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Trooper won't face trial

Grand jury rules that shooting of Lake City man was justified.

By **TONY BRITT**
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LIVE OAK — A shirtless man, with his hands behind his head and a gun in one hand, walked toward a Florida Highway Patrol trooper, defying the trooper's commands to stop until the trooper shot him five times. That is how a grand jury report depicts a Sunday, Aug. 26 confrontation

between Florida Highway Patrol trooper Keith Maclaren and Lake City resident Brent Lee Blevins.

The incident occurred around 2 p.m. when Blevins was shot by six-year veteran Florida Highway Patrol trooper Derek Maclaren after they were involved in a confrontation following a high-speed chase along US 90, east of Live Oak. Blevins worked at Happy House, a childcare facility in Lake City.

A Suwannee County grand jury concluded Maclaren's actions were reasonable and justified, the report says.

The 21-member grand jury issued a "no true bill" finding Wednesday after hearing

evidence from witnesses and determined the cause did not warrant prosecution. The report, released to the *Lake City Reporter* on Friday, indicated Blevins had a blood alcohol level of .22, more than twice the legal limit.

The three-page summary contained seven points by the grand jury detailing why the grand jury declined to return an indictment against Maclaren.

The grand jury concluded:

- "The 911 calls indicated credible concerns about Brent Blevins' erratic and dangerous driving;

TROOPER continued on 6A



FILE

The Lake City office of the North Florida Broadband Authority.

High-speed Web? Not for a while

Broadband project rep says rural areas won't be served for up to 5 years.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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Rural North Central Florida, don't expect high-speed Internet anytime soon.

The main priority of the North Florida Broadband Authority, an interlocal governmental organization tasked with constructing an Internet utility and funded with \$30 million of federal stimulus funds, has been to supply Internet to hospitals, schools, libraries and other "anchor institutions" for the last three years. According to Richelle Sucara, general manager of the project, the goal was never to supply full Internet access for the entire 9,700-square mile area by the end of the grant period.

Instead, the goal was to provide the infrastructure to allow private companies to build out the network, she said.

But Todd Manning, information security officer for Columbia County and a former member of the operations committee of the NFBA, said he doesn't see how the network will ever serve some of the least populated

NFBA continued on 7A

Honoring those who serve



COURTESY

Jason Williams, Lt. Commander, US Navy Reserves and Dr. Brad Gurney, Maj. US Air Force Reserves made presentations to veterans on at the Lake City VA Medical Center Hospice Unit and to members of the Honor Guard Friday, presenting them with hats from their branch of service and a pin thanking them for their service.

Lake City pays homage to its veterans

Ceremony, parade, more mark Veterans Day weekend here.

By **TONY BRITT**
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Friday morning more than 100 people gathered at the Lake City VA Medical Center to recognize veterans for their service and honor them for answering the calls in their hearts to serve the country. It was one of several events planned in loyal veterans' honor over the weekend.

Guy Diffenbaugh, Department of Florida Disabled American Veterans Senior Vice Commander, who served as the event's keynote speaker, talked of the importance of recognizing veterans.

He said he appreciated the crowd attending the event, as well as all of the students in attendance.

"I think it's wonderful to see the

kids and others come out to the service," he said. "The youth of our nation are so courageous and bold and they have so many pressures that we didn't have to grow up with and I really appreciate them."

Diffenbaugh, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, said his overall message was to have people support the country's veterans.

"The veterans need you as bad as you've needed us," he said.

Daphne Kirby sat and smiled throughout the event, noting she felt it was important to support veterans. In addition, her granddaughter was singing with the Lake City Middle School choral ensemble.

She said she was proud to see her granddaughter participate in an event that honored veterans.

"It makes me have a good feeling that she realizes the importance that the veterans have done for our country," Kirby said.

Debbie Hornbrook, of Branford, is a member of the Patriot Guard Riders and rode her motorcycle

VETERANS continued on 6A



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Kenny Altman, of the United Methodist Church of White Springs, gives miniature flags to children during Saturday's Veterans Day parade.

Teen faces charges for injuries to infant

By **TONY BRITT**
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A Columbia County teenager faces child cruelty charges after she reportedly admitted shaking an 11-week-old baby for which she cared, according to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

The 11-week-old baby has been hospitalized since Tuesday with injuries indicative of shaken-baby syndrome, sheriff's reports said.

Summer Brooke Albritton, 19, of 148 SW Bloomington Terrace, was



Albritton

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break up.

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Evening: N/A



Saturday:
Afternoon: 5-6-7-9
Evening: N/A



Saturday:
7-11-15-18-24-43
x5



Wednesday:
32-34-45-52-58
PB 20

AROUND FLORIDA

Congressman refuses to accept election results

WEST PALM BEACH — Republican U.S. Rep. Allen West is refusing to concede even as the state says he lost his re-election bid to Democrat Patrick Murphy by 2,442 votes.



West



Murphy

In a complete though unofficial tally of votes reported Saturday, Murphy maintained a lead outside the parameters of an automatic recount. West's campaign said he would not concede until St. Lucie County allows him to examine poll records.

Murphy, a Democratic newcomer, had 50.4 percent of the vote in the returns reported Saturday. West, a freshman Republican, is a tea party favorite with a national profile.

A judge denied the court order West sought to impound ballots and voting booths.

The race was the most expensive House contest in the country and one of both parties' top targets.

Hostage drama ends peacefully

LEHIGH ACRES — A hostage situation between an armed man and two



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Marine Sgt. Michael Reinert receives a red, white and blue carnation Friday from his daughter, Ariana, 6, while attending Gulfside Elementary School's 14th annual Veterans Day Celebration in Holiday. A list of local veterans and those currently serving in the military was read during the ceremony.

family members in southwest Florida has ended peacefully.

Lee County Sheriff's deputies headed into a duplex early Saturday morning after reports of gunshots where they say an armed man was holed up inside with two family members.

Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Larry King said hostage negotiators talked with the man inside while one of the women escaped through a back window. But the man's mother, who is in a wheelchair, was still inside. Negotiators eventually convinced him to

bring her outside. At that time the unidentified suspect was arrested.

Authorities said the incident escalated from an argument the night before.

Man dies in home fire

JACKSONVILLE — A man has died after a fire broke out in his Jacksonville home. Investigators say a space heater in the bedroom may be to blame.

Firefighters responded to the home around 5:30 a.m. Saturday and found the house engulfed in

flames. After extinguishing the blaze, firefighters found a man's body in the bedroom.

News accounts said the victim has not been identified, but authorities said he appeared to be in his 60s or 70s.

Authorities said the man died because of the fire, and they do not suspect foul play.

Shooting leaves man dead

FORT MYERS — Authorities are investigating a fatal shooting in Fort Myers.

Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call about a shooting Friday night and found a critically injured man. He was transported to the hospital and later died.

Deputies with K-9 dogs and a helicopter searched the area for a possible suspect, but authorities didn't find anyone.

Investigators questioned witnesses and collected evidence Saturday.

The victim has not been identified, and authorities did not say how many times he was shot or release any other details.

Police charge school bus aide

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Broward County school bus attendant has been charged with choking an autistic boy.

The sheriff's office reports that 48-year-old Darryl Blue was arrested and charged Wednesday with aggravated child abuse.

During an Oct. 9 ride home from Westglades Middle School, surveillance video shows Blue sitting behind the 13-year-old boy and pulling a restraining harness tight against the boy's body and neck. The boy had apparently urinated on himself.

School officials and deputies began investigating after the boy's mother reported the alleged abuse.

Blue has been reassigned to a position away

from children pending the outcome of an administrative investigation.

Risk of wildfire, rip currents rise

TALLAHASSEE — Florida officials are warning of elevated risks of dangerous rip currents and wildfires across the state.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management said Saturday that 15 to 20 mph winds and large waves could create strong rip currents along Florida beaches from Volusia County through Miami-Dade County.

Dry air and breezy conditions also elevate the risk for wildfires this weekend across most of the state, especially in the western Panhandle and in southwest Florida.

Florida Division of Emergency Management Meteorologist Brad Schaaf encouraged residents to check local weather outlooks and follow instructions from local officials.

Man found dead on Orlando street

ORLANDO — A man's body has been found in a pool of blood outside an Orlando drug-treatment center.

Orlando Police said residents of the treatment center found the man in the parking lot Saturday morning.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez break up

NEW YORK

A source confirms to The Associated Press that Justin Bieber is no longer Selena Gomez's "boyfriend."

The source is not authorized to discuss the split with the press and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The breakup apparently happened last week. Distance and their busy schedules were cited as factors.

Eighteen-year-old Bieber is touring to promote his latest album, "Believe," which contains the hit "Boyfriend." Twenty-year-old Gomez is filming a "Wizards of Waverly Place" reunion for the Disney Channel.

The pair made their relationship public in February 2011.

E! News was the first to report the split.

Bieber seems to be doing OK, at least publicly. On the red carpet of Wednesday's Victoria's Secret fashion show he said, "I'd rather be here than anywhere in the world."

'Dancing' co-host has thyroid cancer

NEW YORK — "Dancing with the Stars" co-host Brooke Burke says she has thyroid cancer.

Burke posted a video message Thursday on YouTube disclosing her condition and her plans for surgery to remove her thyroid.

The 41-year-old mother of four says a lump on her thyroid was found during a routine biopsy.

She says in the video that the surgery has been scheduled, but she doesn't specify when. She says

it will leave "a nice big scar right here," tracing a line across her throat.

Although initially shocked by the diagnosis, Burke says she now feels strong and confident and her doctors are optimistic. She vows to make "a



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Teen heartthrob Justin Bieber and actress-girlfriend Selena Gomez are no longer together, a source confirms to the AP. The split happened last week. Distance and their busy schedules were contributing factors.

positive out of this negative thing."

Found in the front of the neck, the thyroid secretes several hormones that influence metabolism, growth and development.

Jermaine Jackson wants to alter his name

LOS ANGELES — Jermaine Jackson wants to change his name to something a little brighter. He's asking a court to allow him to alter his famous surname and become Jermaine Jacksun.



Jackson

The older brother of Michael Jackson filed a name change petition on Tuesday in Los Angeles, stating the switch was for "artistic reasons."

The filing doesn't elaborate, but Jackson's friend Steve Dennis, who was speaking on the singer's behalf, said it's not unheard of for artists to change their names. "Phonetically, it changes nothing," he said.

"It is something he has chosen to

do, and it's fair to say that you cannot blame this one on the boogie, you've got to blame it on the sunshine," Dennis said, in a play on the Jackson 5 disco hit, "Blame it on the Boogie."

A hearing on whether Jackson will become Jacksun is scheduled for Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.

Judge: Hemsley can be buried

EL PASO, Texas — Deceased actor Sherman Hemsley's long-time friend can proceed with his burial and running his estate, a Texas judge ruled Friday over the objections of his half-brother from Philadelphia.

Hemsley, who played George Jefferson on the TV sitcom "The Jeffersons," died July 24 of lung cancer. His body has been in refrigerated storage at an El Paso funeral home since.

Judge Patricia B. Chew sided Friday with Flora Enchinton Bern, who was named in Hemsley's will as the executor of his estate.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Comedian Jonathan Winters is 87.

■ Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 72.

■ The president of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, is 67.

■ Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 61.

■ Pop singer-musician Paul

Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 61.

■ Rock singer Dave Alvin is 57.

■ Actress Demi Moore is 50.

■ Actress Calista Flockhart is 48.

■ Actor Philip McKeon is 48.

■ Actor David DeLuise is 41.

■ Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 38.

Daily Scripture

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty down-pour.'"

— Job 37:5-6

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Obama declared winner in Florida

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — President Barack Obama was declared the winner of Florida's 29 electoral votes Saturday, ending a four-day count with a razor-thin margin that narrowly avoided an automatic recount that would have brought back memories of 2000.

No matter the outcome, Obama had already clinched re-election and now has 332 electoral votes to Romney's 206.

The Florida Secretary of State's Office said that with almost 100 percent of the vote counted, Obama led Republican challenger Mitt Romney 50 percent to 49.1 percent, a difference of about 74,000 votes. That was over the half-percent margin where a computer recount would have been automatically ordered unless Romney had waived it.

There is a Nov. 16 deadline for overseas and military ballots, but under Florida law, recounts are based on Saturday's results. Only a handful of overseas and military ballots are believed to remain outstanding.

It's normal for election supervisors in Florida and other states to spend days after any election counting absentee, provisional, military and overseas ballots. Usually, though, the election has already been called on election night or soon after because the winner's margin is beyond reach.

"Florida has spoken loudly in support of moving our nation forward," Ashley Walker, the Obama campaign's director for Florida, said in a news release. She added that the win was a testament to the campaign's volunteers and staff.

When reached by phone Saturday, Mitt Romney's communications director Gail

Gitcho said the campaign had no comment.

