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HOME INVASION FATALITY

Suspect shot 3 in '09

Was killed three weeks after his release from prison for American Legion shootings.



Collins

the American Legion in Lake City, department of corrections records show. Johnnie Lee Collins of Lake City, 22, was killed and Travis Rashawn Brown, 26, also of Lake City, was wounded during Thursday's incident, sheriff's reports show.

Authorities say one of the men likely

SUSPECT continued on 6A



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

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A man shot to death while committing an apparent home invasion Thursday night had just been released from prison for wounding three during a 2009 incident at

RIGHT: An FDLE agent Friday after processing the scene of a fatal home invasion on Washington Street. Two suspects were shot by the home's occupant, one fatally.

Holding out hope



LAURA HAMPSON/Lake City Reporter

Karen Kelly (from left) and her granddaughter Samantha Ray, 4, look on as Dalton McNair enters a raffle during the Bring Kamrie Home Benefit Saturday afternoon in Lake City. "We miss her," Kelly said. Kamrie Mitchell's sister-in-law, Secilie Owens (right) worked to sell raffle tickets, buttons and shirts.

Family of missing Suwannee woman holds benefit here

Four-year-old daughter has been shielded from their fears, concerns.

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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held Saturday afternoon across U.S. 90 from the Lake City Mall. Surrounded by joyful music, bounce houses and face painting, Kamrie's mother, Stefani Mitchell, said she was trying hard to be positive and hold back tears.

"They have shown a lot of support. This is a great community," Mitchell said. "We've had some good support out here," she said.

Businesses donated items and gift cards for raffle drawings. The family was also selling lunch and shirts printed with Kamrie Mitchell's picture and description. Depending on how much money the fam-



Kamrie Mitchell

ily raises, they may offer a reward, her mother said.

Kamrie Mitchell was reported missing Sept. 2. Her vehicle was recovered days later in Suwannee County, near the county line. She was last seen by family in the Branford and Lake City area Sept. 25.

That same day, Andrelo Larashard Witcher, 33, of O'Brien, went to the home

KAMRIE continued on 7A

Sitel adds 300 jobs

100 permanent, 200 seasonal positions open.

From staff reports

Lake City call center Sitel is hiring more than 300 people both full-time and part-time for temporary and permanent jobs.

Sitel will host a job fair Tuesday at the Lake City Holiday Inn, 213 SW Commerce Drive, from 3 to 7 p.m.

"One of our clients has asked us to expand because we are doing so well," said Peggy Robison, Sitel recruiting specialist. The positions range in pay from \$7.75 to \$9 per hour, she said.

Of the positions, 200 will be seasonal and 100 permanent, Robison said. However, seasonal employees who want to become permanent do so about 80 percent of the time, she said.

Driver sought in fatal hit-run

From staff reports

LIVE OAK-Police are searching for a hit-and-run suspect who killed a Wellborn man Thursday night.

Steve Wayne Mathis, 52, was killed when a mid-sized, four-door, white passenger car struck him outside his driveway on County Road 137, just north of 200th Street in Suwannee County, according to a Florida Highway Patrol press release.

The vehicle's make and model are unknown, the release said.

At about 9:30 p.m. Mathis was walking southwest into the northbound

DRIVER continued on 6A



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AROUND FLORIDA

Biden doesn't recognize Romney's America

FORT MYERS
President Barack Obama had been on the job less than a week when a top economic adviser told him and Vice President Joe Biden that the country faced a trillion dollar deficit, Biden told a roomful of Florida supporters Saturday.

Obama replied, "But I haven't done anything yet," Biden recalled.

The mammoth deficit landed in Obama's lap, Biden said, because former President George W. Bush "put two wars on a credit card," and gave tax cuts to the wealthy.

Not long after getting the grim news about the deficit in 2009, the Obama White House said the country faced a long and painful financial recovery, even with major government intervention to stimulate the economy and save financial institutions.

The economy has been on voters' minds across the country, but especially in Fort Myers, located in a county that's suffered among the most foreclosures per capita in the country.

In his talk Saturday to more than 2,000 people at a community center in Fort Myers, Biden said the GOP "is all in the service for tax cuts for the super wealthy." He highlighted the perceived class differences between the Obama

administration and the campaign of Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

He said \$500 billion of the extension of the Bush tax cuts goes to 120,000 families.

Biden also continued to hammer Romney on a leaked video in which Romney described 47 percent of Americans as people who pay no federal income tax and "believe that they are victims."

Biden said that Romney's running mate, Congressman Paul Ryan, also talked about similar themes in "Young Guns," the book he co-authored.

"When they talk about the culture of dependency, I don't recognize the country they're talking about," said Biden. "The American people are so much better, so much stronger, take so much more responsibility than these guys give them credit for."

Biden spoke for about 40 minutes in Fort Myers, located on Florida's Gulf coast. It was the second day of a two-day Florida campaign swing that started in two large retirement communities along the state's east coast.

All of the scheduled campaign events drew many retirees, near-retirees and white, working-class voters. The campaign looked to shore up support amongst those groups by talking about Medicare.



Vice President Joe Biden greets the crowd at the Wa-Ke Hatchee Park Recreation Center in Fort Myers, Saturday. Biden has been making his pitch to re-elect President Barack Obama in Florida.

Missing airman finally buried

MARIANNA — A Florida U.S. Army pilot whose body had been missing for decades has finally been buried.

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Samuel E. Lunday's remains lay inside his aircraft on a Himalayan mountain for decades. An American hiker stumbled across the wreckage of Lunday's C-87 and his remains were repaired in 2003.

Lunday was buried

Friday in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the hiker recovered the aircraft's identification plate, military equipment and human remains.

The department said Lunday and four other U.S. servicemen were flying over the Himalayan mountains in 1943.

The crew lost radio communications after takeout.

Officials searched the area, but were thwarted by heavy snow.

Man guilty in gang rape, murder

MIAMI — A man faces a possible death sentence for his part in the abduction of a young couple on South Beach, killing the girlfriend and leaving the boyfriend to die.

A Miami-Dade County jury took just over an hour Friday to find 33-year-old Joel Lebron guilty of first-degree murder, rape and kidnapping.

Authorities say then 17-year-old Nelson Portobanco and 18-year-old Ana Maria Angel were

walking back to their car after a date in April 2002 when they were forced into the pickup by Lebron and four other men.

Authorities say Lebron stabbed Portobanco and left him for dead along Interstate 95, but the teen survived.

Angel was repeatedly raped and taken to a retaining wall beside I-95 in Palm Beach County, where Lebron killed her with a single gunshot to the back of her head.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Schwarzenegger: Shriver changed tune

LOS ANGELES

Arnold Schwarzenegger says his wife, Maria Shriver, was told to "snap out of it" by her mother for her attempts to persuade him against running for California governor in 2003, a conversation that ultimately opened the door to his successful candidacy.

Eunice Shriver told her daughter that her husband would be "angry for the rest of his life" if she stopped his ambitions, Schwarzenegger writes in his new autobiography, "Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story."

The former governor says in the book that he had decided against running to recall Gov. Gray Davis after his wife implored him not to for the sake of their family. Maria Shriver announced his decision to their four children.

But he writes that when Maria Shriver told her mother about her efforts to thwart Schwarzenegger's political ambitions, Eunice told her daughter that women in their family "always support the men when they want to do something." Schwarzenegger says he didn't know about the conversation at the time, but learned of it later.

Maria Shriver then softened her stance, paving the way for Schwarzenegger to announce his candidacy on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," where he says he felt most comfortable.

The announcement came after a week of wavering. Schwarzenegger says before he headed to the TV appearance, his wife handed him two pieces of paper with talking points she had written: one in case he decided to run, another in case he decided not to.

He writes that Shriver went on to become a key ally and adviser to his campaign and eventual governorship.

Schwarzenegger has often said that Maria's mother and her father, Sargent Shriver, were essential to his eventual decision to seek public office, and the most "extraordinary human beings I've ever met." But he also writes in the book that he often teased his wife that the close-knit



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In this Jan. 13, 2009 file photo, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger brings the sword he used in the movie "Conan The Barbarian," to the conference table before the start of budget negotiations with legislative leaders at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif. Schwarzenegger, who came to office during California's historic 2003 recall election, will soon be releasing his autobiography, "Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story."

Democratic Kennedy clan was "like a bunch of clones" because there was such conformity among them.

A spokesman for Shriver, Matthew DiGirolamo, declined to comment on the contents of the book.

"Total Recall" will officially be published next week. The Associated Press purchased an early copy.

Schwarzenegger also writes he had a "hot affair" with actress Brigitte Nielsen at a time he and Maria Shriver were dating and already living together.

Schwarzenegger and Nielsen co-starred in the 1985 film "Red Sonja."

In "Total Recall," Schwarzenegger writes that he knew the fling with Nielsen wouldn't last and in fact it only made him realize that he wanted to marry Shriver.

The book is part of an effort by the onetime "Mr. Universe" and Hollywood action star to rebrand himself after leaving office with a mixed record and subsequent embarrassing revelations about a fling he had with the family's housekeeper. Schwarzenegger, who fathered a son with the housekeeper, says he also let the boy down.

Nyer pleads guilty to stalking actress

NEW YORK — A New York City woman has pleaded guilty to stalking "The Dark Knight Rises" actress Marion Cotillard (koh-tee-YAR').

Teresa Yuan pleaded guilty Friday in Brooklyn federal court. Prosecutors say she sent 504 emails and 120 webcam videos of herself to a Cotillard fan website over four days in 2011.

In some of the videos shown in court, Yuan appears to be topless, hisses like a cat and discusses playing Russian roulette. Her lawyer says he agrees the videos could seem threatening.

The 32-year-old Queens resident told a judge that she's undergoing psychiatric treatment for bipolar disorder.

The charge carries a sentence of up to 16 months in prison, but her lawyer says prosecutors have indicated they wouldn't object to probation and psychological treatment.

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Celebrity Birthdays

- Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel is 84.
- Singer Cissy Houston is 79.
- Singer Johnny Mathis is 77.
- Actor Len Cariou is 73.
- Actor John Finn is 60.
- Rock musician John Lombardo is 60.
- Actress Fran Drescher is 55.
- Country singer Marty Stuart is 54.
- Actress Debrah Farentino is 53.

Daily Scripture

"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."

— John 3:20-21

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Fires hit 2 homes within 2 hours

By **TONY BRITT**
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A Columbia County firefighter was injured Friday morning battling a house fire on Denver Street as local fire departments battled two early morning blazes within city limits.

The department has not released the firefighter's name, but officials with the department noted the firefighter was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for a possible ankle injury and he was recently released from the hospital.

The first fire occurred around 3:41 a.m. Friday at 678 SE St. Johns St., when the upstairs area of a wooden, two-story structure caught fire. No one was injured in the fire and the cause of the blaze has not been determined.

"When the fire units arrived they had

a working room and contents fire on the second floor," said Frank Armijo, Lake City Fire Department assistant chief. "Firefighters went into the interior of the home and did a search and rescue operation, extinguishing the fire as they did the search and rescue."

The home was occupied and two adults were displaced as a result of the blaze, which caused approximately \$35,000 worth of damage.

"The home is inhabitable, the electricity has been turned off, but it is not beyond repair," Armijo said.

The Lake City Fire Department responded to the scene with a ladder truck and an engine, six firefighters and two command staff, while the Columbia County Fire Department responded to the scene with two engines, a command staff unit and a total of five personnel.

As firefighters were extinguishing the fire, around 4:58 a.m. another fire was reported at 672 NE Denver St. The last unit didn't leave the St. John's street fire until 6:25 a.m.

Units from the Columbia County Fire Department and the Lake City Fire Department responded to the second blaze.

"It was a working structure fire when we arrived," Armijo said. "The flames were coming out the front end of the house."

A county firefighter who was fighting the blaze suffered an ankle injury and was taken to a local hospital.

The home was a single story, wood-framed structure, and was unoccupied.

The Lake City Fire Department responded to the scene with a ladder truck, four firefighters and two command staff personnel. The Columbia County

Fire Department responded to the scene with two engines, a command unit and a total of six personnel.

The cause of the fire has not been determined and detective Jerry Baker of the State Fire Marshal's office was called to the scene because a firefighter was injured while working on the blaze.

Armijo said the cause of the fire has not been determined and the fire report is incomplete because the fire under investigation by the fire marshal's office.

"A state fire marshal was called to the scene due to the injury of a firefighter and also to investigate what caused the fire," he said.

Armijo described the home as inhabitable after the blaze.

"It was a total loss" he said.

The last unit left the scene at 7:49 a.m.

Farm Bureau annual dinner meeting draws 300

From staff reports

The Columbia County Farm Bureau held its 2012 annual dinner meeting Thursday evening at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Building.

This dinner meeting is held annually to show appreciation to the Columbia County Farm Bureau Members. This year's dinner of pulled pork with green beans and red potatoes, grilled chicken, macaroni and cheese, and other side dishes was prepared by members of the Board of Directors of our local County Farm Bureau, Steve Allison, Lamar Moseley, Mike and Sandy Tice, with help from their families and friends. About 300 Columbia County

Farm Bureau members enjoyed the meal and desserts brought in by them.

A short business meeting was included. A new Director, Steven Dicks, was elected to the Board. A short PowerPoint presentation showed pictures of the many programs and activities that took place during the past year.

Mr. Kevin Morgan, assistant to the President of Florida Farm Bureau Federation, thanked Mr. Charlie Crawford, President of Columbia County Farm Bureau, for his leadership and for what the County Farm Bureau does at the County and State level to uphold public policies that support agriculture in our state.



RIGHT: Columbia County Farm Bureau's FFA Leadership Academy members serve dinner to county Farm Bureau members. Among the roughly 300 members attending was state Rep. Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City), third from right.

COURTESY

Massages, more at 2nd VA health fair

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Lake City VA Medical Center employees and local veterans were given good healthcare tips and advice during the second annual Veteran and Employee Health Fair Thursday.

The event was held at the Lake City VA Medical Center Auditorium, lasted four hours and featured flu shots, massage therapy, free health screenings and immunizations, and blood pressure checks.

In addition attendees were also given information on how to become physically active, how to become tobacco free, ways to manage stress and they learned about suicide prevention, gun safety and post traumatic stress disorder management.

Veterans and employees were also told about online services where they could schedule medical tests and later review the test results.

"We started having the event annually last year to promote all the health and wellness promotions we have here at the VA and to get the community involved because our veterans also use community resources," said Kelli Crews, health promotion and disease prevention program manager at the VA Medical Center.

Crews said more than 500 people attended the inaugural event last year and she was hoping to attract at least that number for Thursday's event.

"Nationally the VA is promoting patient centeredness at all the VA medical centers where the patient is at the center of all its health care and that's one of the reason we do this health fair — so the patients can become aware of everything that is available to them so they can make informed decisions by themselves on their health," Crews said.



Jodi Johns, a local chiropractor, gives Mary Sparks a massage during the VA Medical Center's health fair.

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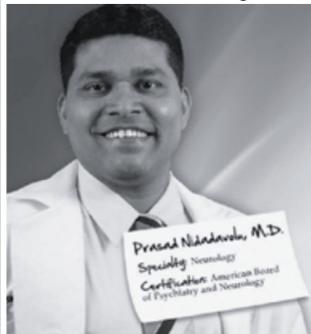
Dinner will be served.

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Fort White FFA open house Tues.

The Fort White FFA Chapters and Alumni invite all parents, former members and friends of the FFA to the Annual Fort White Agriscience/FFA Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Fort White Middle School cafeteria. This will be an informative meeting about the FFA and our Alumni and supporters group as we begin the new year. There will be a cookout dinner served and our 1st Annual Cake Auction to raise funds to help the FFA throughout the year.

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OUR
OPINION

Don't forget about Debby

For most of us, Tropical Storm Debby is no more than a bad memory by now.

The floodwaters have mostly receded, the roads are generally passable and cooler weather will help keep the mosquitoes at bay.

For plenty of folks, though, that memory is a living nightmare.

Their homes badly damaged or destroyed, Debby remains a powerful force in their lives.

We've always been good at taking care of our own, and this latest disaster is no exception. Folks here have been generous beyond compare in helping their neighbors in their time of need.

The Suwannee River Flood Jam alone raised \$60,000 for flood relief.

That's a great start, but there remain many unmet needs.

We encourage you to keep your hearts open, until Debby recedes into the distance for everyone.

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 2012. There are 92 days left in the

On this date:

In 1777, the Congress of the United States — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1905, British director Michael Powell ("The Red Shoes") was born in Bekesbourne, Kent, England.

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Remembering the 'rolling store'

If you remember the rolling stores of long ago, chances are you were raised in or spent a lot of time in the country.

You also remember what a happy time it was when the rolling store rolled up near your house and tooted the horn to announce its arrival.

The rolling store was a store on wheels, usually an old truck or school bus that had been enclosed so the back end could hold all the products they had to sell. Shelves were added to display the wares. The rolling store was like a mini-general store.

All this was in a day when neighbors lived far apart and the distance to the nearest town was even farther. It was especially important to those people, like sharecroppers, who did not have a car or a truck.

The rolling store was their lifeline to certain basic products you could only buy in a town: flour, salt, baking powder, overalls, thread for the sewing machine, finished clothing, cloth, kerosene, etc.

With money so scarce, barter was commonplace. Farmers would sometimes swap eggs, vegetables, pecans, or whatever they had for merchandise.

Rolling stores often had regular delivery schedules so the country people would know when to expect them. Children were often the happiest to see the rolling store because they knew they would get a small piece of hard candy, for them a real luxury.

Rarely a rolling store might have an iced soft drink box to store Royal Crown Cola or Coca Cola and other soft drinks. Mmmm, good!

The rolling stores were usually 'mom and pop' operations. The



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couple would buy their products in town, and then mark them up to cover the cost of doing business. It was a basic business model, serving the needs of its customers, and making a profit.

One rolling store driver said their little stores were among the first form of rural home delivery in America, right up there with Sears Roebuck.

OLD SCHOOL PUNISHMENT

At the recent Columbia Bank Heritage Club luncheon, several at our table discussed corporal punishment of students in the schools of long ago.

They all said that if they got a whipping at school, they also got one at home—and the one at home was usually harder. Most parents simply did not put up with misconduct at school.

Our School Board also took student misconduct seriously. Back then, student conduct was referred to as department. Repeated bad department could have dire consequences: it might keep you from graduating.

The wording on 1920's Columbia High School diplomas confirms that: "(Student name), having completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education, and by Intellectual Attainments and CORRECT

DEPARTMENT (capitals mine) is hereby declared a graduate of Columbia High School and is entitled to this diploma.

Our School Board obviously wanted our graduates to be both academically competent and good citizens.

PEDDLER'S PERMITS

In May of 1959, Lake City celebrated its centennial (1859-1959) and various novelty badges showed up for sale around town.

One said "Peddler's Permit. This is to certify that (insert name) is hereby permitted to sell, trade, purvey, tell lies, 'shoot the bull', etc. to any and all retail stores and emporia in Lake City during the Centennial Year." Cost of this permit? \$1.00.

FACA HALL OF FAME

Lake City is well represented in the Florida Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame with six members: Hobe Hooser, Gene Cox, Crockett Farnell, Paul Quinn, Fred Rozelle, and Faris Brannon. Hobe Hooser and Gene Cox were past presidents, in 1939 and 1972 respectively.

WORSHIP CENTER?

Some Texans have joked that Texas high school football is a religion. Recently Allen, Texas built a \$60 million high school football stadium which prompted some of those same jokesters to refer to the luxurious stadium as a "worship center".

This caused comedy writer Argus Hamilton to write, "Half the time the stadium will have football games, and the other half will have non-religious events."

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOP squandered Clinton surplus

To the Editor:

The letter to Editor: Romney Not The Right Choice...had an error in it! The Republican Administration did NOT rob social security to pay for two wars....They did NOT pay for them! The GOP first went through a projected Clinton 4.6 trillion surplus by giving the 1% their welfare thru tax cuts. Then put Medicare D, TARP, the Wall Street Banker Thief Bailout, and two wars on the national debt! And its policies have added 5 trillion more debt on the present administrations debt.

I quote, "The test of our

progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much: it is whether we provide enough for those who have little" — FDR,1936.

Sir, our Social Security and Medicare are very solvent at present thanks to our President. They are not entitlements...We The People Invested and paid after tax income into them our whole working lives ... America has been Fleeced enough. I would love to see some Real Americans in our Congress.

I'm tired of these ... CORPORATE TOOLS that are there now. AND DON'T REPRESENT US!

