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'Fall Around Downtown'

Romney blasts Obama on Libya

Attack on embassy called more than 'bump in the road.'

By DAVID ESPO and KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

PUEBLO, Colo. — Mitt Romney led a chorus of Republican criticism of the administration's foreign policy on Monday, accusing President Barack Obama of minimizing the recent killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya as a mere "bump in the road" rather than part of a chain of events that threatens American interests.

White House press secretary Jay Carney called the accusations "desperate and offensive" as Romney and his allies sought to gain political advantage in the latter stages of a political campaign that seems to be trending Obama's way.

The president did not comment on the criticism when he and first lady Michelle Obama taped an appearance on ABC's "The View" that blended the personal with the political. Asked if a Romney presidency would be a disaster, Obama said the nation can "survive a lot." He added: "The American people don't want to just survive, we want to thrive."

The back and forth on foreign policy occurred as Romney said he was shifting to a more energetic schedule of public campaign events, bidding to reverse recent erosion in battleground state polls. After days spent largely raising campaign cash — and trying to minimize the fallout from one speech to donors last spring — he pledged to make the case for "real and positive change."

While national polls make the

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Jackie Kite, Community Redevelopment Agency administrator, adjusts a pumpkin adorning the front of City Hall on Monday.



COURTESY PHOTOS

LEFT: Martha Ann Ronsonet spruces up a fall scene located at the Historic Downtown Lake City sign. RIGHT: Lake City Garden Club member Jo Ann Torrans fixes a straw decoration to a bale of hay Friday at the south entrance of downtown Lake City in preparation for 'Fall Around Downtown.'

Giving Lake City a new look for the season

By TONY BRITT
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Downtown Lake City will feature more of a fall look in the coming weeks due to a beautification project with the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, with lots of help from the Lake City Garden Club.

Jackie Kite, Community Redevelopment Agency administrator, said the CRA advisory committee had a sub committee with Melinda Moses, Gloria Spivey and Elizabeth Burlingame and in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce the group devised a fall beautification project.

"We named it 'Fall Around Downtown,'" Kite said. "It's a fall decoration contest from Oct. 1 - Nov. 16. In an effort to increase exposure to our CRA district all of Marion Avenue downtown businesses from Baya Avenue to Railroad Street are invited to take part in the fall beautification

project."

Businesses participating in the project are expected to have their store front or lawn decorated for judging by Oct. 15.

The winner will be announced at "Trunk Or Treat," an annual event sponsored the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. This year's "Trunk or Treat" event will take place Friday, Oct. 26 in Olustee Park.

"Help us create a festive downtown tradition is what we're asking," Kite said.

To help jump-start the project City Hall has been decorated.

"Also, two vacant properties in downtown have had fall-themed murals painted on their windows by local artist Janet Moses," Kite said.

Several women from the Lake City Garden Club spent Friday morning decorating the historic welcome gates to the downtown area.

Lake City Garden Club members who participated in the decorating efforts were: Rosemary Coleman, Tina Roberts,

Jo Ann Torrans, Martha Ann Ronsonet, Genie Norman, Gail Harden and Sandra Foreman.

"Garden Club member Wanda Toner helped with the silk arrangements in front of the Blanche Hotel," Kite said.

Around 9 a.m. Monday, Kite and Abbie Chasteen, chamber of commerce marketing coordinator, went door-to-door and passed out fliers and registration information about the fall decoration contest to downtown businesses.

"We're scheduled to go to the remainder of the businesses on Marion Street from U.S. 90 to Railroad Street today," Kite said. "We've been talking to the business owners and encouraging them to participate in this fall beautification project. I'd also like to encourage residents of Lake City and Columbia county to come and see the hard work and beautiful fall decor along Marion Avenue."

For additional information about the fall decoration contest, contact Kite at (386) 719-5766.

POLICE

Spat over food leads to arrest

By TONY BRITT
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FORT WHITE — A Fort White man, who allegedly got into an argument with a local woman over a plate of food, was arrested Sunday after he allegedly threatened the woman with a kitchen knife.

Eugene Bing, 61, no address provided, was charged with an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (domestic violence) in connection with the incident. He was booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility on \$5,000 bond.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, deputy William Stratton was called to a Fort White address in reference to a call about an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon complaint.

When Stratton arrived, he reported he spoke to the victim who said that she and Bing were involved in a verbal argument in



Bing

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'Modern Family,'
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Local news
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Saturday:
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x3



Monday:
Afternoon: 3-4-0
Evening: N/A



Monday:
Afternoon: 8-6-8-8
Evening: N/A



Sunday:
3-7-13-28-30

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'Homeland,' 'Modern Family' win at Emmys

LOS ANGELES

The terrorism thriller "Homeland" and "Modern Family" were the top winners at Sunday's Emmy Awards in a ceremony that veered between daring and predictability in honors and Jimmy Kimmel's turn as host.

The four awards for "Modern Family" included a three-peat as best comedy series, although there was a minor backlash online as some Emmy watchers questioned whether the show had a deserving season.

"Homeland," whose four trophies for its freshman season included honors for stars Claire Danes and Damian Lewis, stopped "Mad Men" in its tracks, denying the show a record-setting fifth best drama trophy.

Turns out the TV academy wasn't ready to crown the Madison Avenue saga as best ever. Instead, "Mad Men" walked away without a single statuette despite a leading 17 nominations, making it Emmy's biggest loser ever, said Tom O'Neil of the awards website Gold Derby.

Showtime's "Homeland," the cable channel's first best drama winner, also kept Bryan Cranston from his fourth consecutive best acting award for "Breaking Bad" and made "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm an also-ran once more.

"I'm one of those pesky Brits, I apologize," said Lewis, who plays an American. "I don't really believe in judging art, but I thought I'd show up just in case."

'Vampire Diaries' star at Lafayette fundraiser

LAFAYETTE, La. — The star of the hit CW television series "The Vampire Diaries" posed at a doggy kissing booth and told fans he's going to create a sanctuary to rehabilitate both unwanted animals and bullies.



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Kat Dennings (from left) and Jon Cryer present the award for outstanding supporting actress in a comedy series to Julie Bowen for 'Modern Family' at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre on Sunday in Los Angeles.



Somerhalder

Ian Somerhalder was at the Strut Your Mutt fundraiser Saturday in Lafayette to help raise money for the Best Friends Animal Society. Dogs could win prizes for best kisser.

While popular now for his role as Damon Salvatore of "The Vampire Diaries," it was his role as Boone on the hit TV series "Lost" that got Somerhalder noticed.

Bluesman Stackhouse to be honored with marker

WESSON, Miss. — Houston Stackhouse, famed for teaching and mentoring other blues artists, will be honored with a Mississippi Blues Trail marker on Wednesday in Wesson.

Although Houston Stackhouse never became a major name in blues, he played key roles in Delta blues



Stackhouse

history as a sideman, mentor and influence.

Stackhouse worked in Mississippi and Arkansas blues circles for several decades. He worked with Robert Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Robert Nighthawk, Sonny Boy Williamson II and other legendary figures.

Iran official urges boycott of 2013 Oscars

TEHRAN, Iran — Javad Shamaghdari, head of the government-controlled cinema agency, said Monday his country should boycott the 2013 Oscars and not field a candidate for the foreign film category in the wake of the anti-Islam video that was made that denigrates the Prophet Muhammad.

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Celebrity Birthdays

- Broadcast journalist Barbara Walters is 83.
- Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 68.
- Model Cheryl Tiegs is 65.
- Actress Mimi Kennedy is 63.
- Actor-director Anson Williams is 63.
- Actor Mark Hamill is 61.
- Basketball Hall of Famer Bob McAdoo is 61.
- Actress Heather Locklear is 51.
- Actress Aida Turturro is 50.
- Actor Tate Donovan is 49.
- TV personality Keely Shaye Smith is 49.
- Basketball Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen is 47.
- Actor Will Smith is 44.
- Actor Hal Sparks is 43.
- Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 43.
- Actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras is 39.
- Actress Clea DuVal is 35.
- Actor Chris Owen is 32.
- Rapper T. I. is 32.
- Actor Van Hansis is 31.
- Singer Diana Ortiz (Dream) is 27.

Daily Scripture

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded."

— Hebrews 10:35

Thought for Today

"History is too serious to be left to historians."

— Iain Macleod, British politician (1913-1970)

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AROUND FLORIDA

Court, owner fight over big cats

LOXAHATCHEE — A court fight is under way in Palm Beach County over two tigers and a leopard that belong to a former Tarzan actor.

The cats were seized in February by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The agency said Steve Sipek was keeping Class 1 animals without a USDA permit. Since then, Sipek and Melanie Boynes, who lives on the Loxahatchee property with him, set up a non-profit called Tarzan's Big Cat Sanctuary.

The wildlife agency recently refused the sanctuary's request for a permit to own big cats, citing inadequate care, poor food and lax security.

Grandma's plea going before judge

APALACHICOLA — A tentative plea agreement that would spare a German grandmother from a potential death sentence is going before a Florida judge.

Marianne Bordt, 73, is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse. She allegedly drowned her grandson, Camden Hiers, 5, of suburban Atlanta, in the bathtub of a beach house in January 2010.

Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey is considering the proposal for a reduction in charges and 21.5 year prison term at a hearing Monday in Apalachicola.