Obama's win came in part from heavy support from black, Hispanic and younger voters. Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press showed Obama was favored by more than 9 of 10 black voters and 3 of 5 Hispanic voters in Florida. The president also was the choice of two-thirds of voters under age 30.

Republican challenger Mitt Romney led among both white and older voters.

In the end, the facts of who voted for which candidate in Florida faded into memory as voting issues emerged election night.

On election night this year, it was difficult for officials — and the media — to call the presidential race here, in part because the margin was so close and the voting stretched into the evening.

In Miami-Dade, for instance, so many

people were in line at 7 p.m. in certain precincts that some people didn't vote until after midnight.

The hours-long wait at the polls in some areas, a lengthy ballot and the fact that Gov. Rick Scott refused to extend early voting hours has led some to criticize Florida's voting process. Some officials have vowed to investigate why there were problems at the polls and how that led to a lengthy vote count.

If there had been a recount, it would not be as difficult as the lengthy one in 2000. The state no longer uses punch-card ballots, which became known for their hanging chads. All 67 counties now use optical scan ballots where voters mark their selections manually.

Republican George W. Bush won the 2000 contest after the Supreme Court declared him the winner over Democrat Al Gore by a scant 537 votes.

Fort White man dead following a.m. crash

From staff reports

A Fort White man is dead following a Saturday morning crash on State Road 47, according to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Nathaniel Watson, 76, was ejected from his 2001 Suzuki Esteem after the vehicle overturned. The report said a medical

condition is suspected to be a contributing factor in the crash.

The Suzuki struck several mailboxes along with multiple trees before overturning.

the crash occurred at 7:09 a.m.

Watson was airlifted to Shands at the University of Florida where he was pronounced dead.

Promotion at CCSO



COURTESY

Capt. Chuck Brewington (from left) stands with Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter Friday after Brewington was promoted to the rank of captain during a brief ceremony at the sheriff's office.

First Federal Super Savers



COURTESY

Jairein Bradley (front left) and Hope Thomas (front right) proudly display their new bikes they won at First Federal Bank of Florida's recent Super Savers event last Saturday. The Lake City Police Department participated in the event by giving out free bike helmets to kids and showing them the correct way to wear them. From left, standing: Mike Lee, Crime Prevention Officer, and Police Chief Argatha Gilmore joined First Federal Financial Center Managers Gloria Markham, Renee McIntosh and Nicole Storer when the new bikes were given to Jairein and Hope.

Crash of 2 semis blocks I-75

From staff reports

Two tractor trailers crashed into each other about three miles north of US 41/441 on I-75 Saturday at 3:54 p.m., according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

Jose H. Soto Perez, 55, Wimauma, was driving in the right lane going north when he drifted into the center lane, according to the report.

Ihosvany Diaz Cruz, 36, Orlando, attempted to avoid the crash by swerving into the left lane, but the rear of Perez's semi struck the front right side of Cruz's semi causing his vehicle to crash into the guardrail overturning onto its side, according to the report.

The trailer was destroyed,

and boxes of cargo were scattered throughout the area, according to a witness.

After the collision, Perez's vehicle slid onto the right inside shoulder of the roadway and then struck the guardrail.

Neither driver was injured, the report said.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Nation requires working together

After taking a moment to savor a well-earned victory, [President Barack Obama] have to roll up his sleeves. An agenda packed with formidable challenges awaits resolution.

The message of this election is that voters are sick of gridlock and extreme partisanship.

For Mr. Obama, this means a readjustment of relations with Congress. ... He vowed to fight harder in his second term by taking his issues to the country. Fine, but lawmakers have the power to make or break a presidency. Successful presidents work The Hill like a pol works a key precinct.

Republicans in Congress have a similar duty to change course. They lost ground in the House, and they not only failed to win the Senate but fell further behind. The GOP brand has lost some of its luster, thanks to its obstructionist label. It's time to rebrand.

Good start: Majority Leader John Boehner said he called President Obama on Wednesday to offer this message: "The Republican majority stands ready to work with you." He went on to make the argument against tax cuts (here we go again), but he also said he read the election results as a mandate from the American people "to work together." Let's hope he means it.

Not so good start: In the Senate, Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has become the personification of obstructionism. In contrast to the graceful concession statement offered by Mitt Romney, the Kentucky senator managed to strike a sour note. "The voters have not endorsed the failures or excesses of the president's first term, they have simply given him more time to finish the job they asked him to do." ...

The president fought for a second term. He earned one. Now he has to show Americans that they made the right choice.

■ The Miami Herald



Still Kicking Bluegrass band

The Philippi Baptist Church celebrated its 135th homecoming on Nov. 4. It was a joyful occasion, and the Still Kicking Bluegrass band provided high-spirited entertainment from the first twang of their guitars to the final note of the break-neck tempo, bluegrass-on-fire "Orange Blossom Special."

Master musician Lenvil Dicks was in the congregation and explained that the fiddle the fiddle player was using was formerly owned by Lake City's Chubby Wise, the grand master of all bluegrass fiddlers.

Guest preacher, Rev. Ivan Clements, long time Baptist minister, commented on the band's "Still Kicking" name and said he, himself, was still kicking, "but not nearly as high as I used to."

Part of the church's cemetery history tells of the end of a loving grave decoration tradition.

"Years ago, when a person was buried, the custom was to place on the grave the person's favorite article such as a vase, a lamp, a china cup, saucers, and dishes. On the graves of children were placed their favorite toys, such as dolls and small ceramic lambs.

"Graves of men were adorned with lovely shaving mugs or coffee mugs.

"People would regularly clean these items and place them back on the graves. Over time, these loving gestures ceased because vandals starting robbing this sacred place of those lovely, heartfelt items."

Also in the cemetery, there is a tree stump with steps cut into it that dates back to the 1800s. The steps were used by women horseback riders so they could get onto their horses easier.



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Fort White started in Fort White Public School's first grade about 1910 and attended until the 10th grade, when he took and passed the Florida teachers' test.

He then dropped out of school and became a teacher at the Deep Creek School. He later returned to Fort White and graduated from Fort White High School at age 24.

Still later he became principal of CHS and several other Florida high schools in an educational career that spanned 47 years.

Happy birthday, Quinton

J. Quinton Rumph (FWHS 1941) was 89 years old on Nov. 8. He has a near-legendary reputation for his generosity, having made large donations to the University of Florida, Florida Southern College, the University of North Florida, the Advent Christian Village, the United Methodist Church and our school system. He has donated nearly a quarter of a million dollars for college scholarships to FWHS graduates, and he continues to give.

On Dec. 20, 2003, Florida Southern College awarded him an honorary degree, doctor of public service. No one could have deserved it more.

High School grad at 24

The late W.B. (Bill) Feagle of

Thanks, Alice

School Museum thanks go to

Alice Dicks Mangle (CHS 1945) for donating several treasured items from CHS's past.

■ A 'Collector's Edition' of a reunion book created for the combined CHS classes of 1941 through 1945.

■ A "Golden Anniversary Celebration" booklet from CHS 1944's 50th reunion and a "Golden Memories" booklet from CHS 1943's 50th reunion.

■ A full color, 8-by-10-inch photo of the CHS 1944's class at their 50th reunion, with members' names.

Alice explained that these booklets actually belonged to her late cousin, Sibyl Toney Ivie (CHS 1944), who wanted them passed on to our School Museum.

Sincere thanks go to Alice and Sibyl!

Ready to drive

The ultra-serious Cuban Missile Crisis of 50 years ago required special planning from our school system. One part of that planning was to be sure that all school bus drivers were immediately available to transport students home or to shelters in case a war started.

Contacting bus drivers did not cause too much of a problem at FWHS. Some of their bus drivers were students at the school.

Poor preacher

This from Lowell Osteen, pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church: A highway patrolman stopped a speeding driver and the driver said, "Officer, please have mercy on me. I'm just a poor preacher."

The trooper said, "I know that. I heard you preach last Sunday!"

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



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GOP has no one to blame but itself

Disbelief is the word that defines the Republican state of mind in the wake of the 2012 re-election of President Barack Obama.

The obvious questions are: "How can Americans have re-elected a president who has presided over an economy where unemployment still hovers at 8 percent?"

And, "How can Americans have re-elected a president who still doesn't grasp that his big-government policies are what have blocked our economic recovery?"

The Republican Party needs to take responsibility for this disaster.

Nothing in the outcome of this election is a surprise. The realities that produced these election results have been looming before us not for months, but for years.

Yet Republicans have made a point of ignoring it all. Now, "the chickens have come home to roost."

What are these realities?

The profoundly changing demographics of the nation. And, the challenge of getting a nation that is already addicted to government off it.

In a column I wrote a month ago, I noted: "What was once the exception to the rule in America — not being white, not being married, not having traditional values on family, sex and abortion — is becoming the rule. And these constituencies are becoming sufficiently large to elect a president."

I explained 10 years ago in my book, "Uncle Sam's Plantation," how big government and welfare-state policies were destroying black communities.

Ironically, the Republican political establishment, and particularly this year's candidate, Mitt Romney, presented themselves as the party of businessmen who know how economies work.

Well, businessmen pay attention to their markets. They make sure that they understand their product and present it clearly and that they stay attuned to their customer base.

But Republican Party operatives ignored both. Instead, they chose wishful thinking: simply hope that more and more white voters will turn out and vote Republican to make up for their shrinking part of the electorate.

When polls showed what was really happening, these same Republican operatives chose to deny them, too, charging they were biased.

Republicans must do more than showcase a few black and brown faces at their convention every four years and call this outreach.

Conservatives must get into black and Latino communities, talk to their clergy and community leaders, and explain how conservative policies of limited government and traditional values will save their communities and our nation at the same time.

■ Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (www.urbanature.org) and author of three books.

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Fewer veterans but they still serve

For a unique person to symbolize this Veterans Day you could not go far wrong choosing Tammy Duckworth, who was elected to Congress Tuesday to represent Chicago's northwestern suburbs.

Duckworth will become the first female veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan to serve in Congress. She was a captain in the National Guard and a helicopter pilot when she was shot down in Iraq in 2004, losing both legs and the partial use of her right arm.

She is not unique serving in Congress after being badly wounded in wartime. Sen. John McCain of Arizona was tortured by the North Vietnamese after breaking both legs and an arm. Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia lost both legs and his forearm to a grenade in Vietnam.

What is unique about Duckworth is simply that she's a veteran. Once veterans dominated Congress; from the 1960s to the mid-1970s veterans



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comprised about three-quarters of the U.S. House, according to political science associate professor Jeremy Teigen of Ramapo College in New Jersey. He told the military newspaper Stars & Stripes that number is down to 25 percent and falling.

In fact, after World War II, it was hard for a nonveteran to get elected; military service was practically a prerequisite for political office. But with the end of the draft, the advent of the all-volunteer army and the concept of a leaner military, the percentage of Americans who have served has fallen precipitously. Less than 1 percent of the population has served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans groups were hoping that this election would arrest a 32-year slide in the number of ex-military in Congress. It might have happened. Some House vote counts are still incomplete that could add two more members, but the Associated Press says 16 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan were elected Tuesday, nine of them first-time officeholders.

Most of the congressional vets are Republicans, but anyone who expects them to march in lockstep on the issues is badly out of touch with our modern military. They are as opinionated and diverse as the democracy they chose to defend.

Veterans Day asks little of us other than we take a moment to observe the 11th minute of the 11th hour of the 11th month to mark the moment in 1918 when the armistice brought an end to the blood and carnage of World War I.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at jbarr@lakecityreporter.com.

Nov. 11

Gospel trio at church

The Diadem Trio gospel singing group of Nashville, Tenn., will be ministering at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 1571 E. Duval St. in Lake City. Call (386) 365-1533 for more information.

Nov. 12

CHS band concert

Columbia High School Band will present a free Salute to Our Veterans concert at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The marching band, jazz band and wind ensemble will perform.

Recovery group to meet

A 12-step addiction recovery group meets every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Community Revival Center, 244 NE Patterson Ave. in Lake City. For information, call 867-6288.

Nov. 13

March of Dimes auction

The March of Dimes will have a Signature Chefs Auction at 5:30 p.m. in the Rountree Moore Toyota showroom, U.S. 90 West in Lake City. The date is a change from the earlier publicized date. There will be live and silent auctions, a selection of specialty foods presented by more than 20 area restaurants and caterers and complimentary wine tasting. For more information, contact Kathy McCallister at 755-0507 or Maureen Lloyd at 397-0598. Put this event on your calendar as we work together to give every baby a healthy start.

Photo club

Lake City Photo Club meets the second Tuesday

Jobs Month proclamation issued



COURTESY PHOTO

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council officials display a proclamation designating November as Jobs Month in the region. From left are Kenrick Thomas, secretary-treasurer; Lorene Thomas, chairwoman; Carolyn Spooner, executive committee member; and Scott Koons, executive director.

of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center at Baya Avenue. Share your photos and ideas with the group. Newcomers are welcome.