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To the Editor:

After working as a volunteer at the Christian Service Center of Columbia County, Inc. for over 25 years I am still amazed at the work of God through the people in this community. Recently the Columbia Bank

sponsored a food drive for the benefit of the CSC. The response of the citizens of our area was outstanding! The supply of food donated will help meet the need of many families to have a meal on the table.

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outpouring of love and desire to help from those who care about the less fortunate. We cover the prayers and support of everyone who is blessed with enough to share.

Elsie Holliday
Lake City

ANOTHER
VIEW

European debt crisis: Spanish edition

Spain took center stage this week in the seemingly unending drama that is the European debt crisis. The streets were rocked with violent protests, and many in the wealthy region of Catalonia are looking to unhitch themselves from Madrid's control. The increasingly unpopular Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy announced the latest federal budget would be heavier on spending cuts than on tax increases in an effort to fend off asking for a bailout from the European Union. Markets remained skeptical, with the yield for Spanish 10-year bonds headed into the danger zone of 7 percent yields.

Banks aren't going to continue lending money to the Spanish government unless they believe real reform is on the agenda. Incurring more debt, whether from the open markets or the European Central Bank, will not put Spain back on a path toward prosperity. The country urgently needs pro-growth policies, as unemployment has risen by 3 percentage points this year, leaving a full one-quarter of the working population unemployed.

Those are crisis-level numbers requiring more than just tinkering around the edges to resolve. Unfortunately, despite some favorable elements, Mr. Rajoy's latest budget is afflicted by all-too-common political myopia. Core spending, excluding interest payments and social security, is indeed expected to fall by just over 7 percent, or \$16.7 billion. The bad news is that overall federal government outlays will still increase by 5.6 percent due to the growing cost of servicing the national debt. Another piece of bad news is that a significant part of the deficit reduction will be financed by implementing a 15 percent increase in the value-added tax — a consumption tax, which is intrinsically regressive. The country's 17 autonomous regions will also have to come through with another \$6.5 billion in spending cuts.

Despite this, Mr. Rajoy is resisting appeals for him to seek a bailout. The European Central Bank will likely step in and start buying Spanish bonds under its new expansion of authority. A bond-buying program will bring down bond yields and reduce the cost of debt servicing. That might be enough to avoid the need for an all-out bailout, something that would be exceedingly expensive considering Spain is the EU's fourth-largest economy.

At the same time, Madrid is facing Catalonia's calls for secession. The Spanish constitutional court recently struck down enhancements in home rule, on petition from Mr. Rajoy's administration. The Catalan regional government responded by setting a snap election in November, an election that could easily turn into a referendum on secession.

Whether Spain splits into multiple regions or stays united, simply fiddling with fiscal numbers while continuing to borrow will not resolve the underlying reasons for Spain's stagnation. Like every country in Europe — and the United States as well — Spain needs to turn off the spending spigot. It also needs to scale back job-killing regulations and cut its intrusive government. Until it addresses these fundamental problems, Spain will remain in perpetual crisis.

■ Washington Times

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Laura Hampson at 754-0427 or by e-mail at lhampson@lakecityreporter.com.

Oct. 1

Free computer classes

The Greater Lake City Community Development Corp. will host a five week, 20 hour free basic computer classes to enhance the lifestyle of our residents in Lake City. Regular attendance will be required. Registration begins Monday, Oct. 1. Please contact Ann at 752-9785 for stop by at 363 NW Bascom Norris Drive. Classes will be Monday and Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 2

FFA open house

The Fort White FFA Chapters and Alumni invite all parents, former members and friends of the FFA to the Annual Fort White Agriscience/FFA Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Fort White Middle School cafeteria. This will be an informative meeting about the FFA and our Alumni and supporters group as we begin the new year. There will be a cookout style dinner

served and our 1st Annual Cake Auction to raise funds to help the FFA throughout the year. Looking forward to seeing members new and old there!

Oct. 3

Olustee meeting

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.

Newcomers luncheon

The October Friendship Luncheon of the Lake City Newcomers and Friends will be held at Applebees located at 2893 W US 90, Oct. 3 at 11:30 a.m. For more information call: Rose Taylor at 755-2175 or Barbara Test 754-7227.

Builders' meeting

The Columbia County Builders' Assn. is excited to have speakers from Florida Home Builders Association in Tallahassee

speak at our Oct. 3 General Council lunch at Guang Dong. Sponsors will be Columbia Bank and PCS Phosphate. Join us to hear what is happening in Florida regarding the building industry. Enjoy the buffet about 11:30 a. m. Meeting will start at noon. Come early to socialize and do some networking. Members \$12 and non-members \$15. Reservations are appreciated. Call: 386-867-1998 to reserve your place now. Or, send an e-mail to: colcounbuild@comast.net.

Oct. 4

Grief support

Coping with the Loss of your Spouse will be offered to the public on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd (Lake City Plaza). The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, will offer an overview of Grief and suggest ways of coping with a recent loss of a spouse. There is no cost. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext.

2411 or 866-642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc.

Oct. 5

Dracula in theater

High Springs Community Theater will present a new comedy thriller by Leroy Clark, adapted from Bram Stoker's book Dracula. Opening Oct. 5 and running weekends for all of October, "Dracula" ends October 28. In this adaptation, Dr. Van Helsing is a medical specialist with Tourette's Syndrome, Renfield is a woman, Dr. Seward's Aunt Quincy is tipsy at times, and there's even a French maid. This actress is from Lake City. Continuing our new tradition of an opening night free reception, the Friday Oct. 5 performance will have doors opening at 7:15 p.m. so patrons can enjoy the reception before the 8 p.m. showtime. Adult tickets are \$11, children 12 and under, \$8, and seniors on Sunday matinees are the

special rate of \$9. Tickets may be purchased at The Framery in downtown Lake City, 341 S. Marion Avenue, 386-754-2780. Online tickets are available at highspringscommunitytheater.com. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., and Sundays, 2 p.m.

Oct. 6

Grief support camp

The Hospice of the Nature Coast Wings Grief Support Team will present Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter on Saturday, Oct. 6. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. with camp ending at 4 p.m. at Alligator Lake Park, on Southeast Country Club Road in Lake City. The grief support camps give kids and family members an opportunity to gather together in an honest, safe environment with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. It is a day of hope and healing with all the fun of a Fall camp. There will be age-appropriate group sessions led by hospice grief specialists. Camp Good

Hope and Teen Encounter is open to children ages 6 to 18 years old. For more information call Vicki Myers at 386-755-7714 (ext. 2411) or 866-642-0962.

Singles reunion

Lake City Christian Singles will have a reunion Saturday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, 4869 US Highway 441, in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited, with a special invitation to those who found their soul-mates through Lake City Christian Singles. Come share your stories, giving hope to others. Bring finger sandwiches and deserts. For information call Wanda Opry at 386-963-3853.

Register to vote

Lake City Get Out and Vote will help residents register to vote with fun, free food and souvenirs at the Fort White Community Center Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. To volunteer or for information call 755-3110.

OBITUARIES

Dewitt F. Creel

D.F. made his transition from this life to eternity on Thursday, September 27, 2012, at the Suwannee Valley Care Center (Haven Hospice). D.F. was the son of the late James W. and Lela (Smith) Creel. D.F. attended Columbia County Schools and graduated with the Columbia High School Class of 1952. D.F. was a brick mason in Jacksonville and Lake City until his retirement in 2004. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Loman, Dempsey, Leamon and Preacle Creel; sisters, Lorene and Mattie Creel. Left to cherish his loving memories are his sons, Tony and Andy Creel of White Springs, FL; daughters, Linda (Kevin) White of Jacksonville, FL, Patricia (Harvey) Graff of MS, and Cindy Lynn Creel of White Springs, FL; grandchildren, Bryan White and Melissa Pennington of Jacksonville, FL, Tomi-Jo Guillotte of MS, Kaleb Lang of White Springs, FL, Jason O'Berry and Clayton Graff of MS.; great grandchildren, Kyle White, Valerie and Alex Pennington of Jacksonville, FL, Emily Reedes, Jonas O'Berry and Grayson Graff of MS; brothers, John (Janet) Creel and Stanley Creel of Lake City, FL; sisters, Ruby Markham of Lake City, FL and Joyce (Bryant) Register of Ocala, FL; special friends, Howard and Cindy Spradley of White Springs, FL and hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012 in the Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Pastor Lowell Van Vleck and Pastor Tommie Reed officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in his honor to: Gideons International, P.O. Box

1805 Lake City, Florida 32056 **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 S. US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL (386-752-1954) is in charge of arrangements. Please send words of comfort to the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

Heidi Renee Ferguson

Heidi Renee Ferguson was born on October 27, 2011, in Tallahassee. She passed away August 27, 2012 during surgery to have a brain tumor removed. This condition had gone undetected due to Heidi's immense strength and easy-going, beautiful personality. It seemed that she did not want to let on how sick she was. She was friendly, inquisitive and cheerful. She loved playing with her brother, musical instruments and singing, books, laughing, hugs and kisses, being outside, taking walks, sucking her thumb, and anything that she could manage to chew on. In ten short months, she brightened our lives



more than we would have ever thought possible. She gave us a lifetime of love and happiness in the brief time that we were given. Her beautiful smile made everyone around her feel joyful. Her bright blue eyes could make anyone feel like they were seeing the world for the first time. She was so very loved and cherished. She will be desperately missed by her family. Heidi is survived by her very loving parents Lawrence and Leslie Ferguson and her adoring and caring, 3 year old brother Sean. She is also survived by her paternal grandparents Larry Ferguson and Jewell Bryant Ferguson and her maternal grandparents Kevin and Judy Songer, as well as her great grandparents Cecil and Bette Sowell, Bettie Ferguson and Helen Griffin, loving aunts and uncles Merris Pappas, Carolyn Brady, Ida Mae Norris, Gene and Doris Knight, Mark and Joann Bryant, Pam Griffin, Pat and Tracy Griffin, Phil and Janet Hehlin, John and Patty Sowell, Chuck and Vicki Sowell, Sessa Diette, Brian and Kyndra Freeman, John and Melissa Cummings, LeErin Ferguson, Laura Griffin, Adam Griffin and Marissa Ryals, Jincy Songer, Ruairi

Songer and Denise Dennis, sweet cousins Dylan and Dharma Hadders, Fernando Rogue and Cali Cummings, as well as many other wonderful and loving extended family members and family friends. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather Randy Griffin and by her great grandparents Helen Sowell, Roy Griffin, Lawrence Ferguson, Jr., and Burton and Mable Bryant. A service to celebrate her life and the joy that she created in her presence will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to help the family with medical bills and expenses by visiting <http://helpthefergusonfamily.bbnw.org/>. **BEVIS FUNERAL HOME**, (850)385-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is handling the arrangements.

William Howard Hogan

William Howard "Bill" Hogan(s),

age 68, of Lake City, FL, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at Lake City Veterans Administration Hospital in Lake City, FL, following an extended illness. Bill was born November 19, 1943 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogan. At 17 he joined the United States Navy where he trained to be a firefighter. It was this experience that landed him a job with NASA on the Egress Team for the Apollo Missions. When he left NASA, he began a new career in law enforcement working for the Seminole and Lake County Sheriff's Offices. Mr. Hogan was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Decker (Michael), Deltona, FL, and Dee Dee Christian (Timothy), Sorrento, FL.; two brothers, James and G.W. Hogan; four grandchildren and two great

grandchildren. Also surviving are his foster parents, Ivey and Mary Harris of White Springs, FL. Per his request, Mr. Bill will be cremated and his remains interred at Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, FL. **HARRY T. REID FUNERAL HOME**, Jasper, FL, was in charge of local arrangements.

Paul Albert Schmid

A Memorial Service will be held at the Lulu Advent Christian Church on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 6 P.M. burial will be private at the VA Cemetery in Bushnell, FL on Thursday, October 11, 2012

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Acts 5:3-4. Now, reader, I invite you to call upon **Mitt Romney** and ask him the above question. See if he will give you a straight answer or a **PCSR. Acts 17:11**

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

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DRIVER: Hit and run

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lane of County Road 137 to make contact with a tow-truck driver. The tow-truck, which was completely stopped in the southbound lane, was on-scene to pull Mathis's vehicle out of the mud, according to FHP.

The unknown driver and vehicle approached in the northbound lane and struck Mathis. The driver left the crash scene without providing first aid or the required crash information to officers, according to the release.

Mathis was pronounced dead at the crash site by Suwannee County Emergency Medical Service.

Anyone who has information regarding this crash should contact the FHP at 758-0515.



LAURA HAMPSON/Lake City Reporter

Walk for Life

Hilda Lyninger (right to left) and Estella Rusaw walk around Lake DeSoto Saturday morning nearing the finish line during the Pregnancy Care Center of Lake City 5K Walk/Run 4 Life. "We want to save the babies. They are a gift from God," Lyninger said. A sister event in Live Oak had 140 walkers, while the Lake City event had 231 participants walking to raise money and awareness for the nonprofit Christian organization that supports unplanned pregnancies, said Donna Sandage, center executive director. Just over 70 runners participated.

SUSPECT: Had just been released from prison after serving 18 months

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knew the occupant of 1338 NE Washington Street and was allowed inside. The other suspect quickly followed, brandishing a handgun.

The home's occupant, whom authorities have not identified, had his own gun close at hand and fired at the men.

Collins was found dead at the scene. Brown was taken to a local hospital with at least one gunshot wound, and later transferred to Shands at the University of Florida.



Brown

As of noon Saturday Brown remained on a ventilator and unable to communicate. According to Sgt. Ed Seifert, Columbia County Sheriff's Office public information officer, "multiple" surgeries are scheduled and authorities will get a statement as soon as they are able.

Seifert said authorities do not plan to release the name of the victim at this point in the investigation.

"Until we verify the victim was targeted specifically or this was a random incident, we won't release

his identity as of right now for his safety," he said.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, shortly after midnight Thursday a concerned citizen notified 911 that there was an injured person lying outside a home at 1338 NE Washington St.

On arrival, sheriff's deputies discovered Collins dead in the home's front doorway. There they also learned that another man was driven to the Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center with apparent gunshot wounds.

Deputies later returned to the scene to conduct an investigation. Authorities believe that around 10:30 p.m. on Thursday night, the home's occupant was indoors when the two suspects entered.

The victim told detectives that at least one of the men was armed with a handgun. The victim armed himself with his own weapon and fired at the two suspects, striking them both. Authorities have questioned the victim about the disparity in the time frame.

"There was a delay in law enforcement being notified," Seifert said. "We

are interviewing the victim to determine why there was a delay in notifying law enforcement. There was no one at the scene except for the deceased person when we arrived. The victim was at the Lake City Police Department around 12:30 a.m. and they notified us he was there."

Seifert said Brown was driven to the hospital by a third party and hospital personnel notified LCPD, which notified the sheriff's office.

"There was delay between the shooting and him getting to the hospital," Seifert said.

The victim allowed one of the men to enter his home, authorities said.

"We believe the victim knew one of the suspects and he let him in the home

voluntarily and the second suspect came in the home brandishing a handgun," Seifert said. "We did recover the deceased individual's weapon from inside the home."

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Crime Scene Unit responded to assist in the crime scene processing and evidence processing and were at the scene well into Friday afternoon.

Detectives are still actively working with the victim and potential witnesses to determine why the suspects entered the home armed.

The victim had time to arm himself.

"The victim had his own weapon in the home nearby," Seifert said. "He was able to arm himself rather

quickly."

Seifert said authorities haven't learned the motive behind the incident yet.

"The detectives are actively working the investigation," he said. "Up to this point a motive has not been confirmed."

Seifert said authorities have not determined whether the Stand Your Ground Law will apply in this case.

"We are working closely with the state attorney's office and those legal questions will be answered as the investigation moves forward."

Brown may be charged

with feolny murder for the death of Collins, Seifert added.

Collins was released from prison Sept. 1 after serving 18 months for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon following a Nov. 8, 2009 shooting at the American Legion hall on Bond Street.

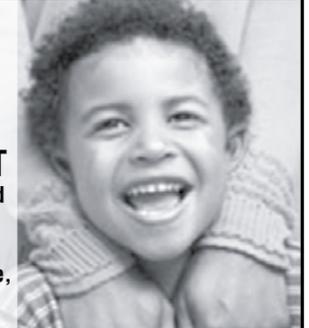
At 1 a.m. Collins fired several shots outside the hall.

Three people were wounded, two seriously, but all three recovered, authorities said.

Collins remained on probation at the time of his death.

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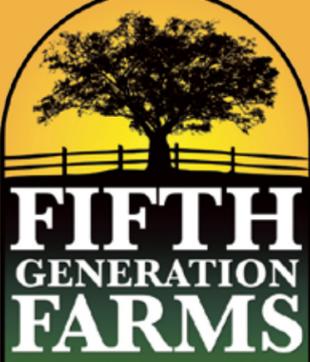


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Thousands pray for US

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Thousands of conservative Christians gathered Saturday on Independence Mall in Philadelphia to pray for the future of the United States in the weeks before the presidential election.

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson and Family Research Council president Tony Perkins topped a full day of speakers at "The America for Jesus 2012" prayer rally.

Robertson, a former Republican candidate for president, called the election important, but didn't mention either major political party or candidate by name.

"I don't care what the ACLU says or any atheists say. This nation belongs to Jesus, and we're here today to reclaim his sovereignty," said Robertson, 82, who founded the Christian Coalition and Christian Broadcasting Network, and ran for president in 1988.

Organizers plan another prayer rally Oct. 20 in Washington, D.C., two weeks before President Barack Obama faces Republican Mitt Romney in the presidential election.

Perkins asked the crowd to pray for elected officials including Obama.

"We pray that his eyes will be open to the truth," Perkins said.

A number of event organizers, though, have been vocal critics of the Democratic president.

Steve Strang, the influential Pentecostal publisher of Charisma magazine, which was distributed at the rally, recently wrote in a blog post that America is under threat from a "radical homosexual agenda." He also said Obama "seems to be moving toward some form of European socialism."

And speaker Cindy Jacobs has blamed a mysterious Arkansas bird-kill last year on Obama's repeal of the policy known as "don't ask, don't tell," which allows gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

2 hurt in crash



Florida Highway Trooper Jim Taylor (left) and Lt. Mark Boatright investigate the scene of a one-vehicle crash that took place along State Road 47 Friday afternoon. The driver of the car lost control and hit a culvert, causing the car to flip. The driver and a 4-year-old boy were taken to a local hospital in serious condition. Further details have not been released.

KAMRIE: Family of missing Suwannee County woman holds benefit here

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of Mitchell's father and made threats against her, according to Suwannee County Sheriff's Office reports.

Witcher was arrested for burglary, assault and trespass following the incident and questioned in Mitchell's disappearance, but he has not been named a suspect, according to police.

Kamrie's sister Kershta Mitchell said Witcher was not her boyfriend. Her sister would have told her if he was, she said.

"She's my best friend," Kershta Mitchell said of her sister. "We are 13 months apart," she said. "She is the closest person I have to me," she said.

A Branford High School graduate, Kamrie Mitchell worked at a gas station off Highway 441 and was taking a year off from classes at Santa Fe College, her mother said.

Kamrie is fun-loving and outgoing, said Stefani Mitchell, who lives in Ocala. Tuesday, Oct. 2 will be Kamrie's 24th birthday. "She's got a lot of friends," Mitchell said. "She was a good girl," she said.

"She is, not was," Kershta said to her mother.

As a mother, Mitchell said she is trying to stay positive, although she can't help but imagine the worst.

"That's all I can think about is her out there in a field being rained on," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said it is unusual for her to not hear from her daughter for more than a day or two. "Me and my kids have a tight bond," she said.

Mitchell said they are not telling Kamrie's 4-year-old daughter anything about her mother's disappearance until they know for sure, instead saying her mother is away on vacation. "We're trying to keep her out of the limelight," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said Kamrie missing her daughter grow every day is one of the hardest parts. "She's not here to enjoy it too," Mitchell said.

Kamrie's mother and sister have talked to family and friends about the last time they saw her. They hope someone saw

her or knows a small piece of information that can lead to her discovery.

Karen Kelly said she attended the benefit event to support the Mitchell family. "We miss her," she said. Her daughter, Jessica Kelly, went to school with Kamrie Mitchell.

Kamrie Mitchell often changed her hairstyle, but last month it was short and brown with highlights, her mother said.

Kamrie is described as 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds. She has blue eyes and natural blonde hair. She has "Kamrie" tattooed on her left foot, "Grams" and a butterfly on her wrist, and "Layla" with a footprint and a birthday tattooed on her right side.

