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EVENTS CENTER PROPOSAL

The candidates have their say

Six vying for county commission weigh in on proposed center.

By TONY BRITT
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Current and would-be county officials continue to digest information a possible \$28.2 million events center for Columbia County.

Tuesday night county commissioners and community members heard a 90-minute presentation

on the feasibility of constructing a 265,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose facility in the county. The information was offered by a fact-finding committee tasked with looking at the financial, and economic ramifications of making the proposed building a reality.

However, after reviewing a 58-page presentation, some county officials – along with those wishing to replace them – said they needed more time and more information to determine whether it's time to make the proposal a reality.

District 1

District 1 county commissioner Ron Williams as well as his opponent in the election, Oni Allen, both said they would like more information before making a final decision.

Allen said she didn't attend Tuesday's presentation because of a previously scheduled engagement, but that she's still weighing her decision.

"I can see where an events center

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Architect's rendition of a proposed events center for Columbia County.

A mother's plea



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

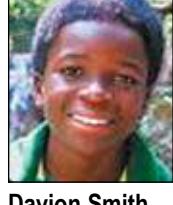
Charita Williams, the mother of Davion Smith, sheds a tear as she speaks at the Unity Day event at the Lake City Mall Wednesday. Smith, a Richardson Middle School student, took his own life as a result of bullying, his mother said.

After son's death, seeks end to bullying

Inaugural Unity Day draws hundreds to Lake City Mall.

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Davion Markhel Smith was a kind boy with a ready smile. A typical teenager, he liked football, video games and being with friends, said his mother, Charita Williams. Quiet by nature, there wasn't a change in his personality, but relentless



Davion Smith

bullying caused Davion to take his own life just days before starting eighth grade this year, she said.

Several hundred people gathered Wednesday evening for the inaugural Unity Day at the Lake City Mall. The anti-bullying event served as a way to remember Davion and prevent others from also suffering from taunting, teasing and harassment.

Community organizations set up booths promoting self confidence and support. Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore told audience members her experience with a bully as a child. "In the name of Davion Smith, we are going to say enough is enough," she said.

Richardson Middle School Principal and Assistant Superintendent Lex Carswell said he applauded everyone gathered against bullying and encouraged students to report all incidents. "If

UNITY continued on 6A

'Hiring our Heroes' draws 20 employers

By TONY BRITT
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Veterans from Columbia and surrounding counties visited American Legion Post 57 showing off their job skills to potential employers during the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Hiring Our Heroes job fair.

Ernie Lombardi, Southeast Regional Associate for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said about 20 employers attended

Wednesday's job fair.

The event was sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Lombardi estimated that more than 70 veterans attended the 3-hour event.

"We had pre-registered veterans as well as walk-in registrants," he said. "The purpose of the event is simple: To put veterans in front of these employers so the veterans could explain

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TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter
Jeff Vorpagel (from left), a National Training Inc. admissions representative, and Caitlyn Cox, talks to Brian Maurer, Charity Maurer and Frank Willis during the Hiring Our Heroes job fair Wednesday at American Legion Post 57.

After 17 months, farmers market to close

City officials plan to reorganize, reopen market next spring.

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Unable to energize the downtown area, the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market, a weekly Saturday morning feature in Wilson Park, will close at the end of this month. City officials plan to reorganize and reopen the market in the spring.

The Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency launched the market in May 2011, drawing strong supporters and more than 100 vendors over 17 months, said Jackie Kite, community redevelopment administrator.

City Manager Wendell Johnson said the market wasn't drawing visitors and business to the city's downtown area, as it was intended to do.

Johnson said the downtown area had little to offer those going to the market, as most businesses are closed.

"We thought it would encourage some of the businesses to open Saturday morning but it just wasn't the case," he said.

The city did well setting up the market, but can't control other factors, he said.

In areas like Fernandina Beach, the downtown commercial district is vibrant on Saturdays, with people coming for the farmers market as much as the downtown stores, he said.

Johnson said he would have liked to keep the market open, but this time of year activity starts dropping off.

Johnson said city officials will back off the market for now and regroup. After the Olustee Festival, officials will start planning and hope to have the market relaunched by April or May, he said.

"My opinion is that it would have been beneficial to struggle through this and leave it running," Kite said.

A farmers market is intended to provide locally grown, fresh foods, a goal overshadowed by the revitalization effort, she said.

The farmers market brought people downtown, but there weren't shops and restaurants open to keep them there, she said. "A few businesses took advantage of it, but we have to have more than a few," she said.

September and October are slower times for fresh produce, but it would have picked up by late October and November, she said.

She said the market recently lost two key vendors, a produce seller who relocated and a goat milk producer who stopped to focus on a degree.

"It seems like the market has shrunk, but supporters are still coming," Kite said.

Even established markets in other cities are slower this time of year, she said.

It takes about three years for a market to become established in a community, at which point the goal was to let a nonprofit take over running the market, she said.

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on bullying

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Local news
roundup

Police Explorers graduate



COURTESY

Lake City Police Department's Explorer Post No. 386 held graduation ceremonies Tuesday. Participants in the ceremony included (front row, from left) Assistant City Manager Grayson Cason, Third Circuit Chief Judge Leandra G. Johnson, Isaac Cook, Sam Cook, Josh Truesdale, Officer Mitchell Kline, Officer Brian Bruenger and city Community Relations Coordinator Audre Washington; and (back row, from left) Police Chief Argatha Gilmore, Officer Michael Lee, Jeremy Barwick, Stuart Robinson and Chris Futch.

SpaceX capsule makes delivery

MARIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — A private company successfully delivered a half-ton of supplies to the International Space Station early Wednesday, the first official shipment under a billion-dollar contract with NASA.

The SpaceX cargo ship, called Dragon, eased up to the orbiting lab, and station astronauts reached out with a robot arm and snared it. Then they firmly latched it down.

"Looks like we've tamed the Dragon," reported space station commander Sunita Williams. "We're happy she's on board with us."

Williams thanked SpaceX and NASA for the delivery, especially the chocolate-vanilla swirl ice cream stashed in a freezer.

The linkup occurred 250 miles above the Pacific, just west of Baja California, 2½ days after the Dragon's launch from



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This image from NASA-TV shows the capture of the Dragon capsule by a robot arm on the International Space Station as they passed over the South Atlantic Ocean early Wednesday. It was the first official delivery by the California-based SpaceX company under a \$1.6 billion contract with NASA.

Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"Nice flying," radioed NASA's Mission Control.

It's the first delivery by the California-based SpaceX company under a \$1.6 billion contract with NASA. The contract calls for 12 such shipments.

This newest Dragon

holds 1,000 pounds of groceries, clothes, science experiments and other gear. Williams and her crew won't get access to all that until Thursday, when the hatch is opened.

The vessel will remain at the space station for nearly three weeks before

departing with almost twice that much cargo at the end of the month. Dragon is the only cargo ship capable of bringing back research and other items, filling a void left by NASA's retired shuttles.

SpaceX — owned by PayPal's billionaire creator Elon Musk — launched Dragon aboard a Falcon 9 rocket Sunday night. One of the nine first-stage engines failed a minute into the flight, but the other engines compensated and managed to put the capsule into the proper orbit. The mishap, however, left a secondary payload aboard the rocket — an Orbcomm communication satellite — in too low of an orbit.

This is the second Dragon to visit the space station. Last May, SpaceX conducted a test flight.

NASA is hiring out space station supply runs to American companies now that the shuttles are museum relics. The shuttle fleet was retired in 2011 after 30 years of operations.

76,000 votes already cast by Floridians

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON
AP Political Reporter

TALLAHASSEE —

Floridians have already cast more than 76,000 ballots in the presidential election as of Wednesday morning and the campaigns for Republican Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama are scrambling to reach out to 2 million other voters who have requested absentee ballots.

More than three weeks before voters go to the polls Nov. 6, the battle for early votes is in full force in this state that will be crucial to winning the White House.

"Almost our entire volunteer army in the state is being converted now into an absentee ballot chase and an early voter notification," said Brett Doster, a Tallahassee-based Republican strategist working with Romney. "If you can get a vote cast today that's in the bank, that's another voter you don't have to spend money on trying to message."

While campaigns have always encouraged supporters to request absentee ballots, Florida's new voting laws have shortened the in-person early voting period from 14 to eight days, a decision which some election officials say will create longer lines and possibly effect turnout. So this election there's an even greater incentive to ask supporters to vote by absentee ballot.

Florida's 29 electoral votes are more than 10 percent of the 270 needed to win the presidency, the most of any state that's considered a toss-up.

So far, Romney's

campaign has a slight edge in absentee voting. Republicans have requested 894,544 absentee ballots and returned 33,143, compared to 820,865 requested and 31,305 returned by Democrats, according to the Romney campaign. Independent and minor party voters have requested 374,551 ballots and returned 12,083. The state Democratic Party has numbers that reflect the same ratio of requested and returned ballots.

At the same point before the 2008 election, Democrats lagged even further in absentee ballot requests, with Republicans requesting nearly 730,000 ballots compared to just more than 517,000 for Democrats, according to figures provided by the Obama campaign. Traditionally, Republicans have voted absentee in larger numbers than Democrats, but Obama still won the majority of votes cast before Election Day in 2008.

Early voting at the polls begins Oct. 27 and runs through Nov. 3.

Obama's campaign is aggressively pushing what it calls its "Vote Now!" effort. It's telling supporters to request an absentee ballot in person and then fill it out and return it on the spot. It laid the groundwork by contacting elections' officials to ensure that they'd allow people to absentee vote in person. Most of Florida's 67 counties allow it.