Caregiver conference

The Alzheimer's Association, Central and North Florida Chapter, is coordinating a caregiver conference in partnership with Elder Options. The event will be held at the UF Hilton and Conference Center in Gainesville on from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We plan to have speakers on a variety of topics related to care-giving as well as health screenings, exhibitors, activities, door prizes, and more. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend. However, pre-registration is required. Please call (800) 272-3900 to

reserve seats as soon as possible.

Medicare seminar

Lifestyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free Medicare seminar from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates. Learn about Medicare, when to enroll, what's covered and when a supplement is needed. Call 755-3475 ext. 107 to reserve a seat.

Native plants meeting

Join the Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society at 6:30 p.m. at Hatch Park in Branford, 403 SE Craven St. Our November program will feature hands-on instructions from members about how to weave a basket from a saw palmetto frond. These baskets can

be used for holiday table decorations. Supplies will be provided. For more information, contact president Carol Sullivan, (386) 364-9309.

Plant clinic

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

Nov. 14

Olustee battle meeting

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14 to plan the Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will

be at the school district central building room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St.

The 2013 Olustee Battle Festival/Re-enactment poster prepared by local artist Duffy Soto will be unveiled.

Irrigation clinic

Save water, save money with the University of Florida Master Gardener's hands-on workshop on setting up a home irrigation system from 1 to 4 p.m. This will be the first program for the Master Gardener demonstration garden at the Fort White Branch Library, 17700 SW Route 47. There is no charge. Call 497-1108 for information.

Newcomers meeting

The Lake City Newcomers will meet at 11 a.m. at Guang Dong in the Lake City mall. Guest speaker will be Detective Katina Dicks of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, who will talk about fraud crimes and how to prevent them and careful Christmas shopping. The group also will have its annual "Arts, Crafts and Collectibles" show. Members are welcome to take items to show and/or sell. Luncheon will cost \$11. Sale of 50-50 tickets will end at 11:25.

United Way luncheon

United Way of Suwannee Valley will have its November report luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 14 at noon at the PotashCorp-White Springs conference center, 16071 SE 78th Place in White Springs. Lunch is \$12 per person. Call at 752-5604, ext. 102 for more information.

Class of '46 luncheon

The Columbia High

School class of 1946 will have its quarterly luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Phish Heads Restaurant. Reservations are not needed.

Nov. 15

Retired educators meet

The Columbia Retired Educators will meet at 1 p.m. at the School Board Adult Center, room 120. Remember to take a covered dish to share. For more information, contact Will Brown at 752-2431.

Nov. 16

Fish dinner

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5056 SW State Road 47 in Lake City, prepares fish dinners every Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$6 for two Alaskan pollock filets, corn, baked beans, hush-puppies, cole slaw and tartar sauce. Take out or eat in.

Nov. 17

FFA chapter fundraiser

The Columbia High School FFA Junior Chapter will have a yard sale starting at 8 a.m. Location will be U.S. 90 West, across from the Fifth Generation Farms market. Donations can be dropped off at the Land Lab on the hill at CHS, or contact Ms. Starnes at 755-8080 or Lauren Townsend at (386) 288-0636 for more information.

Community theater

High Springs Community Theater will present a staged reading of "Bad for Each Other," a new comedy-thriller by Leroy Clark, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy N. Shelton

Dorothy N. Shelton, 78, of Lake City, Florida died Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center (Haven Hospice) after an extended illness. She was born in Buchanan County, Virginia to the late John and Pearl (Addison) Meadows but had lived in Columbia County since 1963. She was a loving mother, grand & great grandmother who loved her family, and enjoyed watching NASCAR Racing, Florida Gator Football, and watching the Atlanta Braves & Tampa

Bay Rays play baseball. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Trula Watkins. Survivors include her son, Jeff Shelton of Lake City, FL; daughter, Cindy (Emerson) North of Lake City, FL; daughter in law, Lora Roberts Shelton of Lake City, FL; 8 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 12, 2012 in the chapel of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Jones officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to service

time. (12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday) **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 South U.S. Hwy 441, Lake City, Florida 32025, (386) 752-1954 is in charge of arrangements. Please leave comforting words for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

Violet Ann Sanders

Violet Ann Sanders, 57, entered into eternal peace on Tuesday November 6, 2012 at her home in Fort White, Florida. Violet was born on July 24, 1955 at Tampa General

Hospital in Tampa, Florida. She was preceded in death by Eldon Eugene Sanders Jr. (son) and Earl Warren (brother). She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by: Eldon Eugene Sanders Sr. (husband), Raymond & Sandra Warren (parents), (three-daughters) Karen (Ben) Hazlip, Victo-

ria (Alexander) Longoria, Virginia (Roger) Ward, Seven grandchildren; Jennifer L. Crews, Alexander T. Longoria, J. Dalton Gerow, Anthony M. Longoria, Santana M. Sanders, Angela J. Longoria, Charles D. Ward, (great-grandson) Aidan J. E. Chase and her dear friend in life Libby

Wilson. She leaves behind many extended family members and friends to carry on her memories.

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

Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership

The Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership and the Columbia County Health Department have come together to form a partnership in order to create a tobacco free community. This year, the partnership is focusing on policies that affect our youth. We are pleased to report that resolutions have been achieved in both the City of Lake City and Columbia County to ban the sale and marketing of candy-flavored tobacco. We invite all community members, service workers, and school aged youth to attend the upcoming meeting to discuss tobacco-related issues in our county.

Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership Meeting
Central School Board Office Room 153
Thursday, November 15, 2012
372 West Duval Street
Lake City, FL 32055
Time: 1:00pm



All partnership meetings are open to the public. For more information on how to make a difference in your community through your local Tobacco Free Partnership, please contact:

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Veterans ride past the Lake City VA Medical Center during Saturday's parade on a float representing the USS Pittsburgh.

VETERANS: Lake City honors them with events throughout the weekend

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to the ceremony with other Patriot Guard Riders from different parts of the Southeast.

"It means a great deal for me to attend today's service," she said. "I remember back when I was a child growing up and Veterans Day was a big thing. We had parades, we all went to the cemeteries and there were ceremonies everywhere and it's kind of nice to be a part of that

again."

She said it's important to continue to support the veterans.

"We need to support our people who have gone out there and stood for us and done the hardest job in the world for us," she said. "We need to support them in any and every way we possibly can and say, 'Thank you.'"

Donald Runyon offered the benediction

to close the service and he said, "It would take us forever to call each veteran's name, but each name is important."

On Saturday there was a Veterans Day parade (see photos this page and 1A), and the local farmers market kicked off its VA Hospital Holiday Fundraiser. Donation boxes will be placed at the market each Saturday until Dec. 8. Items collected will be distributed at the Lake City VA

Medical Center. Items needed this year are: coffee and personal care items such as shampoo, shaving cream and good quality razors. Popcorn and water will be for sale at the site of the donation boxes. The project is led by city employee David Pettey.

On Friday, local veterans honored patients at the hospital with Veterans Day pins.

TROOPER: Grand jury declines to issue indictment in Aug. 26 shooting

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- "The 911 call also informed law enforcement that Blevins already had hit a vehicle and failed to stop;

- "Maclaren's in-car video and witness testimony demonstrate Blevins' refusal to comply with orders to stop as a marked patrol car with lights and sirens is in pursuit;

- "Testimony of witnesses that Blevins' actions of exiting the truck with a handgun at the ready, his deliberate movement in the direction of Maclaren, and his refusal to stop and drop the weapon indicated credible threats of violence were imminent toward the trooper;

- "Whether Blevins' impairment diminished his criminal culpability the dangerousness of his actions is what is considered in determining the reasonableness of the law enforcement response;

- "The grand jury, therefore, feels the actions of Trooper Maclaren were reasonable and justified given the immediate threat to himself; and

- "The jury believes the actions of Brent Blevins support a finding of probable cause that he committed the acts of felony fleeing a police officer, driving while under the influence, grand theft III: Motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of a crash, and a true bill, had he survived, would accompany this report."

According to the report, which includes

testimony from several witnesses, on Aug. 26 the Florida Highway Patrol office in Lake City received a 911 call from Lawrence Rentz, who told them the driver in a red Dodge truck, later identified as Blevins, was driving in an unsafe manner on US 90. Rentz said the driver of the truck was driving erratically and running other vehicles off the road. He told authorities he and his wife saw a crash where Blevins pulled into a driveway and backed out into oncoming traffic, hitting another vehicle and Blevins failed to stop.

Rentz followed the truck and said he saw Blevins inside the truck fumbling around under the seat and yelling out the window at the trooper after the trooper pulled in behind him.

Rentz later said he saw a Suwannee County Sheriff's Office patrol car race to get in front of the truck and almost immediately the truck stopped and the FHP patrol car stopped next to the truck.

The SCSO patrol car turned around and came back towards the two stopped vehicles, eventually parking in front of the truck. Rentz reported seeing Blevins, shirtless, get out of the truck and put his hands up, somewhere behind his head as he walked between the vehicles toward the trooper. He said it appeared Blevins had something in his hand.

Rentz heard the trooper yell at Blevins, but noted continued to move toward him,

with the trooper backing up several steps until he fired his weapon and Blevins fell to the ground.

The report said Maclaren was traveling east on US 90 when he was flagged down by several people who told him a red truck with a broken tailgate had just run into their vehicle and fled west. Maclaren turned around and with lights and siren activated caught up with the truck.

Reports said Blevins refused to stop, continued to swerve from lane to lane and steered the truck directly into oncoming traffic. Blevins refused to stop until a SCSO patrol vehicle pulled in front of him, when the vehicles stopped in the roadway with Maclaren's patrol car in the left lane nearly next to the truck.

Blevins reportedly exited his truck, his arms up and slightly behind his head with a handgun in his right hand. After numerous orders to stop and drop the gun, with Blevins moving toward Maclaren, Maclaren shot at Blevins six times, hitting him 5 times in the chest area. Blevins fell to the ground and his gun fell next to him.

The investigation was turned over to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Maclaren, 33, was placed on paid administrative leave for three days. The FDLE has not yet released its investigative report into the incident.

"It is very sad that the young man

lost his life that day," said Third Judicial Circuit State Attorney Robert "Skip" Jarvis. "However, when an officer is confronted by someone with a firearm who refuses to submit, it places the officer's safety in jeopardy, sometimes an officer has no choice but to use force for their own self protection. My heart goes out to the young man's family, however, the officer acted justifiably."

Jarvis said he wanted to present the case to the grand jury.

"What we had was a situation where a young man died in an altercation with a law enforcement officer," he said. "I personally was at that scene right after the shooting, to make certain I saw what was going on. Ultimately, because of the situation and my years in law enforcement wanting to make certain I was not being overly protective of an officer, I went ahead and choose to look at it and I had determined my personal thoughts on it, but I decided to play it safe and make certain that family and the victim was equally considered in this. I went ahead and choose to present it to the Suwannee County grand jury and let 21 people who are the conscience of Suwannee County look at it with me and tell me what they think."

The grand jury returned a "no true bill" in the case and filed a written report detailing its findings in the case.

TEEN: Faces charges for injuries to 11-week-old she was baby-sitting

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arrested on a warrant Friday afternoon when she failed to show up for a police interview. She was charged with cruelty toward a child and booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility on \$50,000 bond. She has bonded out.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's reports, around 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Deputy Scott Staley responded to Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center in reference to a child abuse case. After speaking to the emergency room staff Staley was told an 11-week-old female was brought to the hospital with injuries indicative of shaken-baby syndrome. Staley reported there was bruising inside the child's ears, on her neck and on the inside of her shoulders or armpits.

The child's parents, Matt and Carrie Cason of Lake City, said they left their child with the baby sitter, Albritton, who

has been baby-sitting for them for the past 10 months.

According to reports, Carrie Cason told law enforcement officials she received a call from Albritton around 5:27 p.m. Tuesday and said Albritton told her the child was unresponsive. Cason told Albritton to call 911 and she would meet them at the hospital. The child was later airlifted from Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center to Shands at the University of Florida.

When authorities asked Carrie Cason whether there had been any other times of concern when Albritton was with the children and she told them around two weeks ago she noticed a bruise on the infant's head. Albritton told her the bruise was from where another child had dropped a toy on the baby, Cason said. Cason told authorities she did not think Albritton was

being entirely honest with her about that incident, according to the report.

When questioned, Albritton initially told law enforcement officers that when she lay the infant on the floor after her bath, her head hit the floor, but on the bath rug, "harder than it should have," in the words of the report. Albritton said the infant showed no real response to the bump as far as crying.