Witcher is being held in the Suwannee County Jail on charges of possession of a weapon by a felon, failure to register as

a sexual offender and failure to comply with drivers license requirements for sex offender registration. Witcher was convicted in 2003 and 2005 of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under the age of 16 in Duval County.

He was also questioned in the disappearance of a woman who went missing from Gainesville in 2008, according to Alachua County Sheriff's Office officials. Witcher was reportedly Heather Maccrossen's boyfriend at the time she went missing. Maccrossen's case is still open.

Those wishing to donate to the family can mail checks made out to Kamrie Mitchell Foundation c/o Kershta Mitchell to P.O. Box 3711, Lake City, FL 32056.

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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, September 30

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

| City | Monday | Tuesday |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Cape Canaveral | 86/75/t | 86/75/t |
| Daytona Beach | 90/75/t | 88/72/t |
| Ft. Lauderdale | 91/80/t | 90/78/t |
| Fort Myers | 90/75/t | 86/74/t |
| Gainesville | 89/72/pc | 88/67/pc |
| Jacksonville | 90/73/t | 86/67/t |
| Key West | 86/77/t | 86/77/t |
| Lake City | 88/72/t | 85/64/pc |
| Miami | 89/79/t | 90/78/t |
| Naples | 89/77/t | 86/75/t |
| Ocala | 89/72/pc | 86/68/pc |
| Orlando | 92/74/t | 90/72/t |
| Panama City | 81/70/t | 83/70/pc |
| Pensacola | 79/72/t | 83/72/t |
| Tallahassee | 85/70/t | 86/65/t |
| Tampa | 89/76/t | 85/75/pc |
| Valdosta | 89/72/t | 86/63/t |
| W. Palm Beach | 90/77/t | 88/77/t |

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| TEMPERATURES | SUN |
|---------------|------------|
| High Saturday | 88 |
| Low Saturday | 68 |
| Normal high | 85 |
| Normal low | 66 |
| Record high | 94 in 1972 |
| Record low | 50 in 1967 |

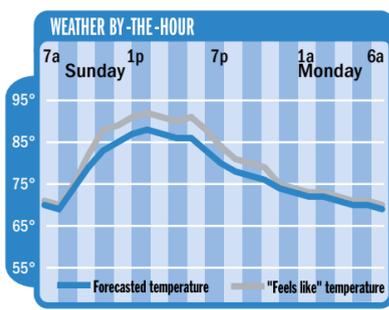
| PRECIPITATION | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Saturday | 0.00" |
| Month total | 6.26" |
| Year total | 48.37" |
| Normal month-to-date | 4.30" |
| Normal year-to-date | 39.87" |

MOON
Moonrise today 7:28 p.m.
Moonset today 7:48 a.m.
Moonrise tom. 8:03 p.m.
Moonset tom. 8:43 a.m.

UV INDEX
8
VERY HIGH: 15 minutes to burn
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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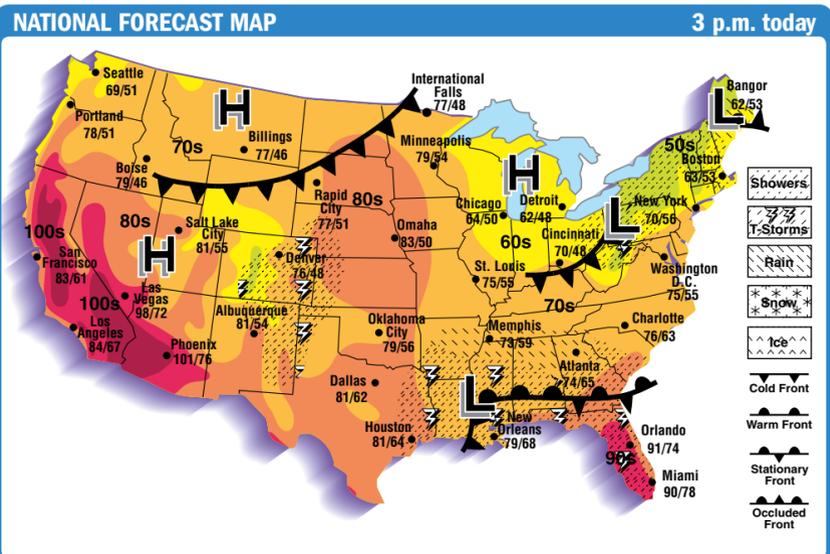
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NATIONAL FORECAST: Heavy rain and thunderstorms will accompany a low pressure system slowly making its way east through the Gulf states today. Showers should reach the Southeast later in the afternoon. Expect showers and a few thunderstorms over parts of the Northeast and across the Rockies and High Plains, as well. The West Coast will see sunny and very warm conditions.



YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 100°, Thermal, Calif. Low: 28°, Crane Lake, Minn.

| CITY | Saturday | Today | CITY | Saturday | Today | CITY | Saturday | Today |
|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Albany NY | 60/53/.04 | 63/48/sh | Des Moines | 79/48/0 | 80/54/s | Omaha | 75/42/0 | 83/50/s |
| Albuquerque | 71/58/0 | 81/54/s | Detroit | 71/47/0 | 62/48/pc | Orlando | 90/72/0 | 91/74/t |
| Anchorage | 37/34/.10 | 45/30/pc | El Paso | 73/59/0 | 85/61/s | Philadelphia | 64/58/0 | 72/56/pc |
| Atlanta | 84/68/0 | 74/65/r | Fairbanks | 35/28/0 | 42/27/c | Phoenix | 92/75/0 | 101/76/s |
| Baltimore | 69/55/0 | 74/53/pc | Greensboro | 67/62/32 | 74/61/pc | Pittsburgh | 64/41/0 | 62/45/t |
| Billings | 78/55/0 | 77/46/s | Hartford | 59/54/0 | 68/49/c | Portland ME | 54/50/09 | 60/50/sh |
| Birmingham | 83/65/0 | 76/64/t | Honolulu | 79/74/0 | 85/70/s | Portland OR | 68/61/0 | 78/51/s |
| Bismarck | 83/43/0 | 79/44/pc | Houston | 79/73/25 | 81/64/t | Raleigh | 68/62/53 | 76/61/pc |
| Boise | 76/55/0 | 79/46/s | Indianapolis | 72/51/0 | 68/48/pc | Rapid City | 80/52/0 | 77/51/pc |
| Boston | 57/54/.02 | 63/53/sh | Jackson MS | 79/69/0 | 77/59/t | Reno | 78/52/0 | 89/54/s |
| Buffalo | 64/45/0 | 59/49/sh | Jacksonville | 87/66/0 | 87/71/t | Richmond | 69/60/04 | 76/56/pc |
| Charleston SC | 84/67/0 | 80/70/sh | Kansas City | 73/47/0 | 80/54/pc | Sacramento | 75/55/0 | 100/61/s |
| Charleston WV | 69/55/0 | 74/50/t | Las Vegas | 89/70/0 | 98/72/s | St. Louis | 72/52/0 | 75/55/pc |
| Charlotte | 72/63/07 | 76/63/pc | Little Rock | 74/67/0 | 74/61/pc | Salt Lake City | 77/54/0 | 81/55/s |
| Cheyenne | 73/44/0 | 71/40/pc | Los Angeles | 75/65/0 | 84/67/s | San Antonio | 75/71/63 | 80/62/pc |
| Chicago | 77/48/0 | 64/50/pc | Memphis | 78/68/0 | 73/59/t | San Diego | 78/67/0 | 84/69/s |
| Cincinnati | 72/54/0 | 70/48/pc | Miami | 89/75/0 | 90/78/t | San Francisco | 63/55/0 | 87/61/s |
| Cleveland | 67/42/0 | 61/49/sh | Minneapolis | 79/51/0 | 79/54/s | Seattle | 63/58/0 | 69/51/s |
| Columbia SC | 83/68/0 | 78/65/c | Mobile | 83/71/18 | 79/69/t | Spokane | 71/54/0 | 73/47/s |
| Dallas | 73/69/41 | 81/62/pc | New Orleans | 77/74/20 | 79/68/t | Tampa | 89/75/0 | 90/76/t |
| Daytona Beach | 86/72/0 | 88/76/t | New York | 64/57/0 | 70/56/c | Tucson | 88/66/0 | 95/66/s |
| Denver | 73/50/0 | 76/48/t | Oklahoma City | 72/68/11 | 79/56/pc | Washington | 71/59/0 | 75/55/pc |

INTERNATIONAL

| CITY | Saturday | Today | CITY | Saturday | Today | CITY | Saturday | Today |
|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 93/79/0 | 87/78/t | La Paz | 59/30/0 | 62/39/sh | Rio | 75/64/0 | 76/59/pc |
| Amsterdam | 59/52/0 | 59/52/pc | Lima | 64/61/0 | 69/61/pc | Rome | 90/63/0 | 76/63/r |
| Athens | na/na/na | 89/68/s | London | 61/48/0 | 60/58/c | St. Thomas VI | 89/81/0 | 88/80/t |
| Auckland | 68/55/0 | 60/50/sh | Madrid | 68/57/0 | 72/49/s | San Juan PR | 92/79/0 | 89/79/t |
| Beijing | 77/46/0 | 78/56/s | Mexico City | 75/61/0 | 73/55/t | Santiago | 68/43/0 | 61/40/pc |
| Berlin | 66/46/0 | 61/41/pc | Montreal | 55/50/0 | 53/50/sh | Seoul | 66/55/0 | 68/60/pc |
| Buenos Aires | 70/59/0 | 74/58/c | Moscow | 57/50/0 | 55/46/sh | Singapore | 88/77/0 | 89/80/t |
| Cairo | 91/72/0 | 92/72/pc | Nairobi | 79/59/0 | 80/59/sh | Sydney | 73/52/0 | 61/55/pc |
| Geneva | 57/52/0 | 59/49/sh | Nassau | 88/77/0 | 89/78/t | Tel Aviv | 88/77/0 | 88/76/pc |
| Havana | 88/70/0 | 87/73/t | New Delhi | 95/72/0 | 97/72/s | Tokyo | 79/72/0 | 81/68/sh |
| Helsinki | 57/46/0 | 55/43/sh | Oslo | 52/45/0 | 55/47/sh | Toronto | 64/48/0 | 58/44/sh |
| Hong Kong | 88/79/0 | 85/72/pc | Panama | 90/75/0 | 87/77/t | Vienna | 66/48/0 | 63/53/pc |
| Kingston | 81/73/0 | 86/79/t | Paris | 64/46/0 | 61/44/s | Warsaw | 70/43/0 | 62/42/s |

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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GAMES

Monday

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

Tuesday

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Chiles High at The Country Club at Lake City, 3 p.m.

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

■ Columbia High volleyball vs. Suwannee High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5)

Wednesday

■ Fort White High bowling vs. Suwannee High at Thunder Alley in Live Oak, 4 p.m.

Thursday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Buchholz High at Quail Heights Country Club, 3:30 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Gainesville High at Ironwood Golf Club, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High swimming at Fleming Island High, 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Friday

■ Columbia High swimming vs. Suwannee High, 4:30 p.m.

■ Columbia High volleyball vs. St. Augustine High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)

■ Columbia High football vs. Ridgeview High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

■ Columbia High cross country in FSU Invitational at Apalachee Park in Tallahassee

BRIEFS

CHS SOCCER

Moe's Night set for Monday

Columbia High's soccer teams are hosting a Moe's Night fundraiser from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Moe's Southwest Grill on U.S. Highway 90 west.

For details, call Lori Green Berry at 755-1001.

CHS WRESTLING

Ken Chertow camp offered

Columbia High wrestling is offering a Ken Chertow Weekend Warrior camp on Oct. 6-7. Cost for Columbia County students is \$100. The camp is 2-8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The CHS wrestling boosters will provide dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

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

CHS FOOTBALL

Q-back Club to meet Monday

The Columbia County Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the Jones Fieldhouse.

For details, call Joe Martino at 984-0452.

FORT WHITE FOOTBALL

Q-back Club meeting Monday

The Fort White Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in school faculty lounge.

For details, call Harold Bundy at 365-5731.

■ From staff reports

Down to the wire

Fort White falls behind early, can't catch up.

By **TIM KIRBY**
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FORT WHITE — Fort White High's football team spotted Union County High two touchdowns and never could recover.

The visiting Tigers held off the Indians on Friday, 28-21. It was a flag-fest as the teams combined for 27 penalties that cost 226 yards.

It is the first time since 2009 that Fort White (3-2) has lost back-to-back games and both Wakulla High from last week and Union County (5-0) were ranked in the top three in their respective classes.

"Too many mistakes," Indians head coach Demetric Jackson said. "We put ourselves behind and you can't do that against a good team. We made some plays, but we didn't make enough. We couldn't get in a rhythm."

Fort White fumbled away the ball on its first play from scrimmage. Walter Mabrey turned it into a 12-yard touchdown run three plays later and the Tigers led 7-0.

On Fort White's next series, Princeton Alexander intercepted a pass. The ball was knocked loose on the return, but Dylan Clark picked it up and ran 15 yards to the end zone.

The Indians blocked the extra point attempt, but had to chase the 13-0 deficit the rest of the night.

They came as close as a couple of feet midway through the fourth quarter.

Fort White's Michael Blackmon set up the first surge when he recovered a Union County fumble at the Indians 22.

Andrew Baker hit Melton Sanders for 16 yards and the two then connected on a 53-yard play. They capped their throw-and-catch drive with a 13-yard touchdown. Nathan Escalante booted the PAT to cut the lead to 13-7 with four minutes left in the first quarter.

Union County pushed the margin to 14 points on a 58-yard touchdown run by Mabrey and Prince Alexander's two-point PAT.

Fort White moved to a first-and-goal on its next

INDIANS continued on 2B



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Braxton Stockton flies over two Vanguard High defenders during the Tigers' 28-20 win against the Knights in Ocala on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Tavaris Williams (2) tries to pull away from Union County High's Walter Mabrey during the game at Arrowhead Stadium on Friday.

Columbia scores 21 unanswered points to win.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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OCALA — Columbia High reversed its role from the majority of the season as a first-half team by pulling off an epic comeback against Ocala's Vanguard High on Friday.

The Tigers fell behind 14-0 in the first half against the Knights before opening the second half with a score and scoring 21 fourth-quarter points to beat Vanguard, 28-20, in Ocala.

Columbia (4-1, 1-0 district) established its defense early after Drew Clark sacked quarterback Adam Robles to force a three-and-out on the Knights' first possession, but the offense failed to find a rhythm in the first half.

The Tigers fell victim to two holding penalties that negated a 35-yard run from Ronald Timmons and a 40-yard fake punt run from Felix Woods in the first half. It was partially to blame for Columbia's lack of offensive production.

Vanguard's offense didn't start producing until the second quarter when the Knights put up 14 points.

Tyronte Files broke a 44-yard run for the game's first score with 7:18 remaining in the first half. Brandon Buck kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

After the Woods run was called back for holding, the Knights made it two scores in two possessions as Robles engineered a scoring drive capped off by an 11-yard pass to Zaghoun Thornton to make it 14-0 with 27 seconds left in the half.

Columbia stuck to its game plan in the second half, however, and began to take control of the game.

"There are moments that a team matures and grows up," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said after the game. "This game was one of those moments."

The Tigers could have given up in the second half on the road, but instead responded with their first scoring drive.

On third-and-11, quarterback Jayce Barber hit Nate Ayers on a deep post route to move the chains 34 yards

CHS continued on 5B

FSU herds Bulls

Another big day for Manuel as Seminoles win.

By **FRED GOODALL**
Associated Press

TAMPA — EJ Manuel threw for 242 yards and one touchdown, helping No. 4 Florida State remain unbeaten with a 30-17 victory over South Florida on Saturday night.

Receiver Rashad Greene got the Seminoles going with a 10-yard touchdown run, linebacker Christian Jones scored on a 12-yard fumble return and Penn State transfer Kevin Haplea had a one-yard TD reception as Florida State (5-0) survived its first road test of the season by pulling away

from a three-point lead with two touchdowns and a field goal in the final 5:09 of the third quarter.

Three years after returning to his hometown of Tallahassee to lead USF (2-3) to a stunning 10-point upset of the Seminoles in his first college start, B.J. Daniels threw for 143 yards and two touchdowns for the Bulls.

But the game changed dramatically on the one play the senior quarterback missed after appearing to be knocked woozy by a hit at the end of a 20-yard run that was wiped out by a holding penalty.

With the clock showing no time remaining in the third quarter, the officials announced the period would

end with an untimed down. Freshman Matt Floyd came off the bench to replace Daniels on third-and-12 from the USF 23. The backup was sacked at the 12 by Cornelius Carradine, who forced a fumble that Jones scooped up and returned for a touchdown. That put the Seminoles up 30-10.

Daniels, who scored a one-yard run in the third quarter, returned after the sack-fumble to lead a 73-yard scoring drive that he finished with a three-yard TD burst but there would be no comeback.

Manuel completed 19 of 26 passes with no interceptions and Dustin Hopkins kicked three field goals for Florida State, which was coming off a 49-37 victory over Clemson.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida State quarterback EJ Manuel fires a pass against South Florida during a football game in Tampa on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

TV sports

Today
AUTO RACING
 2 p.m.
 ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, AAA 400, at Dover, Del.

8 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NHRA, Midwest Nationals, at Madison, Ill. (same-day tape)

GOLF
 NBC — Ryder Cup, final day matches, at Medinah, Ill.

3 p.m.
 TGC — Web.com Tour, Chiquita Classic, final round, at Weddington, N.C.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
 2 p.m.
 TBS — Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox

4 p.m.
 WGN — Chicago Cubs at Arizona

MOTORSPORTS
 8 a.m.
 SPEED — MotoGP World Championship, at Alcaniz, Spain

5 p.m.
 SPEED — MotoGP Moto2, at Alcaniz, Spain (same-day tape)

NFL FOOTBALL
 1 p.m.
 CBS — Regional coverage
 FOX — Regional coverage

4 p.m.
 CBS — Regional coverage
 4:25 p.m.
 FOX — Doubleheader game

8:20 p.m.
 NBC — N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia

WNBA BASKETBALL
 4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Indiana at Atlanta

9 p.m.
 ESPN — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Minnesota at Seattle

Monday
NFL FOOTBALL
 8:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Chicago at Dallas

SOCCER
 2:55 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Premier League, West Ham at Queens Park Rangers

BASEBALL

AL standings

| East Division | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| New York | 91 | 67 | .576 | — |

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Baltimore | 91 | 67 | .576 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 87 | 71 | .551 | 4 |
| Toronto | 70 | 88 | .443 | 21 |
| Boston | 69 | 88 | .439 | 21½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Detroit | 85 | 73 | .538 | — |
| Chicago | 83 | 75 | .525 | 2 |
| Kansas City | 70 | 87 | .446 | 14½ |
| Cleveland | 66 | 91 | .420 | 18½ |
| Minnesota | 66 | 92 | .418 | 19 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Texas | 92 | 65 | .586 | — |
| Oakland | 90 | 68 | .570 | 2½ |
| Los Angeles | 87 | 70 | .554 | 5 |
| Seattle | 73 | 85 | .462 | 19½ |

Saturday's Games
 Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Detroit 6, Minnesota 4
 Oakland 7, Seattle 4, 10 innings
 Tampa Bay 10, Chicago White Sox 4
 L.A. Angels at Texas, p.p.d., rain
 Baltimore 4, Boston 3
 Kansas City at Cleveland (n)

Today's Games
 Kansas City (Hochevar 8-15) at Cleveland (McAllister 5-8), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 16-13) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 9-14), 1:07 p.m.
 Boston (Z.Stewart 1-3) at Baltimore (J.Saunders 2-3), 1:35 p.m.
 Detroit (A.Sanchez 4-6) at Minnesota (Hendriks 1-8), 2:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Price 19-5) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-5), 2:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Greinke 6-2) at Texas (Darvish 16-9), 3:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Er.Ramirez 1-3) at Oakland (Milone 13-10), 4:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
 Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL schedule

Today's Games
 Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
 San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
 New Orleans at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Indianapolis, Pittsburgh

Monday's Game
 Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

NL standings

| East Division | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| z-Washington | 95 | 62 | .605 | — |
| z-Atlanta | 92 | 66 | .583 | 3½ |
| Philadelphia | 78 | 79 | .497 | 17 |
| New York | 73 | 85 | .462 | 22½ |
| Miami | 67 | 90 | .427 | 28 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|-----|------|----|
| x-Cincinnati | 95 | 62 | .605 | — |
| St. Louis | 85 | 72 | .541 | 10 |
| Milwaukee | 80 | 77 | .510 | 15 |
| Pittsburgh | 76 | 81 | .484 | 19 |
| Chicago | 59 | 98 | .376 | 36 |
| Houston | 52 | 105 | .331 | 43 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------------|----|----|------|----|
| x-San Francisco | 92 | 65 | .586 | — |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 75 | .522 | 10 |
| Arizona | 79 | 78 | .503 | 13 |
| San Diego | 74 | 83 | .471 | 18 |
| Colorado | 62 | 95 | .395 | 30 |

Saturday's Games
 Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 0
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (n)
 Houston at Milwaukee (n)
 Philadelphia at Miami (n)
 Washington at St. Louis (n)
 Chicago Cubs at Arizona (n)
 San Francisco at San Diego (n)
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers (n)

Today's Games
 Philadelphia (Hamels 16-6) at Miami (Eovaldi 4-12), 1:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Cueto 19-9) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 12-13), 1:35 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Mejia 1-1) at Atlanta (Medlen 9-1), 1:35 p.m.
 Houston (Lyles 4-12) at Milwaukee (Fiers 9-9), 2:10 p.m.
 Washington (Detwiler 10-7) at St. Louis (Lynn 17-7), 2:15 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincecum 10-15) at San Diego (Volquez 11-11), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Rusin 1-3) at Arizona (Collmenter 5-3), 4:10 p.m.
 Colorado (J.De La Rosa 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 1-3), 4:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Houston at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Tigers take grudge match

By TIM KIRBY
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FORT WHITE — For old time Fort White football fans, Union County is a grudge match.