Motorcyclist killed on US 1

BUNNELL — The Florida Highway Patrol said a motorcycle went out of control and crashed in a wooded area along U.S. 1



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Trying to stay dry

Trisha Guglielmi made good use of her pink umbrella when she brought her two kids, nieces and nephew on a walk along the Southbank Riverwalk to the Friendship Fountain in Jacksonville.

in north Florida.

The crash killed the driver, whose body was spotted Sunday. Investigators believe the crash happened Saturday evening, but no one spotted the wreckage until Sunday morning.

Troopers said it appears the motorcycle overturned a couple of times before crashing along the north-bound lanes of U.S. 1.

Police searching for UF student

GAINESVILLE — Police in Gainesville said they've identified a person of interest in the case of a missing University of Florida student from Miami.

Police believe Christian Aguilar, 18, may have been a victim of foul play.

Police said Pedro A Bravo, 18, said he had an altercation with Aguilar Thursday evening and left him in a parking lot. Police said Aguilar may be disoriented or seriously injured and may not be able to seek help.

1 killed, 2 hurt in late-night drive-by

FORT MYERS — One

man was killed and two others suffered minor injuries during what police described as a drive-by shooting in Fort Myers.

Fort Myers police said the men were walking down a sidewalk about 10 p.m. Sunday when someone in a passing pickup truck opened fire.

Police spokesman Brian O'Reilly said the truck believed to have been used in the shooting was found late Sunday. It had been reported stolen by the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Hog on highway causes crash

PERRY — A hog that ran into the highway in north Florida caused a man to crash his motorcycle.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports Larry Strickland, 60, was driving on the highway Sunday morning when a hog came from the south shoulder and into his lane. FHP said Strickland's motorcycle collided with the hog. Strickland was not wearing a helmet at the time and was taken to the hospital.

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THE WEATHER

25 TUESDAY	26 WEDNESDAY	27 THURSDAY	28 FRIDAY	29 SATURDAY
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Tuesday, September 25
Tuesday's high / Tuesday night's low

City	Wednesday	Thursday
Cape Canaveral	84/73/sh	84/71/t
Daytona Beach	86/73/t	86/71/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	86/78/t	88/79/pc
Fort Myers	91/73/t	91/72/pc
Gainesville	85/70/pc	85/70/pc
Jacksonville	81/69/t	83/68/pc
Key West	88/79/sh	87/78/t
Lake City	85/68/pc	87/67/pc
Miami	86/78/t	89/78/t
Naples	88/73/t	92/73/pc
Ocala	86/70/pc	86/70/pc
Orlando	89/72/t	90/70/pc
Panama City	85/72/pc	85/72/pc
Pensacola	85/71/pc	87/70/pc
Tallahassee	89/70/pc	89/69/pc
Tampa	90/74/t	91/72/pc
Valdosta	88/68/pc	90/66/s
W. Palm Beach	86/76/t	87/76/t

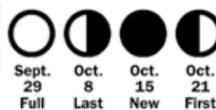
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TEMPERATURES
High Monday 85
Low Monday 58
Normal high 86
Normal low 68
Record high 95 in 1997
Record low 54 in 1897

SUN
Sunrise today 7:21 a.m.
Sunset today 7:23 p.m.
Sunrise tom. 7:21 a.m.
Sunset tom. 7:21 p.m.

PRECIPITATION
Monday 0.00"
Month total 6.26"
Year total 48.37"
Normal month-to-date 3.64"
Normal year-to-date 39.21"

MOON
Moonrise today 4:32 p.m.
Moonset today 2:58 a.m.
Moonrise tom. 5:10 p.m.
Moonset tom. 3:59 a.m.



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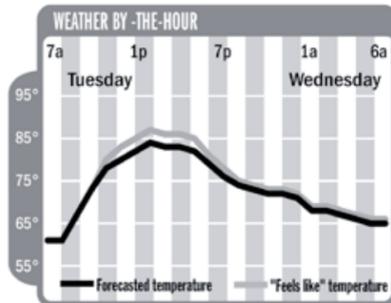
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Off-duty cop shot, 3 arrested

MIAMI — Three men have been arrested in connection with the shooting of an off-duty Miami-Dade Police officer during an armed robbery.

Police said they have charged Dedrick Brown, 20, and Travares Santiago, 20, and Willie Barney, 19, with attempted murder. They were arrested Sunday and taken to jail. It was not immediately known if they have an attorney.

Investigators said the off-duty officer was volunteering at his church Saturday when he was confronted by three armed suspects who robbed him and then shot the officer in the chest.

The officer was treated at the hospital before being released Sunday. The unidentified officer has been in law enforcement for over ten years.

It was not immediately known if the suspects knew the victim was a police officer.

Man stabbed, his ex-wife charged

OCKLAWAHA — A Marion County woman is being held on a second-degree murder charge after authorities said she stabbed her ex-husband to death.

Jail records show Sherry Lewis, 49, was arrested Saturday morning.

Authorities said Daniel James Lewis, 52, was stabbed several times. He told responding deputies that Sherry Lewis stabbed him before he was taken to the hospital where he died.

Woman stabbed, son charged

CORAL SPRINGS — A 30-year-old man has been charged with first-degree murder after police said his mother was found stabbed in a Coral Springs home.

Dee Etienne is being held in the Broward County jail without bond. He's also charged with resisting arrest without violence.

Police were called to the home Saturday evening after receiving reports of a woman screaming for help. Police found Jocene Pericles, 53, with multiple stab wounds. She was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Neighbors told police they saw Etienne hit his mother in front of their home.

Some records withheld in TB outbreak

By ADAM KEALOHA CAUSEY
TRACY JONES
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — When Jacksonville City Councilman Robin Lumb tried to ask questions about the recent tuberculosis outbreak among Jacksonville's homeless, he was never able to get answers.

Lumb was 6 years old when his father was diagnosed with active TB, and he said a vivid part of his childhood was frequently being tested for TB. He wanted to know the implications of the Jacksonville outbreak, but the Duval County Health Department wouldn't return emails, he said.

He wasn't the only one who couldn't get an explanation.

A review of state and local health department emails over a four-year period shows the agencies released only select information to the public regarding an increase

in TB cases among Jacksonville's homeless population, despite recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the local public information officer.

The emails also revealed the health department's hesitancy to release public records to a reporter and not publicizing a tuberculosis investigation at a local school despite the director later saying the department typically does. Earlier, the health department only began discussing the outbreak publicly after an email was mistakenly sent to reporters.

Health officials said their decisions were in the public's best interest, but others such as Lumb said they had a responsibility to release details of the outbreak.

"They shouldn't be trying to make this information private," Lumb said. "What you're really saying is the public isn't sophisticated enough to absorb the information."

The CDC sent repre-



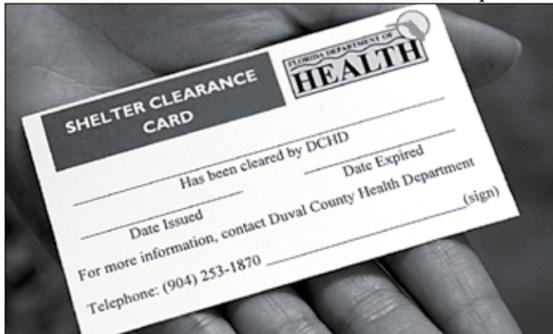
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In a Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012 photo, Duval County Health Department workers Shantrell Hudson (left) and Jemima Govergo, conduct a tuberculosis test on Anthony Mason, 50, while others wait for results from previous tests. Kenneth Singleton (right), had been previously tested and carries a clearance card issued by DCHD. They are part of a team from the Duval County Health Department and other health agencies from around the state continued TB testing of homeless citizens on Tuesday behind the City Rescue Mission's New Life Inn on State Street in downtown Jacksonville.

sentatives to Jacksonville in February to assist in investigating an outbreak of a particular strain of tuberculosis among Jacksonville's homeless.

Emails between CDC representative Gail Grant and Jimmy Keller, deputy chief for the state's TB program, reveal the decision not to release information about the recent investigation was made by Max Salfinger, the section administrator for the state's tuberculosis program.

Grant said Salfinger was not interested in reaching out to the media about the report.



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Clearance cards are issued to people who were tested previously and had negative results or if positive, had been for further screening.

Lennar 3Q profit jumps as orders climb

MIAMI — A rise in new orders and the number of homes delivered gave Lennar a boost as its net income more than quadrupled in the third quarter in part because of a tax benefit.

The homebuilder also reported a significant increase in backlog, a sign of potential future housing revenue.

Echoing sentiments similar to those expressed by KB Home on Friday, Lennar CEO Stuart Miller said in a statement on Monday that housing recovery is underway.

Lennar shares fell 63 cents, or 1.7 percent, to \$36.88 in morning trading after rising as high as \$38.27 earlier in the session, their highest level since June 2007. They are still about triple their low of \$12.14 set in early October 2011.

Homebuilders are a bellwether for the housing market and the economy. While new homes represent less than one-fifth of

the total housing market, construction of houses has a major impact on the economy.

Part of the reason consumers are getting back into the housing market is because of historically low rates. On Thursday mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said that the average rate on the 30-year loan declined to 3.49 percent from 3.55 percent last week. That matched the lowest rate since long-term mortgages began in the 1950s.

The average on the 15-year fixed mortgage, a popular refinancing option, plunged to 2.77 percent, a record low.

