find investors for new ventures. When he knew that he wanted to open a franchise, he considered one that's technology-related, Batteries Plus, which operates stores that sell batteries of all kinds.

But "I was looking for a sizzling sector like cell

phones were in the '80s," he says. So he decided on Doctors Express.

He had enough of his own money saved for a \$55,000 payment, known as the franchise fee, to the parent company. And he won approval to open the franchise in Sarasota, Fla. He needed \$1.2 million to cover between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in construction costs, \$150,000 for equipment and the remainder for working capital.

The banks that rejected his loan application gave similar reasons for saying no, he says.

"It's a fairly new franchise. This isn't McDonald's, so we don't have 70 years of history," Kimsey says. Doctors Express was founded in 2005 and has 54 locations. McDonald's has more than 14,000 restaurants in the U.S., and about 90 percent are franchises. Eventually Kimsey did get a \$575,000 Small Business Administration-guaranteed loan from a bank in Utah.

He tapped into his savings and about \$500,000 from his 401(k) — the entire account — for the rest of the money.

"I've got to build this up. It will be my retirement," Kimsey says of his franchise. "Then I'll hand it over to my children."

Spacewalking astronauts stymied by sticky bolts

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — Sticky bolts proved too much for spacewalking astronauts Thursday, forcing them to leave a new power-switching box dangling from the International Space Station instead of firmly bolted down.

NASA scrambled to reduce the power demands of the orbiting lab and balance the electrical load, while mapping out a plan that could have the astronauts going back out as early as next week to tackle the problem.

It was a major disappointment for NASA's Sunita Williams and Japan's Akihiko Hoshide, who spent hours struggling with the bolts. They used all sorts of tools and tactics as the spacewalk went into overtime, but nothing worked.

With time running out, Mission Control finally told them to tie down the box and head inside.

"We'll figure this out another day," Mission Control radioed.

Thursday's spacewalk was supposed to last 6½ hours but stretched past eight hours. It ended up in NASA's top 10 list for longest spacewalks — at the No. 3 spot.

The power router is one of four, and NASA stressed that the other three are working fine. Nonetheless, electrical usage will need to be closely monitored at the 260-mile-high lab given

Thursday's failed effort.

"The team may have to manage power loads a little bit, but this is familiar territory," said NASA's space station program manager, Mike Suffredini. "We'll be able to deal with that while we decide what our next plan is."

While the space station remains in stable condition, NASA would like to take another crack at securing the box as soon as possible — perhaps next week — because of the mid-September departure of half the six-member crew, including the second U.S. astronaut, who ran the robot arm Thursday from inside the station. And the longer this situation goes on, the more vulnerable the space station is to additional failures, Suffredini noted.

Until the problem is resolved, the space station is able to draw power from just three-quarters of its solar wings — six instead of all eight.

The old switch box started acting up last fall, and NASA decided to replace it before it failed. This was the first spacewalk by Americans since the final shuttle flight a year ago.

Williams and Hoshide had trouble getting the old unit out because of two sticky bolts, and they found metal shavings in the sockets. They squirted in compressed nitrogen gas to clear the holes, and some debris came out. But still, the main bolt would not go in properly; the companion bolt was left undone.

was strongest in food, and health and beauty items, but shoppers also bought clothing and home furnishings, the discounter said.

Macy's 5.1 percent gain also was better than the 3.6 percent forecast. The company said its men's apparel, home furnishings, beauty products, women's shoes and handbags continue to perform well.

"Our fall season is off to a healthy start," said Macy's CEO Terry J. Lundgren.

The strong sales reports give retailers some reason to be optimistic as they look toward the busy winter holiday shopping season, the biggest shopping period of the year, in November and December. That's because Americans were spending in August despite signs that they're becoming impatient with the slowly improving economy.

Indeed, the New York-based Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index fell to 60.6 in August, down from a revised 65.4 in July. The index now stands at the lowest point since November 2011 when the reading was at 55.2. It's also still far below the 90-reading that indicates a healthy economy.

Several factors may have dampened consumers' moods in August. Gas prices, which had fell sharply from a peak of \$3.94 in April, have begun rising again in the last few weeks. And the jobs and housing markets are showing only modest signs of improvement.

Home prices rose 0.5 percent in June from the same month last year, the first year-over-year increase since the summer of 2010, according to The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index that was released Tuesday. And on the job market front, employers added 163,000 jobs in July, the most since February.

But that's not enough to keep up with a rising population, and the unemployment rate increased to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in June.

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Section D

TASTE BUDDIES



Genie Norman & Mary Kay Hollingsworth

It's great at Great Outdoors

We hadn't been to one of favorites lately so we decided to visit High Springs' Great Outdoors Restaurant. After you sit down, take a minute and look at the wall art of beautiful photographs depicting the local springs and rivers. Our favorite is a painting of a lone fisherman on a foggy morning. An old brick wall has been preserved and a gorgeous old wooden kayak is hanging between some of the booths. You certainly don't see those anymore. Wood beams, tin ceiling and a working fireplace add to the atmosphere. Loved the high back booths which allow for semi-private time.