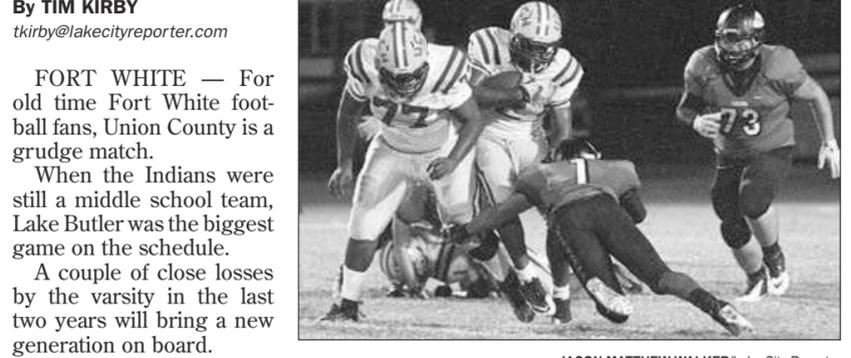
When the Indians were still a middle school team, Lake Butler was the biggest game on the schedule.

A couple of close losses by the varsity in the last two years will bring a new generation on board.

“From my standpoint, it is more of a community thing,” Fort White High head coach Demetric Jackson said this week. “It is years since we have been in the district with them, but it is definitely one of those games that gives you some bragging rights. It is one of the closest teams to us. We play them in most sports and we want to beat them.”

On the major thoroughfares the distance between Lake Butler and Fort White is 45 miles. But, if you take the hypotenuse route that goes through Providence and Ellisville and the seven-mile cut-off at O'Leno you can travel from one town to the other much quicker.

“Some of our kids were



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
 Fort White's Devontae Levy (1) attempts to bring down Union County's Daquin Edwards (2) on Friday.

not even born then, but we told them Fort White-Lake Butler has been going on a long time,” said coach Isiah Phillips, who coached middle school at Fort White when Jackson played. “It is not a bitter rivalry, but it is hard-fought. We knew it would be a good crowd. They have got good support just like we do. It is a competitive thing. We saw them at FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) camp and a lot of guys know each other. It is for bragging rights. Whoever wins, the other guys are going to hear about it.”

With Friday's win, Union

County has taken a 5-3 lead in the series and Tigers head coach Ronny Pruitt is 2-1 against Jackson.

Pruitt understands the passion.

“It is a big thing,” Pruitt said during the week. “We're neighbors and there will be some head-banging. It is good for the kids. We compete with (Fort White) in everything we do. It is love-hate. Fort White's administration is a class act and these are two class programs.”

“At the end of the night, we will pray together and go on from there.”

And so they did.

Baker throws for 249 yards against Union County

By TIM KIRBY
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FORT WHITE — Fort White High head coach said part of his game plan was to test the Union County High secondary.

Jackson said the Tigers had not seen any passing teams and he wanted to throw the ball.

That mission was accomplished as quarterback Andrew Baker had season-highs in completions, attempts and yards. Baker was 17 of 26 for 249 yards. He threw his seventh and eighth touchdown pass of the season, and had one interception.

Eight of Fort White's 11 first downs came through the air, divided evenly between the two halves. Baker threw for 128 yards in the first half and 121 in

the second half.

“We knew they played a lot of Cover 3, so we sent four players deep and let Andrew (Baker) read it,” Indians receivers coach Isiah Phillips said. “They adjusted well and went to some Cover 2.”

Baker spread the wealth among six receivers. Michael Mulberry led with five catches and totaled 76 yards.

Melton Sanders was Baker's favorite target early in the game. The two combined for three completions and all of the yards in Fort White's first scoring drive of 78 yards.

Sanders finished with four catches for 99 yards and two touchdowns.

Union County was key-between the two halves. Fort White's leading receiver still had four catches for

28 yards.

Shayne Newman had a couple of key first-down catches when the Indians were trying to score late in the game.

Reginald Williams and Tavaris Williams each had a catch.

Fort White had four picks against Wakulla High.

“We cut down on our mistakes from last week, but we have got to cut down on them a little more,” Phillips said. “We spotted them two touchdowns from the get-go and you can't give away 13 points early. Still, I was proud of our effort.”

Fort White likes a feature running back, but there is no going back on the passing attack.

So far this season, the Indians have six rushing touchdowns and nine through the air.

INDIANS: Fight back, but fall 28-21

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possession, but ended up botching a 25-yard field goal attempt and the score stayed 21-7 at intermission.

Fort White's defense forced punts on Union County's first three possessions of the second half. The Indians steadily gained field position as Sanders had a punt of 49 yards and Michael Mulberry returned the next Union County punt 16 yards.

The Indians set up shop on the Tigers 35 and Baker hit Mulberry for 16 yards. He then connected with Sanders for 19 yards and their second touchdown of the game. Escalante came on to make the score 21-14 with 1:13 left in the third quarter.

Union County answered with a seven-play touchdown drive from midfield. Prince Alexander scored from nine yards out.

Mulberry ran the kickoff back 28 yards to the Indians 48. Tavaris Williams took a pitch to the right side and raced 52 yards for a touchdown. Escalante again cut the lead to seven points.

Fort White's defense



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
 Fort White High's Kellen Snider (7) holds on tight to Union County High's Daquin Edwards (2) in order to stop him from gaining more yards.

held and gave the ball to the offense near midfield.

On the first play Baker threw to Mulberry who made a diving catch for a 32-yard gain.

Baker then scrambled for 22-plus yards, but just short of breaking the plane he lost the ball and it bounced through the end zone for a touchback.

Union County reeled off a couple of first downs before punting to the Indians 26.

Baker hit Shayne Newman twice for 29 yards. On fourth-and-8 with :08 on

the clock, the Indians tried the lateral play that beat Wakulla last year.

Baker threw the pass to Mulberry, who pitched to Williams but he was brought down at the 8-yard line as time expired.

“We knew their offense was explosive and we tried to keep them on the sidelines,” said Tigers head coach Ronny Pruitt, whose team threw only one pass. “The penalties took a lot of the momentum, but a lot of them were legit and they were equal on both sides.”

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First Quarter
 UC—Mabrey 12 run (C.Alexander kick), 10:25
 UC—Clark 15 fumble return (kick failed), 8:22

Second Quarter
 FW—Sanders 13 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 4:00
 UC—Mabrey 58 run (Prince Alexander run), 2:37

Third Quarter
 FW—Sanders 19 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 1:13

Fourth Quarter
 UC—Prince Alexander 9 run (C.Alexander kick), 10:16
 FW—T.Williams 52 run (Escalante kick), 9:59

| | Fort White | Union Co. |
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| First downs | 11 | 10 |
| Rushes-yards | 28-134 | 46-295 |
| Passing | 249 | 0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 17-26-1 | 0-1-0-0 |
| Punts-Avg. | 3-33 | 7-34 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-2 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-80 | 17-146 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 RUSHING—Fort White, T. Williams 12-95, Baker 9-37, Phillips 4-8, Levy 2-5, Sanders 1-(11). Union Co., Edwards 22-127, Mabrey 14-124, Prince Alexander 9-43, Chandler 1-1.

PASSING—Fort White, Baker 17-26-249-1.
 RECEIVING—Fort White, Mulberry 5-76, Sanders 4-99, Phillips 4-28, Newman 2-29, R.Williams 1-16, T.Williams 1-1.

JUMBLE

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

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Print your answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

You need to get yourself situated before you talk on the phone. It's my wife.

WHEN HE ANSWERED HIS PHONE WHILE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, HE SAID ---

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

(Answers Monday)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: USHER GROVE UTOPIA PIGLET
 Answer: The waterfowl in Lisbon were this — “PORTU-GEESE”

ACROSS

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- 5 Hero's journey
- 10 Turn into
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- 19 Arm muscle
- 23 Gulf st.
- 26 Social insect
- 27 Demand, as for electricity
- 30 Offshore platform (2 wds.)
- 32 Sugar trees
- 34 Queues
- 35 Theater employees
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- 37 Run well

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- 1 Pierre's parent
- 2 Heavy-metal band
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- 38 PC monitor
- 39 Kind of school
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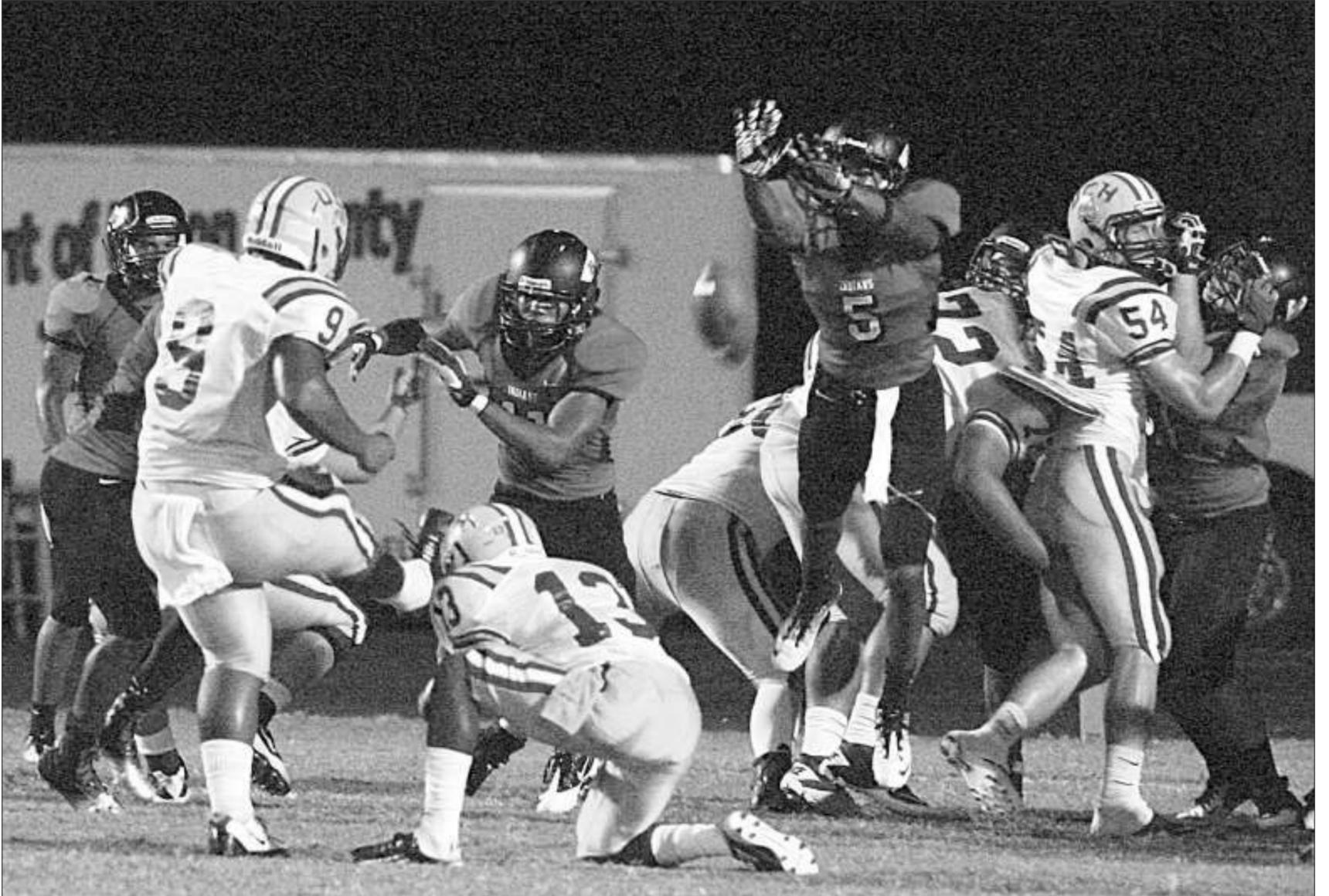
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- 44 Blow gently
- 47 Subtle glow
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- 54 Fruitcake go-with

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Indians fall to top team



Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) blocks an extra point attempt by Union County High's Carl Alexander (9) during the Indians' 28-21 loss at Arrowhead Stadium on Friday. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



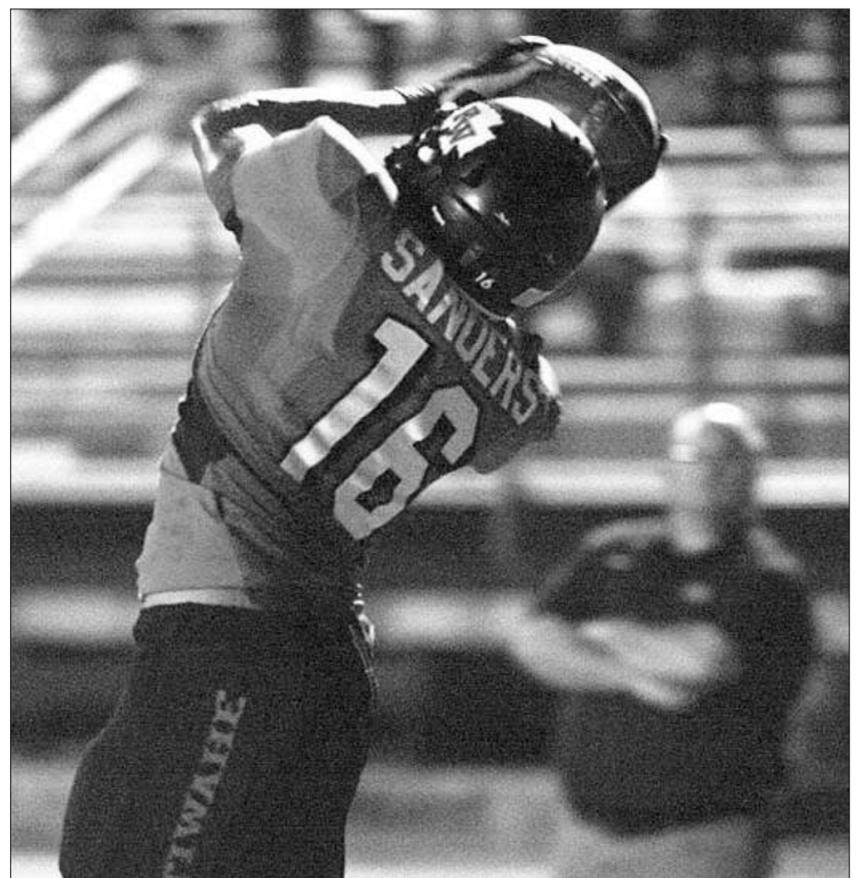
Fort White High head coach Demetric Jackson shouts instructions to his team on Friday. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



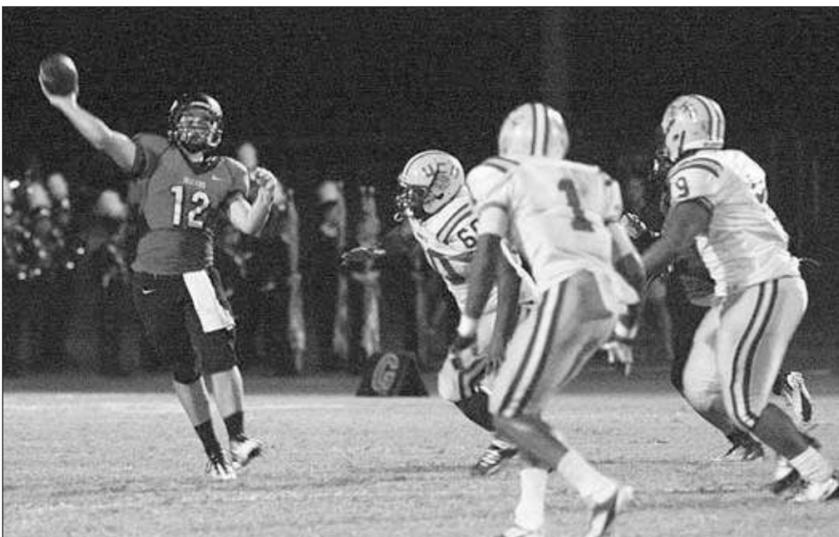
Fort White High's Devontae Levy (1) and Kellen Snider (7) converge to make a tackle. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



Fort White High's Tavaris Williams (2) races down the field for some of his 95 rushing yards against Union County High on Friday. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



Fort White High's Melton Sanders (16) catches an Andrew Baker pass for a touchdown against Union County High on Friday. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



Fort White High quarterback Andrew Baker (12) gets off a pass before Union County High defenders can get to him. Baker threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Tigers power to victory



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's defense swarms Vanguard High's offense during the fourth quarter of the Tigers' 28-20 win in Ocala on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Nate Ayers (81) completes a 34-yard reception in the Tigers' 28-20 win.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High running back Lonnie Underwood (24) finds the corner after receiving a block on the outside by Laremy Tunsil (77) on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber powers ahead for a first down on a sneak.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Ben Kuykendall brings down Vanguard High's Tyronte Files.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Felix Woods (4) lowers the boom on Vanguard High's Rashad Sweet during the fourth quarter, while receiving help from Soloman Bell and other Tiger defenders.

Timmons has career night

By BRANDON FINLEY
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OCALA — Columbia High's Ronald Timmons may not be a man of many words, but he knows how to let his play do plenty of talking.

The senior running back took over in the Tigers' 28-20 win against Vanguard High in Ocala on Friday with 171 yards and three touchdowns.

It was a career night against the Knights and helped the Tigers improve to 4-1 on the season.

"It feels good to come out with the win," Timmons said. "We worked too hard to lose. I felt like we were going to win on every down of the game."

It didn't look good at the start of the game, but Timmons and the Columbia running game eventually wore down the Knights.

In the second half, Timmons grew stronger and scored all three of his touchdowns.

His first score came on the opening drive of the second half, where he capped off the scoring drive with 16 yards in two carries including a seven-yard touchdown run.

"He stepped up and played like a grown man



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Ronald Timmons breaks off a run during the fourth quarter of the Tigers' 28-20 win against Vanguard High in Ocala on Friday. Timmons rushed for 171 yards.

tonight," Columbia running backs coach Quinton Callum said. "Timmons

runs like that on Monday through Wednesday and I always say you'll only play

as good as you practice. It showed tonight and finally clicked for him."

As Timmons clicked, so did Columbia. The running back scored three straight

touchdowns for the Tigers. On the second scoring drive, Timmons scampered for 34 yards including another seven-yard score.

He ran for 34 more yards on the Tigers' next possession and finished with a five-yard score to put Columbia up 21-20. It was a lead that the Tigers would retain the rest of the way.

Despite a career night, Timmons didn't want to put the win on his shoulders.

"We wouldn't go anywhere without them," Timmons said in reference to his offensive line. "I just put my head down and run."

While Timmons stayed shy, plenty of others took notice of what he was able to accomplish in the win, including head coach Brian Allen.

"He ran extremely hard," Allen said. "I talked to (offensive coordinator Mitch) Shoup earlier this week about what our identity was going to be. Whatever it was, we had to run it best. Tonight that was (the power running game)."