Earlier in the month the Federal Reserve announced that it plans to spend \$40 billion a month to buy mortgage bonds for as long as it thinks necessary to make home buying more affordable.

Lennar Corp., which sells homes for entry level and move-up buyers as well as retirees, earned

\$87.1 million, or 40 cents per share, for the three months ended Aug. 31, up sharply from \$20.7 million, or 11 cents per share, a year ago.

The current quarter included a tax benefit of \$12.8 million.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected earnings of 28 cents per share. The estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Revenue improved to \$1.1 billion from \$820.2 million as revenue from home sales increased 33 percent. Wall Street analysts forecast \$1.02 billion.

Lennar said that home deliveries climbed 28 percent to 3,655 homes, while new orders rose 44 percent to 4,198 homes.

Backlog for the Miami company increased 79 percent to 4,513 homes.

On Friday KB Home reported that it returned to a third-quarter profit thanks partly to a tax benefit as net orders and home deliveries climbed.

State lawmaker out of race; name linked to arrest

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — A central Florida lawmaker whose name has been linked to a prostitution ring dropped out of his re-election race Monday.

"I believe he made the right decision," House Speaker Will Weatherford said about Republican State Rep. Mike Horner. "It is in the best interest of our state and his family. As elected officials, we are held to a high standard and no member of the Florida House is above that standard."

The name "Mike Horner" was found on a list of names in the garbage of a defendant arrested last month for running a prostitution ring, said Bernie Presha, a spokesman for the State Attorney's Office in Orlando.

Presha said Horner is

not being investigated for any crime and faces no charges.

The defendant, Mark Risner, was charged with five felonies and eight misdemeanors following his arrest last month.

No one answered the phone at Horner's

offices in Kissimmee and Tallahassee.

The 44-year-old Horner is married and has a son. He was elected to the Florida House in 2008 and is the vice chair of the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee.



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Rep. Mike Horner, R-Kissimmee is seen debating a law suit bill on May 2, 2011, during the legislative session in Tallahassee. Horner dropped out of his re-election race Monday. His name has been linked to a prostitution ring in central Florida.

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OUR
OPINION

A tough topic to talk about

From real tragedy can spring great good. That's our hope for the inaugural Unity Day, set for Oct. 10 from 5-7 p.m. in the Lake City Mall. The event, held in honor of Davion Markhel Smith, a rising 8th-grader at Richardson Middle School who died suddenly August 21, is designed to address bullying in local schools.

Circumstances surrounding young Davion's death were never released, but those close to the family say they think bullying is what led to this tragic loss.

We applaud Davion's family for having the courage to allow his name to be used in this fashion. We applaud Unity Day organizers for realizing the need to speak publicly about a problem that won't go away on its own.

As hard as it is to talk about such matters, talk we must, if there is to be hope of preventing future tragedy and averting further pain.

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2012. There are 97 days left in the year.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.)

In 1911, ground was broken for Boston's Fenway Park.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

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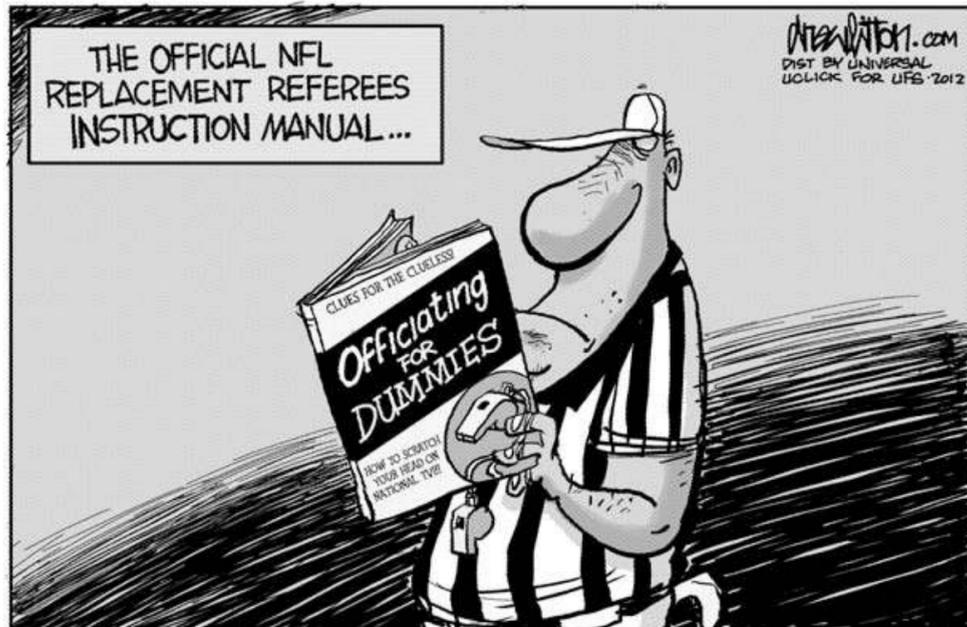
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Why I stopped urging my students to teach

Seeing teachers publicly demonstrating for their rights during their recent seven-day strike reminded me how I began my career as a college professor in the Windy City during the mid-1970s.

Back then, while recalling my public school teachers and having recently completed two transformative years at the University of Chicago in graduate school, I would passionately encourage my brightest students to become teachers. Many followed my advice.

My routine went something like this:

America needs dedicated and competent schoolteachers. And teaching still is the noblest profession. However: Don't become a teacher to earn a high salary, because you never will. You become a teacher to touch the lives of children, to make a positive contribution to their futures, to literally save some of them from their dysfunctional homes and neighborhoods.

While you will transmit knowledge and skills, you also will perform the duties of counselor, mentor, coach, friend, confidant, diplomat, disciplinarian, judge and, of course, surrogate parent, which may include providing food.

You will need to naturally possess or quickly grow a stiff spine, for you will have to endure the politics of school board members, mayors, state and federal officials and other wielders of power.

You will need the patience of Job to cope with the irresponsibility and bad attitudes of parents and other adults in your students' lives. Learn personal stress management, and don't expect a promotion unless you move into administration. You will learn the psychology of being the scapegoat. You will become one sooner than later.

You will need the stamina of a beast of burden. Depending on



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the courses you teach and the socioeconomic statuses of your students, you will work 50-hour weeks. You will bring home your students' assignments to grade long after the formal school day has ended. You will attend countless meetings, fill out reams and reams of inane paperwork, annually attend professional development workshops, and hold conferences with parents ready to take off your head.

Many of you will need to moonlight because your day job won't pay enough to make ends meet. Ironically, you will be portrayed as a moocher who gets the entire summer off. Still, you must be prepared to dig into your pockets to buy your own classroom supplies to do your job. You will spend many, many hours on your feet.

Why, you ask, would I want to become a teacher under these ugly conditions? Why? Teaching is our most important profession. It is a calling, and excellent teachers are some of our greatest heroes. That's why.

I dropped this spiel more than a decade ago.

Now I wouldn't try to encourage a student to become a public school teacher in this toxic environment. Even a lot of people who don't hold teachers in contempt easily speak the popular rhetoric of disrespect.

With perhaps the exception of anti-intellectual Australia, the United States is virtually alone in the world in being profoundly contemptuous of its schoolteachers. The negative results — vengeful layoffs and

firings, increased class loads, evaluations based on unreliable standardized tests, and the hurry-up establishment of charter schools and vouchers — are damaging the profession beyond repair.

After analyzing federal surveys of attrition rates in schools nationwide, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Department of Education and Teach Plus, a nonprofit organization, found that teachers are leaving the profession in droves. Nearly half of those entering the field to replace retiring baby boomers leave within five years. The joint analysis shows that teachers with only one year in the classroom constitute the largest single group of teachers.

Inexperience is the new normal.

Some experts doubt that teaching will ever again attract an adequate number of high-quality prospects. After all, the profession is hampered with an ongoing high attrition rate, nearly 25 percent leaving in the first three years. This state of affairs is not sustainable.

A core problem, as many Chicago teachers said, is that most teachers feel "ordered around" and "threatened" and "bullied" by people who have never taught one day, who have not sat through a single lecture on pedagogy. With most decisions being pushed down from the top, teachers rarely have meaningful input in decisions that determine their fate — an unthinkable condition in other fields.

Most Americans with children in public schools expect miracles from the very teachers they demonize so vehemently. I no longer will encourage students to become teachers.

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

NFL must reach agreement with locked-out refs now

Mired in a contract dispute, the National Football League locked out its regular referees in June. The league thought it could rely on less-experienced officials who normally work small college football games.

The results so far have been predictable: blown calls, angry players, livid coaches and ridicule from fans and the media.

The league isn't backing down. It says the replacements have been doing a good job, and cited a statistic showing that the replacement refs are throwing about as many penalty flags as the regular officials.

Maybe so. But PR spin can only go so far. The games are

taking longer to complete as the replacement refs aren't as familiar with the rulebook, there are more instant replay reviews and on-field scrums are frequently turning into full-scale fights.

ESPN broadcaster Mike Tirico summed it up during the Monday Night Football game between Denver and Atlanta: "Honestly, it's embarrassing. The command and control of this game is gone."

As bad as the replacement refs are, veteran NFL refs aren't perfect, either. And they're not full-time NFL employees. During the week, most have other jobs. Still, they want the NFL to pay them more money for their part-time job, plus guarantee them a full pension plan.