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Obama's deadly oversight

The more the country learns about what happened in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, the less credible the White House version of events becomes.

The House Oversight Committee will hold a hearing on the terror attack that took the life of U.S. Ambassador to Libya J. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans. The committee is expected to focus on the Obama administration's blindness to the clear and present terrorist threat in Benghazi. Internal communications confirm the administration had been forewarned of the increasing vulnerability of U.S. and Western interests, but the State Department apparently chose to deny requests to maintain or increase security.

It was clear for months that Benghazi was growing more hazardous by the day. A series of terror attacks had taken place in the months leading up to the Sept. 11 assault, including a bombing attack in June on the same U.S. Consulate. Newspaper reports and other open sources carried specific threats from al Qaeda-linked terrorist groups and others, as well as reports of failed and successful attacks.

It should come as no surprise that Mr. Stevens was trying to augment his security detail. Not only was Benghazi insecure, Mr. Stevens was a prime terrorist target.

The committee also will inquire into the shifting and conflicting administration accounts of what happened. The notion that the consulate assault was a spontaneous reaction to a low-budget YouTube video lacked credibility from the start.

The White House wanted to shift blame from Islamic extremists to the video to provide President Obama with a platform he could use to lecture Americans on tolerance — anything to avoid the perception that the war on terrorism is not going as well as advertised.

■ The Washington Times

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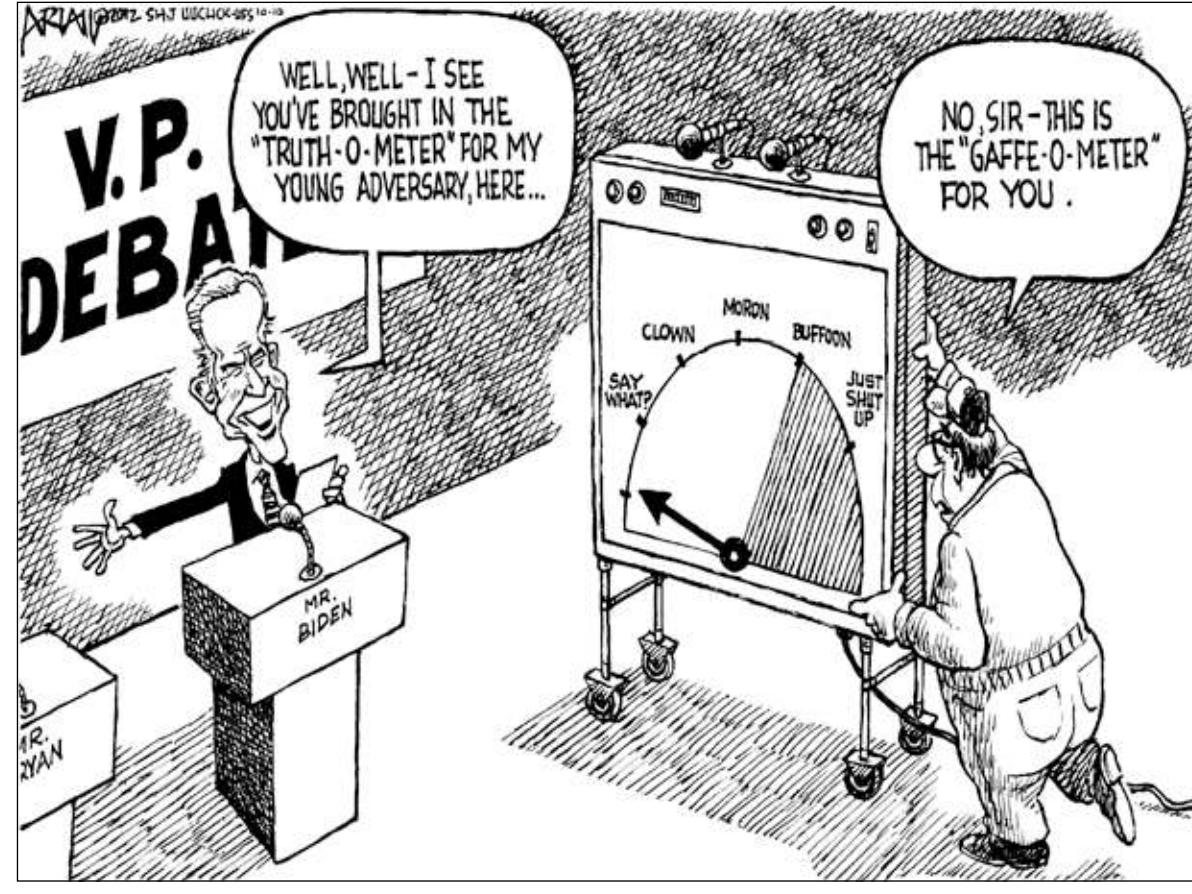
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'Guantanamo's Child' may come back to haunt U.S.

Here's a murder mystery for you: Why is the man who killed Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer likely to go free a few short months from now?

A little background and a few clues might help you better understand the case.

Two years ago, a jury of senior military officers at Guantanamo Bay convicted Omar Khadr of war crimes in Afghanistan, including the murder of Speer, 28, a Special Forces medic.

But as the jury was deciding to hand Khadr a 40-year sentence, Pentagon prosecutors were concluding a plea bargain with Khadr's attorneys.

"No public explanation for the deal has ever been given," writes Canadian journalist Ezra Levant, the author of a book on Khadr.

"But regardless of what the jury decided, Khadr would receive a sentence of just eight years. And he would have to serve only a single year of that sentence in U.S. custody before applying, with Washington's blessing, to transfer to Canada," Levant continued.

Late last month, Khadr was flown from Guantanamo to Ontario, where he is being held in a civilian prison. His lawyers are expected to ask the independent Parole Board of Canada to release him in the spring.

Self-described human rights activists have organized a campaign to achieve that result.

My colleague, Thomas Joscelyn, recently wrote: "For the worldwide left, Khadr has become a symbol of all that is supposedly wrong with America's fight against the al-Qaida terror network. He is now, in many minds, a victim."

Khadr's supporters emphasize that he is a Canadian citizen and that when he killed Speer, he was not quite 16 — a "child soldier." A book on



Cliff May

Khadr, "Guantanamo's Child," by Toronto Star national security reporter Michelle Shephard, is a bestseller in Canada.

The fact is that before Khadr was Guantanamo's Child he was al-Qaida's child.

His father, Ahmed Khadr, was a senior member of the jihad organization and a close associate of Osama bin Laden. An immigrant to Canada from Egypt, Ahmed Khadr moved his family to Pakistan and Afghanistan for the specific purpose of waging jihad.

In Omar Khadr's "stipulation of fact," his confession to the court in Gitmo, he acknowledges that he was trained by al-Qaida in the use of "rocket-propelled grenades, various assault rifles, pistols, grenades and explosives."

American troops found videos of Khadr assembling improvised explosive devices.

Khadr also has acknowledged that he chose to remain in a compound with members of an "al-Qaida explosives cell" who refused to surrender peacefully to American forces. He chose not to be among the women and children who accepted an American offer to leave prior to the battle, and who were then escorted to safety by U.S. soldiers.

It was after the firefight was over, when American troops were tending to the wounded, that Khadr threw the grenade that killed Speer.

In response, another U.S. Special Forces soldier shot Khadr. Levant recounts that "his first words to the U.S. forces who shot and captured him

were in English, cursing the soldiers and calling on them to shoot him again — and thus make him a martyr."

Instead, U.S. medics treated him and turned him over to American surgeons — saving his life.

The last chapter in this murder mystery has yet to be written.

If Khadr is set free next year, will he return to the battlefield, as have more than 160 of the detainees released from Guantanamo (including the top al-Qaida-affiliated leader in Libya)?

Dr. Michael Welner, an American forensic psychiatrist who studied and interviewed Khadr, concluded that he remains a committed jihadist and may see himself stepping into the shoes of his father, who was killed in a shootout with Pakistani army soldiers in 2003.

My guess about where the story goes from here: Khadr, now 26, will be paroled but he won't throw any more grenades. Nor will he apply to medical school.

Instead, he will become a professional propagandist, telling audiences he was tortured in Afghanistan and/or Gitmo (claims not supported by evidence, the military judge presiding over the case ruled), while promoting anti-Americanism and furthering the Islamist cause.

Yes, Khadr has led a tragic life. But the blame for that is not America's or Gitmo's. And, unlike Speer, Khadr still has a life, and before long he is likely to be both free and celebrated by people calling themselves human rights activists. In the real world, you see, murder mysteries don't always have satisfying endings.

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Millennials, the cheapest generation

The U.S. economy since the mid-20th century has always been driven by Americans willing to spend beyond their means — on a bigger house, a better car, a prestige college, a nice vacation, maybe skiing in the winter, the beach in the summer. Basically, it was the American Dream.

The spending was fueled by borrowed money and the sublime confidence of American wage earners that with regular pay increases they ultimately would be able to afford it all, plus put something aside for retirement.

That came to a harsh and abrupt halt in the Great Recession, and while the economy is steadily improving, car sales are healthy, and home sales and prices are rising in selected neighborhoods, it was clearly a traumatic event, no more so than on that group loosely defined as the "Millennial generation."

Technically, these are people born between 1981 and 1999, but the term has come to define a state of mind as much as a certain age. And that state of mind is reflected in a recent news story that asserted, "Recent studies show Millennials are the cheapest generation."

They are defined by high student-loan debt, high unemployment — and, if they have a job, it's probably not particularly well-paying and offers few raises. This group's morale is not helped by economists who say that when the economy fully recovers, the benefits will be showered not on their generation but on the ones to follow.