Timmons may have said he doesn't really know how to conduct interviews, but a few more nights like that and he may have to learn.

Line plows way for Tigers

By BRANDON FINLEY
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OCALA — They may be known for their size, but it was the endurance of the offensive line that made the difference for Columbia High in a 28-20 win against Vanguard High in Ocala on Friday.

As the game wore on, the Tigers' front began to take over the game, plowing the Knights front early and often in the second half to help Columbia rally to victory.

"We knew that we could wear them down," offensive tackle Laremy Tunsil said.

"We wore them down last year. We've been through this before and we know that big-time players have to step up in big-time games. They had 600 pounds up front and we knew they would get tired."

By the end of the game, the Tigers front had powered Columbia to 227 rushing yards.

"Our guys did a fantastic job of adjusting at the half," offensive line coach Doug Peeler said. "I can't say how proud I am of the guys. John Sweat did a good job of pulling and picking up the linebacker. (Tight end) Shaq Johnson did a great

job of picking up the Mike. I'm just proud of my kids." After a slow start to the game, Peeler said he wasn't worried about his unit.

"We knew that we were just one block away," he said. "The whole game, we were on the cusp. We just had to stick to our game plan and smash it."

Running backs coach Quinton Callum also took notice of the guys opening holes for his backs.

"They did a great job of opening holes up for (Ronald) Timmons and (Lonnie) Underwood," he said. "We stuck together and fought for 48 minutes.

We didn't get nervous and stuck to what we do, which is hard-nosed football."

Head coach Brian Allen credited the Tigers' conditioning with helping the Columbia front wear down the Knights.

"That's what we go through those 24 workouts in the summer for," Allen said. "That's why we bust our butts. That's why our workouts during school are so hard. We saw that with the success we were having running the ball in the second half."

Getting stronger as the game goes on isn't bad for a bunch of 200-plus pounders.

CHS: Rallies for 28-20 victory

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and set up Ronald Timmons for his first touchdown run of the night. Brayden Thomas added the extra point to make it 14-7 with 8:48 remaining in the third quarter.

After the Columbia defense forced a stop, the Tigers took over and drove the ball down to the Knights' 4-yard line, but a fourth down attempt was stopped in the backfield to give Vanguard the ball back at its 10-yard line.

The Knights responded with a 90-yard pass to Thorton over freshman Roger Cray to take a 20-7 lead.

"Coach (Allen) told me to have a short memory and come back and make a play later," Cray said after the game.

Down 20-7, the Tigers didn't panic and kept going to Timmons and the power running game.

Barber hit Braxton Stockton out of the backfield for 20 yards to start the drive and Timmons added another 21-yard run to move the Tigers into scoring range. Four plays later, Timmons reached the end zone for a second time to pull the Tigers within 20-14 with 9:21 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Another three-and-out by the Knights gave Columbia the ball back at its 38-yard line.

The next drive was all about the running game.

After runs of 20 and nine yards by Timmons, Barber

took a quarterback sneak, broke a tackle and ran 18 yards. Lonnie Underwood followed up with a 10-yard run and then Timmons finished the drive off with a five-yard score for his third touchdown of the night.

The extra point gave Columbia its first lead with 6:10 remaining in the game.

When the defense hit the field, Cray earned his chance at redemption and picked off a Robles pass as the Knights committed their only turnover of the game.

"It felt like I had redeemed myself," Cray said. "When I gave up the big play, I told Felix (Woods) that I was going to get it back and make it up for us."

Cray put the offense in good position and Barber used only one pass to put another score on the board.

This time, the quarterback connected with Alex Webber on a 32-yard "slugger" route to put the Tigers up 28-20.

Vanguard took possession for the final time with 5:09 remaining in the contest and drove the ball to the Tigers' red zone before three incomplete passes and a run for no yardage by Files gave Columbia the ball back with 1:56 remaining.

Without any timeouts, Vanguard needed a three-and-out to have any chance at winning the game.

The Tigers turned to

their horse on the night and Timmons responded with 11 more yards to seal the game.

In all, Timmons finished with 171 yards and three touchdowns.

But it was all about the collaborative efforts of the Tigers in the second half.

"We came out and played Tiger football," Allen said. "We have taken another step to completing our goal and now we'll prepare to head back and play in front of our home crowd and fans."

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| Vanguard | 0 | 14 | 0 | 6 | — | 20 |

Second Quarter
V—Files 44 run (Buck kick), 7:18
V—Thorton 11 pass from Robles (Buck kick), 0:27

Third Quarter
CHS—Timmons 7 run (Thomas kick), 8:38

Fourth Quarter
V—Thorton 90 pass from Robles (kick failed) 5:14
CHS—Timmons 7 run (Thomas kick) 9:21
CHS—Timmons 5 run (Thomas kick) 6:10
CHS—Webber 32 pass from Barber (Thomas kick)

| | Columbia | Vanguard |
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| First downs | 19 | 8 |
| Rushes-yards | 36-227 | 17-74 |
| Passing | 169 | 207 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 13-20-0 | 10-19-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-45 | 3-30 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Columbia, Timmons 23-171, Stockton 2-0, Underwood 7-35, Battle 1-(6), Barber 4-21, Vanguard, Files 13-73, Sweet 3-10.
PASSING—Columbia, Barber 13-20-169-0, Vanguard, Robles 10-19-207-1.
RECEIVING—Columbia, Ayers 1-34, Webber 2-44, Pelham 2-15, Johnson 4-49, Stockton 4-39, Timmons 1-4, Vanguard, Livingston 4-43, Dillon 3-52, Rowls 1-17, Mason 1-2, McNair 1-20, Thorton 2-101.

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Ohio State holds off Michigan State

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Braxton Miller threw for 179 yards and ran for 136, and No. 14 Ohio State held off No. 20 Michigan State 17-16 on Saturday, giving Urban Meyer a win in his first Big Ten game as Buckeyes coach.

Miller put Ohio State (5-0, 1-0) ahead 17-13 with a 63-yard touchdown pass to Devin Smith in the third quarter, and the Buckeyes' maligned defense held Le'Veon Bell and the Michigan State running game in check. Meyer becomes the third coach to start 5-0 in his first season at Ohio State. Carol Widdoes and Earle Bruce also did it in 1944 and 1979.

Michigan State (3-2, 0-1) has lost four home games in a row against Ohio State.

Michigan State took a 13-10 advantage in the third on a terrific individual effort by Keith Mumphery. With the ball on the Ohio State 29 after a personal foul call on the Buckeyes, Mumphery took Andrew Maxwell's short pass and eluded four tacklers before dragging a couple more Buckeyes into the end zone.

The lead didn't last long. Miller barely picked up a first down with a run on third-and-1, then lofted a deep pass on the next play to Smith, who beat Johnny Adams along the right sideline to put Ohio State ahead to stay.

No. 5 Georgia 51, Tennessee 44

ATHENS, Ga. — Todd Gurley ran for three touchdowns and Keith Marshall added two as No. 5 Georgia recovered after blowing a 17-point lead to beat Tennessee in the highest-scoring game ever between the SEC rivals.

Georgia (5-0, 3-0 SEC), which had never scored

more points against the Volunteers, needed three takeaways in the final six minutes to stay unbeaten.

Twice Sanders Commings intercepted Tyler Bray's passes and in between the Tennessee quarterback was stripped from behind and the fumble was recovered by Georgia's John Jenkins.

Aaron Murray threw two third-quarter touchdown passes to Michael Bennett for the Bulldogs.

Georgia led 27-10 early in the second quarter before Tennessee took the lead with 20 unanswered points.

Tennessee (3-2, 0-2 SEC) took its third straight loss in the series under coach Derek Dooley, the son of Georgia's former longtime coach Vince Dooley.

Gurley had 24 carries for 130 yards. Marshall had 164 yards on only 10 carries.

No. 17 Clemson 45, Boston College 31

BOSTON — Tajh Boyd threw for 367 yards and three touchdowns and ran in another himself as No. 17 Clemson beat Boston College.

Boyd completed 28 of 38 passes and ran 11 times for 42 yards and a TD for Clemson (4-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). DeAndre Hopkins caught 11 passes for 197 yards for the Tigers, who bounced back after blowing a two-touchdown lead and losing 49-37 to No. 4 Florida State last week.

Andre Ellington ran 25 times for 132 yards and a touchdown for Clemson.

Chase Rettig, who entered the day as the leading passer in the ACC, completed 25 of 43 passes for 341 yards and three touchdowns. Alex Amdion caught eight passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns for the Eagles (1-3, 0-2), who led 21-17 before giving up three unanswered touchdowns.

BC had come back from a 17-7 deficit to lead 21-17 on Rettig's 31-yard pass to Amidon with 4:12 left in the first half. But Boyd hit Brandon Ford for a four-yard TD just before the end of the half, then capped Clemson's first drive of the second half with Roderick McDowell's 16-yard touchdown run.

After Rashard Hall's interception set the Tigers up at the BC 33 yard-line, Boyd hit Jaron Brown for 30 yards and Ellington ran it in from the 1 to make it 38-21.

Miami 44, N.C. State 37

MIAMI — Gino Torretta won a Heisman Trophy at Miami. Steve Walsh, Ken Dorsey, Vinny Testaverde, Bernie Kosar, Craig Erickson, Jim Kelly, they all played a role in the school's becoming known as "Quarterback U."

And none of them ever had a game like Stephen Morris did Saturday.

Morris set school and Atlantic Coast Conference records with 566 passing yards, the last 62 of them coming on a touchdown strike to Phillip Dorsett with 19 seconds remaining, as the Hurricanes won in wild fashion for the second straight week by beating North Carolina State.

His final line: 26-of-49 passing, and on an 87-degree afternoon when players from both sides were succumbing to cramps, Morris had the strength to have his last throw to Dorsett sail 62 yards on the fly, saving the Hurricanes after they wasted a 16-point first-quarter lead and a 10-point cushion in the fourth.

The teams combined for 56 first downs and 1,315 yards of offense. Miami had two players top the 100-yard receiving mark last week in its win over Georgia Tech.



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Michigan State's Dion Sims (80) is unable to hang on to a pass as he is hit by Ohio State's Rod Smith (left) and Etienne Sabino during the fourth quarter of their game in East Lansing, Mich., on Saturday.

Lady Tigers cross country team wins Titusville event

From staff reports

Columbia High's girls cross country team won the Large School Division at the flrunners.com Invitational in Titusville on Friday.

The Lady Tigers topped the 20-team field, with South Fork High in second and Sickles High in third.

Amanda Spring of Northeast High was the individual winner with a time of 19:18.00.

Columbia runners were: Emma Tucker, fifth place-20:30.30; Samantha Ziegau, sixth-20:37.10; Abby Williams, 29th-22:02.90; Sydney Jones, 36th-22:23.80; Ashlyn Martin, 44th-22:40.50; Nicole Morse, 45th-22:42.00; Ashley Jones, 46th-22:48.00; Michaelle Charlotin, 22:51.80; Hayley

Lewis, 25:02.50.

Columbia's boys placed 19th out of 25 teams.

Plant High won the Large School Division, with Martin County High in second and Sickles in third. Zainelabdin Fator of Sickles won individual in 16:19.70.

CHS runners were: Timothy Pierce, 54th-18:25.80; Shaykhiem Griffin, 100th-19:24.90; Octavious Buiey, 106th-19:32.80; Shawn Ziegau, 120th-20:06.40; Noah Henderson, 127th-20:26.70; Zachary Peterson, 136th-20:56.40; Dillan Beckelheimer, 145th-21:17.60; Wyatt Snook, 21:40.00; Dominique Cason, 21:42.30.

Columbia High is running in the FSU Invitational at Apalachee Park in Tallahassee on Saturday.

Columbia volleyball

Columbia High's volleyball team went 3-3 in tournament hosted by Oak Hall School on Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Tigers tied for third.

Kelbie Ronsonet was selected to the all-tournament team.

Two of Columbia's wins were over St. John Lutheran School (25-16, 27-25) and Eastside High (16-25, 25-13, 15-13).

The losses were to Oak Hall (25-22, 9-25, 9-15), Master's Academy (27-29, 20-25) and Cornerstone Academy (22-25, 15-25).

Columbia (10-3) hosts Suwannee High at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. It is Senior Night for the Lady Tigers.

U.S. takes 10-6 lead in Ryder Cup

Associated Press

MEDINAH, Ill. — Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley helped stake the Americans to their biggest lead in the Ryder Cup in more than 30 years.

Ian Poulter, eyes bulging and fists shaking with every clutch putt, at least gave Europe some big momentum over the final frantic hour Saturday at Medinah.

Right when it looked as if the Americans were a lock to win back the cup, Poulter birdied his last five holes to

win a crucial point and keep everyone guessing.

The Americans still had a big lead, 10-6, going into today's 12 singles matches.

Europe at least had hope.

"The last two putts were massive," European captain Jose Maria Olazabal said after watching Poulter stay undefeated in this Ryder Cup by rolling in one last birdie putt from 12 feet. "That gives us a chance. It's been done before in the past. Tomorrow is a big day."

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CHAMBER BUSINESS



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Fall is in the air and the Lake City – Columbia County Chamber is in full swing planning activities for the upcoming season. One of our most popular events is the annual Trunk or Treat Halloween party in downtown Lake City.

We were fortunate to have Potash Corporation of White Springs come on board to sponsor the event this year which has allowed us to make it bigger and better than ever! Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26th at Olustee Park at 6:00pm.

The festivities will begin with trick or treating, fall festival games, bounce houses, live musical entertainment, as well as costume contest for children in two age groups; birth-6 years old and 7-12 years old. Following the costume contest, we will then show the movie Monsters vs. Aliens.

Be sure to bring your lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the movie! If you love Halloween and would like to volunteer to decorate your car as one of the “trunks” and pass out candy, please give me a

FALL continued on 3C

Hospital named Top Performer

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Proven to administer the right care at the right time, Lake City Medical Center was named a top performer for heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care by the nation’s leading accreditation body for the second year in a row.

Lake City Medical Center earned the title of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, one of 620 hospitals to do so. The hospital is one of only 244 hospitals that achieved the distinction two years in a row.

“It’s one thing to get the award one year, but to be the only hospital in Columbia and Suwannee counties for two years in a row signifies our consistent drive, great quality and patient outreach of Lake City Medical Center,” said Mark Robinson, hospital CEO.

Teresa Johnson, hospital director of quality, said it is a big deal to be recognized by the accreditation body and meet the national standard of care. “That means if you are having chest pains you’ll want to go here,” she said.

Lake City Medical Center was recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care



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for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children’s asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice, for example, giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, and providing a home management plan for children with asthma.

The list of Top

Performers increased by 50 percent from its debut last year and represents 18 percent of accredited hospitals reporting data.

“When we raise the bar and provide the proper guidance and tools, hospitals have responded with excellent results,” said Mark R. Chassin, The Joint Commission president in a press release.

“This capacity for continual improvement points

toward a future in which quality and safety defects are dramatically reduced and high reliability is sought and achieved with regularity. Such day-to-day progress will slowly but surely transform today’s health care system into one that achieves unprecedented performance outcomes for the benefit of the patients.”

“We understand that what matters most to

patients at Lake City Medical Center is safe, effective care. That’s why we have made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Lake City Medical Center is proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission’s Top Performers on Key Quality Measures,” Robinson said.

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What's a "pure play" company? — *R.C., Springfield, Mo.*

It's a company that focuses on one single business. When investors are drawn to a particular industry, they may look for a company that's a pure play, so that their invested dollars won't be spread out over other, less desirable businesses.

Massive conglomerate General Electric, for example, is about as far as you can get from a pure play, making everything from security systems to power-plant equipment to aircraft engines, and with each operation having varying profitability characteristics.

If your research suggests that cosmetics retailing should grow briskly and you want to invest in it, you might invest in drugstores or department stores that sell makeup. They sell a lot of other items, too, though, many of which might grow less briskly and might thus bring down the company's overall growth rate. So instead, you can look at Sally Beauty Holdings and Ulta Salon, which are pure plays in the business.

Coca-Cola is a beverage pure play, unlike PepsiCo, which has a giant snack operation in Frito-Lay.

(The Motley Fool owns shares of and/or has recommended Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and Ulta Salon.)

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Know Your Company

It's important to have a handle on the different kinds of companies out there, lest you end up filling your portfolio with too many of one type. Here are some common types:

- "Cyclical" companies are very tied to the economic climate. During downturns, people spend money more conservatively, putting off major purchases such as cars, washing machines and big trips. Thus, makers of large appliances are cyclical. Companies selling items such as drugs, soap or energy are "defensive." If you're taking heart medications, you're not going to stop because of a recession.

- "Seasonal" companies experience significantly different sales at various times of the year. Many retailers, for example, see sales surge during the holiday season. Tax-preparation and lawn-servicing companies are also seasonal.

- "Blue chip" companies have been around a long time and are known for being solid, relatively safe investments. They're steady growers, usually paying dividends. Examples: General Electric, Wal-Mart, Caterpillar and Colgate-

Palmolive. At the other end of the spectrum are "speculative" stocks, typically tied to young, relatively unknown and risky companies.

Many promise great things, but have yet to prove themselves. Examples include gold miners or firms trying to develop cures for cancer.

- "Growth" stocks, favored by aggressive investors, tend to grow faster than the market average. They often don't pay any dividends, using profits to fuel their growth. Their stock prices can go up — and down — quickly. (Telegraph and fax-machine businesses were growers once. Fortunes change over time.)

- "Value" stocks are favored by investors looking to buy the proverbial dollar for 50 cents. They seek promising companies that are — temporarily — out of favor.

- "Income" stocks may not grow too quickly, but they pay significant dividends, ideally hiking them regularly. These include utility companies, real-estate companies, preferred stocks and many blue chips. Income stocks are often favored by those in or near retirement, who seek income to supplement pensions or savings.

Many companies fit into several categories, such as those that are both growing briskly and valued attractively.

My Dumbest Investment

Give It Time

Decades ago, when I began following stocks, I wanted to invest in a name I recognized. Berkshire Hathaway stock cost a few dollars per share, and all I knew about it was that it made shirts. To my everlasting regret, I didn't buy any — but at 12 years old I didn't have much money of my own and only watched stocks and dreamed about owning them. Just proves that the best time to start investing is as early as possible. — *M.S., Danville, Calif.*

The Fool Responds: You may be surprised to learn that "Hathaway" shirts were not made by Berkshire Hathaway, which began as a textile company. You're right, though, that starting early is a great way to build wealth. You needn't get in on a great company at the beginning, though.

With Berkshire's Class A shares recently trading near \$130,000 per share (you read that right), you'd have done well to have bought at \$100 or \$1,000 or even \$100,000. (Class B shares are far more accessible, though, near \$87.) Even a slow grower can serve you well, if you give it decades.



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

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded in 1972 and based in California, I'm a small company, but a major player in the telescope industry. I began as a one-man mail-order vendor of small telescopes, and now offer a range of telescopes, binoculars and other optical products. I serve everyone from beginning bird-watchers to serious amateur astronomers to celestial photographers. My innovations over the years have made sky-watching more accessible for amateurs. My Light-Switch telescopes, for example, introduced in 2009, automatically align themselves with the flip of a switch, making it easy for viewers to zero in on objects of interest. Who am I? (Answer: Meade Instruments)

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FALL: Look for festive downtown

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call. We will provide all of the candy! I guarantee you will have a great time!

The City of Lake City Community Advisory Committee and the Chamber of Commerce are hosting "Fall Around Downtown" fall decorating contest. The decorating will begin on October 1st and will be up until November 16th. Judging will take place on October 15th and the winner will be announced at the Trunk or Treat event on October 26th. Our goal is the make the CRA district, specifically, Marion Avenue festive for the fall season as well as increase traffic into our downtown area. We hope all community members will walk our beauti-

ful downtown area and support the Chamber and City of Lake City in this endeavor.

It has been an exciting couple of months at the Chamber of Commerce! We added Abbie Chasteen to our team as our new Marketing Coordinator. One of Abbie's primary duties will be to help the Chamber fulfill the marketing agreement with The Ichetucknee Partnership (TIP).

You can visit with Abbie and her friend Bellamy the Beaver, TIP's 8ft tall mascot on Saturday, September 29th at 3:00pm at Westside Elementary School's Fall Festival. Bellamy can't wait to meet you!

The Chamber strives to make our community a stronger place to live and work. One way we are able to accomplish this is by hosting family-friendly community events.