Take a few minutes and peruse the menu. They have most everything from salads, burgers, steaks, sea food, sandwiches, chicken and pork dishes. Love some of the names for their sandwiches e.g. The Weeki Wachee, chicken based with honey mustard, char-grilled, crisp bacon and aged cheddar; the Tubers Tuna, Ahi tuna steak, wasabi crème fresch, crunchy alfalfa sprouts and mango ketchup; River Runners Reuben, the classic corned beef.

There were four of us so we got to try several things by taking a bite of everyone's meal. Kimberlynne ordered her usual favorite, the cheeseburger or The Suwannee (\$8.99).

Burgers are made from angus sirloin and char-grilled to perfection. It was accompanied by fries and a half-sour pickle. The chicken Waldorf salad was served on a warm croissant (\$8.99) and was made with roasted chicken, glazed walnuts, sweet apple and celery and it was delicious. This one was accompanied by their homemade chips and a pickle. The grouper Reuben (\$9.49) was made with deep fried grouper, cheese, tangy coleslaw and caper tartar sauce on grilled sourdough bread. Yum!

The wedge salad reminiscent of the 1950s was delicious with red onions, sliced tomatoes, bacon bits and Roquefort dressing.

Now, for the desserts. We forced ourselves to try the desserts as we know our readers need to know if they are good, smile. We shared two of the luscious creations. They are huge so you do need to share. The Better Than Your Mother's Chocolate Cake is definitely for the chocolate lover. There are layers and layers of chocolate cake with a soft chocolate icing in between layers and a ganache topping and of course it is served with ice cream. Wow! The other was the Famous Bread Pudding topped with warm Banana's Foster style sauce with vanilla ice cream and

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Float enthusiasts enjoy the Ichetucknee River.



ABOVE: Visitors splash each other while playing around a rock formation at the springs head. BELOW: Two girls float down the Ichetucknee River.



Summer's end to long floats

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Loaded down with picnic baskets and rented tubes, visitors will pack Ichetucknee Springs State Park this Labor Day weekend, the last weekend for tubing from the Ichetucknee Head Spring. Only 750 tubers per day are allowed make the 3 1/2 hour float from the environmentally sensitive North Entrance, said Patty Hudson, assistant park manager.

Full-length river tubing is only open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Tubing is open at the South Entrance, which has shorter float times, for the rest of the year.

Those wanting to make their final full-length float of the season are advised to get to the park early, she said. "We will reach capacity Saturday and Sunday," Hudson said. The park starts selling tickets at 8 a.m., but visitors will begin lining up around 7:30 a.m., she said.

Park attendance is down about 27 percent this year

after two tropical storms brought stormy weather on major weekends, Hudson said.

Tropical Storm Beryl dampened plans over Memorial Day weekend and Debby closed the park for a week, including Fourth of July weekend, she said.

From Memorial Day to July 31 this year, 74,947 people have visited the park. From Memorial Day to Labor Day last year, 154,510 people visited the park, Hudson said.

The economy and high gas prices also effect park visitation, she said. However, September remains a popular time for park activities, Hudson said.

Admission is \$5 per person this weekend and the shuttles will drop tubers close to the river. After Labor Day, admission is \$6 per carload, but there are no shuttles.

Food, drinks and tobacco products are not allowed on the river. Reusable bottles of water are allowed, she said.

The park is located at 12087 SW U.S. 27 in Fort White. For information call 386-497-4690.

Burger boom as fast food finds fans in Baghdad

By **ADAM SCHRECK**
AP Business Writer

BAGHDAD — Baghdad's embattled residents can finally get their milkshakes, chili-cheese dogs and buckets of crispy fried chicken. Original recipe or extra spicy, of course.

A wave of new American-style restaurants is spreading across the Iraqi capital, enticing customers hungry for alternatives to traditional offerings like lamb kebabs and fire-roasted carp.

The fad is a sign that Iraqis, saddled with violence for years and still experiencing almost daily bombings and shootings, are prepared to move on and embrace ordinary pleasures — like stuffing their faces with pizza.

Iraqi entrepreneurs and investors from nearby countries, not big multinational chains, are driving the food craze. They see Iraq as an untapped market of increasingly adventurous eaters where competition is low and the potential returns are high.

"We're fed up with traditional food," said government employee Osama al-Ani as he munched on pizza at one of the packed new restaurants last week. "We want to try something different."

Among the latest additions is a sit-down restaurant called Chili House. Its glossy menu touts Caesar salads and hot wing appetizers along with all-American entrees like three-way chili, Philly cheesesteaks and a nearly half-pound "Big Mouth Chizzila" burger.