While the sloppy officiating so far this season might strengthen the referees' bargaining position, this is not the time to be greedy. The refs have some of the best moonlighting gigs in the world. They need to be willing to compromise.

The NFL didn't get to be a \$9 billion a year corporate behemoth by giving in to contract demands. But the league has to do something to protect the integrity and appeal of America's favorite sport. Their players are the best in the world. The refs need to be the best, too.

Reach an agreement. Now.

■ Scripps Howard News Service

ANOTHER
VIEW

A world without cars

Saturday was the 14th annual World Carfree Day, which is billed as a "celebration of cities and public life, free from the noise, stress and pollution of cars." Not surprisingly, much of the partying was at the public's expense.

Last year, for instance, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments spent \$39,600 on local radio advertisements and \$7,794 on transit-bus signs urging people to "Pledge now to un-car for a day." Governmental agencies offered cash, prizes and advertising space toward the effort in metropolitan areas throughout the United States and Europe.

Aside from clearing D.C. streets for Mayor Vincent C. Gray's motorcade and making room on Parisian highways for limousines ferrying eurocrats between sustainability meetings, the one day's hate for the internal-combustion engine will accomplish nothing. It's just as empty as Earth Day and its little brother Earth Hour, in which lights are dimmed for 60 minutes to conserve energy — as if doing so will rescue the planet from some mythical, imminent doom.

If individuals choose to believe sea levels can be altered and polar bears saved by flipping a switch or riding a bicycle, that's their business. It's not right to raid the public treasury to bankroll these futile gestures. Instead of wasting the day demonizing all things automotive, the time would be better spent celebrating the invention that freed mankind from the clamor, anxiety and filth of 19th-century transportation alternatives.

All it takes is a history book to envision the reality of a carless world, and it was a miserable time. Tailpipe emissions and the rumble of engines haven't ruined modern city life; they've preserved it.

A Lincoln or Lexus at speed makes far less racket than the pounding of hooves and rickety cart wheels over cobblestones. The modern internal-combustion engine generates so little pollution that many SUVs on the market today boast ultralow-emissions certification from California, where the standard for harmful gases is measured in thousandths of a gram. The same can hardly be said for the weighty and noisome byproduct of travel by horse.

Car-haters frequently point to the annual toll of 32,885 who perish on our highways, implying things would be far safer if only we would return to the halcyon days when trains and trolleys dominated the landscape. It just isn't so. According to contemporary census reports, 26 Washingtonians died in railroad accidents in the pre-automobile days of 1890. Despite having streets clogged with automobiles and double the population, the District saw just 25 traffic fatalities in 2010.

In 1890, even more lives were lost because of runaway horses. According to the Feb. 24, 1890, edition of The Washington Post, Ann Hessler, a market woman, was thrown from her horse-drawn wagon onto K Street after losing control of the reins. Her life slipped away on the cold pavement because there were no ambulances back then to rush her to the hospital. "Her skull was fractured and by the time medical aid reached her, she was dead," the Post reported.

That is what a world without automobiles actually looks like.

■ The Washington Times

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

Author program

The Friends of Columbia County Public Library welcome author Deborah Sharp, live via Skype, on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Deborah Sharp is the author of *Mama Sees Stars*, *Mama Gets Hitched* and other titles in the *Mace Bauer Mystery Series*. A former USA Today writer who, post-9-11, traded in a career in journalism to write humorous Florida mysteries with Southern flavor, Deborah Sharp is a native Floridian who now lives in Ft. Lauderdale.

Book club meeting

The Main Library Book Club will hold its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Led by Library volunteer Kim Withers, the Main Library Book Club will be limited to 15 participants, and pre-registration is required. The first book selected is *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Please contact Katrina Evans at 758-1018 to register and to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book.

CARC celebration

The Annual Membership Celebration for CARC-Advocates for Citizens with Disabilities, Inc. will be held on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave. Members and friends are invited. Dinner will be served. For more information call 386-752-1880. This

celebration is sponsored by Baya Pharmacy and Columbia Bank.

Sept. 27

Landlord's meeting

There will be a landlord's meeting Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. at Grand China Buffet. At 6 p.m. Realtor Jim Curry will speak. Owners and managers are welcome to attend. For information call 755-0110.

Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., inside the Lake City Mall, 2469 W. Hwy 90. Girls Night Out is a ladies only fun event featuring a Raffle and Give-A-Ways, refreshments courtesy of Ole Times Country Buffet, massages, a hot tea vendor, a hair salon, jewelry vendors, a theater troupe, make-up artists, candles and much more. Fashion shows will be featured at Center Court by Bon Worth at 5:30 p.m. and Maurices at 6 p.m.

Prize drawings will be held throughout the evening. As always, hospice information will be available, including the easy-to-complete living will, FIVE WISHES. Proceeds from the event will help support Hospice of the Nature Coast patients and families.

Sept. 28

Amber Hyde Fundraiser

There will be a chicken pilau dinner fundraiser for Amber Hyde, a school district sign language

interpreter who is recovering and unable to work for 6 months after Chemo treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma. The dinner will be Sept. 28 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbia County School District offices. The cost is \$7 and includes green beans, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Please call Kathy or Belinda at 755-8050 with your order no later than Wednesday, Sept. 26.

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.

Westside Fall Festival

Westside Elementary's Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. with activities for the whole family, including corn hole toss, minute to win it, sponge toss, frisbee toss, face painting, cupcake walk, bounce houses and a dunking machine. There will also be a fun run at 2:30 p.m.



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Derrick Duhart, a Waste Pro employee, uses a truck to collect a front load trash receptacle from the parking lot near the CVS pharmacy on U.S. Highway 90 Friday. Waste Pro was recently awarded the contract to become the city's trash collection vendor and the company is distributing their trash receptacles to local businesses. An estimated 200-250 receptacles were in the parking lot.

OBITUARIES

Mary Evelyn Burnette

Mary Evelyn Burnette, 78, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, September 23, 2012. She was born in Barney, Georgia to the late Paul and Maybell (Coward) Ratliff but had moved to Watertown and then lived the rest of her life here in Lake City, Florida. She was a caring mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who loved her family and her church deeply. She was a faithful member of Pine Grove Baptist Church and a very Christian Lady. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Owen, Cecil, & Bennie Ratliff; sister, Bessie L. Jackson; daughter, Dianne Wood; grandchildren, Lucy A. Wood, Barbara Smith and Johnny Silas, and her husband J.C. Burnette. Survivors include her son, James Burnette (Marjorie) of Old Town, FL; daughters, Patricia Nichols & Emma Thomas both of Lake City, FL; brother, David Ratliff (Betty) of Lake City, FL; sister, Maude Hardee of Live Oak, FL; 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren as well as a host of nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012 in the chapel at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Ogburn officiating. Interment will follow in Sardis-Carter Cemetery in Lake Park, Georgia. Visitation with the family will be held one hour prior to service time (11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.) GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 South U.S. Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025, (386) 752-1954. Is in charge of arrangements. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com

Melinda Marcum

Melinda "Sissy" Marcum, 55, of Lake City, passed away Sunday, September 23, 2012, at Suwannee Valley Care Center (Haven Hospice). She was born on May 28, 1957 in Lake City, Florida to the late Edgar Marcum and Myrna Loy Hall. She attended Christ Central Church, loved her church family, loved planting her flowers and doing yard work, and was a loving mother. She is preceded in death by her brother Rusty Marcum and one sister Ann Marcum. Survivors include her mother: Myrna Marcum; one son: Joseph Marcum; one sister: Sandi Ellis (Wally); all of Lake City, FL; and her special niece and nephews: Marsha Dickey, Brian Daugherty, and Joshua Ellis, all of Lake City, FL. A memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at Gateway Lawn Forest Funeral Home with Pastor Lonnie Johns officiating.

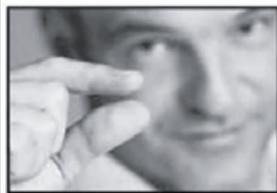
The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY- FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S U.S. Hwy 441, Lake City, FL, 386-752-1954. Please send words of comfort to the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

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

The Columbia County Value Adjustment Board will hold an Organizational Meeting Tuesday, September 25th at 9:00 am in the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room located at 135 NE Hernando Avenue.

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Museum hosts family activities Saturday

GAINESVILLE — Join the Florida Museum of Natural History Saturday for free opening day activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a celebration of its newest temporary exhibits, "Peanuts...Naturally: Charlie Brown and Friends Explore Nature" and "Water: Discovering and Sharing Solutions."

Opening day activities include live amphibians for families to see and enjoy, an appearance by Abraham Lincoln and a variety of hands-on displays and information from groups including the University of Florida Smathers Library, The Sequential Artists Workshop, UF's School of Ants project, the Florida Friendly Landscaping program and various UF student organizations.

"Everyone from a scientist to a comic strip artist has the ability to help with conservation and preservation of our natural world," said Florida Museum education

assistant Tiffany Ireland. "I believe the dual opening of these exhibits shows this ideal."

The "Peanuts...Naturally" exhibit takes a light-hearted look at Charles Schulz's exploration of the natural world through "Peanuts" comic strips, videos, objects and interactive stations. Topics include the universe, "web of nature," trees, birds, the elements of snow, wind, rain and clouds, gardening and Charlie Brown's Environmental Protection Agency escape.