The result is that when they leave college they rent an apartment and stay in the city. Even if they get a good job, apparently they are content to keep living in an apartment instead of moving to a nice split-level in the suburbs. If they have a car, it's part of a ride-share program. They save their money despite banks' efforts to discourage them from doing so by paying ridiculously low interest rates.

Studies show that Millennials will spend on technology, but only so they can surf for cut-rate bargains and entertain themselves at home.

And the Millennials seemed to have inherited their ancestors' philosophy of consumption: Mend it; make do; or do without. Worse yet, some Millennials who went astray are moving back to the cities.

This is so un-American. Our economy depends on people moving into the suburbs and deciding to move up to a riding mower.

This yawning cultural divide has led some visionaries in the suburb of Overland Park, Kan., to proposed a Museum of Suburbia, to build a '50s-era suburb inside a giant six-acre building.

If this is a desirable idea, why not just buy one of those partially complete subdivisions in Las Vegas or Phoenix and help the remaining homeowners struggling with foreclosure by conducting tours?

If the money will help a family hang on to its house, the members surely won't object to Japanese tourists traipsing through.

Maybe some Millennials will come along — purely for educational purposes, mind you.

■ Dale McFeatters is editorial writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

ANOTHER VIEW

Brownfield program worth a tax break

Since the Great Recession hit about four years ago, Florida lawmakers have struggled to balance the state budget. To make up for falling tax revenues, they've raised hundreds of millions of dollars in fees and slashed hundreds of millions more from basics like education and health care.

The bottom line is that Florida doesn't have a dollar to waste on gratuitous business tax breaks.

Yet, as was recently reported,

a program created to redevelop polluted urban areas known as brownfields has been cutting some companies' tax bills for bogus reasons, like leasing space in downtown office towers or building on farmland.

The brownfields program is intended to encourage companies to clean up and redevelop sites abandoned or underused because of environmental contamination. When they open or expand in a brownfield, companies can qualify for \$2,500 in tax breaks for every job they create.

A few South Florida communities have looked at the tax break in hopes of combating urban blight. If a tax break can achieve this alchemy of turning polluted industrial sites into locations for infill development that creates jobs and revitalizes communities, that's a small price to pay. The idea has caught the attention of a few South Florida communities that hope the tax break can help curb urban blight.

■ Sun Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 11

Oct. 12

Woodturners Club

Bell Woodturners Club meets the second Thursday of the month in the Bell Community Center at 7 p.m. Every meeting features a show-and-tell of members' projects. There is also a demonstration of a woodturning project by a club member. There are opportunities to take home project wood and tools and to receive help from other turners. All experience levels are welcome. For additional information, contact Kent Harriss at 365-7086.

Garden Club meeting

The Lake City Garden Club will meet at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando Ave. The program will be a presentation on ground cover by Betsy Martin. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting is at 10. Everyone is invited.

Volunteer opportunity

Hospice of the Nature Coast is searching for individuals interested in volunteering in Columbia, Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette areas. Volunteers are needed to provide general office support and nonmedical assistance to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers can provide services such as: telephone calls, socialization, light meal preparation, shopping or errands and staffing information booths at seasonal festivals. Specialized training will be provided. To volunteer contact Volunteer Manager Drake Varvorines at (386) 755-7714 or email: dvarvo@hospiceofthenaturecoast.org.

Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions to the Columbia County Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane. For more information, call 752-5384.

Class of 1962

The Columbia High School class of 1962 will be celebrating its 50th class reunion Oct. 12 and 13. Contact Linda Hurst Greene at (386) 752-0561 for more information.

Classic car parade

From 6 to 9 p.m., American Hometown Veteran Assist Inc. will host a cruise-in and classic car parade at Hardees on U.S. 90. All proceeds benefit local veterans.

Oct. 13

Monument rededication

Join the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy at 11 a.m. for the rededication of the Confederate Monument, at Olustee Battlefield, which originally was dedicated 100 years ago.

Zumba charity

A Zumbathon to benefit local breast cancer awareness will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Teen Town Recreation Building, 533 NW Desoto St. The event will benefit the Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness Association, and all proceeds will be used locally. There is a \$10 donation. For information, call Sarah Sandlin at 758-0009.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group, a ministry of Orchard Community Church, meets every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in room D at the Willowbrook Assisted Living center, 1580 S. Marion Ave. The group offers support for those who have lost loved ones, through videos, discussion time and prayer. There are fees. For information call 288-7429.

Car show

American Hometown Veteran Assist Inc. will host a car show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbia County

Fairgrounds. All proceeds will benefit local veterans. There will be street rods, classics, antiques, muscle cars and customs.

Benefit yard sale

A yard sale to raise money for B.J. Helton's recovery after a heart and lung transplant will run 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Busch Urology, 4601 U.S. Highway 90 in Lake City. All sales will go to Helton's recovery fund.

Safety patrol fundraiser

Come support Eastside Elementary's safety patrols at Village Square. Near Moe's Southwest Grill there will be a car wash from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Mochi will donate 10 percent of proceeds to the safety patrols from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Firehouse Subs and GameStop donated gift cards for drawings. Each chance to win is \$1.

Oct. 14

Dicks family reunion

The 51st annual Joseph Dicks Family Reunion will begin at 12:45 p.m. at Hopeful Baptist Church in the Life Center. Friends and family are welcome. Bring a covered dish.

Santa Fe River contest

The third annual Our Santa Fe River Singing and Song-writing Contest will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Boat House Patio at the Great Outdoors Restaurant. Performances begin at 4 p.m. There will be no reservations on the patio during that time. So come early and get a good seat. Plan for a fun-filled afternoon listening to lyrics singing praises to our community's most valuable asset, the Santa Fe River.

Oct. 15

Doc meeting

Dr. Sean McMahon, professor of history at Florida Gateway College, will be the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, guest speaker. The monthly meeting will

be at 5:15 p.m. at the China Buffet, 345 W. Duval St. McMahon will speak about popular culture during the Civil War. Buffet will be served after the meeting. Cost is \$9. Reservations are not required. For more information, call Linda Williams at (352) 215-8776.

Oct. 16

Art League

The Art League of North Florida will have its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Education Building. The community is invited. There will be refreshments, fellowship, a short meeting and speaker. Duffy Soto will give a presentation on "Using Your Computer To Compose Your Art." Before you wet a brush, start with your computer to combine elements from different sources, including photos, scale models, and video frames to get the look and feel your mind sees for the finished painting you want to create.

Sea level presentation

Nonprofit Save Our Suwannee will host a presentation on the impacts of sea level rise at 7 p.m. at Unity Church of Gainesville, 8801 NW 39th Ave. Whitney Gray, sea level rise outreach coordinator with FWC, will give the presentation. Free.

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Oct. 17

Reading enhancement

It's About My Efforts is offering a reading enhancement program for all ages. Classes will be at Antioch Baptist Church

on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m., starting today. Registration is \$25. For information, call 867-1601.

United Way luncheon

Join the United Way of Suwannee Valley for its October community fundraising campaign report luncheon at the Camp Weed and Cerveny Center, in the Varn Dining Hall, at noon. The cost is \$12 per person, and everyone is invited. Reservations are needed. For information, contact the United Way office at (386) 752-5604 ext. 102. During each month of annual campaign, the United Way conducts a luncheon for campaign team volunteers, citizens, business representatives and agency personnel to learn more about partner agency services, United Way community impact initiatives and businesses supporting our community's well-being.

Dine to donate

Dine to donate every Wednesday in October at Applebee's in Lake City. The Tough Enough to Wear Pink Crisis Fund will receive 10 percent of the bill. Ask for a flier, by the Columbia County Fairgrounds Office or call 752-8822 to have one emailed to you.

Grief workshop

Good Grief, An Overview of Grief and Loss will be offered to the public on at 10 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd. The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, will offer an overview of grief and ways of coping with a recent loss. There is no cost. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County.

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Oct. 19

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High Springs Community Theater is presenting a comedy thriller by Leroy Clark, adapted from Bram Stoker's book "Dracula" on weekends in October, ending Oct. 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. Adult tickets are \$11, children 12 and under, \$8, and Sunday matinees are the special rate of \$9 for seniors. Tickets may be purchased at The Framery, 341 S. Marion Ave. in Lake City. Call (386)-754-2780. Online tickets are available at highspringscommunitytheater.com. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Oct. 20

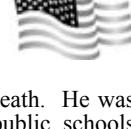
Howlin' Halloween

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OBITUARIES

Cornelius Griffin

Mr. Cornelius "Boagie" Griffin transitioned to his eternal resting place October 2, 2012. Cornelius was born November 9, 1939 in Lake City, Florida to Charlie and Geneva Griffin. Both



preceded him in death. He was educated in the public schools of Columbia County. Mr. Griffin was a Veteran of the United States Army, where he earned the marksmanship medal with the M-14 and M16 Rifles, The National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal. He was a member of the American Legion Post 322 of Lake City and a member of the OO Buck Hunting Club. Boagie enjoyed hunting despite his disability. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Betty Timmons in June 1987. Cornelius was also predeceased by two sisters, Maggie Lee and Lena Mae. He was known for his quiet and humble demeanor. Cherishing fond memories: Wife, Betty T. Griffin; stepdaughters, Katrina A. Timmons and LeKeava Sharif; stepson, Theardrick Richardson; god-daughter, Simone Williamson; devoted friend, Luella Sharif; sister, Constawilla Mitchell; brothers, Robert Wilson, Fred Wilson (Faye), Jessie Griffin; father-in-law, Robert L. Timmons; brothers-in-law, Harvey Fox, Robert L. Timmons, Jr. (Frances), Vincent L. Timmons (Lisa), Handy L. Timmons (Cloretha), George S. Timmons (Sharon), Tommie Timmons (Lenora), Morris W. Timmons, Arthur L. Timmons and Ronald D. Timmons; sisters-in-law, Leatha O. Troupe (Bishop C.K. Troupe), Mary T. Henry (Edmund), Dorothy Harris (Ennis), Denise Mayo and Pinky A. Timmons; hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mr. Cornelius "Boagie" Griffin will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 13, 2012

leadership of Rev. E.L. Lawrence. She served faithfully until her health failed. A daughter, Frances McNair also preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Ruth M. Bing (Eugene), Ruby Majors, Patricia Cook, Marie Laster (David), Rose Burls; sons, George Cook, Jr. (Delores), Alfonso Cook, B.L. Julks (Phyllis), James Patterson (Beverly); sister, Geneva Seaborn; brother, Roosevelt McHenry (Evelyn); sisters-in-law, Emma Lou Hopkins, Beatic Hampton, Chennie Davis; (27) grandchildren (47) great-grandchildren; hosts of nieces nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mother Lizzie Mae Hopkins will be 3:00 P.M. Saturday, October 13, 2012, at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Fort White, FL. Rev. Donnell Sanders, Pastor. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. "The Caring Professionals"