On a recent afternoon, uniformed servers navigated a two-story dining room bustling with extended families and groups of teenagers. Toddlers wandered around an indoor play area.

The restaurant, located in the upscale neighborhood of Jadiriya, is connected to Baghdad's only branch of Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, a U.S. chain concentrated in a handful of Midwestern and Southern states.

Azad al-Hadad, managing director of a company called Kurdistan Bridge that brought the restaurants to Iraq, said he and his fellow investors decided to open them because they couldn't find decent fried chicken and burgers in Iraq. He called the restaurants a safe investment for companies like his that are getting in early. He already has plans to open several more branches in the next six months.

"Everybody likes to eat and dress up. This is something that brings people together," he explained. "People tell us: 'We feel like we're out of Baghdad. And that makes us feel satisfied.'"

Baghdad's Green Zone and nearby U.S. military bases once sported outposts of big American chains, including Pizza Hut, Burger King and Subway, but they shut down as American troops left last year. Because they were hidden behind checkpoint-controlled fortifications, most ordinary Iraqis never had a chance to get close to them, anyway.

Yum Brands Inc., owner of the Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC chains, has no plans to return to Iraq for now, spokesman Christopher Fuller said. Burger King declined to comment on its Iraq plans, and Subway did not respond.

Dining out in Iraq is not without risk. Ice cream parlors, restaurants and cafes were among the targets of a brutal string of attacks that tore through Iraq on Aug. 16, leaving more than 90 people dead.

BURGERS continued on 6D



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Customers leave Lee's restaurant in Baghdad, Iraq Tuesday. A wave of new American-style restaurants is spreading across the Iraqi capital, enticing customers hungry for alternatives to traditional offerings like lamb kebabs and fire-roasted carp.

TASTE: Food and ambiance tasty

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of course we added four spoons.

Other choices were apple crisp, peanut brittle ice cream pie, key lime pie and cheesecake. Need to mention here that the service is excellent and the staff is menu savvy no matter how many questions you have about the dishes.

They make the food taste even better by making sure the drinks are topped off and checking back while we ate to make certain we had everything we needed. A big plus in assuring one wants to revisit any restaurant.

After you walk through the bar, you enter a large patio area with an outdoor fireplace, lots of umbrella tables, another bar and a small bandstand. Various groups perform here so you'll need to check out their website, www.greatoutdoorsdining.com for entertainment and if you plan to have dinner there, reservations are recommended.

The upstairs Opera House is available for banquets and conferences.

Karen and Robert Bentz are the owners and everywhere you look there is evidence of their love

for the area and it's local allure.

They are committed to our environment and the community by going "green" as much as possible for the take out items which are packaged in containers made primarily from composed sugar cane, corn husk, soy and potato based products.

We say "Bravo" to you

two.

Forgot to mention, visit the Great Outdoors Trading Company located in the restaurant to purchase a cool T-shirt or hat.

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Cat videos get their moment at film festival

By **PATRICK CONDON**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Warning: This is a story about online cat videos. If you're among the seemingly tiny minority of the general population not interested in watching a 1-minute clip of a cat in a T-shirt pounding on a keyboard, then move along.

For everyone else, a new measure of respectability is looming for an Internet pleasure that is both massively popular and, for some people, a bit embarrassing. The Walker Art Center, a well-regarded museum of modern art in Minneapolis, on Thursday is presenting its first "Internet Cat Video Film Festival" to showcase the best in filmed feline hijinks.

With about 70 videos over 60 minutes, the Walker is mounting a social experiment as much as a film festival. At issue is whether cat video lovers used to gorging on the clips in the privacy of their homes will do so in public — an online community of fellow aficionados interacting face to face for the first time.

"It is a cultural phenomenon that raises some

interesting questions," said Katie Hill, the Walker program associate who first suggested the festival.

But Hill, a self-described "art historian and cat lady," was quick to add: "I'm not a behavioral psychologist, I'm not a sociologist. I just think they're funny and cute, and I think a lot of other people do too."

The numbers bear it out. Some of the classics of the form have racked up tens of millions of YouTube page views. The aforementioned "Keyboard Cat" posted 26.3 million page views since it was posted in 2007. A 30-second clip titled "Very Angry Cat" — can you guess the plot? — has 78.5 million page views since 2006.

"Some you just watch over and over and over again," said Angie Bailey, a cat blogger and owner from Chisago City, Minn., covering the film festival for the website Catster.com. "When you want to laugh and feel good it's sort of an escape from what happens in the real world."

Walker programmers got about 10,000 submissions for the festival after initially expecting several hundred. They whittled that down to



Katie Hill, a program associate with the Walker Art Center, shows a frame from a cat video of a cat playing the piano Wednesday in Minneapolis. The Walker will present its first "Internet Cat Video Film Festival" to showcase the best in filmed feline hijinks.

the 70 videos to be shown on an outdoor screen on the museum's grounds.

Afterward, festivalgoers will be able to vote online for a "Best in Show" award.