We appreciate our members support by attending, volunteering and sponsoring our events. If you would like more information on becoming a sponsor, volunteer or chamber member, it would be my pleasure to speak with you. Call the Chamber office at 752-3690 or visit our website at www.lakecitychamber.com

■ Dennille Decker is the executive director of the Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

After Isaac, oyster harvest struggles

HOUMA, La. — Hurricane Isaac wiped out many adult oysters in Louisiana waters, another blow to an industry that has been struggling in the wake of BP PLC's 2010 massive oil spill. But in a twist, the storm's raging waters also may have helped set the stage for better crops in years to come.

The Courier reports that state officials suspect Isaac may have wiped out 20-30 percent of the state's remaining oyster crop.

At the same time, scientists are reporting evidence of one of the best oyster reproductive cycles seen since the BP spill, which may have been triggered by the storm, said Mike Voisin, owner of Motivait Seafood in Houma and a member of the state's Oyster Task Force.

That's significant because oysters in some of the state's most productive grounds in Barataria Bay and east of the Mississippi River haven't had a successful reproductive cycle the last two years.

Still, it's too early to know for sure how Louisiana's oyster crops will fare.

It's been two years since

oysters were devastated during the BP oil spill. Many oysters were killed when the state opened up freshwater diversions on the Mississippi River to push oil out of wetlands.

But the freshwater was harmful to oysters, which survive on salty water. Then historic Mississippi River flooding in 2011 harmed more oyster grounds.

Historically, oysters have come back strongly after a freshwater flood, but that hasn't happened this year and crops are down.

All oyster harvest areas were authorized to reopen last week. The state closed the oyster grounds in advance of Isaac because storm flooding and runoff can sometimes contaminate oyster grounds with human or animal waste, making the shellfish unsafe to eat.

Fourth-generation south Lafourche oysterman Nick Collins said what's left of his family's oysters fared well through Isaac. The hurricane made landfall over his family's oyster grounds west of Bayou Lafourche in Barataria Bay.

"There's some grass

and a little bit of sediment on our stuff, but it's mainly not too bad," Collins said. "You can tell there was a lot of current that passed in the bay because the oysters looked like they'd been cleaned off."

Collins was hopeful that the hurricane would trigger a strong reproductive cycle in his oyster beds, as oystermen have observed in the past after storms.

The family's grounds in Barataria Bay were wiped out during the BP spill, leaving only a small area west of Bayou Lafourche unaffected.

"I'm not seeing it yet, but that's what usually happens," he said. "It will really be the turning point to see if we stay in business. There are a few babies growing on the other side of our leases, but it's no big thing at all."

Oysters are not only of culinary and cultural importance in Louisiana; the state's oyster industry employs about 3,500

Louisianans and has an estimated \$300 million annual impact on the state economy.

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A shopper pushes a cart through the clearance section of a store in Chicago. Americans spent at the fastest pace in six months in August but much of that increase went to pay their higher gas bills, the Commerce Department announced Friday, Sept. 28.

Higher gas costs push US consumer spending up

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Americans boosted their spending in August even though their income barely grew. Much of the spending increase went to pay higher gas prices, which may have forced consumers to cut back elsewhere.

The Commerce Department said Friday that consumer spending rose 0.5 percent in August from July. It was the biggest jump since February.

Gas prices rose nearly 50 cents per gallon in July and August, but have since leveled off. Excluding the impact of higher gas prices and other price gains, spending ticked up only 0.1 percent last month.

Income grew only 0.1 percent, too. But after accounting for inflation and deducting taxes, income actually fell 0.3 percent — the poorest performance since November.

The increase in prices and slower growth in pay forced people to save less.

“The US personal income and spending data for August are worse than the headline figures suggest and indicate that subdued jobs growth is hitting incomes,” said Paul Dales, senior U.S. The increase “was largely due to extra spending caused by the surge in gasoline prices.”

High unemployment and weak wage growth have kept Americans from spending more freely, which has held back growth.

Consumer spending drives nearly 70 percent of economic activity.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 1.3 percent in the April-June quarter, the government reported Tuesday. Most economists say growth rate will likely hover around 2 percent in the July-September quarter, a rate that is far too weak to lower the unemployment rate.

“American household spending and income remain weak, indicating continued subpar growth,” said Sal Gautieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

The combination of weak income growth and a big jump in spending meant that households saved less. The saving rate dropped to 3.7 percent of after-tax income in August, down from 4.1 percent in July.

A price gauge tied to consumer spending jumped 0.4 percent, reflecting the rise in energy prices. It was the biggest one-month jump since March 2011. Excluding food and energy, prices barely changed. Over the past year, prices excluding food and energy rose only 1.6 percent, well below the Federal Reserve’s 2 percent inflation target.

Earlier this month, the government released a mixed report on retail spending that showed that consumers are feeling pinched by higher gas prices.

Consumers spent 0.9 percent more at retail businesses in August from July.

But excluding the impact of gas prices and a sizeable increase in auto sales, retail sales rose just 0.1 percent. The retail sales report showed Americans cut back on clothing, electronics and at general merchandise outlets.

There have been some positive signs that spending could pick up in September, most notably a pair of positive consumer confidence surveys released this week.

The University of Michigan’s index released Friday showed consumer sentiment rose this month to its second-highest level in nearly five years. A separate survey from the Conference Board said consumer confidence jumped in September to its highest level since February.

Stock prices are higher. Steady gains in home prices, along with record-low mortgage rates, have helped fuel a modest recovery in the housing market.

And a report Thursday offered some hope that the job market will strengthen. Weekly applications for unemployment benefits plunged 26,000 to a seasonally adjusted 359,000. That’s the lowest level in two months.

Still, most economists expect only modest hiring gains when the government releases the September employment report next week. The forecast is that employers added roughly 100,000 jobs, about the same as in August.

Wait at least an hour before checking email

“Email is not evil. It is just a little dangerous.”

— Julie Morgenstern

When email first came out, it was billed as a time-saver, but now, I think most people would agree that it is anything but that. We all get way too many emails and every person behind each and every message deserves a response, which often takes so much time.

No one would argue that interruptions make us less effective. They make it hard to get anything accomplished, and at the end of a day filled with interruptions, you feel terrible and unproductive.

Where interruptions are concerned, email is just about the worst offender there is. The reasons are twofold. First, emails take time to answer, and second, they kill our momentum. It takes time to get back up to speed on the task you were focused on when the email came in.

Though emails are an unavoidable part of our lives this day and age, we can learn to be more efficient with them. One way to do this is to wait for at least an hour after you get to work to answer your emails.

I know this will be hard for many people, because much of the time, it seems we do not just answer our emails, we answer to them. But I promise, if you adopt this method for two weeks, you will see some great

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results.

Here is why I think this tactic works. Starting the day with your emails puts you in a reactive mode instead of allowing you to be proactive with the things you need to accomplish.

Conversely, focusing on something that is both urgent and important at the start of the day puts you in a better position to make positive progress toward your goal. At the end of the day, you get that good feeling that comes with having accomplished something of value.

For me, when I start the day answering my emails, the day seems to drag, and I can be almost certain that I will not feel good about how I have spent my time. When I wait to check emails until I am at least an hour into my work, however, it is normally a very good day.

Some other rules of thumb that can help you be more effective and efficient with your emails are as follows:

Try limiting the times you check and answer your emails to two or three times a day — assuming your job

allows for this. Being tuned in to your email throughout the day means you will be continuously interrupted. When going through your emails, respond first to those messages that can be dealt with quickly. More involved responses should be addressed when you feel you will have more uninterrupted time. Because we are all inundated, it is always helpful to be able to see at a glance what the email is about. When sending email, try to include as much information as possible in the subject line. It is so refreshing to get an email with only a subject line and nothing in the message itself.

Much of the time, I think people try to communicate too much information in a single email. If you have more than two main points to cover, it is better to break this up into multiple messages.

Now go out and make sure that you are using email in a manner that helps, not hinders, your progress and adds value to your organization or company.

Give these tips a try and remember to answer emails only after you have been at work for at least an hour.

You can do this!

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FDA warning public about online pharmacies risks

By **LINDA A. JOHNSON**
AP Business Writer

The Food and Drug Administration is warning U.S. consumers that the vast majority of Internet pharmacies are fraudulent and likely are selling counterfeit drugs that could harm them.

The agency on Friday launched a national campaign, called BeSafeRx, to alert the public to the danger, amid evidence that more people are shopping for their medicine online, looking for savings and convenience.

Instead, they’re likely to get fake drugs that are contaminated, are past their

expiration date or contain no active ingredient, the wrong amount of active ingredient or even toxic substances such as arsenic and rat poison. They could sicken or kill people, cause them to develop a resistance to their real medicine, cause new side effects or trigger harmful interactions with other medications being taken.

“Our goal is to increase awareness,” FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg told The Associated Press, “not to scare people away from online pharmacies. We want them to use appropriate pharmacies.”

That means pharmacies

that are located in the U.S., are licensed by the pharmacy board in the patient’s state and have a licensed pharmacist available to answer questions. In addition, the pharmacy must require a valid doctor’s prescription for the medicine. Online drugstores that claim none is needed, or that the site’s doctor can write a prescription after the customer answers some questions, are breaking the law.

Research by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy found that of thousands of online pharmacies it reviewed, only about 3 percent follow state and federal laws.

Who’s watching? 3-D TV is no hit with viewers

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Phil Ornlins knows everything about producing TV in three dimensions. The ESPN producer has captured the undulating greens of Augusta National and the flying motor bikes of the X-Games for ESPN’s 3-D channel. But he can only guess how well his shows resonate with viewers. That’s because 3-D audiences are so small they can’t be measured by Nielsen’s rating system.

“The feedback on The Masters was fast and furious. You could go on Twitter at any moment, and there’d be comments coming in every minute about 3-D coverage,” said Ornlins while giving a tour of a production truck at this summer’s X-Games. “But then you go to some other events where it’s pretty quiet.”

Ornlins’ problem is that fewer than 115,000 American homes are tuned into 3-D channels at any one time. That’s less than a hundredth of the 20.2 million-strong audience that saw television’s high-

est-rated show “NCIS” this week. 3-D viewership is so tiny that The Nielsen Co.’s methods are unable to capture any meaningful data about viewers’ programming preferences.

ESPN 3D is one of nine 3-D channels that launched in the years following the late 2009 release of James Cameron’s “Avatar.” The 3-D blockbuster won three Oscars and ranks as the highest-grossing film of all time, garnering \$2.8 billion at the global box office.

“Avatar” was supposed to change everything. Enthusiastic television executives expected the movie to spur 3-D’s transition to American living rooms, boosting sales of new TVs and giving people a reason to pay more for 3-D channels.

That never happened.

Only 2 percent of TVs in the U.S. are able to show 3-D programming, according to the most recent data from research firm IHS Screen Digest. That’s about 6.9 million sets out of 331 million. After this year’s Christmas buying rush, IHS expects the number of 3-D-capable televisions installed in homes to

jump to 19.3 million, mostly because 3-D viewing technology is being built into most new large-screen TVs. But even with the jump, 3-D TVs will amount to less than 6 percent of all sets.

“We’ve learned with every passing day that we were ahead of the curve further than we thought we were,” said Bryan Burns, the business leader for ESPN 3D. “We hit the on-ramp earlier than we realized at the time.”

Why 3-D television hasn’t become a national craze is a mystery to some in the industry, considering the wide acceptance of 3-D movies at theaters. But 3-D content is expensive to produce, and as a result there’s not a lot of it. Some of the content isn’t very good. Some people find the special glasses required for 3-D TV uncomfortable. And many wonder whether it’s worth the extra cost.

“It was kind of fascinating to me, but it’s not all there,” said Tim Carter, a graphic designer in Sarasota, Fla., who bought a large, high-end 3-D TV with other high-end features last year for about \$1,800.

Today, the average 42-

inch 3-D television costs about \$900, according to IHS. They contain a high-tech chip and software that translates 3-D video feeds into the right- and left-eye images that create the 3-D effect for people wearing the right glasses. In some cases, special glasses can cost an extra \$50 or so.

Watching home movies on disc requires a 3-D Blu-ray player that can cost another \$120 and each disc set purchase runs around \$27, according to IHS. (3-D movies are usually bundled with other discs.)

While operators like DirecTV and Comcast Corp. don’t charge specifically for channels like ESPN 3D, they are generally bundled in packages that require other spending. At DirecTV that means a \$200 high-definition digital video recorder and \$10 per month for HD service. For Comcast, that means a minimum \$65-per-month digital starter package with HD service costing another \$10 a month.

All that for the privilege of watching 3-D at home in your pajamas.

Due to the cost, Carter said he’s mainly sampled

free 3-D movie trailers provided on-demand by his cable TV company. A trailer for the latest “Transformers” movie didn’t make him more enthused. “One of the robots pops out at you, and it felt forced.” “It’s not consistent,” he said, noting that 3-D effects aren’t noticeable much of the time. He said he’s not knocking the technology, he’s just disappointed with the way it’s being used.

Nowadays, 3-D is just one feature on TVs with bigger screens. It is usually grouped with other upgrades that include motion-smoothing technology and light-emitting diodes that are smaller, more energy efficient and display color contrast better than traditional liquid crystal display sets. It’s difficult to isolate how much 3-D adds to the price tag of an individual set because of this bundling, but according to IHS the average 42-inch set with 3-D is about \$200 more than a similar-sized one without. Some 3-D TVs, however, can be found for cheaper than others of the same size.

“There’s very little direct

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Taste Buddies head to Wellborn

Recently we had lunch at the new spot in Wellborn, Junior's Place. It opened in August at the previous location of the Whistle Stop Café.

This location has been there for years starting out as a "filling station" (wonder how many remember calling them that?). It has been added to over the years and Junior's now seats 40. You feel very welcomed when you walk in the door. Tables are covered in red checked cloths, the room has been freshly painted and is decorated in a country mish-mash of items including a large chandelier, wash tubs, horseshoes, farm equipment, pictures and a saddle. A very comfortable feeling.

The waitress couldn't have been more attentive or helpful. There is a daily selection of items on special. The day we visited the special was barbeque chicken or meatloaf with your choice of mustard greens, green beans, mashed potatoes, okra/tomatoes and corn pudding. Other menu selections include sandwiches, country fried chicken or steak, ham steak, shrimp, grouper, pork chops, chicken strips, numerous side dishes and desserts. Sandwiches are served with fries and dinners include two sides.

We chose potato skin appetizer (\$4.95) to start with. It was cut into four strips topped with cheese, real bacon and scallions. Sour cream on the side made this a winner. The Philly Steak and Cheese sandwich (\$6.99) was plentiful on the warm roll and is one to repeat at another visit. The sweet potato fries were hot and cooked perfectly. The side salad with ranch was fresh and tasty. Decided to try the hamburger (\$4.99) since you can tell a lot about a place based on their burgers. Although served plain, you can have anything you want to dress it up. The meat is freshly ground and handmade into a patty and grilled. Very tasty and good. The side order of corn pudding was the star of the meal. It was homemade, a generous serving and just plain delicious. We didn't have room for dessert but did learn that they are all made on the premise.

Breakfast is served daily and includes all the usual breakfast choices. Several sounded especially appealing e.g. sausage and cheese omelet (\$4.59), Veggie omelet

TASTE continued on 3D

Rebirth in the springs

By LAURA HAMPSON
lhampson@lakecityreporter.com

With a quick dip back into chilly water, local residents will have a new connection to God and the springs.

The seventh annual Baptism Sunday at Ichetucknee Springs will be Sunday, Oct. 7.

Baptism Sunday was designed to unify various Christian denominations in the county and spotlight the spiring so people of faith can be good stewards for the springs, Wheeler said.

Florida photographer John Moran is scheduled to photograph the baptisms, said John Wheeler, an event organizer.

Over the years several photographers have recorded the baptisms, but this is the first time Moran has attended, Wheeler said.

Representing rebirth, baptism is extra special at a place like the springs, he said. While the springs are just water, "there is a special spirit there," Wheeler said.

The first baptisms in Florida occurred over 500 years ago in the springs when the Spanish missionaries baptized Native Americans, he said.

"When I read that it was a traditional baptism place years ago, I said 'Why can't we do it today?'" he said. A call to the state park revealed churches were welcome to host baptisms there.

Christian Heritage Church, First Presbyterian Church and Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church were the first three to participate in 2005.

This year, Wheeler expects six to eight churches to participate, bringing about 100 people together.

Although springs may be a way of life for locals, area visitors cannot believe how beautiful they are, he said.

"They literally think they are in heaven when they see those waters," Wheeler said.

Past participants of Baptism Sunday "really look back on that as a special time," he said.

Other churches have started to make springs baptism a habit outside on the once-a-year event, he



TOP: Vincent Flournoy, 27, reacts after being helped out of the 72-degree water by Samuel Latham (right), pastor of Poole Memorial Independent Church of God in Christ, and Charles Latham during Baptism Sunday in 2011. **LEFT:** Pastor Chris Jones, of Christian Heritage Church, secures Angelia Cooper, 39, as she goes under the water last year.

said. "Just like the waters from the aquifer over all parts of the county coalesce there, the faiths come together," he said. "It turns out to be a beautiful event," he said.

Churches of different races and denominations come together, believing in the same thing and united at the springs, Wheeler said.

While each church proceeds with the process a bit differently, most people are getting baptized for the first time, he said. "It's every emotional.

There's a oneness to it," Wheeler said.

"I think it's a beautiful thing, on any number of levels," Moran said.

"I believe we are creatures of spirit. We are drawn to the water," he said.

To protect the springs there has to be a love of the water, born of connection, Moran said. Being baptized in the springs builds a powerful connection.

Moran may use the photos in his upcoming exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural

History in Gainesville called Springs Eternal: Florida's Fragile Fountains of Youth.

"I'm delighted to see an event that reflects the strong heritage we have with the waters of North Florida," he said.

Baptism Sunday starts at 2 p.m. at the Ichetucknee Springs State Park, North Entrance.

Those attending should bring lawnchairs and their favorite dessert. Each pastor will baptize his own church members, which should

last around 45 minutes, Wheeler said.

There will be gospel songs, a ground reaffirmation of baptismal vows and a dessert social. All churches and denominations are welcome.

Participants do not have to be members of a church to enjoy the event.

"If you would like to be baptized, we can arrange that," Wheeler said.

Churches or individuals interested in joining should contact Wheeler at 752-8660.

For the love of the open road and writing about it

This is my first column and I'm so excited! I absolutely love to travel and I love to write about it. I especially like road trips.

About five years ago, while riding from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, I started my travel journal. I never thought much about it, just wanted to get the memories and thoughts down, thinking I could go back one day and read about it.

Traveling is my passion, but it doesn't pay the bills. Writing about it has been a bonus. I would mostly share my journal call it — or blog as I often call it — with family and friends. I would recap each day from whatever trip I was

on, download the pictures from that day and send it back home. I loved sharing my stories and as it turns out they loved hearing about it.

Often, if I was too tired to write at night, I'd get emails the next day asking, "What happened?" When speaking to family and friends on the phone, they would ask if I'd written the blog yet because they wanted to read it before they went to bed, or planned to get up early the next morning to make time to read it before work.

It was exciting to know they enjoyed it so much, and I'd laugh because it also put the pressure on to get all of my thoughts down every day.



Sandy Kishton

After receiving such positive feedback from the journal entries through the years and along the way, some saying how I should write for travel magazines and the like, I thought, "Why not?"

It took a lot of thought and courage, but I contacted Todd Wilson, publisher of the Lake City Reporter, and I made my case. In addition to some sample pages from the last road trip I took, I also shared

the scrapbook I made. Yep, that's something else I started doing after my first cross country road trip.

So often we take photos and don't do anything with them, especially in the digital world we live in.

I know people who haven't downloaded the pictures off of their cameras from a year ago, or they are downloaded onto their computers, but often not looked at again.

So as you can see, Todd was very encouraging and here I am introducing myself and my journeys.

Road trips are my favorite type of travel, but I also love the quick trip for a long weekend to New York City for good dinners, new shows and

to explore new neighborhoods.

I love the quiet drive up to Charleston for a relaxing weekend to just chill out.

The planning of my trips is as exciting to me as taking the trip. I do a whole lot of research in advance (and am often made fun of for it) and it absolutely builds the anticipation.

Not only can't I wait for the next trip, but tend to start planning another one before completing the first one — this makes my husband a little crazy.

And now, I can't wait to share my stories with all of you.

■ Sandy Kishton is a freelance travel writer who lives in Lake City.

Ginseng poachers take to the woods as prices soar

By **TODD RICHMOND**
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — They slink through the woods in camouflage and face paint, armed with tire irons, screwdrivers and hoes, seeking a plant that looks like a cross between a Virginia creeper and poison ivy.