Lizzie Mae Hopkins

On October 5, 2012, Mother Lizzie Mae Hopkins answered the summons to meet her Heavenly Father. Mother Hopkins, 88, was born January 5, 1924 in Fort White, Florida to Horace and Evella McHenry. Both preceded her in death. She accepted Christ at an early age under the

leadership of Rev. E.L. Lawrence. She served faithfully until her health failed. A daughter, Frances McNair also preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Ruth M. Bing (Eugene), Ruby Majors, Patricia Cook, Marie Laster (David), Rose Burls; sons, George Cook, Jr. (Delores), Alfonso Cook, B.L. Julks (Phyllis), James Patterson (Beverly); sister, Geneva Seaborn; brother, Roosevelt McHenry (Evelyn); sisters-in-law, Emma Lou Hopkins, Beatic Hampton, Chennie Davis; (27) grandchildren (47) great-grandchildren; hosts of nieces nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mother Lizzie Mae Hopkins will be 3:00 P.M. Saturday, October 13, 2012, at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Fort White, FL. Rev. Donnell Sanders, Pastor. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. "The Caring Professionals"

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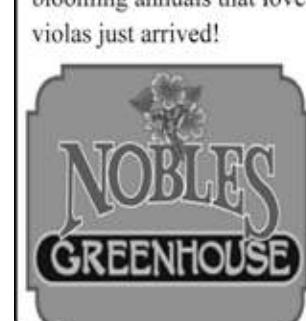
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UNITY: Inaugural event held in memory of Davion Smith

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we do not know about it, we can't stop it," he said.

Area Girl Scouts, dance groups, martial arts students performed routines with an anti-bullying message.

"I feel like a part of me is not here," Williams told the audience gathered in the mall center court. "He didn't deserve it. No child deserves it," she said with tear-stained cheeks.

"I feel like he was backed into a corner and he had no where to turn," Williams said.

"It's a shame. We live in such a small community and such a tragedy had to happen. I feel it's a shame we have bullies," she said.

"Parents, it starts at home, the way you raise your child," she said.

"I feel like if somebody wouldn't have started at home, my child would still be here," she said.

Williams urged children to talk to a trusted adult if they are bullied and speak up when others are picked on. "It's OK to be a

tattletale," she said.

"I urge parents before you are in my shoes, to make it your business to know more about your child," Williams said.

Williams said she prayed that no one will have to experience the same kind of pain. "I don't know of anything at this point that can ease my pain," she said.

Organizer Genovese Terry said although she didn't know Davion, she was touched by his story and know something had to be done to acknowledge the bullying.

For a first-time event, Terry said she was amazed at the turnout. "People I didn't even know volunteered to help," she said. Terry said she hopes the event can be organized annually.

In the weeks spent organizing, Terry said she has seen the prevalence of bullying from many event helpers' personal stories.

Fort White eighth-grader Samaira Sams, 13, said she came to the Unity Day event after reading about Davion in the newspaper.

"I get bullied myself," she said. Recently, Samaira joined an anti-bullying club at school. "I wanted to stand up for myself," she said. Fort White High School showed support for Davion, whom she didn't know, by wearing orange and handing out anti-bullying ribbons Wednesday, she said.

Samaira said she saw both bullies and victims at the event and hopes the message will create a change.

After the event, Williams said she was pleased to see so many people attend. "I would like people to know it's not OK to bully," she said.

"I had no idea," she said. There was no change in his personality, she said. As a bystander, speaking up could save someone's life, Williams said.

"I feel like his death was not in vain," Williams said. An organ donor, Davion saved three lives, she said.

MARKET

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With an \$11,000 budget last year, the market generated \$8,528 in fees from vendors, Kite said. The market went about \$2,000 over budget. Last year's expenses included \$5,900 in entertainment for 32 weeks, \$3,140 for portable toilets, \$4,233 in advertisements and \$2,000 on promotional items like free watermelons on the Fourth of July, Kite said. The market manager, who managed marketing like newsletters and a Facebook site, was paid \$150 per week, she said.

Kite said the market, open 8 a.m. to noon, has plenty to offer until Oct. 27.

On Saturday, Oct. 13 the Alligator Community Theatre will present short scenes from their upcoming play, "Love, Sex, and the L.R.S." which is a full length comedy for all ages by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore.

The community theater has been in existence since 2007, and has done several productions under the umbrella of other groups such as Blue-Grey Army and Fort White High School. They are now establishing themselves as a stand-alone theater group.

Florida Gateway College day will be Oct. 20 and Ted Wright will perform Oct. 27.

HEROES: Job fair draws 20 employers, about 70 veterans

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their job skills that they bring to the table as an employee. This is a great way for some of these employers to meet some of these men and women who have given so much to this country, hope-

fully find a good fit for them and put them to work."

John Lynn is a veteran who is currently self-employed, but decided to attend the Hiring Our Heroes job fair to see what else

is available.

"This program is great, I appreciate it and I appreciate the turnout," he said. "I'm surprised by it because there hasn't been any thing like this for veterans."

Lynn said he walked by several of the booths during the job fair and he likes the concept.

"I think they should do this regularly for veterans," he said.

CENTER: Incumbents, challengers weigh in on proposed events center

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for the county would definitely have its advantages, but what I have concerns with is the costs," she said. "The newspaper said it would run roughly \$28 million and that's definitely a concern. Also looking at the first two years being in the red and the third year possibly making a profit is a concern. I can see the potential for it and it would probably boost Columbia County if it's a really well planned out facility that is used to its potential."

Allen said she thinks additional informational meetings about the events center would be beneficial.

However, she noted concerns that were aired at the meeting about the proposed costs associated with the facility.

"I would probably want to have a little more public input into the final decision," she said. "I would hope a lot more information will be coming down in reference to this project and more information on the areas that they're looking to possibly locate this facility."

Williams said he thinks the events center is a good idea.

"I think this will make Columbia County a leader in North Florida by being aggressive and going after an all-purpose center," he said. "I like the idea that Columbia County Resources are very enthused and willing to give their land up for the county to help pay for it."

Williams said the concept also depends on working out the particulars and noted there may be grants available to help fund the project that were not included in the presentation.

Williams said he took under consideration the information that was presented and he felt that the facility's potential location should be closer to the strip on U.S. 90. However, he said he understood the idea behind putting it in an area where potential growth is needed – possibly Ellisville – rather than "trying to ram it in to where it's congested now."

He suggested letting the situation play itself out.

"We'll have more public comments, everybody will voice their opinions and we'll go from there," Williams said.

District 3

In the Columbia County Commission District 3 race, Mike Gordon and Sylvester "Bucky" T. Nash are competing for the position.

Gordon said he thinks it's necessary to give officials more information about the events center before any final decisions can be made.

"I think you have to have more information and I think the public needs to be given the right to vote on a referendum," he said. "This is a \$28 million-plus project and I don't think we should, right now in the middle of an election, leave it to folks, some of them who are already outgoing. I think the public needs to have a regularly scheduled board of commissioner's meeting on the traditional first or third Thursday, properly advertised and get some feedback."

Gordon said he thinks it's an appropriate idea to give the public an opportunity to vote on the project through a referendum.

"This is lot of money that we're talking about," he said. "I think we need to look at it and move carefully and slowly, but at this point I would lean towards having a public referendum."

Gordon said he agrees that the idea deserves consideration.

"My suspicion is that the public may not be in support of this and after all it's their taxpayer dollars. It's their money," he said. "I definitely want to see the public weigh-in on this. If the majority of people in this town are not for it than that's the way I would want to go."

Nash said the presentation left a lot to be desired and there is additional information that needs to be asked before the project is approved.

"First and foremost we need to know if we can afford a project of this mag-

nitude," he said. "I'm neither for it or against it right now. At this point you can't make a decision."

Nash said infrastructure costs associated with the property purchased for the proposed events building may also change the preliminary costs for the facility.

"I don't know if this is a good idea or a bad idea," he said. "We need to break down the numbers and do a lot more due diligence. You can throw numbers out there for a nice presentation, but what is there to back up those numbers — there's a lot of hypotheticals such as if you sold this or you sold that. What's the contingency plan if those things don't fall in line."

"If we have a Taj Mahal, whose going to have to pick it up if we make a mistake," he continued. "They (county officials) have got to do a lot more number crunching for me. If I had to vote on it today, I wouldn't vote for it, but I don't want to be the one that stops something that could be a potential good thing for the county, but I don't want to be the one that bankrupts the county either."