The seven-page police report chronicles several instances where authorities interviewed Albritton between Tuesday and Friday about what happened on the day the infant became injured. Reports indicate she told detectives several different stories about what happened that led to the child's injuries.

As authorities questioned Albritton, they told her that in a situation like this, the truth usually comes out and that doc-

tors will end up with a conclusion as to what happened.

After multiple interviews, sheriff's office reports indicate Albritton confessed to detectives and said, "I shook her. I did. I'm just going to come out and tell you, after the bath I did," reports said. Albritton reportedly told the investigator she remembered thinking, "Why did I do that?"

Detectives questioned Albritton about what was going on in her life for her to be "so overwhelmed" and she reportedly told them her parents are separated and it has been stressful to her and she has been having a hard time.

Friday morning authorities secured an arrest warrant for Albritton for cruelty toward a child and she was taken into custody.

NFBA: High-speed Internet service won't be coming here anytime soon

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areas. "There's no Internet service provider who's going to go into (District 1 County Commissioner Ron Williams's) area and put equipment on those towers," he said.

The cost for equipment and the lack of a customer base prevents private industry from making the investment, he said.

Sucara said for the NFBA to put equipment on a tower, the tower had to serve an anchor institution. But after the grant period ends, she will be able to put equipment on towers that would serve areas that aren't close to anchor institutions.

The grant period ends Jan. 31. At that time, the NFBA has to give any money remaining back to the federal government. There's \$4.9 million left, Sucara wrote in an email on Nov. 2.

She said the NFBA plans on spending all the grant money. Some of the ways she plans to spend the money is by promotions designed at targeting anchor institutions. She said if an anchor institution wants the NFBA's service she will provide the equipment free of charge.

Donnie Lort, project manager of the NFBA, said the ultimate goal is to have the region blanketed with Internet service in five years. He said to reach the goal, the NFBA will need to produce \$750,000 per month by the fifth year. The NFBA currently has revenues of \$12,000 a month, Sucara said.

However, she added, "It's doubling everyday."

Jessica Springfield, a lawyer with the NFBA, said the project is transitioning from a capital project into a sales effort.

"The NFBA's goal, plan

and desire is to reach anybody who wants service..." she said. "But we're talking about a very large area and few employees. We all can only get so much done in a day."

The expenses of the NFBA are about \$250,000 a month, Sucara said. She said the largest expenses are commercial tower leases and payroll.

Lort said that about 90 percent of NFBA's coverage area is already served by private Internet providers. Lort said NFBA will be able to provide superior service more in line with the needs of hospitals, schools and other anchor institutions.

Nonetheless, the idea of competing with private enterprise has put NFBA at odds with members of the Columbia County Commission and others.

THE COUNTY COMMISSION

Williams said he knew something was wrong when he was at the Lake City Mall trying to connect his home to the NFBA's network through a private company that was buying bandwidth from the NFBA.

He said he tried to get service through the company, but was told his house wasn't in a service area.

Williams said he was "very disappointed" with the NFBA because his area needs the service. He said the NFBA has become just another Internet company.

"They gone into the heart of Lake City and skimming the cream off the top," he said.

He said that was wrong. "That \$30 million was supposed to go to serve rural America," he said.

District 5 County Commissioner Scarlet Frisina was the alternate

representative to the NFBA for Columbia County. She said the county withdrew from the NFBA because commissioners thought there was a lack of communication, but she still hopes for a positive outcome.

"I want to believe because I believed from the beginning," she said.

District 3 Commissioner Jodie DuPree said there is a reason high-speed Internet isn't available in certain areas of the county, and to his understanding the purpose of the NFBA was to bridge the gap to make it profitable.

He said because Columbia County wasn't funding the project, he didn't think like the county commission had the right to ask how the money was being spent. However, when the NFBA failed to supply "simple records" on employee salaries and information about how the project was going to be sustainable, he said it was time to pull the trigger and pull out of the NFBA.

"They did that for two reasons: Either they didn't have a plan or they felt like they didn't have to give us a plan," he said.

DuPree said the board gave the NFBA more than a month to supply the information.

The county withdrew from the NFBA on Nov. 1.

The NFBA attorney said that information has now been supplied to the board. Springfield said those records requests weren't supplied earlier because Faith Doyle, executive administrative assistant, was on vacation. Doyle was the person responsible for records requests.

"Everybody working on this project has been under a lot of pressure to get the job done," Springfield said.

"It might be that the public records request wasn't the most important thing they were doing."

Springfield went on to say that Doyle's position had reached "a flash point" and that she was no longer an employee of the NFBA. She said the NFBA is reorganizing and eliminating some expenses.

Doyle had been paid a salary of \$80,000 a year.

THE NETWORK

Sucara acknowledged that the NFBA's revenues are "pretty slim," but now that the network is operational, the NFBA's focus is on customer acquisition.

"Everyday we hook up between five and 10 customers," she said.

She said she's had talks with three financial institutions about the possibility of bridge loans to finance the project while the NFBA works to make the network solvent.

The best case scenario is that the NFBA will be able to meet expenses by May, she said. She said in the worst case, the NFBA will need other financing through September or October of 2013.

She said she is working on a deal that could land the NFBA an account that would bring \$500,000 over three years.

Sucara said the National Telecommunications and Information Administration has complimented the NFBA on its customer acquisition process and asked the NFBA to make a presentation to other Broadband Technology Opportunity Projects at a NTIA conference in May.

There are 123 infrastructure BTOP projects throughout the nation with \$3.5 billion in funding from the federal government.

Lort, NFBA project manager, said the signal from the NFBA's towers carries Internet signals a maximum of eight miles. The core network consists of eight rings spread over the 9,700 square miles.

Each ring consists of multiple towers that would allow an Internet service provider to penetrate into the geographical area of North Central Florida.

He said because Jefferson and Putnam counties have worked with the NFBA by providing the promised in-kind donations, those counties will receive service much sooner than some of the counties that have not provided its in-kind donations.

The counties and municipalities that are members of the NFBA have provided in-kind donations in the form of leases to use tower space to hang NFBA equipment.

Part of the requirements of the grant were \$10 million of in-kind donations. Lort said that other BTOP programs had to provide

funding in the form of cash. He said the NFBA received a waiver to use in-kind donations.

He said most of Jefferson and Putnam can access the network.

Lort said if Columbia County had given their in-kind donations more of the county would have NFBA service.

"If (the county commissioners) gave me the leases I could have gone out to Lulu," he said.

He went on to say that the counties drafted legally binding resolutions to provide leases of public towers to the NFBA.

"If the NFBA wanted to they could go back and sue them..." he said. "I doubt the NFBA will ever do that."



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UW November luncheon set

From staff reports

United Way of Suwannee Valley will hold its November community fundraising campaign report luncheon at the beautiful PCS Conference Center at noon on Nov. 14.

Terry Baker, General Manager, PotashCorp White Springs will welcome all guests to the Conference Center and the report luncheon will feature Kameron Robinson, Voices for Children / Guardian ad Litem, one of the 21 United Way of Suwannee Valley affiliated agencies. The theme for this year's campaign is "Imagine Me."

Dr. Helen Miller, Mayor of White Springs, will speak about the BEST Neighborhoods project in White Springs. BEST Neighborhoods is a grant received by United Way of Suwannee Valley from Volunteer Florida. Seven projects were conducted in our local communities.

Stan Posey, member of the United Way of Suwannee Valley Challengers' Club, the organization's leadership donors, will speak about investing in our community as a member of the Challengers' Club.

During each month of United Way's annual community fundraising campaign, the local United Way conducts a campaign report luncheon to provide an opportunity for campaign team volunteers, community citizens, business representatives and agency personnel to learn more about the partner agency services and more.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization that advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 21 health and human service agencies.

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THE WEATHER

11 SUNDAY PARTLY CLOUDY HI 77 LO 55	12 MONDAY PARTLY CLOUDY HI 81 LO 56	13 TUESDAY CHC OF SHOWERS HI 77 LO 53	14 WEDNESDAY PARTLY SUNNY HI 72 LO 49	15 THURSDAY PARTLY SUNNY HI 74 LO 52
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, November 11

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	78/65/pc	78/64/pc
Daytona Beach	80/62/pc	79/62/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	83/69/pc	82/72/pc
Fort Myers	86/66/pc	81/63/pc
Gainesville	81/57/pc	79/56/pc
Jacksonville	80/60/pc	76/56/pc
Key West	79/72/pc	80/72/pc
Lake City	81/56/pc	77/53/pc
Miami	83/72/pc	83/71/pc
Naples	86/65/pc	84/66/s
Ocala	82/58/pc	80/58/pc
Orlando	85/62/pc	82/61/pc
Panama City	76/56/t	69/48/pc
Pensacola	75/48/t	65/40/s
Tallahassee	81/54/pc	72/46/pc
Tampa	84/66/pc	81/65/pc
Valdosta	80/55/pc	73/47/pc
W. Palm Beach	82/68/pc	82/70/pc

NATIONAL FORECAST: Rain and strong to severe thunderstorms will accompany a strong cold front gradually making its way through the middle of the country. Rain may be heavy in some areas. Meanwhile, strong winds and heavy snow will continue to affect the Northern Plains, and there could be some lingering snow showers in the Rockies, as well.

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP 3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 89°, Harlingen, Texas Low: -2°, Cut Bank, Mont.

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TEMPERATURES
High Saturday: 75
Low Saturday: 37
Normal high: 76
Normal low: 53
Record high: 87 in 1942
Record low: 30 in 1913

PRECIPITATION
Saturday: 0.00"
Month total: 0.04"
Year total: 49.30"
Normal month-to-date: 0.71"
Normal year-to-date: 43.58"

SUN
Sunrise today: 6:53 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:36 p.m.
Sunrise tom.: 6:54 a.m.
Sunset tom.: 5:35 p.m.

MOON
Moonrise today: 4:15 a.m.
Moonset today: 3:52 p.m.
Moonrise tom.: 5:22 a.m.
Moonset tom.: 4:38 p.m.

Nov. 13 New
Nov. 20 First
Nov. 28 Full
Dec. 6 Last

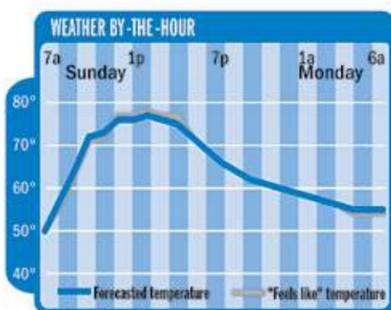
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CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	54/41/0	62/46/pc	Des Moines	76/58/0	49/26/c	Omaha	76/58/0	37/20/c
Albuquerque	53/46/0	41/21/s	Detroit	61/48/0	65/52/pc	Orlando	76/51/0	81/62/pc
Anchorage	31/30/0	31/24/pc	El Paso	73/60/0	56/29/pc	Philadelphia	57/37/0	66/52/s
Atlanta	69/42/0	71/55/pc	Fairbanks	20/17/0	6/-12/c	Phoenix	63/54/0	62/43/s
Baltimore	62/32/0	67/50/s	Greensboro	71/36/0	71/53/s	Pittsburgh	64/37/02	72/51/s
Billings	21/16/17	22/12/sf	Hartford	57/39/0	66/49/pc	Portland ME	51/27/0	54/44/pc
Birmingham	70/41/0	73/58/pc	Honolulu	81/75/0	85/71/s	Portland OR	42/37/0	48/42/r
Bismarck	31/24/22	18/4/sn	Houston	82/57/0	82/58/t	Raleigh	73/36/0	73/52/s
Boise	37/22/0	38/28/pc	Indianapolis	71/47/0	68/44/pc	Rapid City	34/23/12	26/12/c
Boston	55/40/0	59/51/pc	Jackson MS	76/45/0	71/56/t	Reno	37/23/03	42/30/pc
Buffalo	53/43/0	71/54/s	Jacksonville	72/39/0	78/58/pc	Richmond	70/34/0	72/49/s
Charleston SC	72/39/0	75/56/pc	Kansas City	74/65/0	55/26/sh	Sacramento	55/36/0	58/34/pc
Charleston WV	74/34/0	74/53/s	Las Vegas	51/42/0	55/40/s	St. Louis	61/57/0	69/33/t
Charlotte	72/31/0	71/53/s	Little Rock	75/51/0	77/44/t	Salt Lake City	34/30/17	33/20/sf
Cheyenne	36/25/0	28/16/sf	Los Angeles	61/50/0	67/47/s	San Antonio	81/64/0	81/47/t
Chicago	62/50/19	63/38/r	Memphis	74/50/0	75/49/t	San Diego	63/57/0	67/55/s
Cincinnati	72/39/0	69/54/s	Miami	78/70/0	81/71/pc	San Francisco	57/49/0	60/51/s
Cleveland	63/46/09	69/52/s	Minneapolis	59/44/05	42/22/c	Seattle	44/31/0	47/43/r
Columbia SC	75/34/0	73/56/s	Mobile	74/47/0	75/61/s	Spokane	28/21/0	33/25/pc
Dallas	81/65/0	72/40/t	New Orleans	77/54/0	78/67/s	Tampa	76/55/0	82/64/pc
Daytona Beach	75/47/0	78/64/pc	New York	54/42/0	64/52/s	Tucson	63/46/01	58/34/s
Denver	56/33/02	39/16/pc	Oklahoma City	75/62/0	59/30/pc	Washington	64/38/0	68/52/s



WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1911, Oklahoma City established a record high of 83 degrees and record low of 17 degrees the same day. In south-eastern Kansas, the temperature at Independence plunged from 83 degrees to 33 degrees in one hour.