They're the new breed of ginseng diggers, a rough and tumble lot looking to parlay rising Asian demand for the increasingly rare plant's roots into a fast buck.

Amid a sluggish economy, police say, more diggers are pushing into the backcountry from the upper Mississippi River to the Smoky Mountains in search of wild ginseng, eschewing harvest permits, ripping up even the smallest plants and ignoring property lines.

Their slash-and-burn tactics have left property owners enraged and biologists worried about the slow-growing plant's long-term survival. In Ohio prosecutors charged one landowner with gunning down a man he believed was stealing ginseng.

"We're not finding big, healthy populations. It was there, and a lot of it has been taken," said Nora Murdock, an ecologist with the National Park Service who monitors plant populations in four parks across the southeastern U.S. "It's like taking bricks out of a building. You might not feel

the first brick ... but sooner or later you're going to pull out too many."

Ginseng, a long-stemmed plant with five leaves and distinctive red berries, long has been coveted in many Asian cultures because the plant's gnarly, multi-pronged root is believed to have medicinal properties that help improve everything from memory to erectile dysfunction. And the wild roots are believed to be more potent than cultivated roots.

The plant takes years to mature, and it has been harvested to the edge of extinction in China. Ginseng buyers have turned to North America, where the plant can be found from northeastern Canada through the eastern U.S.

Conscious of the harvesting pressure, the Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora imposed restrictions on exports in 1975. Under those terms, states certify ginseng has been harvested legally and exporters must obtain a federal permit. Most states have restricted ginseng harvest to a few months in the fall and require diggers to obtain permits during that period. It's illegal to harvest ginseng from any national park and most national forests in the southeast.

The price of wild ginseng roots has climbed in the last decade. Now domestic buyers pay \$500 to \$600 per pound compared with



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Don Dobbs, owner of Buckhorn Ginseng, holds a wild ginseng root on in Richland Center, Wis. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is getting more complaints about people trespassing to take the root, which can be worth as much as \$600 a pound.

about \$50 per pound of cultivated roots. Law enforcement officials say the prices have pushed people looking for quick money into the woods.

"It's lucrative to spend a day in the woods and walk out with \$500 of ginseng in a bag when you don't have a job," said Wisconsin conservation warden Ed

McCann. "Every one of these plants is like looking at a \$5 or \$10 bill."

Clad at times in camouflage, face masks and face paint to blend in, poachers trod through the underbrush with makeshift tools such as tire irons and screwdrivers looking for ginseng, police said. They don't have any

qualms about digging up immature roots; they want to get at the plants before other poachers or before the state's harvest season begins. But that ensures the plants won't reproduce and feeds a cycle of dwindling populations and rising prices.

And poachers know how to get around the conservation regulations. They'll dig ginseng out of season to get a jump on competitors and take it to dealers when the season opens or purchase permits after the fact. In other cases dealers just look the other way, said John Welke, a Wisconsin conservation warden.

It's difficult to get a clear picture of the extent of poaching in the U.S. — violation statistics are spread across layers of state and federal jurisdictions, but law enforcement officials and biologists across the eastern half of the country told The Associated Press they believe it's on the rise.

In Wisconsin, the leading U.S. producer of commercially grown ginseng, wildlife officials say violations such as harvesting wild ginseng without a permit or harvesting out of season tripled from 12 in 2007 to 36 last year.

Ohio wildlife authorities have made 100 arrests between 2008 and last year for various ginseng violations ranging from digging without permission to digging or buying out of season.

A team of West Virginia University researchers counted 30 ginseng populations across New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia between 1998 and 2009. The team reported that of the 368 plants they discovered had been harvested, only five were taken legally.

"It's very difficult to catch a poacher," said U.S. Forest Service botanist Gary Kauffman. "You could put everything in a backpack and your hands are clean, nobody really knows what you're doing."

A grand jury in southeastern Ohio charged 78-year-old Joseph Kutter of New Paris with killing a man whom Kutter claimed had trespassed onto his property to poach ginseng. According to court documents, Kutter shot Bobby Jo Grubbs with an assault rifle in May and hid his body in a mulch pile. Kutter's attorneys didn't return messages seeking comment.

Sara Souther, a University of Wisconsin-Madison botanist who worked on the West Virginia University ginseng team, said multiple times she has encountered poachers trying to harvest the plant.

"These are intimidating people," Souther said. "You can tell these men are not hiking. If you're out there and witness an illegal act, you don't know what people will do."

Taking the slowly out of slowly simmered beef stew

By **J.M. HIRSCH**
AP Food Editor

Almost by definition, beef stew isn't a weeknight-friendly dish.

That's mostly a matter of the meat. Stew meat generally is tough and requires a long simmer to become tender. But who has time for a long simmer at the end of a long day at work?

But stews are so right for the season, it seemed a shame to give them up. Sure, you could plan ahead and make them on the weekend. But I'm guessing that I'm not the only person whose weekends rarely are relaxed enough to spend much time contemplating my dinners for the rest of the week.

Instead, I decided to come up with a beef stew that could be tossed together on a weeknight. It was easier than I expected.

The first step was replac-

ing the meat. Stew meat was right out. But tender sirloin tips worked perfectly. But it was important to adapt the cooking technique to this cut of meat. If I just tossed it into the pot and let it cook with the rest of the ingredients, they would end up tough from overcooking. But I didn't want to add them only at the end, either, as this would prevent browning.

The solution was browning the meat first, then setting it aside while the other ingredients cooked. The meat then was returned to pot toward the end of cooking. The result was perfect taste and texture.

SPEEDY BEEF AND BUTTERNUT STEW

Start to finish: 45 minutes
(15 minutes active)
Servings: 6
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 pounds sirloin beef

tips, cut into 1-inch chunks
3 cups cubed butternut squash (1/2-inch cubes)
1 cup baby carrots, halved
1 large yellow onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
2 cups beef broth
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon mustard powder
Salt and ground black pepper

In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the beef, in batches if needed to avoid crowding the pan, and cook, turning, until browned on all sides but still rare at the center, about 5 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the beef to a plate.

Return the saucepan to the heat and add the squash and carrots. If the pan is too dry to easily saute the vegetables, you can add a splash of olive oil. Saute



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In this image taken on Sept. 10, Speedy Beef and Butternut Stew is shown in Concord, N.H.

until the squash begins to brown, about 5 minutes. Add the onion and garlic, then continue to cook until the onion is tender, about another 6 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, broth, paprika, thyme and mustard powder. Bring to a simmer

and cook until the carrots and squash are tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Return the beef to the pot, as well as any juices that have accumulated on the plate. Simmer for 5 minutes, then season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition information per serving: 340 calories; 150 calories from fat (44 percent of total calories); 16 g fat (4.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 85 mg cholesterol; 23 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 28 g protein; 600 mg sodium.

Wedding announcement

Cox-Gerbec

Micahel and Velina Cox of Lake City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bethany Jean Cox, to Matthew Monroe Gerbec, son of Bill and Wendy Moon of Fort White and Tom Gerbec of North Carolina. The bride is also the granddaughter of the late Carl Peeler, Pauline Peeler Murray and James D. Cox. The wedding is planned for Saturday, October 13 at 5 p.m. at the Lake City Seventh Day Adventist Church, 148 SW Seminole Terrace. The reception will follow at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Fort White High School. She currently works for Dr. Alex Gonzales as a Medical Assitant at his Internal Medicine office. The



future groom is employee at Sysco Food Distribution

Center in Alachua. All friends and family are invited.

Birth announcements

John Francis Sappington III

Brittany DuKawicz and John Sappington of Lake City announce the birth of their son, John Francis Sappington III on Sept. 21 at Shands Lake Shore in Lake City. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches. John joins sibling Cayden Jacob Sappington, 4. Grandparents are Debi Dukawicz, Morris Albritton and Darlene Sappington. Great-grandparent is Ann Pope.

Noah Francis Wallace

Jack and Deborah Tyre Wallace of Mission, Kan. are proud to announce the birth of their son, Noah Francis, on Sept. 24. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. He joins brother Logan Henry, 3. Maternal grandparents are Dorothy Tyre Hopson and the late James Henry Tyre.

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Want some taste with that ice cream?

By MAE ANDERSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Nonfat cheese that tastes like plastic. Low-calorie soda that leaves a bitter aftertaste. Sugar-free brownies that crumble like Styrofoam.

Dieters have learned an important lesson: When you take the fat and calories out of your favorite treats, you sometimes have to say goodbye to the taste too.

But snack brands like Dreyer's/Edy's ice cream, Hershey's chocolate and Lay's potato chips are trying to solve this age-old dieter's dilemma by rolling out so-mid-calorie goodies that have more fat and calories than the snacks of earlier diet crazes but less than the original versions. They're following the lead of soda companies like Pepsi and Dr Pepper that introduced mid-calorie drinks last year.

It's hard to isolate sales of mid-calorie snacks since they also usually have reduced fat, or other healthy attributes like reduced sodium. But sales of all foods and drinks in which the amount of things like fat, sugar, salt, carbohydrates have been actively reduced during production have risen 16 percent to \$51.72 billion since 2006, according to research firm Euromonitor International.

The mid-calorie trend is hitting at a time when companies that make sugary and salty treats are being blamed for the country's expanding waistlines. The problem is that the same things that make snacks taste good — sugar, salt, calories — also make them fattening. And many Americans don't want to sacrifice taste at snack time. Shaving a few calories enables companies to market their cakes, cookies and chips as healthier without the stigma of bad taste that goes along with some low-fat products.

It's just the kind of mar-

keting that might attract Monica Olivas. She says she wants to lead a healthy lifestyle, including curbing her fat and caloric intake as much as possible. But most low-fat foods just don't appeal to her.

"Sometimes companies go too far and take out all the fat — and all the flavor," says Olivas, a 29-year-old recruiter from Pico Rivera, Calif.

A NEW 'LIGHT'

The mid-calorie trend is a toned-down version of the "light" craze that started in the 1990s. Back then, "low fat" or "no fat" was all the rage. But the products often fizzled.

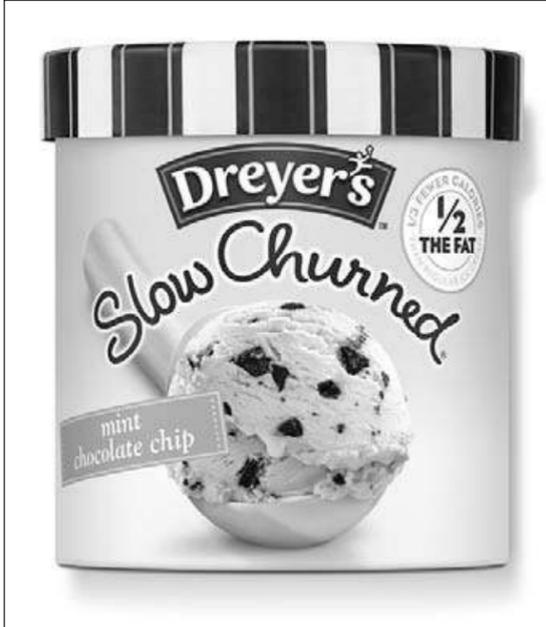
For instance, McDonald's rolled out the McLean Deluxe, a low-fat burger, in 1991. But the burger, which was in part made with seaweed, had dismal sales. It disappeared from restaurants within five years.

Similarly, Lay's in 1998 introduced Wow fat-free potato chips that use fat substitute Olestra. But the ick factor trumped healthiness when the Food and Drug Administration said the chips had to come with a warning that Olestra may cause abdominal cramping, loose stools, and that it inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients.

The FDA dropped the requirement for the label in 2004 after studying the matter. The chips were renamed "Light," but sales have not recovered.

"Originally, a lot of the diet stuff just wasn't good," says Richard George, chair of the department of food marketing at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. "People would say you could throw away contents and eat the box. But they've gotten better."

The new era of diet food started in the last decade. In 2007, companies began offering 100-calorie packs of popular snacks like Oreos cookies



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This product image provided by Dreyer's/Edy's Ice Cream shows packaging which displays a "1/2 the Fat" label. Dieters know that if you take the fat and calories out of your favorite treats, you sometimes have to say goodbye to the taste too.

and Twinkies cakes. That's when brands started putting their focus on reducing calories — without any flavor change.

Turns out, there's some science behind all this calorie slashing. Nutritionists say it's not necessary to cut out all the "junk" foods in your cupboard or to take all the fat or calories out of them.

Reducing a nominal number of calories in your diet each day — even from that morning coffee run or afternoon visit to the vending machine for chips — is an effective way to battle obesity, says David Levitsky, professor of nutritional sciences at Cornell University.

He says "if you typically have a 200-calorie cookie and you have a 160-calorie cookie instead" it won't make you hungrier at the next meal. And since obesity can be caused by as few as 20 excess calories a day, Levitsky says cutting a few at each meal makes a big difference.

But in order for that to

work you have to eat the snacks in moderation. It becomes a problem when people overestimate how much more they can eat of nonfat ice cream or low-calorie chips, says Kelly Brownell, a nutritionist at Yale University.

"If consumption of ice cream and potato chips does not increase and people eat somewhat better versions, the outcome will be good," Brownell says.

TASTE IS KEY

First, companies have to convince dieters that their mid-calorie snacks are not only healthy, but tasty too.

Flavor is a key when Betty Kranzdorf, 55, considers eating foods with lower calories. She says she avoids reduced-calorie English muffins ("horrible texture and taste") but she'll pick up reduced-fat Pringles chips because she can't tell the difference between those and the originals.

"I won't buy 'low cal' just because it's 'low-cal,'" says

Kranzdorf, a paralegal from New York. "If the food I'm eating isn't satisfying, then I'll just go eat something that is more to my liking later — which defeats the whole purpose."

With that in mind, Hershey's in June introduced Simple Pleasures, chocolate with 30 percent less fat. A serving size of six pieces equals 180 calories and 8 grams of fat — that's 30 calories and 5 grams of fat less than the original Hershey's chocolate bar. The company is hoping the deficit is enough to lure chocolate lovers who want to eat healthier.

Hershey's developed the product after consumer research revealed that the No. 1 barrier for people to buy chocolate is the "perceived negative health benefits," says spokeswoman Anna Lingeris.

"We're hearing more and more that customers want healthier options as a balanced lifestyle becomes a more prevalent way of living," Lingeris says.

Similarly, Lay's in July rolled out two new flavors of its Kettle Cooked potato chips with 40 percent less fat. The brand, which fries chips in small batches so as to use less oil than the continuous frying process for regular chips, introduced "Applewood Smoked BBQ" and "Sun-Dried Tomato and Parmesan."

The company says it was able to lower the calories and fat without sacrificing taste: Regular Kettle Cooked chips have 160 calories and 9 grams of fat, while the reduced-fat versions have 130 calories and 6 grams of fat.

"The strategy behind mid-calorie offerings is finding the happy space between zero fat and regular products," says Tony Matta, vice president of marketing for Frito Lay, which makes Lay's chip brands.

But sometimes finding the right balance isn't enough — marketing can

be key. Dreyer's/Edy's (it's called Dreyer's on the West Coast and Edy's on the East) learned that the hard way.

The company in May rolled out an ad campaign that emphasizes that Slow Churned ice cream is half the fat and one third of the calories of regular ice cream — but the company avoids using the word "light."

Why? Because when Dreyer's/Edy's began selling Slow Churned ice cream in 2004, the company labeled the product "light." But ice cream buyers didn't take to the word, and the company stopped advertising the brand using it. In fact, the company eventually stopped advertising the product altogether after 2007, although it still sold it in stores.

"Light" used to be a word that consumers had a lot of negative perception ... because of the taste experience," Eiseman says. "For ice cream, taste is king first and foremost ... they'd rather have great taste and half the fat, rather than OK taste and no fat."

The new packaging and ad campaign for the product, which has about 120 calories and 4.5 grams of fat compared with 150 calories and 8 grams of fat in regular Dreyer's mint chocolate chip, has the tagline "1/2 the Fat, 1/3 Fewer Calories than Regular Ice cream." (The company acknowledges that 4.5 grams of fat is not quite "half" of 8 grams of fat, but Dreyer's/Edy's brand manager Jen Eiseman says the marketing campaign took a liberty of rounding in order to focus on the healthier aspects of the slow-churn ice cream.

"There's been a shift culturally from extreme dieting ... and giving up food altogether," Eiseman says. "Now it's not about giving things up, but finding healthier ways of having it all."

As pets, runts can be the star of the litter

By SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For puppies and kittens, saize really does matter.

Shelters say smaller animals get adopted faster, and animal experts say the runt

TASTE

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(\$4.99), hamburger omelet (\$5.79) pork chops or steak and eggs. All are served with grits, toast or biscuit. Pancakes and French toast and breakfast sandwiches give one a wide range of choices.

Junior's is owned and operated by Robert and Sonya Wainwright, Welborn locals. Their son, Bryan, and Mom, Linda, all work at making this a welcoming oasis with good food. Homemade specialties like macaroni and cheese, desserts such as carrot cake, apple or peach cobbler plus fresh cat fish on Saturdays are examples of what you might find welcoming you at Junior's and entice you to make the ten minute drive from Lake City.

Junior's is open every day Monday through Saturday 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 to 3:00 p.m. Telephone number is 386 963-3287. They are on Facebook but don't have their own website yet.

■ Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth are Columbia County Residents who love good food and fun. Their column on area restaurants appears twice monthly. You can contact them at TasteBuddiesLakeCity@gmail.com.

of a litter tends to be better protected by the mother. Pet owners-to-be tend to heap attention on them, since they're attracted to big heads on little bodies.

"Humans are drawn to animals or beings of any kind whose proportion of eyes to head is large," said Dr. Julie Meadows, a faculty veterinarian at the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of California, Davis. "It's why we all coo when we look" at babies, whether they're human or animal.

For runts destined to become family pets, their size is their greatest risk before birth but also their greatest appeal after birth.

"It's the underdog, undercat thing," said Gayle Guthrie, founder-director of Stray Love Foundation in Magnolia Springs, Ala.

At Stray Love, smaller rescue dogs are adopted five times faster than the larger ones. Meadows said that could be a result of the growing popularity of so-called pocket puppies — teacup dogs bred to be small and stay small.

"Pet owners are looking for that really cute runt equivalent, almost like we are selecting for runted creatures because we like those little things that can ride around in our purses and strollers and never weigh more than 5 pounds," Meadows said.

A litter has only one true runt, but not every litter will have a runt. Litter-bearing mothers have Y-shaped uteruses. Those at the center of the Y get the least amount of food and have the greatest chance of being runts, while those

closest to the mother's blood supply get the most nourishment and have the highest birth weights, Meadows said.

When runts are born, "they have to fight harder because they are small, weak, and others often pick on them or push them away from their food source. All of these things tend to press on the mother in many of us to protect them," Guthrie said.

In most cases, if the runt of a litter makes it to six to eight weeks, it will probably survive and likely grow close to full size, experts said.

Cheddar, the runted kitten of an abandoned litter that Kristin Ramsdell fostered for the Black and Orange Cat Foundation, now weighs more than 7 pounds. He weighed less than half a pound when he was found in June 2011 with the rest of his 8-week-old littermates.

At 8 weeks, a kitten should weigh between 1.5 and 2 pounds, Ramsdell said.

"I stayed up for three straight days with him, giving him fluids and antibiotics, warming him with IV bags heated in the microwave, using a humidifier and watching him round-the-clock. I didn't think he would make it," she said. Cheddar and one of his siblings, Colby, have been adopted by a Philadelphia family and are thriving, Ramsdell said.

That special attention required to bring some runts to health can create a special bond. Cat owner Melissa Hadaway took the runt of a litter and its sister to her home in Winder, Ga.



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This July 2011 photo provided by the Black and Orange Cat Foundation shows Cheddar at three months old and weighing 1.5-pounds playing in a cat tower in Columbus, Ohio. In most cases, if a runted dog or cat makes it through six to eight weeks, it will likely survive and will probably get close to full size, according to experts.

She recalled how six years ago, Annie, the runt, "was the littlest and bravest. She fought very hard to get her share."

Kathy Covey of the Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood, Ore., said a kitten runt weighed 11 ounces when he arrived in August at 6? weeks old.

"His eyes and ears were too big for his face, he had a kidney infection. He was on fluids, syringe feeding, pain meds and antibiotics. When you picked him up, you could feel each of his ribs. But he was a lover, snuggling in to you whenever you showed any affection and purring the whole time," she said.