In addition, the Walker programmers picked a "Golden Kitty Award" to be bestowed at the end of the night.

"The Walker has advised, if you bring your cat put

it on a leash," said Josh Feist, a Minneapolis arts administrator who planned to take his cat, Pickles, to the show. "It could be potentially crazy if there

are hundreds of people who bring their cats. It will be interesting to see what develops."

Get the video cameras ready.

Moscow's historic Hotel Metropol sold at auction



People walk near Moscow's Metropol Hotel on Thursday. Michael Jackson slept there. Vladimir Lenin harangued Bolsheviks there. Over the past century, the Hotel Metropol has seen the extremes of Russian life, from austere revolutionary fervor to flashy pop indulgence. Now, at a starting price of 8.7 billion rubles (\$272 million), the hotel is up for sale Thursday, auctioned off by the Moscow city government as part of its privatization program.

By **JIM HEINTZ**
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Michael Jackson slept there. Vladimir Lenin harangued Bolsheviks there. Over the past century, the Hotel Metropol has seen the extremes of Russian life, from austere revolutionary fervor to flashy pop indulgence.

The hotel was sold Thursday for \$275 million — slightly more expensive than the starting price of \$272 million — after an auction organized by the Moscow city government as part of its privatization program.

The buyer was Azimut, a major Russian hotel chain that rented the Metropol from the Moscow city government, Russian media reported.

Moscow, with a perpetual shortage of hotel rooms and a business culture that adores ostentation, is an attractive market for high-end hoteliers and the Metropol offers plenty of curb-flash.

Situated catty-corner from the Bolshoi Theater and an easy stroll from Red Square, the location is prime for any guest who wants to feel in the very center of the city's heaving action.

It's one of Moscow's most distinctive buildings as well, a cheery Art Nouveau confection in a city where buildings mostly seem to glower. Although at six stories it's one of the city center's more low-rise structures, it stands out with sinuous curves, friezes of women en deshabille and bands of brightly colored majolica tiles. Several elaborate mosaics top the building, the most noted being Mikhail Vrubel's "Princess of Dreams," showing a dying knight sailing through a crashing sea to a vision of his beloved.

Then, there's the historical cachet. When it opened in 1901, it was a paragon of Russians' growing prosperity and confidence, but 17 years later took on a far different role. When Bolsheviks decided to move

their government from St. Petersburg to Moscow, the hotel was appropriated to become the Second House of the Soviets.

A large plaque on the exterior notes that in 1918-19, Lenin "many times gave reports and speeches at sessions and party congresses" in the hotel and chatted there with members of the "prodotryad," armed squads of workers who forcefully appropriated food from the bourgeoisie. Another plaque commemorates a 1921 meeting in the hotel that resulted in a friendship agreement with Mongolia.

In the chaos of World War II, the Metropol became home and office for almost all the foreign journalists allowed to work in the USSR. "Gloomy and cavernous, Mother Metropol was like a college fraternity house" during that time, Whitman Bassow wrote in his book "The Moscow Correspondents."

The auction winner will get all that, but won't get the hotel's elaborate array of antique furnishings and paintings. How much of that might be available for separate purchase is unclear. Natalya Bocharova, head of the city property department, said this month that an array of objects from the hotel will be turned over to museums.

The furnishings are a major part of the hotel's appeal. Jackson, during a 1993 stay, reportedly was so enamored with a lamp featuring a bear figure that he agitated unsuccessfully to buy it.

Despite its storied history and reputation, hotel review websites suggest the Metropol's rooms often are in need of spiffing up. Tikova said privatization should ensure the hotel gets an upgrade.

"It allows for more efficient management, it allows timely renovations," she said.

■ *Oleg Yuriyev in Moscow contributed to this report.*

Artists turn old prosthetic limbs into artworks

By **RAISSA IOUSSOUF**
Associated Press

LONDON — Prosthetics can change the life of an amputee. But when an old limb no longer fits or just gets worn out, it can be hard to part ways with an item that offered the liberating chance to jump, dance or simply walk.

Priscilla Sutton has a solution: turn these "pre-loved" limbs into artwork. The Australian curator came up with "Spare Parts London," an exhibition of altered prosthetics that has opened in time for the Paralympics, which start Wednesday.

"I was cleaning my home and I found two old legs in my cupboard," said Sutton, a below-the-knee amputee. "I thought it was a bit crazy to keep hoarding my legs."

The exhibition, which includes works by artists from Britain, Australia, the United States and Japan, comes as people are paying new attention to the devices.

Public awareness of prosthetics has been heightened by the popularity of double amputee Olympic sprinter Oscar Pistorius, the South African known as the "Blade Runner." The exhibition will showcase the "Cheetah" — the carbon fiber running leg Pistorius uses that has a flex foot designed to replicate the hind leg of the fastest animal on land.