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INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	88/79/0	87/74/pc	La Paz	66/39/0	57/41/sh	Rio	79/72/0	89/75/pc
Amsterdam	52/46/0	50/43/sh	Lima	68/64/0	69/64/pc	Rome	66/46/0	67/62/sh
Athens	64/48/0	66/54/c	London	50/45/0	48/35/pc	St. Thomas VI	88/78/01	85/78/t
Auckland	64/55/0	66/54/sh	Madrid	57/48/0	56/40/pc	San Juan PR	88/78/0	85/78/t
Beijing	46/39/0	35/32/s	Mexico City	73/43/0	74/47/pc	Santiago	72/48/0	87/60/s
Berlin	52/41/0	54/39/sh	Montreal	43/30/0	50/37/pc	Seoul	59/41/0	54/37/sh
Buenos Aires	66/50/0	65/57/sh	Moscow	32/23/0	30/27/pc	Singapore	86/77/0	84/79/t
Cairo	75/64/0	73/62/pc	Nairobi	75/61/0	74/58/sh	Sydney	66/61/0	73/61/pc
Geneva	52/48/0	51/40/sh	Nassau	79/72/0	77/71/sh	Tei Aviv	73/61/0	69/56/sh
Havana	77/61/0	80/62/pc	New Delhi	86/61/0	85/65/s	Tokyo	66/55/0	65/54/sh
Helsinki	39/23/0	44/41/sh	Oslo	43/32/0	42/34/t	Toronto	48/39/0	63/52/s
Hong Kong	84/77/0	80/69/sh	Panama	91/77/0	86/75/t	Vienna	50/41/0	47/44/pc
Kingston	86/79/0	83/77/t	Paris	57/48/0	52/37/pc	Warsaw	48/36/0	55/48/pc

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

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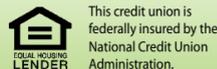
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COURTESY OF AUBURN ATHLETICS

Lake City native Blayne Barber hits a chip shot while competing for Auburn University.

Barber displays morals

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Golf is a game of character and no finer display of character has ever been shown by Blayne Barber.

Barber put his dream on hold to become a PGA Tour professional after a battle with his conscience.

On the 13th hole of qualifying school, Barber believes he may have nicked a leaf. Problem was, Barber wasn't sure. He assessed himself a one-stroke penalty, but later found out that if he did in fact hit the leaf, the rule states that it's a two-shot penalty.

"I felt that I may have slightly touched the leaf," Barber said. "Nobody else

saw it and I asked my brother, Shayne, who was my caddie and he said I didn't touch it."

Still, Barber couldn't get the incident out of his head. He wasn't certain and it weighed on his conscience.

"At first, I had convinced myself that I hadn't touched it," Barber said.

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Trey Marshall (21) plucks the ball out of the air as he intercepts a pass intended for a Suwannee receiver.

Another one in the bucket

Columbia High dominates Suwannee, 40-0.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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It was a battle for a bucket, but this one was for Braxton. Columbia High lost running back Braxton Stockton to an eye injury that could cost the senior his eye on Tuesday and the Tigers responded winning its biggest rivalry game with a 40-0 final against Suwannee High in the battle for the Oaken Bucket on Friday.

Trey Marshall grabbed

a pick on the Bulldogs first drive and the Tigers responded with an 11-play, 63-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead after Ronald Timmons broke free from 14-yards away to put Columbia on the board with 7:22 remaining in the first quarter.

The Tigers went dry for over a quarter before Javere Smith recovered a fumble to set Columbia up at the Bulldogs' 47-yard line. Two-plays later, Timmons reached the end zone for a second time on a 41-yard run to give Columbia a 13-0 lead with 5:11 remaining in the half.

From that point, Columbia would turn

on the gas. Drew Clark sacked Kyle Stebbins and the Tigers came up with the ball at the Bulldogs' 15-yard line. It only took one play to score when Nate Ayers took a wide receiver screen from quarterback Jayce Barber to the house for a 20-0 lead with 2:47 remaining in the half. It was Ayers second score in as many weeks.

"I haven't been clicking in the passing game, but coach told me he was going to get me one last week," Ayers said. "Tonight it was a good way to go out with a win in the Oaken Bucket

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AUTO RACING
3 p.m.
 ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, AdvoCare 500, at Avondale, Ariz.
7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NHRA, Southern California Finals, at Pomona, Calif. (same-day tape)
11 p.m.
 SPEED — FIA World Rally, at Lloret de Mar, Spain (same-day tape)
CFL FOOTBALL
6:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Playoffs, division semifinal, Saskatchewan at Calgary (same-day tape)
11 p.m.
 NBCSN — Playoffs, division semifinal, Edmonton at Toronto (same-day tape)
GOLF
1 p.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, final round, at Lake Buena Vista
MOTORSPORTS
8 a.m.
 SPEED — MotoGP World Championship, at Valencia, Spain
3 p.m.
 SPEED — MotoGP Moto2, at Valencia, 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 — Houston at Chicago
SOCCER
4 p.m.
 NBCSN — MLS, playoffs, Eastern Conference championship, first leg, D.C. United at Houston
9 p.m.
 ESPN — MLS, playoffs, Western Conference championship, first leg, Seattle at Los Angeles
TENNIS
9 a.m.
 ESPN2 — ATP World Tour Finals, semifinal, at London
2:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — ATP World Tour Finals, semifinal, at London
Monday
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
12 Midnight
 ESPN — West Virginia at Gonzaga
2 a.m.
 ESPN — Davidson at New Mexico
4 a.m.
 ESPN — Houston Baptist at Hawaii
NFL FOOTBALL
8:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Kansas City at Pittsburgh
TENNIS
3 p.m.
 ESPN2 — ATP World Tour Finals,

championship match, at London

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	262	170
Miami	4	4	0	.500	170	149
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	168	200
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	180	248

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	1	0	.875	237	137
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	186	201
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333	182	308
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	127	246

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	199	176
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	191	164
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	189	218
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	169	211

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	3	0	.625	235	175
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	185	157
Oakland	3	5	0	.375	171	229
Kansas City	1	7	0	.125	133	240

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	254	185
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	133	183
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	150	181
Washington	3	6	0	.333	226	248

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	226	185
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	182	229
New Orleans	2	6	0	.250	149	180
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	149	180

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	1	0	.875	236	120
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	239	187
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	204	197
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	192	188

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750	189	103
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	170	154
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	144	173
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	137	186

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis 27, Jacksonville 10

Today's Games
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15
Miami at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18

Cleveland at Dallas, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 Indianapolis at New England, 4:25 p.m.
 Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 19

Chicago at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA schedule

Today's Games
 Orlando at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Miami at Memphis, 6 p.m.
 Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m.

AP Top 25 schedule

Today's Games
 No. 2 Louisville vs. Manhattan, 4 p.m.
 No. 4 Ohio State vs. Albany (NY), 2 p.m.

No. 10 Florida vs. Alabama State, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 11 North Carolina vs. Florida Atlantic, 2:30 p.m.
 No. 12 Arizona vs. Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
 No. 19 Baylor vs. Jackson State, 5 p.m.
 No. 20 San Diego State vs. San Diego Christian, 10:30 p.m.
 No. 23 Wisconsin vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 2 p.m.
 No. 24 Cincinnati vs. Tennessee-Martin, 2 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS playoffs

Semifinals
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday
 New York 0, D.C. United 1, D.C. United advances on 2-1 aggregate

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday
 Seattle 1, Real Salt Lake 0, Seattle advances on 1-0 aggregate

Championships
Today
 Houston vs. D.C. United, 4 p.m.
 Los Angeles vs. Seattle, 9 p.m.

Manziel, No. 15 Texas A&M stuns No. 1 Bama, 29-24

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Johnny Manziel and No. 15 Texas A&M shook-up the national championship race by beating No. 1 Alabama 29-24 on Saturday.

The Aggies (8-2, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) also might have ended the league's run of BCS titles at six years.

The Crimson Tide (9-1,

6-1) didn't go quietly.

AJ McCarron nearly pulled off a second straight scintillating comeback. He threw one touchdown pass and motored the ball downfield before Deshaun Everett stepped in front of his fourth-down pass at the goal line with 1:36 left.

Manziel passed for 253 yards and rushed for 92 and led the Aggies to a 20-0 first quarter lead.

Alabama, the nation's top scoring defense, forced a punt with less than a minute left, but was called for offsides, giving Texas A&M a first down and a chance to run out the clock.

McCarron breathed new life into Alabama with a 54-yard touchdown pass down the left sideline to freshman Amari Cooper to make it 29-24 with 4:29 left.

CHS: Tigers win 5th straight bucket

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game. From now on, it's win or go home."

On Suwannee's following possession Charles Combs recovered a fumble and the Tigers again scored on their first offensive play. This time, it was Lonnie Underwood breaking free for a 29-yard score with 50 seconds remaining in the half.

The Tigers picked up another fumble on the following kickoff and used three plays to make the edge 34-0 going into the half. Barber hit Alex Weber from 11-yards out for his second touchdown pass of the game to give Columbia a 34-0 lead.

"It was exciting to go out and play in our last regular season home game,"

Barber said. "To go out 4-0 against Suwannee is pretty special, but hopefully we still have another two or three home games. The last two games, we've only got to play a couple of quarters, but now it's time to go into war and prepare for battles."

The second half brought on a running clock and Columbia used 29 and 28-yard field goals from Brent Nelson to close out the Bulldogs 40-0.

In the end, it was about finishing the season on a right note and doing it for a player that has been a big part of a 9-1 regular season with Bartram Trail coming in for the first round of the 6A playoffs next week.

"We set a goal at the

beginning of the season to be district champions," Allen said. "We did that. Secondly, we wanted to go 10-0, and we didn't do that, but 9-1 is pretty dang good. Our third goal is to be state champions and that begins on Friday. It's a win or go home situation and the thing I'm most proud of about this team is I've found out how much they love each other. They've seen a brother go down and I've seen the emotion from all them. I've had kids sobbing for their brother."

Columbia will continue to try to finish the mission for their brother at 7:30 p.m. against Bartram Trail on Friday. Tickets are on sale at McDuffie's.

BARBER: Plays with conscience

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"It was obviously a big moment as my career goes and I had a lot going through my head. I would think about it all day, every day. It bothered me a lot. It was a toss up of emotions."

Barber knew what would happen if he reported the incident to the PGA Tour, but he couldn't accept making the tour if it meant disregarding his morals.

"I didn't want to do something that was wrong," Barber said. "I knew in my heart, for whatever reason, that I hit it. I had to make the situation right."

Barber said that it may delay his dream to make it to golf's major leagues, but his dream is by no means dead.

"I'm going to continue what I've been doing and playing in MGA events," Barber said. "I hope to receive some sponsors' exemptions and to get a couple of starts on the Web.com tour. Hopefully, I can play my way in if I continue to play sharp."

Barber won three of the five MGA events he entered last fall.

"I was feeling comfortable and confident," he said. "I

know I can compete for my tour card, but I'm getting good competition in the meantime. I can do this and it's close to being a reality."

And when Barber does make it to the tour, he said he'll feel good about doing it the right way.

"I know by God's grace I'll be successful," he said. "Whether it's two years or five years, I feel like it will happen. The short-term success wasn't worth it to live with the guilt. There's more to my life than golf and it won't be what defines me even if it's what I do for a living."

BRIEFS

CHS FOOTBALL

Playoff tickets on sale at McDuffie's

Columbia High playoff tickets for the home game against Bartram Trail High on Nov. 16 are on sale at McDuffie Marine & Sporting Goods on U.S. Highway 90 west. Reserved seating is \$9. For details, call the school at 755-8080.

BOYS CLUB

Registration for basketball league

The Boys Club of Columbia County is taking registration for its basketball program. Three leagues are offered: Training for ages 6-7-8; Jr. Varsity for ages 8-9-10; Varsity for ages 11-12-13-14. Practices are twice weekly and games are played on Saturday, with the exception of the Training League. Cost is \$45. For details, call 752-4184.