District 5

Incumbent commissioner for District 5 Scarlet Frisina is competing against Tim Murphy and both said they wanted time to digest the information from Tuesday's meeting.

"I'm looking forward to

getting to go through all the material in-depth and getting to study it to make sure I know it inside and out," Frisina said. "I think the concept is a wonderful idea."

Frisina, a member of a local service organization, said the organization is hosting a regional convention next year but can't do it here because the county doesn't have a facility. So, she realizes there is a need, but she wants to be sure all the information is there to make an educated decision.

"I have to be able to go through the presentation in-depth in the next few weeks and hopefully be able to ask questions and get answers and just do everything I can to have all the information at hand to make the best decision," she said. "It's not a decision we can make in a split second or even within the next week or so. It's something we're really going to have to take into consideration and look at. Everybody is always talking about needing more jobs and needing to improve our economic base and really getting into economic development and I really think this is something you have to look at because of what it could mean for our economy here in Columbia County in terms of jobs and revenue."

Murphy said he supports the way the information was delivered during the informational meeting.

"I'm going to look at anything that hopefully is

going to contribute to the benefit of Columbia County and keep an open mind," he said of the proposed project.

"I didn't get as much information as I was expecting. If I was a sitting county commissioner, I wouldn't have enough information with what was presented Tuesday night to make an evaluation whether or not to proceed on."

Murphy said one of his biggest questions is the next step and what will be the total cost.

He said several people have spoken to him about Tuesday's presentation that saw the projected cost and

they said that the events building is not a good thing to do.

"At this point and time, if I was a sitting commissioner, I don't think there is enough information available to give a decision on where we go from here," he said. "To sit here and say the Columbia County Events Center is not the right thing for Columbia County, I'd have to research it to the fullest and make the best decision we can that's going to benefit all the taxpayers of Columbia County."

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May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.
The Fleming Family

Push for healthier truckers gains speed

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS—In the months after Doug Robinson started driving a truck, he noticed his clothes were increasingly more snug-fitting. He was already overweight but soon realized that spending up to 11 hours behind the wheel, frequently eating fast food and not exercising was a poor combination.

When his employer, U.S. Xpress, took part in a weight-loss challenge sponsored by the Truckload Carriers Association, the 321-pound, 6-foot-1-inch Robinson signed up.

So far, he's about 40 pounds into his goal of dropping 100. His truck's refrigerator is stocked with chicken, tuna and vegetables. And after his day's drive, he walks — either on trails near rest stops or just circling his truck.

"I have asthma, so with the extra weight on there, it isn't good for me," said Robinson, a 30-year-old from Philadelphia. "When I started losing weight, instantly I was breathing better. I was sleeping better at night."

From trucking companies embracing wellness and weight-loss programs to gyms being installed at truck stops, momentum has picked up in recent years to help those who make their living driving big rigs get into shape.

"I think a lot of trucking companies are coming around to the idea that their drivers are their assets," said Boyd Stephenson of the American Trucking Associations, the industry's largest national trade association. He added that healthier employees help a company's bottom line.

There's an additional incentive for truckers to stay in shape — their job might depend on their health.

Every two years, they must pass a physical exam required by U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. They're checked for conditions that might cause them to become incapacitated — suddenly or gradually



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A customer works out at a Snap Fitness truck stop gym in Dallas. From trucking companies embracing wellness and weight-loss programs to gyms being installed at truck stops, momentum has picked up in recent years to help those who make their living driving big rigs get into shape.

— while driving, including severe heart conditions, high blood pressure and respiratory disorders.

While there are no weight restrictions, a commercial driver who has been diagnosed with obstructive sleep apnea and isn't undergoing treatment will not get a medical certificate. Sleep apnea, more common among those who are overweight, leads to daytime sleepiness, a danger on long drives.

But there are obstacles for truck drivers who are mindful of their health. In addition to being seated for many hours at a time, eating options are usually limited to places with parking lots big enough to accommodate their tractor-trailers — most often truck stops, which historically have not been known for wholesome food or work-out equipment.

That's something truck stop chains have been trying to change.

TravelCenters of

America, which operates under the TA and Petro Stopping Centers brands, launched a program two years ago called StayFit that includes placing small, free gyms in truck stops,

offering healthier eating options and half portions, mapping walking routes near truck stops and building basketball courts in some locations.

"We wanted to remove as many barriers to drivers' health as possible," said TravelCenters spokesman Tom Liutkus, who said the company has gyms at 42 of its more than 240 locations, with plans to outfit them all by the end of next year. He added that the gyms have been accessed more than 30,000 times.

Gym franchiser Snap Fitness has partnered with Rolling Strong, which provides wellness programs aimed at truckers, to open gyms at Pilot Flying J locations. The first one opened south of Dallas in June: A

nearly 1,000-square-foot stand-alone building filled with weights and a dozen or so machines. So far, more than 120 memberships have been sold for that gym.

"We know that we have an audience out there that needs help," said Snap Fitness chief executive officer and founder Peter Taunton. By the end of the year, they also plan to install gyms inside Pilot Flying J truck stops in Georgia and Tennessee.

A monthly membership of about \$30 also gives truckers access to Snap Fitness' more than 1,300 gyms, Taunton said, 60 of which have tractor trailer-friendly parking.

Pilot Flying J plans to add a function to their smartphone app to help truckers identify healthy food choices at their locations and fast food restaurants.

David Parmly, the company's employee services manager, says their truck stops have adjusted recipes

to make them healthier and offer oatmeal for breakfast.

Bob Perry, president of Rolling Strong, said truckers flock to daylong wellness screenings that his company sets up at truck stops nationwide.

"We never have to recruit anyone over. We are packed from the time we open till the time we leave," Perry said.

Robinson, the U.S. Xpress driver trying to lose weight, said that before joining the weight-loss program, he spent his evenings on the road watching television, checking Facebook and talking on the phone.

"At first I was like, 'I don't know how I'm going to exercise.' At the end of the day, I don't want to walk. It's all about planning," he said. "I just had the willpower to do it."

Bruce Moss, vice president of human resources for Con-way Freight, said they've found that their wellness program reduces the number of people who

call in sick, lowers workplace injuries and controls health care costs. The program gives truckers access to wellness coaches and has them stretch before starting a shift.

Last year, more than 11,500 of Con-way Freight's 21,000 employees, the majority of them drivers, consulted with wellness coaches.

Eleven carriers participated in the Truckload Carriers Association's inaugural Trucking's Weight Loss Showdown this spring, with each carrier signing up 12 employees — half drivers, half office staff. A second showdown, which, like the first, offers the individual winner \$2,500, is happening this fall.

Besides taking part in association's spring weight-loss challenge, U.S. Xpress has a points system that rewards healthy behaviors with cash. They also hold health fairs and have placed blood pressure machines in their main terminals.

Alzheimer drug shows promise in mild cases

By MARILYN MARCHIONE

AP Chief Medical Writer

BOSTON — Combined results from two studies of an experimental Alzheimer's drug suggest it might modestly slow mental decline, especially in patients with mild disease.

Taken separately, the studies on the drug — Eli Lilly & Co.'s solanezumab — missed their main goals of significantly slowing the mind-robbing disease or improving activities of daily living. But pooled results found 34 percent less mental decline in mild Alzheimer's patients compared to those on a fake treatment for 18 months.

Doctors called the results encouraging although probably not good enough to win approval of the drug now, without another study to confirm there is a benefit. Investors were more enthused, driving Lilly's stock up about 5 percent on Monday and about 19 percent since August, when the company described the results in general terms.

Detailed results were revealed for the first time Monday at an American Neurological Association conference in Boston.

"It's certainly not the home run we all wanted, but we're very encouraged by these results," said Maria Carrillo, chief science



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Alexis McKenzie, right, executive director of The Methodist Home of the District of Columbia Forest Side, an Alzheimer's assisted-living facility, laughs with resident Catherine Peake, in Washington. Combined results released Monday from two studies of an experimental Alzheimer's drug under development by Eli Lilly & Co. called solanezumab, suggest that it might modestly slow mental decline, especially in patients with mild cases of the disease.

Mrs. Romney says horses helped with MS diagnosis

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The wife of Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said Wednesday that her love of horses helped her overcome her fear that multiple sclerosis would put her in a wheelchair.

Ann Romney was guest hosting ABC's "Good Morning America" when she spoke about her depression after receiving the diagnosis 14 years ago.

"I was very, very weak and very much worried about my life, thinking I was going to be in a wheelchair as well," she said. "Turned to horses, my life has been dramatically different. They gave me the energy, the passion to get out of bed when I was so sick that I didn't think I'd ever want to get out of bed."

Mrs. Romney is part-owner of a horse that competed this summer in the Olympic sport of dressage, the equine equivalent of ballet. She spoke about her love of horses while standing in New York's Times

Square, petting Paralympic horse Lord Luger as rider Rebecca Hart discussed how equine therapy helped keep her out of a wheelchair.

Mrs. Romney also helped interview the competitors eliminated Tuesday night from "Dancing with the Stars." The beginning of her appearance went a little awry when she said the show's staff turned the heat up too high for her family's Welsh cake recipe.

"I've got a cooking emergency!" she said, smiling as the camera turned to her pulling the cakes off the griddle.

She was filling in for co-host Robin Roberts, who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant. ABC says it is in discussions with first lady Michelle Obama for a similar guest appearance.

Mitt Romney told voters at an event in Ohio that he watched his wife's appearance and saw a lot of campaign ads against him during commercial breaks. "It's a good thing I don't do that very often because my blood pressure would be very high," he said.