The show also displays arms and legs hanging from the ceiling and others in glass cabinets. A creation by British artist Rachel Ball features a little girl's leg covered in colorful crochet and painted with henna on the



Priscilla Sutton, curator of the Spare Parts exhibition poses with some of the art work that has been all based on artists using prosthetic limbs that will be included in the show, at her home during an interview with the Associated Press in London, Tuesday.

ARTISTS continued on 6D

SUNDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 2, 2012. Table with columns for Comcast, Dish, DirecTV, and time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM. Lists various TV programs and their descriptions.

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DEAR ABBY

Drinker's defensiveness is cause to put off wedding

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have dated for almost three years. We plan to be married a year from now. We were close friends for 12 years prior to dating.



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

Abby, over the last two years, he has developed a bad drinking problem and lost 12 jobs in the last year alone. To his credit, he has been sober for a month now and has accepted a new job. Although I'm happy that he has a new job, I'm also concerned because he will be working in a bar.

I am bringing my daughter into this marriage and am worried that he will revert to drinking, which wouldn't be a good environment for my daughter. When I discussed it with him, he became irate and said I had insulted his job and was calling him a loser. Then he accused me of using him to support myself and my daughter.

I am deeply hurt. I don't understand why he would say such a thing. We had discussed this before, and he didn't react this way. Please help. - DEPRESSED AND ABANDONED IN TEXAS

DEAR DEPRESSED: Your fiance's attempt to turn the tables on you, along with his excessive drinking and inability to hold a job,

are indications that he has an out-of-control alcohol problem. It is typical for addicts to be defensive and attempt to put anyone who confronts them in a corner.

It is admirable that he has been sober for a month, but his job in an establishment where alcohol is the prime product is an almost sure road to self-defeat.

Encourage your fiance to reinforce his attempt at sobriety by attending AA meetings. Then do your part by attending Al-Anon meetings. Meanwhile, put your wedding plans on hold until you're absolutely sure he won't be detrimental to your daughter's - and your - future.

DEAR ABBY: We have a cabin on a lake in New England. It is next door to some of our relatives. We've made friends with neighbors on the other side and would like to invite them over for dinner. Our rela-

tives are also friendly with the neighbors. If we invite them for dinner, must we invite the relatives too? - JUDY ON "GOLDEN POND"

DEAR JUDY: Technically, you don't have to. However, if you have mostly socialized as a "threesome," feelings may be hurt if you suddenly change what has become customary.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are avid readers who sometimes find that we have too many books. Our solution is to donate our excess books to the local USO. We set up a donation box in our church's foyer, and once a month we carry the donated books to one of our city's two USO centers. Service members are encouraged to take them with them as they travel. We have found that there's always room on the bookshelves at the USO. -- TOM IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR TOM: Thank you for a terrific suggestion. I'm sure many readers will appreciate it - and so will the recipients.

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD
Eugenia Word

involved. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try new things, or travel to unfamiliar destinations that can stimulate you mentally or motivate you emotionally. You have plenty to discover if you participate and engage in new and interesting events or activities. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't spend on items you don't need. Impulsive purchases or falling prey to false advertising will set you back financially. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A change of heart due to information you receive is apparent. Look at your personal situation before making a life-altering decision. The way you move forward can work in your favor, if you negotiate a deal that brings you additional benefits. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pick up the pace and keep the momentum going.

Personal relationships and improvements to your living arrangements or quarters will motivate you to do better. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful what you say and where you travel. Problems are apparent if you get into a discussion with someone who is authoritative. Stretching the truth will not go over well. Put more time and effort into home and family improvements. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Opportunities are likely to develop if you look into investments related to home, family or your own small business. Discussing money matters will bring good results. Avoid over-indulgent, erratic or impulsive individuals. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Revisit ideas and plans that have not been accomplished. It's time to resurrect a goal that has greater potential for success now. Invite old partners or friends to get involved. There is money to be made if you follow through. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Honesty must be first and foremost when discussing future plans or personal problems. Put more effort into how you can earn more money using skills and services you have to offer. A partnership can be beneficial if it is based on equality. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