Through interactive displays, live animals and water tables, the "Water: Discovering and Sharing Solutions" exhibit demonstrates ways UF is finding solutions to global challenges involving water, invasive animals and plants, and food production. The exhibition is part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act of 1862, which enabled the creation of land-

grant universities, including UF.

All opening day activities and admission to the water exhibit are free. Admission to the "Peanuts...Naturally" exhibit is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for Florida residents and seniors and \$3 for ages 3-17. UF students with a valid Gator 1 ID receive free admission to the "Peanuts" and Butterfly Rainforest exhibits through Sunday.

On opening day, UF's George A. Smathers Libraries will show visitors how newspapers and "Peanuts" comic strips were printed in the 19th century with an interactive printing press display. The Sequential Artists Workshop also will demonstrate comic strip writing, drawing and inking with a hands-on family activity.

Abraham Lincoln, who signed the Morrill Act, will speak with visitors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The UF department of entomology and nematology School of Ants project will also provide families with information on

participating in research by studying ants in their neighborhoods. Participating UF student groups include Students United in the Research of Fisheries, the Wildlife Graduate Student Association and the Forestry Graduate Student Organization. The Florida Friendly Landscaping program will provide information on water-conscious landscaping and water conservation.

"Peanuts...Naturally" is organized and toured by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, Santa Rosa, Calif. "Water: Discovering and Sharing Solutions" is a collaborative project produced by the Florida Museum of Natural History, the University of Florida and UF/IFAS. The museum will display both exhibits through Jan. 2, 2013.

For more information on opening day activities, call 352-273-2061.

SPAT: Leads to arrest

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the kitchen of the home over a plate of food and the argument escalated to the point where Bing allegedly grabbed a knife from the kitchen counter and pointed it at the victim and threatened her. The woman told the deputy she was in fear for her safety because when the incident occurred

she was approximately five feet away from Bing.

The woman said a witness then stepped between she and Bing and pulled her away from him.

Stratton collected witness statements and the knife, which was placed into evidence, and then arrested Bing.

ROMNEY: Blasts Obama

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race exceedingly close, Obama has gained ground on Romney in many recent surveys when potential voters are asked to compare the two rivals in their ability to fix the economy. Sluggish growth and national unemployment of 8.1 percent make the economy by far the dominant issue in the race, and the two men have focused much of their time and advertising budgets on highlighting their differences on taxes, spending and plans for job creation.

The same polls show Obama with a healthy lead over Romney when voters are asked which candidate is better equipped to handle foreign policy, and the president has not shied away from trumpeting his decision to order the secret mission by U.S. forces that killed terrorism mastermind Osama bin Laden in his Pakistani hideout more than a year ago.

At the same time, Romney's advisers say voters are more inclined to question Obama's handling of foreign policy after the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, earlier this month resulted in the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Not only Romney, but other Republicans, as well, challenged Obama on foreign policy on Monday.

In a conference call with reporters, Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., the House majority leader, said: "Israel continues to find itself on the receiving end of harsh language by the president of the White House. ... There is a somewhat continued pattern of throwing Israel under the bus when Israel stands as our closest ally."

And the National Republican Senatorial Committee issued challenges to Democratic candidates in several races to "share their view" on Obama's remarks in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" over the weekend.

In the interview itself, Obama was responding when asked if recent events in the Middle East gave him pause for supporting governments that came to power following a wave of regime changes known as the Arab Spring.

He said he has long noted that events were going to be rocky, adding that the question itself "presumes that somehow we could have stopped this wave of change."

"I think it was absolutely the right thing for us to align ourselves with democracy, universal rights. ... But I was pretty certain and continue to be pretty certain that there are going to be bumps in the road because — you know, in a lot of these places — the one organizing principle has been Islam."

He added: "There are strains of extremism, and anti-Americans, and anti-Western sentiments and you know can be tapped into by demagogues."

Romney was eager to talk about the topic, squeezing interviews with three television networks into his schedule and touching on the subject at the beginning of a rally in Pueblo, Colo.

"I can't imagine saying something like the assassination of ambassadors is a bump in the road, when you look at the entire context, the assassination, the Muslim Brotherhood president being elected in Egypt, 20,000 people killed in Syria, Iran close to becoming a nuclear nation, that these are far from being bumps in the road," he told ABC.

"They represent events that are spinning out of the kind of influence we'd like to have. We're at the mercy of events rather than shaping the events in the Middle East."

U.S. officials are investigating the deaths in Libya, which occurred when the consulate was breached.

In his appearance on "The View," the president avoided a direct answer when asked if the attack had been terrorism.

"There's no doubt that the kind of weapons that were used, the ongoing assault, that it wasn't just a mob action. What's clear is that, around the world, there are still a lot of threats out there," he said.

Romney intends to return to the subject of international affairs and discuss foreign aid, trade agreements and international development when he addresses the Clinton Global Initiative in New York on Tuesday, according to a person familiar with the campaign's thinking.

Romney, like Cantor, took a slap Monday at Obama's handling of relations with Israel.

"The president doesn't have time to actually spend time with leaders of these nations, particularly Bibi Netanyahu. I find that very troubling," he said.

White Springs dive will benefit water district's MFLs program

LIVE OAK— It's not often cave divers are presented the opportunity to explore the cave system at White Sulphur Springs, but two divers were able to enter the system recently to help collect scientific data that will support the Suwannee River Water Management District's (District) minimum flows and levels (MFLs) program.

On August 7, two divers from Karst Environmental Services (KES) descended about 140 feet deep and 400 feet back into the cave system. Their mission was to assess the condition of the cave as a first step

toward understanding the source aquifer(s) of the spring.

While the crew could not find groundwater sources tributary to the main tunnel, they did discover that the cave runs in a southern direction that could take it under the Suwannee River, which concurs with a 1989 survey of the cave system.

John Good, District chief professional engineer, said the exploratory dive will help the District better understand how the system works.

"Knowing which aquifer the water is coming from will help the District

understand why the spring isn't flowing consistently," Good said. "We're also looking at how much the spring could have contributed to the river when it did flow regularly."

The District has contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct water quality analysis to study the spring. KES is assisting the USGS with collecting water samples. This information will help the District in its establishment of MFLs for the Upper Suwannee River, White Sulphur Springs, and Suwannee Springs.

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A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's sanitary sewer needs will be held at the Fort White Community Center, 17575 SW State Road 47, Fort White, Florida (NOT at Town Hall) on October 8, 2012 at 7:30PM. For information concerning the public hearing contact Town Hall at 386-497-2321.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Town Hall at 386-497-2321 at least 7 calendar days prior to the meeting.

Bulletin Board

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Westside Elem.

Fall festival

Westside Elementary will be having their "Fall"ing for Education Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 3-8 p.m. The Fun Run will be at 2:30 p.m. For \$10, students will have unlimited admission to putt putt, ring toss, face painting, cupcake walk, dunking machine, lots of bounce houses, go fish, Frisbee toss, sponge toss, batting cage, corn hole toss, tether ball, Frisbee throw, and lots more! Hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage dogs will be available for purchase. We would like to invite the community to come enjoy this event.

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Covenant Community School is excited to be offering homeschool children the opportunity to take the PSAT this October. The test will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at CCS. The fee is \$35 per student. If you would like to have your child take this test, please come to the school by Wednesday, Sept. 26 to sign up. If you have any questions please contact the school office at 386-755-3636. The PSAT measures critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills that are important for success in college, the knowledge and skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses, and the ability to reason with facts and concepts rather than the ability to recall them. The testing time is about 2 hours and 10 minutes.

National Achievers

Parent meeting

There will be an organization meeting for parents of National Achievers Society member, Saturday, September 29 at 10AM. The meeting will be held at Columbia High School in room 719. All parents in Hamilton, Suwannee, and Columbia County are asked to be present. NAS members are an affiliate of the North Florida Center of Excellence. Parents will be informed of all the activities of NFOE. Parents help is needed to carry out the many activities. For more information please contact Gloria McIntosh, Director at mcintosh_g@firn.edu or 755-1099.

Successful Open House

Thanks to all

Melrose Park would like to thank all those who were able to attend our Open House on September 20. The fifth grade sold their Spaghetti Fundraiser dinners and had a great turn-out.

Courtney Baisden shared about what Title 1 does for the school and we also had over 130 volunteers attend Orientation. Teachers shared what their students have been learning since school began and Mr. Adkins went over some new changes at our school and welcomed all our new students and parents. We would like to thank DOT for donating "Safe Routes to School" backpacks for our walkers and thank the Sea Cadets for attending as well.

Dental Bus

Smiles are welcome

The Miles of Smiles dental bus is coming to Melrose again. The Health Department's Dental Staff will provide limited dental examinations, cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments and dental treatment to Pre-K through 3rd grade students qualifying for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program at no cost to the parents. The dates for the Dental bus are 10/9-10/29. If you qualify and would like for your child to receive



COURTESY PHOTO

Fort White young writers of the month

Fort White Elementary School's Young Writers of the Month for September are: Kyle Hiatt, grade 2 (front row, left to right); Collin Tuell, grade 1; Xavier Ray, grade 3; Khushil Pateel, grade 4 (back row); Scott Berns, Mix 94.3 Morning Host and Martin Lopez, grade 5. The Young Writers of the Month program is a business partnership activity between the Columbia County School District and Sunstate Federal Credit Union, Mix 94.3 and Burger King of Lake City.