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This photo released by Good Morning America shows Ann Romney, wife of Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, left, planting a kiss on Lord Ludger while his rider Rebecca Hart watches on the set of the television show in New York.

DRUG: Slows decline in mild cases of Alzheimer's

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officer for the Alzheimer's Association, which had no role in the research.

Dr. Stephen Salloway, an Alzheimer's expert at Brown University, agreed.

"It's exciting to see that there may be clinical benefit," he said, but it is modest and may not make a difference in how well patients live — what matters most to them and their families, he said.

About 35 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common type. In the U.S., about 5 million have Alzheimer's.

Current medicines such as Aricept and Namenda just temporarily ease symptoms. There is no known cure.

Solanezumab (sol-ah-NAYZ-uh-mab) is one of three drugs in late-stage testing that seek to alter the course of the disease. Results on one drug were disappointing, and results of the other won't be ready until early next year.

Solanezumab aims to bind to and help clear the sticky deposits that clog patients' brains.

The two studies each had about 1,000 patients, about two-thirds with mild disease and one-third with moderately severe Alzheimer's, in 16 countries.

Their average age was 75.

The main measures were two tests — one reflecting language, memory and

thinking and the other, ability to perform daily activities such as feeding oneself and personal and grooming.

The combined results on the mild disease patients showed a nearly 2-point difference in the roughly 90-point score on thinking abilities.

Previous studies suggest that a change of 3 to 4 on the score is needed to show a clinical benefit, like an improvement in how well patients can take care of themselves.

"It's a small difference," Dr. Rachelle Doody of Baylor College of Medicine said of the drug's effect. She heads a nationwide research network funded by the National Institute on Aging that did an independent analysis of Lilly's results on the studies and presented them Monday at the conference.

Still, "you slow the decline" with the drug, she said.

Independent experts cautioned that the improvement was small, and needs to be verified in another study.

"I hate to get too enthusiastic ... there's a flicker of a signal" of benefit, but less than what some other once-promising treatments showed, said Dr. Sam Gandy, head of Alzheimer's disease research at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

Dr. Ronald Petersen, director of Alzheimer's

research at the Mayo Clinic, called the drug's effect "subtle" and said it may mean just that "somebody remembers one extra word out of a 15-word list" without any real improvement in how well they live.

The drug, if ever approved, is likely to be expensive, and that means "we need more evidence" of its benefit to justify its use, Petersen said.

Encouragingly, solanezumab had few side effects. About 1 percent of people on the drug had some chest pain from reduced blood flow to the heart.

There were few cases of worrisome brain swelling and small bleeding in the brain, an effect that caused concern with another experimental Alzheimer's drug, bapineuzumab by Pfizer Inc. and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy unit.

That drug failed to help patients in two late-stage studies announced last month, but did show signs of hitting its target and clearing deposits from the brain.

The Lilly drug seems to be safer, and that is an advantage, said Dr. Norman Relkin, head of a memory disorders program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

"There is some cause for encouragement here. It's not the magnitude we'd

like to see" but certainly warrants further studies on the drug, he said.

Relkin heads testing of the third drug in late-stage development — Gammagard, by Baxter International Inc.

Results are expected early next year.

Meanwhile, Dr. Eric Siemers, senior medical director for Lilly, said the company will discuss its results and next steps with the Food and Drug Administration.

Lilly shares closed up \$2.55, or 5.3 percent, to \$50.78. During the day they peaked at \$50.94, their highest price since April 2008.

(This is also their highest closing price since that month.) The shares are up 19.8 percent since August 24.

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Section B

GAMES**Today**

■ Columbia High girls golf in Alachua County Tournament at Meadowbrook Golf Club, noon

■ Columbia High boys golf in Alachua County Tournament at Gainesville Country Club, noon

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

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

■ Fort White JV football at Dixie County High, 7 p.m.

Friday

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

Saturday

■ Columbia High swimming vs. Fernandina Beach High, Baker County High, 9:30 a.m.

■ Columbia High, Fort White High cross country in Bobcat Cross Country Invitational at Santa Fe College in Gainesville

BRIEFS**FORT WHITE BASEBALL****Team at Walmart on Saturday**

Members of the Fort White High baseball program will be collecting donations at Walmart from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For details, call Jeanne Howell at 288-5537.

CHEERLEADING**Columbia Cheer hosting Cheer Fest**

Columbia Cheer Association is sponsoring a Cheer Fest from 3-6 p.m. Saturday at Richardson Community Center. Admission is \$2 for students through high school and \$3 for adults.

For details, call Wilda Drawdy at 965-1377.

YOUTH SOCCER**Winter sign-up through Nov. 29**

Columbia Youth Soccer Association's 2013 Winter Recreational Soccer Season registration for ages 3-16 is 6-7 p.m. Thursdays and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 29 (not Thanksgiving week). All teams will be gender specific. Fee of \$65 includes uniform and year-end trophy. Get a sponsor for your child's team and your child plays free.

For details, go to columbiayouthsoccerassociation.com or call 288-2504.

■ From staff reports

One last look at Ridgeview

Tigers take command of district standings.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Usually a team doesn't want to make too big a deal over one game, but let's face it, Columbia High's 52-17 win against Ridgeview High was a big deal.

Not only did it improve the Tigers to 5-1 heading into this week's bye, but it also improved Columbia to 2-0 in the District 3-6A race. That puts the Tigers squarely in the driver's seat

for a home playoff game.

"It's funny how things can change in a year," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "Last year, that was a game that kind of stuck in our craw. We were without a couple of guys and had different players playing in unfamiliar positions. We made mistakes."

Columbia was as close to mistake-free football as it could come on Friday.

The Tigers' running game led the way with Ronald Timmons running for 241 yards and Braxton Stockton running for 110

CHS continued on 2B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High head coach Brian Allen speaks with his team during a timeout of the Tigers' 52-17 win against Ridgeview High in District 3-6A action.

Going it alone

An independent, Williston has to pick its battles.

By TIM KIRBY
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FORT WHITE — Playing as an independent, Williston High has to choose its battles.

One goal is to be invited to a bowl game, which would provide postseason play. Another would be to beat Fort White High, which was in Williston's district before the Red Devils decided to go it alone.

Fort White travels to Williston for a 7:30 p.m. game on Friday.

The original FHSAA district realignment for 2011-12 and 2012-13 had Fort White, Williston and Trinity Catholic High in 3-3A. Williston had spent the previous four years in district with Trinity Catholic and decided another grouping with the private powerhouse was too much.

Williston petitioned the



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INDIANS continued on 2B

Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) attempts to run through a tackle in a game against Union County High on Sept. 28.

CHS bowlers move to 3-0

Lady Tigers finish off Suwannee, Fort White High.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

The Columbia High School bowling team poses for a photograph during a game on Sept. 26. Pictured are Shea Spears (front row, from left), Tori Wise, Hannah Shaffer, Rachel Umstead, Lauren Snipes, Leslie Ann Ronsonet (back row, from left), Haley Wheeler, Courtney Schmitt, Libby Taylor, Haley Davis, Christine Peters and Linden Barney.

ond with one point — two behind Columbia's three to finish second. The Lady Bulldogs bowled 535, 523 and 81.

Fort White finished in third with a half point coming in the Baker Game.

The Lady Indians bowled 488, 478 and 102.

"Being back on our own lanes helped," Columbia head coach Brian Saunders said. "Our average scores today were competitive with what we bowled last

high schools.

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 2 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for Dollar General 300, at Concord, N.C.

3:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Bank of America 500, at Concord, N.C.

6 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, final practice for Dollar General 300, at Concord, N.C.

7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for Bank of America 500, at Concord, N.C.

1 a.m.
 SPEED — Formula One, practice for Grand Prix of Korea, at Yeongam, South Korea

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

FSN — UTEP at Tulsa

9 p.m.

ESPN — Arizona St. at Colorado

GOLF

9 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour; Portugal Masters, first round, at Vilamoura, Portugal

4 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Frys.com Open, first round, at San Martin, Calif.

7:30 p.m.

TGC — Web.com Tour, Miccosukee Championship, first round, at Miami (same-day tape)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

I or 2 p.m.

TBS — Playoffs, NLDS, game 5, San Francisco at Cincinnati

4 or 5 p.m.

TBS — Playoffs, NLDS, game 4, St. Louis at Washington

7:30 or 8:30 p.m.

TBS — Playoffs, ALDS, game 4, Baltimore at New York

9:30 p.m.

TNT — Playoffs, ALDS, game 5, Detroit at Oakland

NOTE: If the Detroit-Oakland series ends Wednesday, the other games will start at the later time.