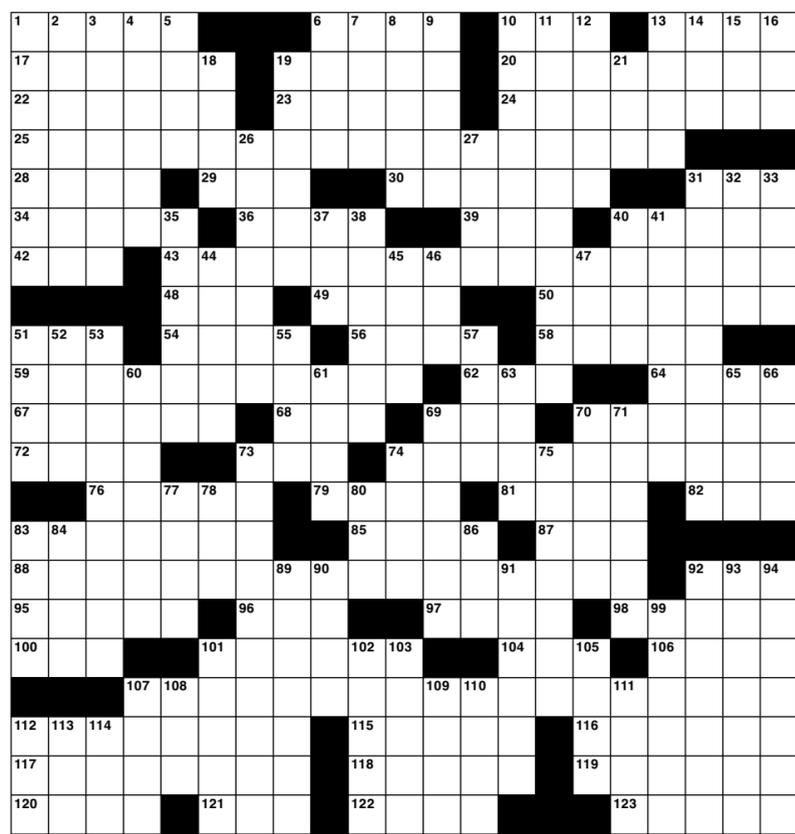
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
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Previous Solution: "If you want to live your life through to the end, you have to live dangerously." - Jeanne Moreau
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PUT A LID IN IT By Amanda Yesnowitz and Doug Peterson / Edited by Will Shortz

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| 1 Common exclamation after "Well" | 51 End of the line? | 101 Ecologists' study | 15 Spike, once |
| 6 Some G.I.'s | 54 Paradoxical one | 104 Kanga's offspring | 16 Verbal groans |
| 10 Like the Beatles | 56 Seaman's swig | 106 Fort Sill's home: Abbr. | 18 Nirvana achievers |
| 13 Norah Jones or Cher | 58 Like some communities | 107 Source of the line "They say miracles are past" | 19 Cooked (up) |
| 17 Land in South America | 59 Time's 1930 Man of the Year | 112 "Sing a Song of Watergate" comic | 21 Any of the French Antilles |
| 19 Big employer in Moline, Ill. | 62 Slap-happy sort? | 115 Former General Motors vehicles | 26 Russian royal |
| 20 Bitterness | 64 Razor handle? | 116 Toddler's wear | 27 ___ Tzu (dog) |
| 22 It's salty | 67 Japanese model | 117 Where to park a parka? | 31 Class action? |
| 23 Storied C.S.A. commander | 68 Bad service result? | 118 Others: Sp. | 32 Nose out |
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| 25 Banned book of 1928 | 70 Kind of heart valve | 120 Planted | 35 It may be said with the wave of a hand |
| 28 "___ Baby" (song from "Hair") | 72 English author Elinor | 121 Announcer Hall | 37 Alley ___ |
| 29 Group that's got your no.? | 73 Word that keeps the same meaning if you move its first letter to the end | 122 Former Mercury | 38 One of the Canterbury pilgrims |
| 30 Hawaiian priest | 74 1955 Grant/Kelly thriller | 123 Up | 40 "Cat on ___ Tin Roof" |
| 31 Gender abbr. | 76 References | Down | 41 Not worthy of |
| 34 Leans | 79 Western climax | 1 "I really should be going" | 44 Swiss watch brand |
| 36 Bad way to run | 81 Spike | 2 Lazybones, maybe | 45 1962 John Wayne film |
| 39 It's madness | 82 Smokey the Bear spot, e.g., in brief | 3 Preambles | 46 Main \$\$\$ overseer |
| 40 Put up with | 83 With repercussions | 4 Sounded like an ass | 47 F.D.R. program |
| 42 Mag. wheels | 85 Sorority letters | 5 "South Park" boy | 51 Some online reading |
| 43 Source material for Broadway's "Seussical" | 87 Like one saying "Who, little old me?" | 6 Look through some blinds, say | 52 Starbucks size |
| 48 "___ dreaming?" | 88 World's first certified gold record, 1942 | 7 Take an ax to | 53 Talking doll that debuted in 1960 |
| 49 Oscar-winning role for Cotillard | 92 A couple of | 8 Place to find a crowdad | 55 "___ You" (1955 Platters hit) |
| | 95 Adobe shade | 9 "Bye" | 57 Org. for vehicle financing, once |
| | 96 Reactor safety org. | 10 Bomb | 60 It's relatively easy to find a parking spot for |
| | 97 Judge's issuance | 11 Behave | 61 Title |
| | 98 Bolt from Jamaica | 12 Shout to a diva | 63 Spoken |
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| 66 ___ Romeo | 78 Paul Anka's "___ Beso" | 92 Starts liking | 108 D-Day transport: Abbr. |
| 69 Leaves | 80 Series of bars, for short | 93 Acute uneasiness, with "the" | 109 Mountain lake |
| 70 "Solid Gold" host Marilyn | 83 "Don't have ___ man!" | 94 Watchful | 110 Storage item ... or one of six in this puzzle? |
| 71 Mock response to a friend who pulls a practical joke | 84 Hut cover | 99 Johannesburg area | 111 Uppity sort |
| 73 Blown away | 86 Lush | 101 Be on high? | 112 Mike holders |
| 74 Radio host John | 89 Warned someone off, in a way | 102 La estrella mas brillante | 113 Hugs, in a love letter |
| 75 Speedy subatomic particle | 90 This above all? | 103 Bluish-gray | 114 Unedited |
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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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Woodworkers give veterans proper burials