STUDENT PROFILE

Brianna Geiger, 7

Melrose Park Elementary, 1st Grade

Parents: Julie Geiger and John Geiger
What clubs or organizations do you belong to? Math Superstars, Cheerleading, and Gymnastics

What would you like to do when you get out of school? I want to be a model and dress designer.

Achievements: Last year I was on the E Honor Roll, received an Art Award, and a Math Superstars

award.

What do you like best about school? My teacher Mrs. Crews

Teacher's comments about student: Brianna is such a sweet, intelligent, hard-working young lady. She is a great role model to all students at Melrose Park. - Mrs. Ashley Crews

Principal's comment concerning student's involvement: Brianna is a very inquisitive child. She works very hard at everything she does, giving 100%. She is very intelligent and will accomplish great things throughout her life. - Mr. Adkins



COURTESY

Brianna Geiger

Student's comment concerning honor: I feel like it's a real honor to be in the paper for our school.

the dental services offered, please come by the office at Melrose and pick up a Miles of Smiles Parent Permission for Dental Treatment Form.

Snazzy Snacks

Five Points recipe

Second Graders in Mrs. Leighty's class made their first Snazzy Snack on Friday. The recipe was Hugs and Kisses made with crackers, frosting, frosting gel and chocolate chips. Students began by writing their recipe. They worked in groups to follow the steps of frosting their crackers, dividing the cracker into fourths by making an "X" with the frosting gel, and finally placing a chocolate chip onto two-fourths of the cracker, three-fourths of the cracker and finally all of fourths of the cracker. They enjoyed making the first one so much that they made several more. Finally, they rated their snack and drew a picture of it. The next week they wrote to explain the process of making Hugs and Kisses at school.

Kayda Norris from Mrs. Mimbs' class was picked from the treasure box to eat lunch with Mr. Little. Kayda is known for her outstanding behavior!

Campus Calendar

Tuesday

FWHS - Indian Lady Volleyball (JV/V) vs Keystone Heights, 5/6 p.m. at Home

FWMS - Indian Football vs Ruth Raines, 6 p.m. at Home

Columbia County School Board Meeting at the CCSD Administrative Complex Auditorium, 7 p.m.

CHS - Students will open Board meeting

LCMS - Falcon Cross Country to Bradford Middle 3K; FFA meeting in room 907, 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday

Fort White Elem. - Springs & Farms activity book Buddy - Up Day
Pinemount Elem. - 2nd grade students to VITAL at VA Hospital, 10 a.m.

LCMS - Cheer practice, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

FWHS - Indian Bowling vs CHS, 4 p.m. at Home

Westside Elem. - Staff recognition

by Wal-mart, 2:45 p.m.

Thursday

Career & Adult Education - Literacy Celebration at CCSD Central Building room 130, 9 a.m.

FWHS - Indian Lady Volleyball (JV/V) vs Interlachen, 5/6 p.m. at Home

CHS - Tiger JV Football at Madison, 7 p.m.

RMS - Wolf Football vs Suwannee, 7 p.m. at Home

Westside Elem. - School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Parent Conference Night

LCMS - Picture Day in Gym Lobby, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Falcon Football vs Taylor County at Memorial Stadium, 6 p.m.

Friday

Eastside Elem. - Tiger of the Month recognized in cafeteria, 8 a.m.

CHS - Tiger Football at Vanguard, 7:30 p.m.

FWHS - Indian Football vs Union County, 7:30 p.m. at Home

Saturday

LCMS - Cross Country FL Runners at Titusville 2 Mile; Chorus All-State Musicianship Test in Jacksonville, 10:30 a.m.

Westside Elem - Fun Run for Children, 2:30 p.m.; Fall Festival, 3-8 p.m.

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Justice criticizes law school rankings

BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is not a fan of law school rankings.

The Yale law school graduate told University of Florida law students Friday that judging law school graduates by where they graduated from and their upbringing is like the discrimination that minorities and women have fought in the past.

When he's picking a clerk to work for him, Thomas said he likes to consider non-Ivy Leaguers.

Thomas spoke candidly with the students in a session that was more about life philosophy than about the many decisions the court has made.

When asked what was the most important decision the court has made since he joined the court in 1991, Thomas quickly said he didn't know and left it at that.

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Ex-prof in court for university shooting

JAY REEVES
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — An ex-university professor who pleaded guilty to shooting six people during a faculty meeting in Alabama was in court Monday for an abbreviated trial.

Jury selection began Monday morning for Amy Bishop, a Harvard-educated biologist who went on the shooting spree at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Twelve jurors and two alternates were picked — eight women, six men. Among the potential jurors dismissed was a jailer who has dealt with Bishop while she was in custody.

She wore a red jail uniform in court and was shackled at the feet, seated between two attorneys at the defense table. A deputy removed her handcuffs.

Also in court, sitting behind prosecutors, were relatives of the people killed in the February 2010 rampage. At least one of the shooting victims who survived also was present.

Opening statements are set to begin after lunch.

Bishop pleaded guilty earlier this month to killing three people and wounding three others in February 2010. She avoided a possible death sentence with the plea and instead faces life imprisonment.

But a trial is still required under Alabama law because Bishop admitted to a capital charge of murder. So lawyers will select a jury and Circuit Judge Alan Mann will hold a brief trial.

Mann told jurors that the death penalty is not a possibility "to put your mind at ease."

Bishop still could face a trial in Massachusetts, where she is charged in the 1986 killing of her 18-year-old brother. Seth Bishop's death had been ruled an accident after Amy Bishop told investigators she shot him in the family's Braintree home as she tried to unload her father's gun. But the Alabama shootings prompted a new investigation and charges. Prosecutors have said they will wait until after sentencing in the Alabama case to determine whether to put Bishop on trial in Massachusetts.



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Amy Bishop is escorted by sheriff's deputies at the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville, Ala., on Sept. 11. Court officials said Bishop pleaded guilty to fatally shooting three colleagues and wounding three others at a faculty meeting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Panda cub suffered from liver abnormalities

BEN NUCKOLS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 6-day-old giant panda cub that died at the National Zoo had liver abnormalities and fluid in its abdomen, but zoo officials said Monday that they don't yet know the cause of death.

The cub, believed to be female, died Sunday morning, less than a week after its birth surprised and delighted zoo officials and visitors. The zoo had all but given up on the panda mother's chances of conceiving.

A necropsy on the cub will be completed within two weeks, and officials expect to have a definitive answer on the cause of death. Panda cubs are about the size of a stick of butter at birth and are susceptible to infections and fatal injuries.

There was no evidence of fluid in the cub's lungs, which would suggest pneumonia, and the cub was not accidentally crushed by its mother, which has happened to other cubs born in captivity. On any given day in the first two weeks of life, pandas born in captivity have a mortality rate of about 18 percent, zoo officials said. Their mortality rate in the wild is unknown, but only a few thousand giant pandas are believed to remain in the wild. Only a few hundred are in captivity.

The fluid in the cub's abdomen was unusual and could have been a symptom of the liver problem, said Suzan Murray, the zoo's chief veterinarian. The liver, about the size of a kidney bean, was harder than usual and discolored, she said.

There was milk in the cub's gastrointestinal tract, but the initial examination could not determine how



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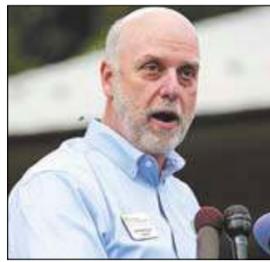
In this file photo taken Dec. 19, 2011, Mei Xiang, a female giant panda, eats while at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington. The panda cub born to Mei Xiang on Sept. 16, after five consecutive pseudo pregnancies over the years, died Sunday.

well it had been nursing, Murray said.

The cub's mother, 14-year-old Mei Xiang, has come out of her den and started eating again and interacting with her keepers, Murray said. The panda slept well Sunday night and has been cradling a plastic toy.

"We think this is her natural mothering instinct," National Zoo director Dennis Kelly said.

Zoo officials said it was



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Dennis Kelly, Director of the National Zoo, speaks during a news conference on Sept. 17, at the National Zoo in Washington the day after it was announced that the Mei Xiang gave birth to a cub.

too early to know if they would attempt to breed Mei Xiang again next year, but the breeding program at the zoo will continue. Mei Xiang had five consecutive pseudo-pregnancies before giving birth on Sept. 16. A pseudo-pregnancy occurs when a panda ovulates but does not conceive.

Mei Xiang had been artificially inseminated with sperm from her male partner, Tian Tian. The pair's only cub, Tai Shan, was born in 2005 and became the zoo's star attraction before he was returned to China in 2010.

Four U.S. zoos have pandas, but the bears at the National Zoo are treated like royalty. The zoo was given its first set of pandas in 1972 as a gift from China to commemorate President Richard Nixon's historic visit to the country.

The zoo's first panda couple, Ling Ling and Hsing Hsing, had five cubs during the 1980s, but none lived more than a few

days.