Little Big Burger worked hard and gained a pound in two weeks, Covey said. He has to stay on antibiotics for his kidneys but his prognosis is improving.

"He's not giving up, so I'm not," she said.

Runts aren't welcomed everywhere, though. Wilbur, the classic runted pig in the children's book "Charlotte's Web," was saved from slaughter with the help of a spider, but animal agriculture and food producers in real life aren't as forgiving.

A pig farmer thinking about Easter hams will probably cull runts from his pens because they will never reach the body size

needed for meat production, Meadows explained.

Meadows also noted that in the wild, only the strong survive. And runts likely won't win sporting awards, since they won't have the muscles or build needed for agility or show ring competition.

Even some animal welfare groups won't champion all runts to families. The Cat Adoption Team in Oregon wants to place as many kittens as possible, but it will draw the line with some runts, said operations manager Kristi Brooks.

"If there are a lot of runty kids, we suggest that a bigger kitten might fare better," she said.

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DEAR ABBY

High schooler's senioritis is contracted by younger sister

DEAR ABBY: A year ago I remarried and gained three great stepkids. I'm worried about the oldest, who is a senior (18). She doesn't care about school anymore. She's smart enough. When she tries, she gets A's. But when she doesn't want to do the work, she gets F's. There is no in-between. She's capable, but lazy.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

Her youngest sister (12) is doing the same thing now, too. Neither one is using drugs or alcohol or skipping school. They are fundamentally good kids. I recognize that it's laziness because I did the same thing 30 years ago. What turned me around was the U.S. Navy. I literally grew up on an aircraft carrier.

Abby, until now I had only sons. I understand boys and men. Having daughters now is a very steep learning curve. I need suggestions on how to help their mom parent them through this rough period. I love our children deeply and want to be the kind of stepdad God wants me to be for them. - CLUELESS STEPDAD

DEAR CLUELESS: For a man who signed himself clueless, you have clear insight. You and your wife should schedule an

appointment with the oldest girl's school counselor and find out to what degree her grade point average has been affected by her "laziness."

Then ask your stepdaughter what she plans to do after high school. Does she plan to go straight into a minimum-wage job - if she can find one - with little chance of advancement? Trade school? College?

The 12-year-old is another story. Find out from her teachers whether she has fallen behind in any of her classes and see that she gets tutoring if she needs to catch up. Make sure she completes her homework assignments. You and her mother should impress upon her that you expect the best she's capable of, and for good grades there will be rewards just as for poor grades there will be consequences, such as reduced privileges.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are retired. He has a small farm, which isn't profitable, so he calls it his "hobby" farm.

When we retired, we agreed to have our main meal at noon every day. I work hard to have a nutritious meal on the table promptly at 12 noon. My husband knows this, but he comes in from working whenever he's ready - sometimes hours late.

I'm fed up with his behavior and need some suggestions on how to handle this. - BOILING MAD IN ALABAMA

DEAR BOILING MAD: Perhaps agreeing to have your main meal together at noon was unrealistic. Talk calmly to your husband and ask if it would be more practical to schedule it for 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. That he wouldn't call to let you know he's running late does seem inconsiderate, and if the problem persists, it might be better for both of you if his "main meal" consists of a sandwich he makes for himself whenever he finally returns home.

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take pride in the changes you make and others will take notice. Travel or taking part in something exciting will lead to friendships that will enrich your life. Love is on the rise, and a favorable change in your domestic scene is apparent. ★★★★★

Sept. 22): Budget wisely, but don't forgo attending something that will lead to an adventure with potential to stimulate a project you want to complete. An opportunity that is offered for free will be worth plenty emotionally, mentally and physically. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Decisions will not be easy. Separate your emotions from what needs to be done and you will make the best choice for everyone involved. Opportunity knocks and you must be willing to take a leap of faith and do what will further your interests. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take on a challenge that allows you to show off what you are capable of doing. Your intensity will impress someone who can make a difference to your future prospects. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Follow your heart and make whatever alterations are needed to bring happiness into your life. Invest in knowledge and self-improvement. A partnership will pay off, allowing you greater freedom. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take precautions while traveling or dealing with people from different backgrounds. Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Focus on new ways to subsidize any losses you have encountered. Do your best to keep the peace. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A life-altering change is evident. Check out what's happening around you and recognize what you must do to improve your life. A physical change will lead to greater freedom and a happier future. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your intuition to guide you in the right direction. Look over contracts, legal papers, medical issues or financial concerns and you will come up with a solution that will ease your stress. ★★★★★

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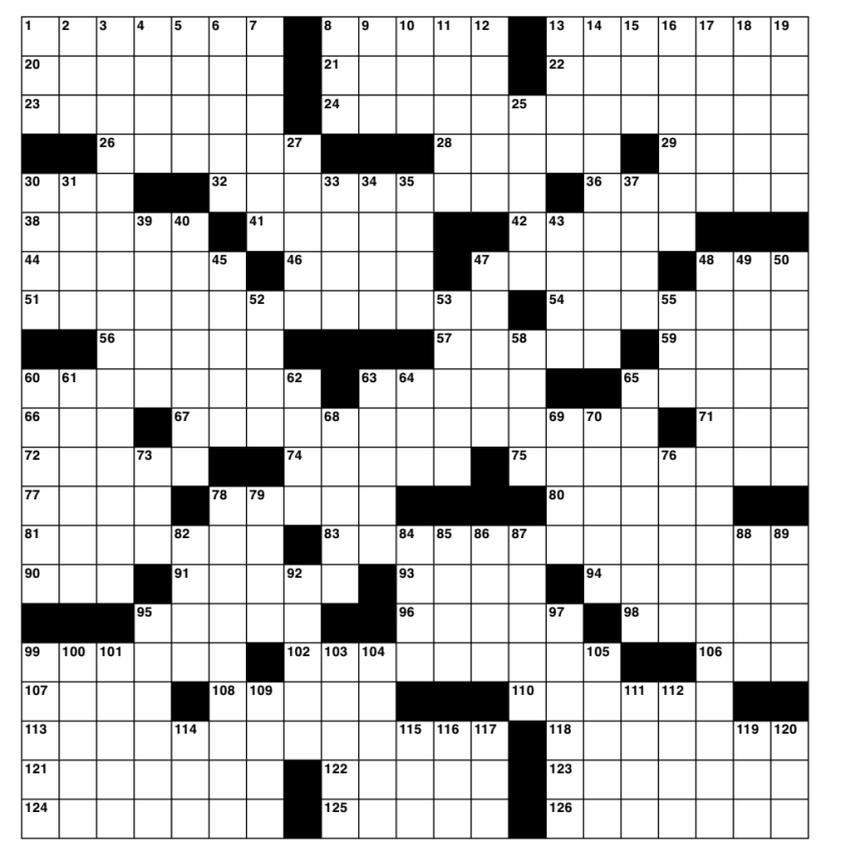
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
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Previous Solution: "I say, embrace the total geek in yourself and just enjoy it. Life's too short to be cool." - Shirley Manson
TODAY'S CLUE: g sjenbe A
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

BREATHTAKING By Matt Ginsberg / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across
1 Lascivious
8 They have flat tops
13 Most excellent, in modern slang
20 Set forth
21 Kind of wine
22 Heir, usually
23 French farewell
24 *Male pattern baldness?
26 Content of a 2003 decryption
28 With 78-Down, character commemorated in the answers to this puzzle's starred clues
29 Muddy
30 Japanese consent
32 *Baying?
36 Transfers, as funds
38 Title words before "Easy" for Linda Ronstadt and "Hard" for John Lennon
41 Coach
42 Walk in the park, say
44 Menu heading
46 French 101 verb
47 Thumbing of the nose
48 E-mail address ending
51 *Cardiologist's concern?
54 Bridge responses
56 Sen. Daniel Inouye, for one
57 Bridge response
59 Hit on the noggin
60 Saw to it
63 The Lion, not the Witch or the Wardrobe
65 Discovery medium
66 Fingers
67 *Caries?
71 VCR button
72 Pretty up
74 Tony's relatives
75 Occupants of the lowest circle of Dante's hell
77 Zig or zag
78 Had haddock, say
80 Dispenser item
81 Citation
83 *Marriage in 2004, divorce in 2011?
90 Mix (in)
91 Inventor after whom a Yale residential college is named
93 Soviet author Ehrenburg
94 View from a control tower
95 Sweet drink
96 They have pointed tops
98 Bel ___ cheese
99 Twist spinoff
102 *Conduct classes?
106 "What ___ thou art, act well thy part"
107 Heaps
108 "God helps ___ ..."
110 Pitcher of coffee?
113 *Petrified wood?
118 Any of the Brontë sisters
121 Necessitates
122 Prime cut
123 Steep slopes
124 Application enclosures, often
125 Ecclesiastical council
126 Vituperates
Down
1 It's a trap
2 Singer whose name sounds like a cry
3 *Endless bagpipe tune?
4 Item in a box in the basement
5 ___ a secret
6 Heir, often
7 St. Benedict, e.g.
8 Kellogg offering, briefly
9 Clint : the Good :: ___ : the Ugly
10 South of Mexico
11 Heaps
12 Con man's plant
13 "We Shall Overcome" singer
14 *Stable hands?
15 Broadway bigwig: Abbr.
16 "This isn't going well at all!"
17 Poetic ending
18 Catch on
19 Squeals
25 Passover month
27 Snowy Floridian?
30 Audible reproof
31 Rat-___
33 Owns, in the Bible
34 It can be balanced and biased simultaneously
35 Fit to serve
37 Actress Sommer
39 French composer of "Vexations"
40 87-Down, e.g., by birth
43 Extinct emu-like birds
45 Frère's sibling
47 Parade figure, informally
48 *Gold-plated forceps?
49 Man of the house?
50 Onetime Time competitor, briefly
52 Tighten (up)
53 Works (up)
55 See 103-Down
58 Work without ___
60 Corrupting atmosphere
61 Like many a ditz
62 Prime Minister David Cameron's alma mater
63 "There is ___ in the affairs of men ..."
64 1965 title role for Ursula Andress
65 Birdsong
68 Supersized
69 Language from which "clan" comes
70 Dweller along the Volga
73 Abbr. after many an officer's name
76 2001-02 Nickelodeon sitcom
78 See 28-Across
79 Dictator's first words?
82 "Morning" person
84 Bigwigs
85 A.C. or D.C.
86 When repeated, a child's taunt
87 Comedian Smirnoff
88 Job for the Hardy Boys
89 Actress Martha who played Sinatra's love interest in "Some Came Running"
92 "S.N.L." specialty
95 Gold prospector Joe with a state capital named after him
97 "Days," for one
99 Nabisco offering
100 Agreeing (with)
101 They may produce suits
103 Early hurdles for 55-Down members: Abbr.
104 Annual May event
105 2010 Nobelist Mario Vargas ___
109 "Bonanza" role
111 Prefix with bel
112 Name dropper's notation?
114 ___ card
115 Slip on
116 Musician Brian
117 Springfield's Flanders
119 Steamboat Springs, Colo., for one
120 European streaker, once, in brief



Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

Grid of numbers for crossword clues, with some numbers circled.

ILIA YEGG PEP OFFDAY
BOSS ALAI JAVA LOUISE
ISMS PIZZA OVEN DOMAIN
STEADS EMOCKE AFT BLAT
CLUE FROCK AMOI LINA
ALLEWIS RIAS AMIENS
BUTTS IN HADNT MEAT
ISH LIPO DAR ARMHOLE
BEEFY TACT EAST BEFIT
BEEPER HERITT BANA
TELEPORT EEO SHEBANGS
ATOB PEI LLB KETTLE
BOOLA SISIS ELEM ULNAS
UNDERGO LOA ALOE GLO
ACLU ONTAP UNROLLS
DETOUR TSAR STDENIS
BART ECUS TISCH DESE
ARNE PEN KUALA HARHAR
SEEMSO CHARLOTTE AMSO
ITSPAT LARK SHAM TAOS
LOTTOS ELL HEEP ENNE

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Historian, 95, brings Palm Beach landmark to life

By **MATT SEDENSKY**
Associated Press

PALM BEACH — No place in this storied playground of the rich evokes as much history as The Breakers and no one knows the sprawling resort's story better than Jim Ponce.

Sixty years after first coming to work as a front-desk clerk at the hotel, 95-year-old Ponce still serves as the in-house historian, showing up every Tuesday to offer a tour to guests.

He dresses in period clothes, this day most notable for a red blazer, Panama hat and brass-handled ebony walking stick.

And from the frescoed ceilings to the terrazzo floors, the 15th-century tapestries to the Roman arches, he guides visitors through one of America's most celebrated hotels.

He's spent so much time here, he admits it's as if his own history is entwined with that of the property.

"It certainly isn't just a hotel to me," he said.

As he guides several dozen guests through the ballrooms, parlors and hallways of The Breakers, Ponce offers more than just staid commentary on gilded ceilings, Venetian chandeliers and other tokens of excess.

He tells of the gasp he heard when Princess Diana and Prince Charles entered the Mediterranean Ballroom for a dance in 1985, brushes with everyone from Bette Davis to Eleanor Roosevelt, even splitting a bottle of Moët & Chandon with Phyllis Diller.

"We love to drop names," Ponce said.

The Breakers was first

opened under a different name in 1896 by Henry Flagler, the oil and rail tycoon who developed much of Florida's eastern coast. Flagler's name is invoked throughout the tour and Ponce pays a quiet tribute as he passes his portrait.

"The man himself," he says softly, with a wisp of Southern drawl.

The Breakers twice burned to the ground, in 1903 and 1925. Ponce tells his roughly 30 visitors this day that the latter fire was blamed on the wife of the then-mayor of Chicago, who left a curling iron plugged in at the resort.

"Chicago girls are noted for that sort of thing," he says to laughter.

Ponce tells of hearing the heartbreaking news of the fire as a boy, but The Breakers was rebuilt in stunning fashion, in just under a year. His own history at the hotel began in 1952, after finishing World War II service in the Navy.

He held various jobs at The Breakers and hotels around Palm Beach until returning in 1977 as an assistant manager. He retired in 1982, but never really left. He vows to keep coming as long as his health allows.

"He has perspective that none of us have," said Kirk Bell, the hotel's manager. "He has a history of the people that have come and gone — royalty, presidents, movie stars, people in all walks of life."

Ask Ponce any question and he musters an answer. But ask him his favorite spot on the property's 140 acres, and he has trouble picking.

"It's so classically beautiful that it's hard to say," he said.

He knows what budget



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Jim Ponce stands outside The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, after leading a tour of the old hotel. No place in this storied playground of the rich evokes as much history as The Breakers and no one knows the sprawling resort's story better than Ponce. Sixty years after first coming to work as a front-desk clerk at the hotel, 95-year-old Ponce still serves as the in-house historian, showing up every Tuesday to offer a tour to guests. He dresses in period clothes, this day most notable for a red blazer, Panama hat and brass-handled ebony walking stick. And from the frescoed ceilings to the terrazzo floors, the 15th-century tapestries to the Roman arches, he guides visitors through one of America's most celebrated hotels. He's spent so much time here, he admits it's as if his own history is entwined with that of the property. "It certainly isn't just a hotel to me," he said.

hotels are like; he spent some time as a Holiday Inn manager. And he knows luxury, too, rattling off the names of The Jefferson, The Greenbrier, The Homestead and other resorts of the well-heeled at which he has stayed.

They're all very beautiful, he admits, but he wouldn't trade them for anything.

"They just don't touch The Breakers," he said.

Ponce has his tour down to a science — the laugh lines, the gestures

with his walking stick, the minute details on shades of paint and numbers of rooms and historical dates. With him at the helm, the Magnolia Room isn't just another oceanfront parlor, it's a glimpse of Old Florida life of afternoon teas and letter-writing by a crackling fire.

That space above the Circle Dining Room isn't just for intimate meals, it was a Prohibition-era hideaway for those craving a cocktail at dinner. He has no ghost stories

to share, but tells of the hotel's stint as an Army hospital, points out hidden features of a painting and gives a history of an elaborate gold ceiling.

Around each new corner, Ponce has another anecdote. And even as the tour concludes outside the Italian Renaissance landmark, he can't help but think of one more.

"You got time for just a short story?" he asks.

And filled with delight, the guests lean in for more.

If You Go...
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or 888-273-2537. Tours with hotel historian Jim Ponce, Tuesdays, 2 p.m. Reservations required. Free for hotel guests, with reservations through concierge. Reservations for non-guests, call 561-655-6611, \$15.



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In this image released by the New York Mayor's Office, Thursday, Sept. 27 is an artist's rendering of a proposed 625-foot Ferris wheel, billed as the world's largest, planned as part of a retail and hotel complex along the Staten Island waterfront in New York.

NYC to get 'world's largest' Ferris wheel

By **JENNIFER PELTZ**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Big Apple is getting another "biggest": The world's biggest Ferris wheel is to be built on Staten Island, in an ambitious attempt to draw tourists to what's sometimes known as the city's "forgotten borough," officials announced Thursday.

The \$230 million attraction, to be called the New York Wheel, is to grace a spot overlooking the Statue of Liberty, New York Harbor and the downtown Manhattan skyline — a singular view that officials hope will add to the appeal what they say would be the world's tallest Ferris wheel. The 625-foot-tall structure would swing higher than

the Singapore Flyer, the London Eye, and a "High Roller" wheel planned in Las Vegas.

"The New York Wheel will be an attraction unlike any other in New York City — even unlike any other on the planet," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in a release.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2014 on the privately financed project, which also includes a 100-shop outlet mall and a 200-room hotel. The grand opening could come by the end of 2015.

While riding the Staten Island Ferry is a staple of many visitors' agendas, the city has long sought to entice tourists off the boat and into Staten Island, the least populous and most

remote borough — once known for hosting the world's largest landfill.

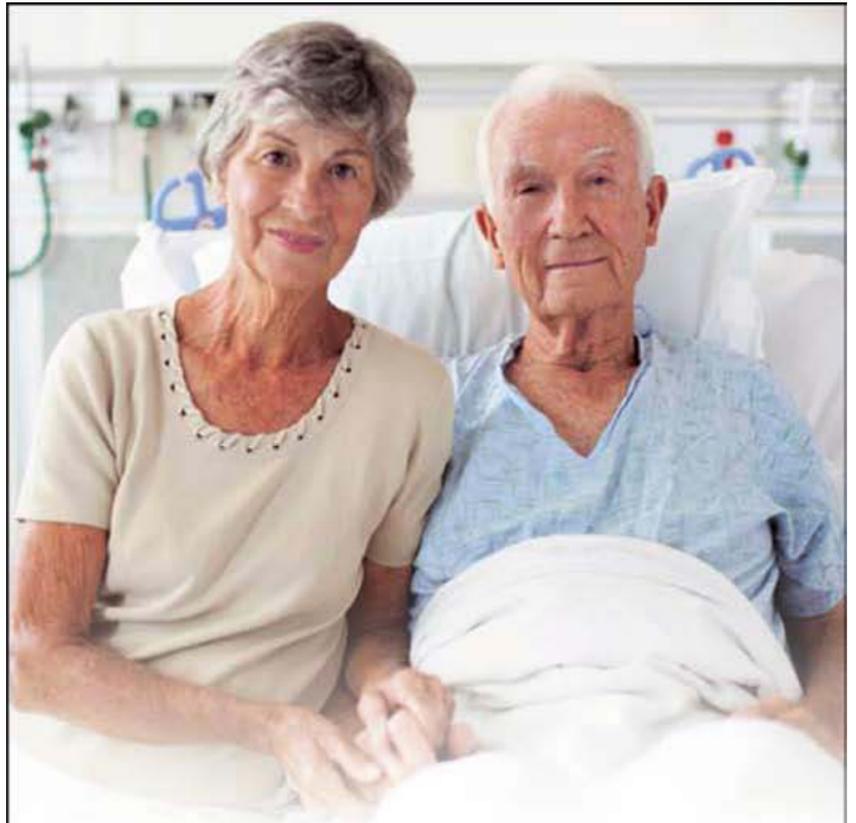
Australian tourists Leah Field and Adam Lica, for example, were riding the ferry Thursday for its views of the Statue of Liberty. They thought they might have lunch on the Staten Island side but weren't planning to explore further.

"We weren't sure what there is to do there," explained Lica, 32, of Melbourne.

Were there a giant Ferris wheel, would the couple stay to ride it? Probably, he said.

To Staten Island resident Miatta Bryant, the wheel might bring the borough more respect.

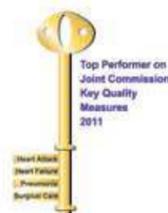
"I think it'll be a really good idea," she said.



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