ZUMBA

Food for Zumba event planned

Lake City Zumba is hosting Food for Zumba at Teen Town on Saturday. An introduction class will be offered from 9-10 a.m., followed by a regular Zumba class from 10-11 a.m. Admission is a canned or non-perishable food item which will be donated to Christian Service Center. For details, call Sarah Sandlin at 438-9292.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

Banquet Friday at fairgrounds

The 35th annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet is Friday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds

entertainment building. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a social hour, followed by a seafood dinner at 7 p.m. There will be a silent auction and tier raffle. Cost is \$50 for a single ticket and \$70 for a couple. For details, call Jimmy Sparks at 365-0446.

FORT WHITE BASEBALL

Craft Bazaar at Deese Park

The Fort White High baseball program is sponsoring a booth at the Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Deese Park in Fort White. The team also will be at Moe's Southwest Grill in Alachua on from 4 p.m. to closing on Nov. 19. For details, call Jeanne Howell at 288-5537.

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

RUNNING

Chomp Cancer Foundation 5K

Chomp Cancer Foundation has its second Chomp Cancer 5K Run/Walk planned for 8 a.m. Dec. 15 in Fort White. UF Shands Cancer Center is the beneficiary. There will be music, post-race snacks, an awards ceremony and a silent auction/raffle. Sponsorships at several levels are available. For details, call Lauren Valentine at (321) 501-9526.

■ From staff reports

JUMBLE

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

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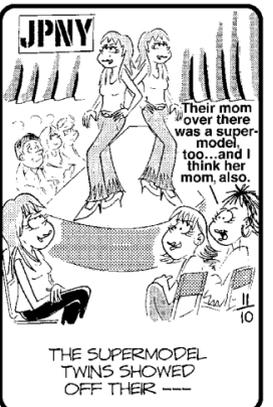
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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OPERA VODKA UNWIND STRING
 Answer: The crocodile's cousin was a NAVIGATOR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Answer:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OPERA VODKA UNWIND STRING
 Answer: The crocodile's cousin was a NAVIGATOR

- ACROSS**
- 1 Moose kin
 - 4 Church seat
 - 7 Trade
 - 11 Bask on the beach
 - 12 Jason's ship
 - 13 Savoir-faire
 - 14 It gives directions
 - 16 Betting factor
 - 17 Guesses
 - 18 Homer opus
 - 19 Start of a Bray
 - 20 Work unit
 - 21 Shrewd
 - 24 Trashy
 - 27 Santa — winds
 - 28 Certain NCOs
 - 30 Improve the road
 - 32 Ms. Moreno
 - 34 Fact fudger
 - 36 Prefix for classic
 - 37 Paying guest
 - 39 Ocean depths
- DOWN**
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 - 3 Pinewood feature
 - 4 Ordinary language
 - 5 The "I"
 - 6 Chinese vessel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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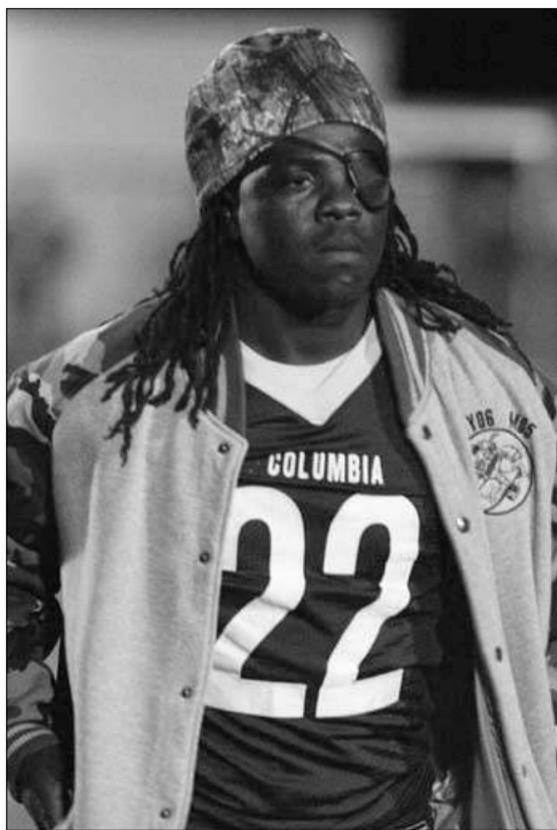
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- 22 Dye-yielding plant
- 23 Pact letters
- 24 Mix together
- 25 Wacky
- 26 Cousteau's middle name
- 29 Merriment
- 31 Goddess of dawn
- 33 Unfavorable
- 35 Indy cars
- 38 Sparkler
- 40 — -carotene
- 42 Pond scum
- 43 Othello's foe
- 44 Secures
- 46 Colorado neighbor
- 47 Lapdog
- 48 Disdainful snort
- 49 Ginnie or Fannie —
- 50 Sort
- 51 Reservoir boundary

Tigers bully Bulldogs



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23) escapes a tackle in order to ease into the end zone against Suwannee on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High running back Braxton Stockton is seen on the field at Friday's game against Suwannee. Stockton was sidelined due to an eye injury sustained during practice earlier this week.



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Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber (15) gets to throw a pass before a Suwannee High defender reaches him on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Alex Weber (15) catches a Jayce Barber pass for a touchdown against Suwannee High on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Drew Clark (34) puts pressure on the Suwannee quarterback during Friday's game.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Nathaniel Ayers (81) jogs into the endzone during the Tigers 40-0 win against Suwannee High.

Indians are Paddle tested



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Michael Mulberry (4) runs the ball against Santa Fe High during a game on Thursday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White's Kellen Snider (7) assists Shayne Newman (82) in tackling the Santa Fe quarterback on Thursday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High quarterback Andrew Baker (15) is taken down by a Santa Fe High defender while running the ball on a quarterback keeper on Thursday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) drives down the field against Santa Fe High.



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Fort White's Michael Mulberry (4) runs the ball against Santa Fe during a game on Thursday.

Tompkins takes over Lady Tigers

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High is bringing in a new basketball coach for the Lady Tigers this season, but he's no new face to the area.

David Tompkins takes over after previously serving as basketball coach at Richardson Middle School.

"It's very exciting for me," Tompkins said. "I grew up here and have always been a basketball fan from playing growing up beginning with the boys' club. I'm a Columbia graduate and it's an honor to be given the chance."

Tompkins will coach his first game at Suwannee High at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

But the foundation for the season has already been laid.

"What I like is that we started with conditioning early," he said. "We have a lot of young girls that I've coached or coached against at Lake City Middle School. We're building for the future and trying to establish a program."

Tompkins wants to be a model for consistency.

"In the last few years, they've been through several coaches," Tompkins said. "I'm trying to be the base for the coming years."

Tompkins said that he's



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Stephanie Silva dives for a loose ball in a game last season. The Lady Tigers tip off the year on Tuesday.

also trying to bring in boys' coach Horace Jefferson, who formerly served as head coach of the Lady

Tigers to help with the program.

"We're going to incorporate what he's done," he

said. "We also have Mike Reynolds, who coached with Jefferson and he's helping out tremendously.

He's been a real big help and I appreciate everything he's done as well as Jefferson for his

guidance."

The Lady Tigers will have three seniors in the starting lineup to go along with two sophomores. Stephanie Silva, Marnae Gaskins and Justice Campbell make up the old guard, while Lona Wilson and Akiria Richburgh make up the new blood.

"Stephanie is going to be one of our key players in the post and one of our leaders," Tompkins said. "Marnae lived away and just moved back. She's got a lot of all-around potential. Justice has a lot of experience. Lona, she's a model leader and could be something special. Richburgh, I coached for three years and she will start with the varsity for four years."

Tompkins also expects Sierra Vanderpool and Jasmine Robinson to be big contributors off the bench. Ashley Cordner, Pashen Williams, Arneranna Bryant, Elizabeth Saxon, Adrianna Young, Bernisha Clark and Alora Avery make up the remainder of the squad.

Wolfson High will host the district tournament beginning on Jan. 28. St. Augustine High won the tournament last year and Stanton Prep and Lee high schools are also in the district.

Tigers respond to adversity

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High head coach said that if his team could get two percent better each week that the Tigers would be where they needed to be heading into the playoffs.

After a 40-0 win against Suwannee High in a game that marked the third shut-out in four weeks, the coach admitted that the Tigers are pretty close.

Columbia held an opponent to negative yardage for the second time this season as the Bulldogs were held to -12 yards of offense.

"We're right there close to 100 percent," Allen said.

"I'm upset with a couple of series we had coming out in the first half where we didn't execute and had some foolish mistakes including roughing a kicker. We were able to get into gear and force a couple of turnovers before the half, so I was pleased with that."

One thing that the Tigers have had to deal with this week is losing yet another starter for the season as Braxton Stockton went down with an eye injury. Quarterback Jayce Barber said the Tigers are not only playing for Stockton, but every Tiger that can't contribute on the field anymore due to injury.

"Coach Allen always says

that a team that is talented and plays with emotion can't be beat," Barber said. "We have talent and we're playing with emotion after what has happened to Braxton and Blake (Kuykendall), Jesse Stokes and Tyrone (Sands)."

Allen said he was up front with his team after Stockton's injury, one that could cost the running back his eye if the news doesn't turn for the better.

"I was extremely open with our kids," Allen said. "I called a meeting on Wednesday before practice to let them know what's going. I sat down with the kid that made the tackle to let him know that it's not

his fault, because he was feeling horrible. I've been around the game for years and never seen anything like it."

Allen said, the adversity will only help the Tigers come closer together.

"We're a family," he said. "That's how we break down. We're only going to continue to grow in our bond. The community outcry has been tremendous even from people that have never met Braxton. They don't know how much of an affect they're having. It's great to see the community rally around us. It's really helped him deal with it and the way he has responded has been unbelievable."

JUMBLE

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

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Answer here:

Saturday's Jumbles: DOUSE GROUP ENGINE ROOKIE
 Answer: The supermodel twins showed off their — GOOD GENES

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Homecoming hangover for UF

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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GAINESVILLE — For nearly a full 60 minutes it looked like the biggest upset in the history of Louisiana-Lafayette was on the horizon.

Florida's Jelani Jenkins returned a blocked punt 36 yards with two seconds remaining in the game to help No. 7 Florida pull off a 27-20 win against the Rajin' Cajuns.

Louisiana-Lafayette led 20-13 after a two-yard run from Alonzo Harris and Florida was without starting quarterback Jeff Driskel, who left the game with an ankle injury.

Backup quarterback Jacoby Brissett helped rally the Gators in the final minutes of the game as Florida's offense, which had been dormant all day, finally woke up.

Brissett hit Jordan Reed on a 39-yard pass and Quinton Dunbar for a three-yard score to tie the game with 1:42 remaining in the contest.

The game looked headed to overtime, but Loucheiz Purifoy came through to block the punt and Jenkins did the rest to save the Gators.

"They executed it perfectly and I just happened to



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida defensive back Marcus Roberson (5) breaks up a pass intended for Louisiana-Lafayette wide receiver Jamal Robinson (15) Saturday at the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville. Florida won 27-20.

be in the right place at the right time," Jenkins said. "I was surprised I happened to be there, but it came right to me and I just tried to run as fast as I could."

It was a play to help the Gators overcome a otherwise forgettable perfor-

mance after finishing up SEC play at 7-1.

"We overcome adversity," Purifoy said. "That's what we do."

Florida hopes not to have the same type of adversity next week when Jacksonville State visits.

ACROSS

- Glamorous wrap
- Bubble up
- Rural lodging
- Jane Austen title
- "Dancing Queen" band
- Sony rival
- Formic acid producers
- Flowering vine
- Sentra maker
- Lawless role
- Badges and such
- Taro dish
- River in Russia
- Hand warmer
- Quite similar
- Faint trace
- "— is me!"
- Wool cap
- Justice's garb
- Verne captain

DOWN

- Alpine refrains
- Sea nymph
- Say further
- Well-chosen
- Herring kin
- According to Hoyle
- Made a pit stop (2 wds.)
- Groundless
- Numerical prefix
- Shrub
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- RR terminal
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- Jerk

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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27 Playing marbles

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29 Alaska town

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44 Great Wall locale

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48 Conduct

50 Flow back

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52 Admiral's org.

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Another paddling

By **TIM KIRBY**

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ALACHUA—The “Battle for the Paddle” trophy has been in Fort White so long it is beginning to grow roots.

Fort White High beat host Santa Fe High, 22-7, in the annual matchup to determine football domination on either side of the Santa Fe River.

It is the eighth straight win for Fort White in the series.

“They understand,” Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson said. “It means a lot to our team. We needed a big victory and we need the momentum. I’m proud of the effort. They kept fighting and pulled the victory out. It was big for us.”

Despite the look of a mismatch with Fort White play-off bound at 5-4 and Santa Fe playing out the string at 1-8, it was a 10-7 game after three quarters.