By **DANNY VALENTINE**
Tampa Bay Times

ST. PETERSBURG — Tom Jones was disturbed.

As he sat in his Land O'Lakes home this spring, he listened to reports of a Florida veteran who was buried in a shallow grave inside a cardboard box.

"It felt so disgraceful," said Jones, a 64-year-old Army veteran.

He took it upon himself to ensure that no veteran would ever again be buried in such a manner.

The amateur woodworker started crafting wooden urns.

The first two were simple, but well-made. He took them to his Tampa woodcrafting club, of which he is vice president, and to a club in St. Petersburg to enlist support.

Club members loved the idea.

Club members have now made 17 boxes. Jones hopes it is just the beginning.

"It's our hope that we'll get woodworking clubs around the country to do this," he said.

Maintenance workers discovered Lawrence Davis Jr.'s remains earlier this year after readjusting a headstone at the Florida National Cemetery near Bushnell.

News spread across the state and country, sparking outrage, the latest in a string of improper veteran burials.

Davis, a World War II veteran from Avon Park,



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Finished urns sit on a tabletop in Vernon Blackadar's wood shop located behind his Lithia, Fla. home. Bruce Woody (left) and Tom Jones (center) work in the background. After hearing about a veteran that had been buried in a cardboard box, Jones, a 64-year-old veteran from Land O' Lakes, decided he could help. The Pasco County private eye and woodworker, along with woodworkers across the Tampa Bay area, started making small wooden boxes to serve as urns for veterans that can't afford a proper burial.

was 83 when he was reported missing in August 2002. Two years later, his skull was found near a lake. More of his bones soon turned up in the area.

The remains were taken to the medical examiner's office. From there, he was taken to the cemetery in a cardboard box — the same box he was buried in.

In July, Davis was given a proper burial and military ceremony.

It takes Jones a day to make two urns.

He does it with care.

He cuts the sides of the boxes with a router, creating four interlocking pieces that fit snugly together like a zipper. The top glues

on. The remains are put in the box through the bottom, which is then screwed tight. He spray lacquers the whole box.

Jim Orndoff, Jones' brother-in-law who helped him develop the idea, said it's a valuable project.

As a family counselor for Veterans Funeral Care in Clearwater, he hears of

numerous veterans who are cremated and can't pay for proper burials.

He estimates he deals with three or four cases every month in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

"There's so many homeless vets out there," he said. "It can happen."

Kurt Rotar, the cemetery director at the Florida

National Cemetery, agreed on the project's importance.

"I'm sure there's going to be families that are appreciative of that," he said.

There would be no legal problems burying the urns, Rotar said. There are no current limitations or policies on what can and cannot be buried.

"We will inter whatever the family brings to us," he said. "That's our policy."

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, who attended Davis' July burial, said it's important every veteran gets a proper burial.

"I'm grateful for the hard work of others to ensure those who served our nation are treated with the utmost respect," said Nelson.

The urns come in all different sizes.

They're made with all different types of wood — whatever is donated or on hand — and each woodworker can use whatever technique he wants.

"Whatever way you're comfortable with making a box, just do it," Jones said. "The important part is that we have some nice, decent boxes for these guys."

Some have decorative routing to give it more character. Eventually, they might add medallions for each branch of service.

But for now, they'll have the same words stamped into the bottom in black ink:

"A Place To Rest Honoring Our American Hero Veteran."

BURGERS: All the rage in Bagdad

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Iraqis say the chance to relax in clean surroundings over a meal out is worth the gamble. For them, the restaurants are a symbol of progress.

"This gives you a feeling the country's on the right track," said Wameed Fawzi, a chemical engineer enjoying Lee's fried chicken strips with his wife Samara.

Baghdad's Mansour district is the heart of the fast-food scene.

At the height of sectarian fighting in 2006 and 2007, it was tough to find shops open along the neighborhood's main drag. Militants targeted shop owners in a campaign to undermine government efforts to restore normalcy.

These days, roads are packed with cars. The traditional Arabic restaurants long popular here now find themselves competing against foreign-sounding rivals such as Florida Fried Chicken, Mr. Potato, Pizza Boat and Burger Friends.