NFL FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

NFL — Pittsburgh at Tennessee

WNBA BASKETBALL

8:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — Playoffs, Eastern Conference finals, game 3, Indiana at Connecticut

BASEBALL

MLB playoffs

DIVISION SERIES

(x-if necessary)

American League

Detroit 2, Oakland 1

Tuesday

Oakland 2, Detroit 1

Wednesday

Detroit at Oakland (n)
Today
 x-Detroit (Verlander 17-8) at Oakland, 9:37 p.m. (TNT)
New York I, Baltimore I
 New York 7, Baltimore 2
Monday
 Baltimore 3, New York 2
Wednesday
 Baltimore at New York (n)
Today
 Baltimore (Tillman 9-3) at New York (Hughes 16-13), TBD (TBS)

National League

Cincinnati 2, San Francisco I
 Cincinnati 5, San Francisco 2
 Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 0
Tuesday
 San Francisco 2, Cincinnati I
Wednesday
 x-San Francisco at Cincinnati (n)
St. Louis 2, Washington I
 Washington 3, St. Louis 2
Monday
 St. Louis 12, Washington 4
Wednesday
 St. Louis 8, Washington 0
Today
 St. Louis (Loehse 16-3) at Washington (Detwiler 10-8), TBD (TBS)

FOOTBALL

AP Top 25 games

Saturday
 No. 1 Alabama at Missouri, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 3 South Carolina at No. 9 LSU, 8 p.m.
No. 4 Florida at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.
 No. 5 West Virginia at Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 6 Kansas State at Iowa State, Noon
 No. 7 Notre Dame vs. No. 17 Stanford, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 8 Ohio State at Indiana, 8 p.m.
 No. 10 Oregon State at BYU, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 11 Southern Cal at Washington, 7 p.m.
No. 12 Florida State vs. Boston College, 5:30 p.m.
 No. 13 Oklahoma vs. No. 15 Texas, Noon
 No. 18 Louisville at Pittsburgh, Noon
 No. 19 Mississippi State vs. Tennessee, 9 p.m.
 No. 20 Rutgers vs. Syracuse, Noon
 No. 21 Cincinnati vs. Fordham, 7 p.m.
 No. 22 Texas A&M at No. 23 Louisiana Tech, 9:15 p.m.
 No. 24 Boise St. vs. Fresno State, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 25 Michigan vs. Illinois, 3:30 p.m.

NFL standings

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 St. Louis
 Seattle

Monday's Game

Houston 23, N.Y. Jets 17

Today's Game

Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Oakland at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at Miami, 1 p.m.

Dallas at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

New England at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.

Minnesota at Washington, 4:25 p.m.

Green Bay at Houston, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 15

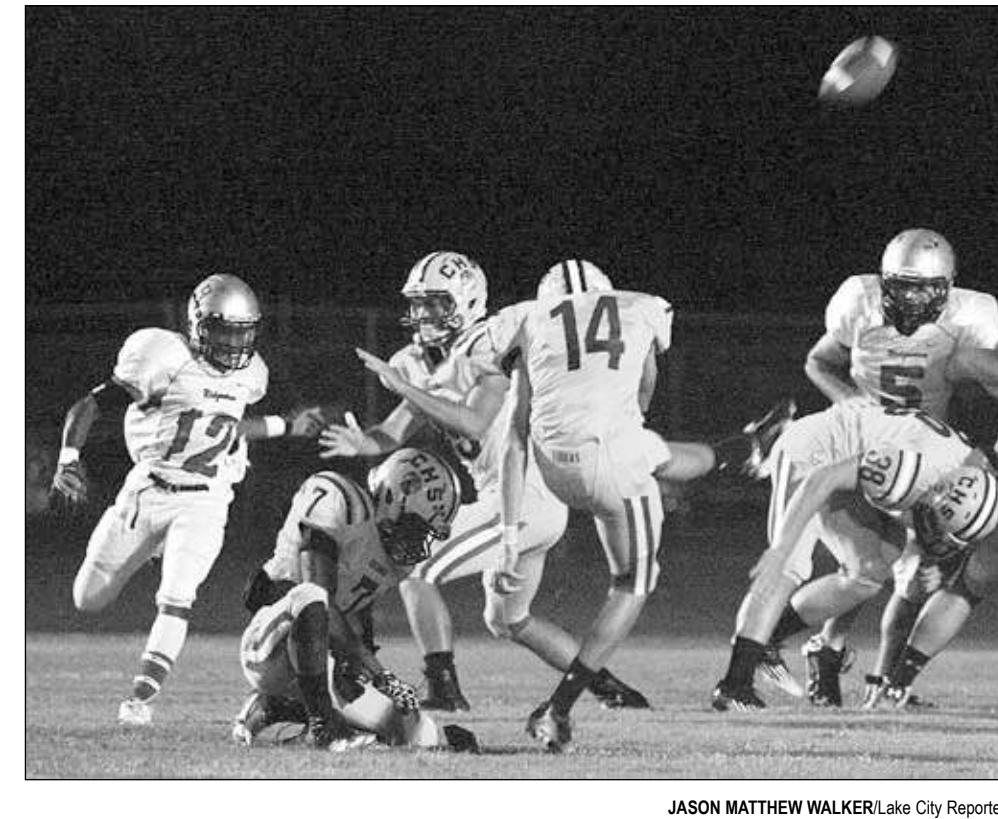
Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

Open: Carolina, Chicago, Jacksonville, New Orleans

BASKETBALL

NBA preseason

Today's Games
 Miami vs. L.A. Clippers at Beijing, China, 7:30 a.m.
 New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia Orlando, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
 Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Chicago at Champaign, IL, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Braydon Thomas connects on a field goal during the Tigers' 52-17 win against Ridgeview High on Friday.

CHS: Sitting 5-1 during bye week

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yards. It led not only to a win, but a win in convincing fashion.

"It was very gratifying," Allen said. "The fact that we were able to beat a team that is 5-0 like that, a team that the coach eluded to as the best team he's ever coached puts us close to where we need to be."

Allen said he won't let things change for the Tigers after the win. He doesn't want Columbia thinking its headed to state

without the same hard work it has put in throughout the season.

"We still carry our lunch to work with our hard hats and steel-toe boots," Allen said. "This is a team that doesn't complain when we ask them to run a beast on Monday. They've bought into what we're selling them and they're not selfish."

Allen said that the team's goal still hasn't been accomplished.

"Our goal coming into the year was to be 10-0 and win the district," he said. "We won't be able to go 10-0, but 9-1 is still pretty dang good. We have to handle our business in the four games we have left and get ready to play a tough Middleburg on the road for our last road game. We want to put another notch on the belt."

Columbia returns to action after the bye on Oct. 18.

INDIANS: Face independent Devils

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FHSAA to join the new Class 1A for rural schools, but was turned down. The school then decided to play as an independent, leaving Fort White in a two-team district that guaranteed a playoff berth.

It is not like Williston is averse to the football playoffs. The school has made the field 18 times since 1968, the last in 2009 under coach Derek Chipoletti who is now at Oakleaf High.

Current Williston head coach Jamie Baker took the Red Devils to the playoffs four straight years from 2005-08.

Williston was state runner-up in 1968 and again in 1988, the second time under coach Jimmie Ray Stephens. Stephens left for Fort Walton Beach High where he won a state championship in 1991 with Danny Wuerffel at quarterback.

In last year's game at Arrowhead Stadium, Fort White won 35-20. The Red Devils led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter and trailed 14-7 at the half.

Quarterback Andrew Baker had a big game for the Indians. He completed 15-of-25 passes for 199 yards with touchdown throws to Trey Phillips, A.J. Legree and Wesley Pitts. It was a breakout game at receiver for Phillips who had a season-high eight catches.

Phillips also rushed for 59 yards. Tavaris Williams ran for 27 yards, as the Indians rolled up 207 yards on the ground.

Williston quarterback David Heinkel was 4 of 9 for 86 yards. Damien Strange, an honorable mention all-state receiver, had a touchdown catch. Tyus Williams recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

Against P.K. Yonge, Heinkle rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns. Keith Neal scored a touchdown.

Against West Nassau, Heinkle scored a pair of touchdowns. Strange had six catches for 132 yards, including an 85-yard scoring play. Stephen Cochlin was 12-of-26 passing for 148 yards.

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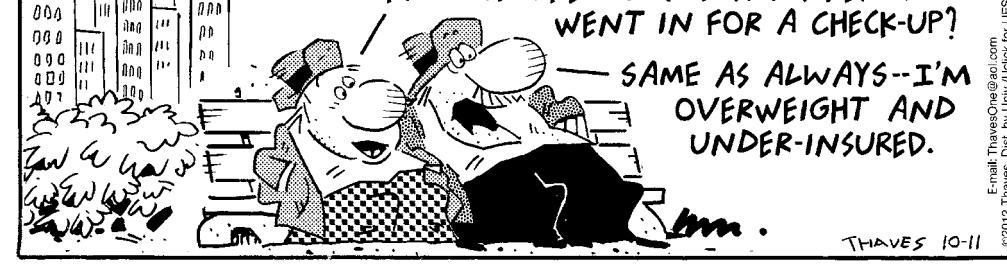
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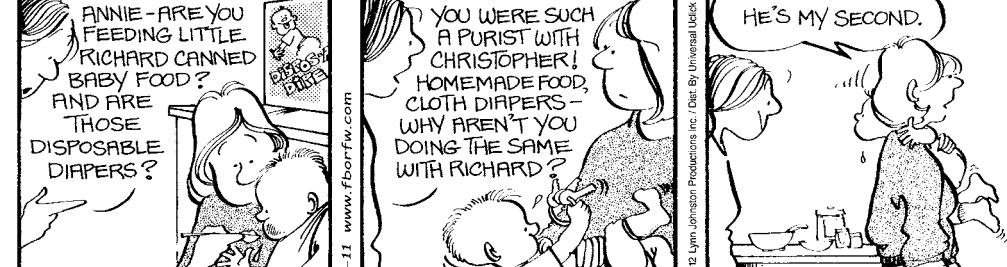
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Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: My life has always been scary. My parents divorced when I was 3. Dad always seemed to cause trouble for Mom, who struggled to provide for me and my older sister. She always struggled with alcohol and drugs.

I have spent a portion of my life incarcerated, starting when I was a teenager. I'm now 22 and doing time for selling drugs. I have never been able to find a decent job, although I have my GED and tried to attend a school for nursing, but I screwed it up. Selling drugs seemed to be the only way to make enough to support myself.