The Indians took over down the stretch, scoring two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The first came on an eight-play, 88-yard drive and the other

on a quick strike by Trey Phillips from 41 yards out.

It was the hat-trick touchdown for Phillips, who rushed for 244 yards.

Fort White missed chances to pull away early from the Raiders.

Michael Mulberry returned the opening kickoff 64 yards to the Santa Fe 21. The Indians had a first-and-goal at the 10, but settled for a 21-yard field goal by Nathan Escalante.

Melton Sanders snagged his second interception of the season on Santa Fe’s first series and returned it 16 yards to midfield. Andrew Baker threw to Phillips over the middle for a 42-yard gainer and another first-and-goal. This time, the Raiders defended the end zone on four plays.

The Raiders punched the ball out to their 27, then punted to Fort White’s 39.

Phillips blasted up the middle for 56 yards. Fort White cashed in on this first-and-goal with Phillips scoring from one yard out. Escalante added the extra point.

Fort White forced a quick punt and was poised to score again after Sanders

returned the kick 26 yards to the Raiders 25. The Indians turned the ball over on downs.

The Raiders again gave themselves some breathing room, but came up short on fourth down at the Fort White 29.

Fort White fumbled the ball away on first down and Santa Fe struck in two plays from 32 yards out.

Damian Johnson carried two times, once for 12 yards and again for 20 and the touchdown. Dakota Garcia tacked on the PAT with 3:18 left in the half.

The teams traded possessions the rest of the second quarter and throughout the third quarter.

Baker hit Mulberry on a 37-yard pass play midway through the quarter, but the drive stalled on four plays from the Raiders 14.

When Fort White got the ball back at the start of the fourth quarter, Jackson was through fooling around.

“I said let’s just run it,” Jackson said. “We can do that.”

The Indians did, scoring the final two touchdowns along the way.



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Fort White High’s players bust through a banner during the Battle for the Paddle on Friday.

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Fort White High’s Trey Phillips (5) throws a ball into the air after a touchdown against Santa Fe High.

Proud moment for father, coach

By **TIM KIRBY**

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ALACHUA—Fort White High senior Trey Phillips is subject to more scrutiny than from coaches and fans.

Phillips dad, Isiah Phillips, is a long-time coach for the Indians.

In an interview before the season started, Trey said it was great to grow up around football but there were drawbacks.

“You know what to do and what to expect,” Trey said. “Sometimes you get those nights where he is still going on about that play.”

As a coach Isiah is reluctant to talk about his son, but Trey’s performance against Santa Fe led dad to

break his silence.

Trey carried the ball 21 times for a 244 yards and scored all three of Fort White’s touchdowns. Phillips also had one reception for 42 yards.

Trey was pressed into tailback duties from his receiver position, plus he played on the defensive side in a new spot.

“We had to move him to tailback and he played line-backer, too,” Coach Phillips said. “They are both new positions for him. He just wants to win. He said put me wherever you need me to play.”

Trey’s three touchdowns gave him 11 on the season and he leads the Indians in scoring with the 66 points.

He is the leading receiver for the Indians with 37 catches for 488 yards. He now has 60 carries for 430 yards.

Trey also has four wins over Santa Fe, a game he told teammates this week at practice was “one of the most important games of the year.”

“He didn’t want to give up the paddle his senior year,” Coach Phillips said. “It was a team effort. He told his offensive linemen to give him a crease and he would run hard.”

Trey did, and he did with the highest single-game rushing total at Fort White in Trey’s four years on he varsity.

One more thing. “I’m proud of him,” Coach Phillips said.

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Planning to replace key people is needed

"If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people."
— Chinese Proverb

Every business should have succession plans for its key personnel as part of its overall strategic plan. It is critical to identify personnel vulnerabilities and determine how you might overcome them. It is so easy to ignore these issues, but doing so puts the firm in a very precarious position.

I was helping a firm that had lost a key executive to an unexpected illness. When I was called in, the

PLAN continued on 2C

\$1 million for children

S&S Food Stores, Scaff's Markets exceeds target.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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A local company has surpassed \$1 million in fundraising efforts for the Children's Miracle Network and Shands Hospital for Children.

Employees and customers at S&S Food Stores and Scaff's Markets have raised a combined total of \$1,037,914. The fundraising efforts began back in 1987, Keith Brown, vice-president of marketing, said.

Tracy Duranty, manager of the S&S Food Store near the Columbia County fairgrounds, has first-hand experience with the Children's Miracle network. Her daughter gave birth to a little girl who weighed 2 pounds, 3 ounces and was 14 inches long. Izabella Wagner spent the first seven weeks of her life in the hospital. She's now 2 years old.

Every year in February, the Children's Miracle Network gives a presentation at the employee award luncheon. Duranty said until she went through



COURTESY PHOTO

Kali Wagner visits with her newborn daughter, Izabella, who weighed just 2 pounds, 3 ounces at birth. Now 2 years old, Izabella benefited from funding provided by Children's Miracle Network, which coincidentally is a major recipient of funds raised by S&S Food Stores, where her grandmother, Tracy Duranty works as a store manager.

her ordeal she didn't really understand the importance of the fundraising efforts

that have been a staple of S&S for 25 years.

"I didn't understand what

they were talking about," Duranty said. "I didn't know what a draft bed was."

After Izabella's birth,

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Buyout Business

When one company spends millions of dollars buying another, where does that money actually go? — R.Y., South Berwick, Maine

If it pays cash, the money goes to the shareholders of the acquired firm. There can also be payments to other owner classes, such as holders of preferred stock. On some occasions, some of the cash tendered may go to debt holders, if part of the purchase price is allocated to buying back debt.

If the acquirer buys with its own stock, then shareholders of the acquired firm will get shares of the acquiring company in exchange for their acquired-firm stock. They can sell these shares for cash or simply hold on. Companies typically buy other companies for more than their pre-purchase market price, paying a "premium."

Some purchases involve combinations of cash and stock. In all-stock transactions, no cash trades hands.

How do private and public companies differ? — W.B., Greenville, N.C.

A public company is one that has sold some shares of itself to the public. They're generally required to file quarterly earnings reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), detailing their revenue, expenses, taxes, debt loads, cash levels, income or losses and much more. These reports are available to the public.

Meanwhile, owners of privately held companies, which most of us can't invest in, don't have to reveal much. They can focus more single-mindedly on their businesses and not what the stock market thinks of them.

The biggest private companies include IKEA, Cargill, Koch Industries, Mars, Bechtel, Publix Super Markets, Ernst & Young, Pilot Flying J, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Toys R Us, Fidelity Investments, Amway, SC Johnson & Son, Hilton Worldwide, Kohler, Perdue, Levi Strauss, Gilbane and Hallmark Cards.

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Life Milestones Bring Tax Changes

Various life changes bring celebrations or condolences, and they often bring tax changes, too. Pay attention to those, or risk ending up with headaches or unnecessary costs.

For example, a new job means you'll fill out a W-4 form. Do so carefully, lest you end up having too much or too little withheld. If you have substantial other income, such as interest and dividends, adjust the withholding accordingly. If you're paying off a mortgage or student loans, or are otherwise able to itemize deductions, you might adjust your withholding allowances upward to reflect your lower tax liability.

When changing jobs, it's often best to transfer your retirement assets — such as a pension and/or 401(k) plan — to a traditional IRA, where you can control the investments. You might also be able to move those assets from your old employer to your new one. If you're receiving retirement payments, review your withholding

again and determine whether your tax bracket will change.

Getting married introduces the "marriage penalty," where, if both spouses work, the couple may pay more in taxes than two single people with the same incomes. So it's important to revise your withholding status immediately.

Divorcing? Adjust your withholding to reflect your new filing status. With the splitting of marital assets, your other income (such as interest and dividends) will change, and mortgage interest may be divided or eliminated. Assets will also be divided, and the tax impact will follow the person who retains the property. Forced sales of assets might generate capital gains.

Alimony is generally taxable to the person receiving it and deductible by the person paying it, but child support is neither taxable to the recipient nor deductible by payer. Your filing status is based on the last day of the tax year, too.

There's much more to know about these and other life changes (such as adoptions, disasters, unemployment, etc.). To learn more, visit fool.com/taxes or IRS.gov. The IRS website even sports a W-4 calculator tool to help you. Better still, consult a tax pro.

My Dumbest Investment

Bio-Yech

A while back, I noticed that a certain small biotechnology company had gone up 10 percent per day for several days in a row. I knew nothing about the company, but I intended to buy it, hold it until the next day, and then sell on another day's 10 percent gain. Nearly to the minute, once I placed my order, the stock began falling. I sold three weeks later for a 28 percent loss. Lesson learned. — S.D., Salt Lake City

The Fool responds: As you noted, you were making decisions and allocating your money without even knowing much about the company. That's always a risky proposition. Many stocks, especially those of small companies, can be quite volatile, and the more you know about them, the better. Biotech companies, for example, might rise on rumors that a certain drug will soon receive FDA approval. But then if the drug is instead rejected, the stock will swoon.

Always know why you're buying into a company, and aim to do so when it's undervalued. Then keep up with its progress. Great wealth is best built over long-term investments, too, not one-day ones.

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!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded in 1909 and based in France, I'm a cosmetic giant, offering products for skin care, makeup, hair color, hair care and styling. You'll find my wares branded with names such as Le Club des Createurs de Beaute, Garnier, Maybelline New York, SoftSheen-Carson, essie, Redken, Kerastase, Matrix, Pureology, Mizani, Lancome, Giorgio Armani, Saint Laurent Paris, Biotherm, Ralph Lauren, Shu Uemura, Cacharel, Helena Rubinstein, Diesel, Clarisonic, Vichy Laboratoires, La Roche-Posay, SkinCeuticals, Inneov and Roger&Gallet. I bought The Body Shop International in 2006. My sales topped 20 billion euros in 2011, and I employ roughly 69,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: L'Oreal)

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Founded by an Armenian-American immigrant in Michigan in 1929, I began by making machined auto parts, but today I'm a major global maker of brand-name home-improvement and building products. These include Behr paints, Kilz primers, Delta and Peerless faucets, BrassCraft plumbing supplies, KraftMaid and Merillat cabinets, Liberty cabinet hardware, Arrow staple guns, AquaGlass bathing systems, Caldera and Hot Spring spas, DeNova countertops, Milgard windows and doors, and much more. In the 1950s, I introduced revolutionary single-handed faucets. In 2012, I introduced water-efficient Delta-brand toilets. I operate nearly 60 manufacturing plants in the U.S. Who am I?

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PLAN: Business succession.

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firm was reeling from the loss of this very well-liked executive. In addition to the staff's grief, the business was in dire straights as they had been unable to find a replacement. Without someone to take over, the executive's work fell to his staff who lacked the necessary experience. As a result, the profitability of firm fell dramatically. Had this firm had a succession plan in place, they would have been in a much better position.

Succession planning must address the loss of key staff members both in the event they pass away suddenly or become significantly incapacitated and in the event they simply retire. The difference between these two situations, of course, is how much time you have to find a replacement.

There are two general ways a business can work through the unexpected loss of key personnel. One way would be to ensure that the remaining staff is able to pick up the slack. That way, the business can keep moving forward until a replacement is found either by promotion or a new hire. A second alternative would be to hire someone who can

come in and fill the role on a temporary basis. There are many firms out there that specialize in locating temporary CEOs or CFOs.

When planning for the retirement of a key executive, you can take one of two approaches. Firstly, you can groom a successor in advance so they are ready to step in once the executive steps down. This plan should involve providing any requisite training and experience.

If the firm is small, however, providing the necessary training may be cost prohibitive. In the event grooming an internal candidate is not a feasible option, the business can hire a replacement in advance of the retirement, which would allow the successor an opportunity to work alongside the executive, thereby helping ensure a smooth transition. Of course, as with all hiring decisions, a significant amount of time and money should be invested in finding the right person for the key position.

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Fears about flood-damaged cars flooding market not warranted

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — In the days since Superstorm Sandy, an alarming prediction has flashed across the Internet: Hundreds of thousands of flood-damaged vehicles will inundate the nation's used-car market, and buyers might not be told which cars have been marred.

Not true, according to insurance-claims data reviewed by The Associated Press. The actual number of affected vehicles is far smaller, and some of those cars will be repaired and kept by their owners. The dire predictions are being spread by a company that sells vehicle title and repair histories and by the largest group representing American car dealers.

They claim the number of cars damaged by Sandy could be larger than when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005 and marred more than 600,000 vehicles. But an AP analysis of claims data supplied by major insurance companies shows the number of cars reported damaged so far is a fraction of that.

The companies, Ai State Farm, Progressive, New



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Cars are submerged at the entrance to a parking garage in New York after superstorm Sandy. Alarming claims that flood-damaged cars from Sandy will inundate the used car market aren't backed up by insurance company claim data, The Associated Press has found.