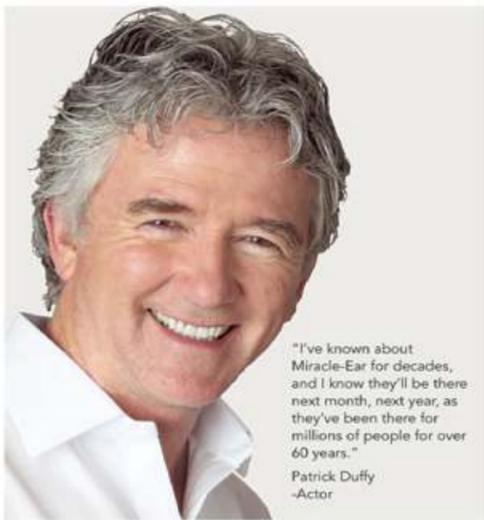
Because Mei Xiang's other cub survived and she appeared to be taking good care of the newborn, zoo officials were cautiously optimistic about the new cub. Kelly said he was not aware of anything that could have been done to improve its chances of survival.

Thousands of people watched Mei Xiang tend to her cub on the zoo's online "pandacam," which also allowed zookeepers to monitor the mother and newborn. On Monday, fans lamented the cub's death in messages posted on Twitter and other social media sites, using the same hashtag used after the panda's birth: "cub-watch." The video feed of Mei Xiang remained online Monday.

The staff was taking the loss especially hard because of the work they'd put in over the past 6 years to produce another cub, Kelly said.

"Every loss is hard," he said.

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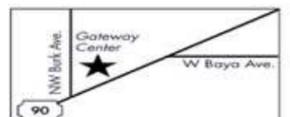
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Section B

GAMES

Today

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

■ Columbia High swimming at Ridgeview High with Baker County High, 4:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Keystone Heights High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

Wednesday

■ Fort White High bowling vs. Columbia High at Lake City Bowl, 4 p.m.

Thursday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Chiles High, Leon High at Quail Heights Country Club, 3 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Santa Fe High at The Country Club at Lake City, 4 p.m.

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

■ Columbia High volleyball at Atlantic Coast High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)

Friday

■ Columbia High cross country in flrunners.com Invitational at Titusville

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

■ Fort White High football vs. Union County High, 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

CHS WRESTLING

Fundraiser at Hannah's Grill

Columbia High's wrestling program has a fundraiser today at Hannah's Seafood and Grill on U.S. Highway 90 west. Hannah's will donate 10 percent of sales from 5:30-9 p.m. to the booster club.

For details, call Kevin Warner at (352) 281-0549.

CHS CHEERLEADING

Youth clinic planned at gym

Columbia High has a cheerleading clinic for all children pre-K through eighth grade from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the CHS gym. Cost of \$25 includes T-shirt, snack and drink. Clinic participants will perform at the CHS home football game on Oct. 5.

For details, call Debbie Godbold at 755-8080.

RUNNING

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K

Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness Association has a 5K run/walk set for 8 a.m. Oct. 6 at Olustee Park in downtown Lake City. Entry fee is \$25 (\$30 day of race, 6:30-7:30 a.m. registration).

Register online at www.onestoprace.com.

ZUMBA

Classes offered at Teen Town

The Lake City Recreation Department offers Zumba classes from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Teen Town. Cost is \$5 per class.

For details, call Heyward Christie at 754-3607.

■ From staff reports

Elite status once again

TALLAHASSEE

In the past few years, there's been much talk about whether Florida State is back to being one of the nation's top universities. On Saturday night, the Seminoles proved they were with a 49-37 win against Clemson.

In a matchup pitting two of the nation's top teams, the Seminoles finally proved that they are again elite. Florida State has had a few opportunities over the past couple of years to prove that they were back

FROM THE SIDELINE



Brandon Finley

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to contending for national championships, but the Seminoles have come up flat in those contests.

FSU continued on 2B



COURTESY PHOTO

Seminoles on the sidelines

Columbia High head coach Brian Allen (from left) meets with former FSU defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews and his former teammate Tarlos Thomas of Monticello on Bobby Bowden Field before the Seminoles game against Clemson on Saturday.

Barefoot for the world



COURTESY PHOTO

Chandler Cargile, a member of the U.S. Junior Barefoot Water Ski Team that competed in the World Championships in Waco, Texas, performs a back toe hold maneuver.

U.S. Junior Barefoot Water Ski Team member has local ties

By ED HOOPER

The Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Chandler Cargile may only be 15 years old, but he is one of the best barefoot water skiers in the world.

Cargile, a sophomore at Valwood School in Valdosta, Ga., began barefoot water skiing 2½ years ago. Since

then, he has picked up and mastered his craft in three events (tricks, slalom and jump) and has become one of the best in the world.

Recently, Cargile represented the United States in the World Championships in Waco, Texas.

Cargile competed against skiers from 15 other countries, including Australia,

New Zealand and Great Britain. He won an individual silver medal in jump.

Overall, the U.S. Junior Team brought home the silver medal.

Cargile also finished the championship fourth overall and he is now ranked fifth in the world in the Junior Boys level.

In August, Cargile com-

peted at Nationals in Waco, Texas, where he won a silver medal in both tricks and slalom.

It was about that time he received the news he had made the U.S. Junior Barefoot Water Ski Team and would represent the United States at the World Championships, which was at the same location of the

national competition.

The World Competition is held every two years and this year the U.S. was the host country.

The U.S. was represented by three teams at Worlds — the Junior, Elite and Senior teams.

In March 2012, Cargile

CARGILE continued on 2B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Tavaris Williams (2) blazes by a Wakulla High defender as he head for the end zone during Friday's game in Crawfordville.

Struggling Tigers to visit Fort White

Union County moves to 4-0, but drops to second in 1A poll.

By TIM KIRBY

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FORT WHITE — Fort White High brings in an opponent on Friday that, while undefeated, has been living on the edge.

Union County High (4-0, 1-0) beat Chiefland High, 12-6, in Lake Butler on Friday in the opening week of District 7 play. The Tigers, ranked No. 1 in Class 1A all year, won 8-7 at Keystone Heights High

in week three and fell to No. 2.

Against Chiefland, Union County got a touchdown run from Daquin Edwards and a touchdown pass from Chandler Mann to Dylan Clark. The Tigers gave up 136 yards rushing to Alphonso Timmons.

Fort White's District 3-3A opponent, Trinity Catholic High, fell to 1-3 with a 31-7 home loss to Class 8A East Lake High. East Lake picked off four passes in the first half to help build a 24-0 lead.

The Celtics play a road game against Forest High this week.

Williston High, which Fort

INDIANS continued on 2B

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8:30 p.m.
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BASEBALL

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Cleveland (Kluber 1-4) at Chicago
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N.Y. Yankees (PHughes 16-12) at
Minnesota (Vasquez 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Er Ramirez 1-2) at L.A. Angels
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Today's Games
Washington (Lannan 3-0) at
Philadelphia (Hamel 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Eovaldi 4-12) at Atlanta
(Medlen 9-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 9-8) at Cincinnati
(Leake 8-9), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 11-13) at
N.Y. Mets (McHugh 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 5-7) at Houston
(Harrell 10-10), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Rusin 1-2) at Colorado
(J.De La Rosa 0-1), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 1-2) at San
Diego (Volquez 10-11), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Skaggs 1-3) at San Francisco
(Lincecum 10-14), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 6:35 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Today's Games
Cleveland (Kluber 1-4) at Chicago
White Sox (Liriano 6-11), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Chen 11-12) at Detroit
(A.Sanchez 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Laffey 3-6) at Baltimore
(J.Saunders 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 18-5) at Boston
(Buchholz 11-6), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 13-10) at Texas
(Darvish 16-9), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (PHughes 16-12) at
Minnesota (Vasquez 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Er Ramirez 1-2) at L.A. Angels
(Greinke 5-2), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox,
8:10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 22, total points based on 25 for first place down to one point for 25th place, and previous ranking:

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pct, Pvs. Rows: 1. Alabama (59), 2. Oregon, 3. LSU (1), 4. Florida St., 5. Georgia, 6. South Carolina, 7. Kansas St., 8. Stanford, 9. West Virginia, 10. Notre Dame.

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pct, Pvs. Rows: 11. Florida, 12. Texas, 13. Southern Cal, 14. Ohio St., 15. TCU, 16. Oklahoma, 17. Clemson, 18. Oregon St., 19. Louisville, 20. Michigan St., 21. Mississippi St., 22. Nebraska, 23. Rutgers, 24. Boise St., 25. Baylor.

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 89, UCLA 79, Michigan 44, Ohio 40, Virginia Tech 26, Arizona 17, Iowa St. 16, Wisconsin 13, Oklahoma St. 12, Texas A&M 11, Cincinnati 10, Tennessee 10, Texas Tech 10, Arizona St. 8, Louisiana Tech 7, Purdue 5, Miami 1.

USA Today Top 25

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 22, total points and previous ranking:

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pvs. Rows: 1. Alabama (57), 2. Oregon, 3. LSU (1), 4. Florida St. (1), 5. Georgia, 6. South Carolina, 7. West Virginia, 8. Kansas St., 9. Stanford, 10. Texas, 11. Notre Dame, 12. Florida, 13. USC, 14. TCU, 15. Oklahoma, 16. Clemson, 17. Louisville, 18. Michigan St., 19. Mississippi St., 20. Nebraska, 21. Oregon St., 22. Oklahoma St., 23. Wisconsin, 24. Baylor, 25. Rutgers, 25. Virginia Tech.

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 96; Boise State 69; Michigan 57; Iowa State 45; Cincinnati 42; UCLA 33; Texas A&M 31; Louisiana Tech 28; Arizona State 22; Texas Tech 17; Arizona 16; Ohio 13; Minnesota 11; Tennessee 6; Western Kentucky 5; Louisiana-Monroe 4; Purdue 4; Miami 2; San Jose State 2; Washington 2.