I'd like to find a decent job with opportunity, and be able to pay my bills and save a little. I'm tired of my crazy lifestyle and want to settle down. How can I go about finding a job? Keep in mind, I don't have a resume and although I have had many jobs, I never stayed very long, and I have a criminal record. — SERVING TIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SERVING TIME: I admire that you have decided to change your life and walk the "straight and narrow" from now on. A place to start would be to talk to the prison chaplain. Some religious denominations have programs in

place to help inmates and former inmates successfully transition back into society.

The oldest prison/re-entry group in the country is the Pennsylvania Prison Society. Their website is at prisonsociety.org. If they don't serve the community into which you will be released, they will know an organization that does.

Their re-entry program helps former prisoners attain self-sufficiency through a four-day job readiness workshop, which teaches the skills necessary to find and keep a job. Pre-registration is recommended, and their phone number is 215-564-6005, ext. 117. Call Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DEAR ABBY: I had my first boyfriend when I was 16. The relationship lasted 13 years and we had a child together. Now that it's over I don't know what to do.

It has been nine months and it seems like my heartache is getting worse. I can't breathe. It feels like my heart has been ripped out of my chest and stepped on. It hurts even more because he started dating immediately after the breakup. I can't even talk to another man. I feel lost and have never been on a date with anyone but my ex.

I feel like I deprived myself of my youth. I cry every day. I can barely watch or see couples without getting depressed and breaking down. Do you have any advice? — DEPRIVED OF MY YOUTH

DEAR DEPRIVED: Nine months is a long time to cry every day. You have been hit with what I call a "double-whammy." You are grieving for your lost relationship, and because this was your first and only one, you never learned how to handle a broken romance.

A counselor can help you through your grieving process and, in addition, help you to build the social skills you will need to move forward. Please don't put it off.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Details will speak volumes about the work you produce. It's the little extras that will make a difference when dealing with peers and loved ones. You don't have to spend to make a difference, you just have to contribute time and your expertise. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take part in an activity that allows you to show off. What you do to help others will separate you from the crowd and bring you recognition that will help stimulate what you plan to do in the future. Love is accentuated. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't try to pacify someone for the wrong reason. Ulterior motives are evident and no matter what the outcome is, it will be difficult to justify how the situation unfolds. Be honest about your intentions so you don't have any regrets. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Share information and you will discover new ways to improve your attributes. Relationships with friends, family and peers will be enhanced by the events and activities you enjoy together. Love is in the stars and socializing will help expand your interests and your relationships. ★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

You'll have a lot to deal with at home. Don't let responsibilities stop you from doing your own thing. Organize your time wisely. Refuse to let anyone make you feel guilty for wanting a little time to explore your own interests. ★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do what needs to be done and move on. Don't waste time with people or projects that have nothing to contribute to your future. Socialize with someone who interests you personally or professionally and you will discover options you didn't know existed. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reflect on your past relationships in order to avoid making a similar mistake. You are best to secure your position by being blunt about what you want and what you can offer. Expand your circle of friends and your interests. ★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your timing is right, so present and promote what you have to offer. You'll grab the attention of someone who needs your services or has a diverse interest in your business that can lead to greater earning potential. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Balance, moderation and patience will be required. You will attract interest and money, but also underhanded individuals looking to take advantage of you. Stick close to home and perfect what you are working on before sharing your plans. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You've got plenty to look forward to, so don't lose out because of indulgence or overreacting. Listen carefully and you will gain insight into how you can get ahead. Financial and emotional opportunities can be yours with the right gestures. ★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"Z' F C G T T S Y U B C G T X Z S T ; R O H L P Y
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Y Z T Y Z S F K X Z B T C Z F T ."
— R P C G L P F Z X X T P

Previous Solution: "Life is way better than TV. I recommend it to anyone who has forgotten they have one." — Jasmine Guy

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BCS pole position on the line

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The first BCS standings of the season come out Sunday. Is this important?

Well, sort of.

Since the BCS was implemented in 1998, only twice has neither of the teams ranked first or second in the initial standings reached the national title game.

Seven out of 13 teams that started No. 1 in the standings played for the national championship. Six times the second-place team in the first standings played for the BCS title.

Four times a team has started third and finished in the top two, and four times a team has started fourth and played in the big game.

Six teams have come from fifth place or farther back to reach the championship game. LSU started the farthest back in 2003 at No. 12.

Conclusion: Just like in auto racing, it helps to start in the front row, but expect some passing and maybe a wreck or two.

The coaches' poll and the Harris poll are the driving forces behind the BCS standings. A compilation of six computer rankings also count for a third of a BCS rating, but essentially the computers break ties when two teams are very close in the polls.

Alabama, an overwhelming No. 1 in the polls, is just about a lock to be first when the standings are released Sunday, barring a major upset of the Crimson Tide at Missouri on Saturday.

The Tigers are still looking for their first Southeastern Conference victory, coming off a loss to Vanderbilt, and they will be without injured starting quarterback James Franklin (knee). So good luck beating 'Bama.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) is taken down by a group of LSU defenders during a game at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville on Saturday. Florida beat LSU 14-6.

Oregon is off this week and stands a good chance to be right behind Alabama in the BCS standings, just as it is in the polls. The Ducks are a solid No. 2 in both.

The computer ratings going into this weekend treat Notre Dame a bit better than the pollsters. The Fighting Irish are ranked seventh in the polls, but first in two of the five computer ratings that have already been released. A sixth doesn't start coming out until Sunday.

And with the Irish facing another strong opponent Saturday, at home against Stanford, don't be surprised to see Notre Dame ahead

in the BCS standings of some teams that it trails in the polls if it beats the Cardinal.

The most important thing to remember is this: Don't get too worked up. There are plenty of games to be played.

Wait about a month or so, and then get worked up.

The picks:
SATURDAY

No. 1 Alabama (minus 2 1/2) at Missouri

You know who is enjoying the Tigers' first season in the SEC? Kansas fans ... ALABAMA 38-13.

No. 3 South Carolina (plus 2 1/2) at No. 9 LSU

Death Valley won't be so intimidating if Tigers can't

fix their offense ... SOUTH CAROLINA 17-13

No. 4 Florida (minus 7 1/2) at Vanderbilt

Gators have won 21 straight against Commodores ... FLORIDA 17-9.

No. 5 West Virginia (minus 4 1/2) at Texas Tech

Can Mountaineers stay focused in between trip to Texas and home game against K-State? ... TEXAS TECH 38-35.

No. 6 Kansas State (minus 6 1/2) at Iowa State

Wildcats have won four straight in series, all by eight or less ... KANSAS STATE 28-24.

No. 7 Notre Dame (8 1/2) at No. 7 Notre Dame

Cardinal have won three straight against Irish ... NOTRE DAME 23-13.

No. 8 Ohio State (minus 17) at Indiana

Braxton Miller Heisman hype picking up steam ... OHIO STATE 40-17.

No. 10 Oregon State (plus 6) at BYU

QB injuries have both teams scrambling ... BYU 12-10.

No. 11 Southern California (minus 12) at Washington

Trojans are second-most penalized team in the nation at 10 per game ... USC 28-17.

No. 17 Stanford (plus

17)

Boston College (plus

17)

Upset specials: 3-3.

28) at No. 12 Florida State

Seminoles return home in a bad mood ... FLORIDA STATE 45-14.

No. 13 Oklahoma (minus 3) vs. No. 15 Texas at Dallas

Big 12 elimination game; one group of fans is going to be really ticked off ... OKLAHOMA 28-27.

No. 18 Louisville (minus 3) at Pittsburgh

Panthers have been a hard team to decipher ... LOUISVILLE 28-24.

UPSET SPECIAL

Tennessee (plus 3) at No. 19 Mississippi State

Huge game for Vols with Alabama, South Carolina up next ... TENNESSEE 35-31.

Syracuse (plus 7) at No. 20 Rutgers

Orange DE Brandon Sharpe had four sacks vs. Pitt last week ... RUTGERS 21-13.

Fordham (no line) at No. 21 Cincinnati

Been a long time since the Seven Blocks of Granite were playing for Fordham ... CINCINNATI 58-10.

BEST BET

No. 22 Texas A&M (minus 8) vs. No. 23 Louisiana Tech in Shreveport, La.

Biggest hurdle between Bulldogs and BCS bid ... TEXAS A&M 52-24.

Fresno State (plus 7) at No. 24 Boise State

Conference rivals again, Broncos have won six straight in series ... BOISE STATE 31-21.

Illinois (plus 23 1/2) at No. 25 Michigan

Denard Robinson coming off 235-yard rushing performance against Purdue ... MICHIGAN 39-14.

Last week's record: 15-5 (straight); 11-7 (vs. points)

Season record: 101-20 (straight); 58-46 (vs. points)

Best bets: 2-4.

Upset specials: 3-3.

Carpenter pitches Cards past Nats 8-0 for 2-1 lead

By HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chris Carpenter was every bit the postseason ace he's been in the past for the St. Louis

Cardinals.

Taking the mound for only the fourth time in 2012, missing a rib after surgery to cure numbness on his right side, the 37-year-old Carpenter pitched scoreless

ball into the sixth inning, rookie Pete Kozma delivered a three-run homer, and the defending champion Cardinals beat the Washington Nationals 8-0 Wednesday to take a 2-1 lead

in their NL division series.

All in all, quite a damper on the day for a Nationals Park-record 45,017 red-wearing, towel-twirling fans witnessing the first major league postseason game

in the nation's capital in 79 years.

Three relievers finished the shutout for the Cardinals, who can end the best-of-five series in Thursday's Game 4 at Washington.

Kyle Lohse will start for St. Louis. Ross Detwiler pitches for Washington, which is sticking to its long-stated plan of keeping Stephen Strasburg on the sideline the rest of the way.

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