There is even a blatant KFC knockoff called KFG, which owner Zaid Sadiq insists stands for Kentucky Family Group. He said he picked the name because he wanted something similar to the world-famous fried chicken chain. And he believes his chicken is just as good.

"In the future my restaurant will be as famous as KFC. Why not?" he said.

One of Mansour's newest additions is

Burger Joint, a slick shop serving up respectable burgers and milkshakes to a soundtrack that includes Frank Sinatra. It is the creation of VQ Investment Group, a firm with operations in Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

Its Mansour store is outfitted with stylish stone walls and flat-screen televisions. Another branch just opened across town in the commercial district of Karradah.

The group also runs the Iraq franchises of Pizza Pizza, a Turkish chain, and is planning to launch a new hot submarine sandwich brand called Subz.

Mohammed Sahib, VQ's executive manager in Iraq, said business has been good so far.

Even so, running a restaurant in Iraq is not without its challenges.

Burger Joint's servers had to give up the iPads they originally used to take orders because the Internet kept cutting out, he said. Finding foreign ingredients such as Heinz ketchup and year-round supplies of lettuce is also tricky, and many customers need help understanding foreign menu items like milkshakes and cookies.

Health experts are predictably not thrilled about the new arrivals.

ARTISTS: Using prosthetics

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foot. "It reflects the original owner's personality," Sutton said.

Since coming up with the idea, 33-year-old Sutton has collected prosthetics donated by amputees, their families or health services around the world.

"I got a box of arms from the NHS (Britain's National Health Service)," she said.

Owners change their prosthetics for a variety of reasons, including wear and weight fluctuations. For kids, the stump changes as they grow. For adults, muscles sometimes waste away.

While many keep their limbs for sentimental reasons — parents might keep the first leg of their children, for example — many limbs also end up on the scrap heap.

Sutton hopes the art show will lead to an open conversation about prosthetics, but others argue there are better uses for them.

"It seems an odd way to showcase it," said Penny Broomhead, a physiotherapist specializing in rehabilitation for amputees. "I would rather people look at it in a more practical point of view."

Broomhead thinks a better use for old prosthetic limbs would be to send them to developing countries, where their components could potentially provide

prosthetics to those who can't afford them.

"Spare Parts London" marks the second time Sutton has used legs and arms as artwork, after a 2010 show on the same theme in Brisbane, Australia.

Sutton said the earlier exhibition made people ask questions they never dared to ask before, such as whether she sleeps with her leg. (The answer is no).

Sutton was born without a fibula in her right leg and the doctors wanted to amputate. Her family left it up to her.

"In my twenties, I took the decision to chop it off because it was getting worse and worse," she said. "It was the best decision of my life and I never looked back."

After her operation, Sutton had her leg cremated.

She has two "spare parts." An "everyday" leg covered with a design by American pop surrealist artist Marc Ryden and a sports leg that displays a traditional Japanese print with gold flowers and cherries.

The curator said the exhibition was a therapeutic experience to produce.

"I think it's a wonderful way to celebrate and share my love of prosthetics," she said.

Drought causes cow chip shortage in Wis.

By **CARRIE ANTLINGER**
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SAUK CITY, Wis. — It's very seldom someone talks about the quality and amount of cow dung, but in one southern Wisconsin city that's all they've been talking about lately.

The drought has caused a shortage of flattened, dried cow manure — or cow chips — for the Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw and Festival, which attracts about 300 throwers and 40,000 spectators to Prairie du Sac, Wis.

"This is my 24th throw, and it's never been this difficult to find chips," said Marietta Reuter, who helps organize the festival that runs Friday and Saturday.

They use the chips from a local beef cattle herd that

mostly eats grass, because the diet helps keep the chips dense and strong.

The hot, dry summer — which has caused crop, water level and other problems across the nation — caused the grass to brown and cattle to stay near their barn for food and to keep cool. That means the manure in the pasture wasn't able to dry and flatten in the sun.

The committee that runs the festival usually goes out once in July to shovel the manure and let it dry in wagons in the sun. But this year they had to skip it because of the poor quality.

Instead, a few organizers went out sporadically and collected about a third of the usual amount — 200 or 300. Every year they keep the good ones that

don't break — so they will dip into the 150 to 200 in reserve barrels for this year's competition.

When searching for chips, they look for them to be about the size of a ping pong paddle.

"If it looks like it has air bubbles on the top, it's bad chip," Reuter said. "It won't be worth it because it will be light and airy. But if it's thick and solid and grassy, it's a good chip."

Once they dry, they don't really stink anymore.

"A lot of people are afraid to pick it up," said Terry Slotty, who runs the throw every year. "They look at it, and it looks like what it is but once they touch it they notice that it's very dry."

The men's record was set in 1991 at 248 feet. The woman's record is from 2005 at 157.5 feet.

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