NFL schedule

Table with columns: Team, Opponent, Time. Row: Thursday's Game Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

Lady Tiger golfers defeat Gainesville

From staff reports

Columbia High's girls golf team knocked off Gainesville High, 188-258, at Quail Heights Country Club on Monday.

Gillian Norris paced the Lady Tigers with a 41. Brooke Russell fired a 43. Ashley Mixon shot 49, while Allie Kranke shot 55.

and Abby Blizzard shot 65. Columbia (6-3) hosts district opponents Leon High, Lincoln High and Chiles High at 3 p.m. Thursday at Quail Heights.

Fisher: Heisman popularity contest for 'show dogs'

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said Monday that

the Heisman Trophy is a popularity contest for "show dogs." Fisher bristled briefly when asked about quarter-

back EJ Manuel's chances of winning the award. Fisher did say it would be "wonderful" if Manuel won it.

CARGILE: Sweeps Southern Regional

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was notified he was being considered for the U.S. Junior Barefoot Water Ski Team.

With the Team Selection Committee picking only six skiers for the Junior Team, Cargile began training even harder in hopes of making the team. He was already a sponsored athlete at World Barefoot Center in Winter Haven, where he trained with his coach.

Cargile spent the summer between Winter Haven and traveling to tournaments, before completely committing himself to making the U.S. team. Knowing the 10-member Team Selection Committee was reviewing the World Standing List and scores, he had to post good scores at tournaments.

That is exactly what he did. At the Southern Regional Tournament in July, Cargile placed first in Boys

3 Slalom, first in Boys 3 Tricks, first in Boys 3 Inverted Jump and placed first in Boys 3 Overall.

For those not familiar to barefoot water skiing, points are earned according to the difficulty and amount of the tricks done within the 15-second time limit.

In slalom, points are gained according to how many times you can cross the wake back and forth within the 15 seconds. Extra points are awarded for crossing with one foot or skiing backwards.

Cargile's favorite and stronger event is jump. He is one of the first Junior skiers to jump inverted.

The support and encouragement Chandler has received from his school and the community has been overwhelming. Valwood excused him from a class trip so he could

spend that week in Winter Haven with his coach and the teachers are working with him to make up the school he has missed.

"They even let my classmates watch the live stream of me skiing during my trick run," Cargile said. "That was pretty cool. Some of my friends were texting saying they saw me."

The next world competition will be in two years and Cargile will be eligible to compete for the Junior Team.

He plans to continue to work and master his craft so he can compete in the next world championship competition, which will be held in Australia.

Cargile's parents are Mark and Beth Cargile of Dasher, Ga. His grandparents are Bill Cargile formerly of Lake Park, Ga., and Nick and Mary Brown Whitehurst of Lake City.

INDIANS: 5 wins for second-half teams

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White plays on Oct. 12 following an open date for the Indians, was shut out at home by Newberry High, 26-0. Stephen Cochlin, back-up quarterback for the Red Devils, completed 6-of-14 passes for 44 yards. Damien Strange had four catches for 22 yards.

Williston (1-3) hosts Wildwood High this week and also will have an open date the week before Fort White visits.

Newberry (3-1) rushed for 326 yards and got touchdown runs from Tamarcus Faulkner, Travyaun Presley and Trace Stankunas. Quarterback Brandon Herbert connected with

Monte Seabrook for a 14-yard touchdown pass. The Panthers host West Port High this week.

Fort White brings in Fernandina Beach High on Oct. 19 for homecoming. The Pirates (1-3) lost at home to Cocoa Beach High, 31-21, and stay at home this week with a game against Hilliard High.

Rickards High, Fort White's Oct. 26 opponent, improved to 2-1 with a 46-26 home win against Florida High. Raiders quarterback Charlie Kelly was 14-of-22 for 219 yards and one touchdown, and Rickards gained 270 yards on the ground.

This week, Rickards

plays a road game against Lincoln High.

The Indians' Nov. 9 opponent, Santa Fe High, fell to 0-4 with a 35-0 loss at Crystal River High in a District 5-5A game. The Raiders host Buchholz High this week.

After a week off, Hamilton County High (0-3) brings in Dixie County High.

Taylor County High lost 42-7 at Madison County High. The Bulldogs (1-3) are off this week before hosting Walton High in a District 1-4A game.

After its 37-26 win over Fort White, Wakulla High (4-0) plays host to Jefferson County High.

Large grid of TV listings for Tuesday Evening, September 25, 2012. Columns include time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and various channels (3-ABC, 4-IND, 5-PBS, 7-CBS, 9-CW, 10-FOX, 12-NBC, etc.) with program titles and descriptions.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a single guy, 33 years old. I am 6 feet 9 inches tall, and defined as husky. I only need to enter a room and it gets quiet followed by a "funny" comment about my size. I smile and laugh to put people at ease. Then I'm forgotten, a gentle giant who is called on only when people want something.

I'm sorry to say women either want nothing to do with me, or something to do with my wallet. I don't enjoy spending my life alone looked at like a freak of nature. But morning comes and I carry on in pain while wearing a smile.

I keep hoping to find that special someone who would hold me and tell me it is going to be OK. It would be nice to smile because I'm happy instead of doing it to hide pain. Do you think it will happen someday? Maybe? - HURTS TO SMILE

DEAR HURTS: Yes, I do, and I'd like to suggest two things you can do to make it happen. The first is to contact a group called Tall Clubs International. It's a not-for-profit social organization for tall adults (men must be at least 6 feet 2 inches and women at least 5 feet 10 inches) that was founded in the late 1930s. It provides members with social activities and travel to cities around the U.S.

and Canada for gatherings. The toll-free phone number is 888-468-2552 and the website is www.tall.org. Through this group you can meet people with whom you see eye to eye.

I would also suggest that you talk about your self-esteem issues and sadness with a licensed mental health professional. You are not a "freak" - you're a big guy with a big heart and the same need to feel accepted and wanted as everyone else.

DEAR ABBY: After 29 years of marriage, I am leaving. I took off my wedding ring about three weeks ago, and the indentation it left is like a permanent scar - a painful reminder of a failed marriage. Do you have any suggestions to lessen the mark left on my finger? I have considered buying myself a large precious gemstone in celebration of my freedom, but I would like to know if there are any alternatives. I'm not opposed to plastic surgery if it is necessary.

- MARKED FOR LIFE IN MASSACHUSETTS
DEAR MARRIED: If you buy yourself a large ring for the third finger of your left hand, people may think you are engaged or still married. My advice is to consult a dermatologist about the mark left by your wedding ring.

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged woman in a five-year relationship with another woman. My girlfriend lives in another city and shares her home with her 30-year-old son.

During a conversation recently, she mentioned that her son massages her feet at night. I often massage her feet, and I know that foot rubs are sensual and somewhat intimate. I feel it is inappropriate for her adult son to be doing this. What do you think? - BEFUDDLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BEFUDDLED: I think it depends upon who is doing the rubbing and the circumstances. When someone gets a foot rub from a lover or a spouse, it can be a form of foreplay. When it's done during a pedicure, it's not. I seriously doubt the woman gets turned on when her son massages her tootsies, so forget about it!

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your work will be rewarding. Getting along with your colleagues and meeting new people will help you develop new prospects. Don't feel you have to spend to impress. Let your ideas buy you entry into conversations and future projects. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Ask, if you are uncertain about what's expected of you. Don't let an emotional situation interfere with what you are supposed to be working toward. Use your past experience and colleagues to help you do a stellar job now. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let anyone mislead you. Follow your instincts and grab hold of an opportunity that will help you advance socially, personally or professionally. Love is on the rise, and enjoying the company of someone you share interests with will pay off. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Wager the pros and cons of any situation before you decide to take part. Physical activity will be gratifying; however, mental pursuits are likely to challenge and defeat you. Know your boundaries and stick to what you know best. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get annoyed with what others do or say. Take action and make a difference. You will gain respect and admiration for your courage and no-nonsense approach to dealing with adversity. Use brain over brawn and celebrate your victory. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your life simple. Too much of anything will work against you. Focus on using your skills to the fullest in order to do as much of the work required on your own. A problem will develop if you get involved in a joint venture. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a moment to make home improvements. The time spent researching your plans will pay off in terms of cost and efficiency. Change can be good as long as it is structured properly. Romance will develop if you send the right signal. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let emotions stand in your way. Make changes at home that will help you explore new creative venues. You can save money if you use what you already have instead

of buying something new. Use common sense and you will excel. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to your game plan and you will show stamina, strength and consistency. Good luck is in your corner with regard to work and domestic deals. Travel and romance will go hand in hand. A little romance will bring you high returns. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Misinterpretation or a lack of understanding regarding information necessary to do what's requested will hurt your reputation. Ask questions, but do so diplomatically in order to avoid a negative response. Delays while traveling can be expected. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Show your appreciation to those you deal with contractually, financially, legally or medically and you will receive extra attention. Greater opportunities and friendships will develop if you are social and sincere. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your life and your relationships simple and honest. Take better care of your health and wellness. Mishaps can turn out to be costly. Follow your intuition; it won't lead you astray. ★★

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: "He was a true musical genius, but above all that, he was a beautiful human being." — Barbra Streisand, on Marvin Hamlisch

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