Jersey Manufacturers, Nationwide and USAA. Ai have received about 38,000 car-damage claims.

"It's not anything near what we're talking about in the Katrina situation," said James Appleton, president of the New Jersey Coalition of Automotive Retailers, a statewide association of more than 500 dealers.

Frank Scafidi, a spokesman for the National Insurance Crime Bureau, an

insurance company group that monitors fraud and other trends, concurred, saying insurers watched by his group are logging far fewer claims than they did with Katrina.

"It doesn't translate to there's going to be 2, 3, 400,000 cars out of this thing just because this is such a huge geographic storm," Scafidi said.

Other large insurers, such as Farmers, Allstate,

Geico and Liberty Mutual, either did not return calls or declined to release claims information.

Because many communities are still cleaning up from the superstorm, more claims are bound to come in. But the total is not likely to grow significantly. Ten days after Sandy, the rate of claim submissions is already starting to slow. And many of those cars will have relatively minor damage unrelated to water, meaning they can be fixed and returned to their owners.

About 14,000 new cars were also damaged by Sandy while they sat on docks in the New York area awaiting shipment to dealers. But most of those vehicles won't end up on sales lots. Automakers will have severely damaged cars crushed because they don't want their brand name hurt by substandard vehicles circulating in the marketplace.

Marketplace. To be sure, flood-damaged cars can be a serious problem. Once a vehicle is dried out, the damage may not be immediately apparent, so the car can often be sold to an unsuspecting buyer.

World worried about US fiscal cliff

The Associated Press

World stocks mostly fell Friday as fears persisted over the so-called U.S. "fiscal cliff" that's seen as a big threat to the economic recovery.

By midafternoon in Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 index of leading companies was down 0.5 percent at 5,749.88 while Germany's DAX was 1.2 percent lower at 7,120.13. The CAC-40 in France slipped 0.3 percent to 3,397.53.

Asian indexes closed lower but U.S. stocks eked out some gains on the open. The Dow was up 0.1 percent to 12,826 while the broader S&P 500 gained 0.3 percent to 1,381.41.

Markets slumped worldwide this week as investors refocused on challenges to the world economy following President Barack Obama's re-election.

Many worry that gridlock in Washington will prevent the president and Congress from reaching a deal before \$800 billion of tax increases and government spending cuts kicks in on Jan. 1.

Investors also have renewed fears about Europe's lingering debt crisis. European Central Bank President Mario Draghi



A currency trader watches monitors in front of screens showing the Korea Composite Stock Price Index and foreign exchange rate at the foreign exchange dealing room of the Korea Exchange Bank headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday. South Korea's Kospi dropped 1.19 percent at 1,914.43 as world markets reacted to concerns about the United States' ability to solve its pending financial difficulties.

warned that the economy of the 17 nation grouping that uses the euro remains weak and will struggle to grow even with "visibly improved" confidence among

the currency union's financial markets.

Those fears offset somewhat upbeat indicators in China that provided signs of a possible

recovery in the world's second-largest economy. The latest data showed that Chinese factory output rose, investment growth strengthened and inflation eased

in October.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 0.9 percent to close at 8,757.60 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.9 percent to end at 21,384.38. South Korea's Kospi retreated 0.5 percent to 1,904.41.

The Shanghai Composite Index closed down 0.1 percent to 2,069.07 and the Shenzhen Composite Index edged 0.4 percent lower to 828.46.

Australia's S&P ASX 200 dropped 0.5 percent to 4,462.00 after the central bank released a downbeat assessment of the country's economy.

Australian stocks fell after the country's central bank said in a quarterly report it was trimming growth forecasts as mining companies scale back investment plans because of declining iron ore and coal prices and the strong currency.

In currencies, the euro weakened to \$1.2712 from to \$1.2750 late Thursday. The dollar was roughly unchanged against the Japanese yen at 79.31 yen.

Crude oil for December delivery was up 20 cents to \$85.29 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 65 cents to close at \$85.09 on Thursday.

US trade deficit narrows to \$41.5B, lowest in two years

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit declined to the lowest level in nearly two years because exports rose to a record high. The gain may not last given the global economic slowdown.

Still, the narrower trade deficit could lead the government to revise its July-September economic growth estimate slightly higher than the 2 percent annual rate reported last month. That's because U.S. companies earned more from overseas sales while consumers and businesses spent less on foreign products.

The deficit narrowed to \$41.5 billion in September, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That is 5.1 percent below the August deficit and the smallest imbalance since December 2010.

Exports climbed 3.1 percent to an all-time high of \$187 billion. That followed two monthly declines and reflected stronger sales of commercial aircraft, heavy machinery and farm goods.

Imports rose 1.5 percent to \$228.5 billion. An increase in consumer goods drove the gain, including shipments of the new Apple iPhone5. Higher oil prices also contributed to the gain.

Economists cautioned that the increase in exports may only be temporary. One reason is soybean exports rose 32 percent in September from August, in part because of a jump in prices linked to the summer drought.

"More generally, export

growth has slowed by more than import growth as the weak global backdrop has taken its toll," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. "So while these data may boost third-quarter ... growth by a couple of tenths of a percent, further ahead net exports may not add anything to growth."

Europe's debt crisis and slower global growth in emerging markets had weakened demand for U.S. goods overseas in the previous months. That subtracted from economic growth in the third quarter.

Exports to the 27-nation European Union were unchanged in September from August. Exports to Latin America grew 4.2 percent, although exports to Brazil declined. Brazil is South America's biggest economy.

So far this year, the U.S. deficit is running at an annual rate of \$554 billion, slightly below last year's \$559.9 billion imbalance.

The U.S. deficit with China increased to \$29.1 billion in September. It is running 6.8 percent ahead of last year's record pace. America's deficit with China last year was the highest imbalance ever recorded with a single country.

The widening trade gap with China has heightened trade tensions between the two countries. Many have complained that China's trade practices are unfair. American manufacturers say China has kept the yuan undervalued against the U.S. dollar. A lower valued yuan makes Chinese goods cheaper for U.S. consumers and American products more expensive in China.

After 3 bumpy years, Europe turns corner on financial crisis

By DAVID McHUGH and DON MELVIN

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — The worst of Europe's financial crisis appears to be over.

European leaders have taken steps to ease the panic that has plagued the region for three turbulent years. Financial markets are no longer in a state of emergency over Europe's high government debts and weak banks. And this gives politicians from the 17 countries that use the euro breathing room to fix their remaining problems.

Threats remain in Greece and Spain, and Europe's economy is forecast to get worse before it gets better. But an imminent breakup of the euro now seems unlikely, analysts say.

"We are probably well beyond the worst," says Holger Schmieding, chief economist at Berenberg Bank in London. He says occasional flare-ups in financial markets are likely, but "coming waves of turmoil will be less severe."

Evidence that Europe has turned a corner can be found in countries' falling borrowing costs, rising stock markets and a slow but steady stabilization of the region's banking system:

— The interest rates investors are demanding to lend to struggling countries such as Spain and Italy have plunged — a sign that investors are less fearful about defaults. Spain's two-year bonds carry an interest rate, or yield, of just under 3 percent — down from a July 24 peak of 6.6 percent. Italy's bond yields have dropped just as sharply.

— The Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares has surged 26 percent since June 1, while the euro has risen from \$1.26 to \$1.29 over the same period.

— After months of withdrawals, deposits are trickling back into Greek and Spanish banks, signaling that fears of their imminent financial collapse are abating. And U.S. money market mutual funds loaned 16 percent more to eurozone banks in September. That was the third straight monthly increase in short-term funding to European banks, and follows a 70 percent reduction since May 2011.

More proof the crisis is easing: Gatherings of European financial ministers no longer cause global stock and bond markets to gyrate with every sign of progress or a setback.

As financial-market panic recedes, euro leaders have more time to try to fix the flaws in their currency union. Among the challenges are reducing regulations and other costs for businesses in order to stimulate economic growth, and imposing more centralized authority over budgets to prevent countries from ever again spending beyond their means. That's important because a major cause of the crisis was Greece's overspending during the calm years after the euro's introduction in 1999, and Italy's failure to cut the high levels



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel (center) speaks with European Central Bank President Mario Draghi (left) and Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti during a round table meeting at a EU Summit in Brussels in June. The worst of Europe's financial crisis appears to be over. European leaders have taken steps to ease the panic that has plagued the region for three turbulent years.

of debt it joined with. Other governments — such as Spain and Ireland — were saddled with debt piled up by banks and real estate developers during boom years.

Much of the credit for easing Europe's financial crisis goes to the European Central Bank, which has become more aggressive over the past year under the leadership of Mario Draghi.

The ECB said Sept. 6 that it was willing to buy unlimited amounts of government bonds issued by countries struggling to pay their debts. The ECB's pledge instantly lowered borrowing costs for Spain and Italy, which earlier in the year had faced the same kinds of financial pressures that forced Ireland, Greece and Spain to seek bailouts.

"Financial market confidence has visibly improved," Draghi said Thursday during a press conference.

The ECB's actions are reminiscent of some of the emergency steps the Federal Reserve took after the U.S. financial crisis struck in 2007. The Fed offered banks cheap loans, cut short-term interest rates to record lows and started buying bonds to ease long-term borrowing rates and boost the confidence of consumers and businesses.

The Fed couldn't prevent the United States from enduring its worst recession since the Great Depression. But its actions defused panic in the financial markets and helped restore the health of U.S. banks.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has also helped ease financial tensions across Europe by speaking more forcefully about the need to hold the euro together.

Merkel's support is critical because Germany, the eurozone's largest economy, has the most at stake financially in any bailouts. Merkel has backed the ECB's bond-buying plan and has made conciliatory statements toward Greece.

That has paved the way for the so-

called troika of international lenders — the ECB, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund — to allow Greece more time to meet deficit-reduction targets. The Greek Parliament took a big step Wednesday toward securing its next batch of rescue loans from the troika by approving a new round of tax hikes and spending cuts.

Another key breakthrough in the financial crisis came in late June, when leaders meeting in Brussels took new steps to steady banks and governments. They agreed to ease up somewhat on austerity demands; to use bailout funds to buy government bonds and help ailing banks; and to create a single supervisor for all of Europe's banks.

Some analysts worry that as the financial pressure eases Europe's leaders could lose their recent momentum.

A breakup of the euro "is still possible," says Marie Diron, senior economic adviser to Ernst & Young. "I don't think we have removed the risk altogether."

Europe's leaders have big challenges left.

The most pressing is saving Greece. If the country was forced into a default and began printing its own currency, investors would assume other countries might go next and begin pulling their money out of those countries too, or demand higher returns to keep it there. The coming months could severely test Germany's new willingness to help. Despite two bailouts totaling 240 billion (\$311.3 billion) since 2010, Greece needs an estimated 30 billion more from the other eurozone countries as its economy shrinks.

Berenberg's Schmieding thinks there's a 25 percent chance that Greece will leave the euro in the next six months, if its parliament balks at painful austerity measures and euro members are reluctant to provide more help. But he thinks a Greek departure would cause "only temporary damage."

FUNDS: Old goal reached.

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Duranty's daughter Kali Wagner was exhausted. She couldn't stand. Her daughter was too fragile to hold, and if it weren't for the Children's Miracle Network it may have been days before she could have seen her daughter.

Hospital staff wheeled Kali Wagner up to a draft bed, lowered the bed, and raised the lid. There was her daughter.

"The equipment that Children's Miracle Network provides, it's amazing to me," she said.

She said she saw a plaque with the S&S logo naming the company as one of the major supporters of the net-

work.

"It made me feel proud and determined to raise more money," she said.

She posted her daughter's and granddaughter's story next to the familiar fundraising collection buckets. The story touched some people and her store raised \$5,000, the most in the company.

Brown said the company expects to exceed \$60,000 this year.

Lester Scaff, president and CEO of S&S, said Shand's Hospital serves many people in the area.

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TASTE BUDDIES



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Mildred's menu is a dining delight

On a shopping trip to Gainesville recently, we decided to have lunch at one of our favorite spots, Mildred's Big City Food.

Mildred's opened 10 years ago in Gainesville and continues to provide an outstanding menu with selections just a little above the norm. Owner and chef Bert Gill uses the freshest ingredients, purchased locally when possible, with the meat being provided by the University of Florida Agriculture Department and seafood from a Jacksonville seafood market. Gill trained at the New England Culinary Institute, and after working in Boston several years, decided to return to his Florida roots — and it was definitely a win for us.

Mildred's has specials every day. This day, one of the quiches was kale and ricotta cheese. Soups were black bean and cream of mushroom. The terrine was made from pork.

The toasted pimento cheese sandwich (\$7) was delicious and very different from your mama's rendition. It is made with their own roasted red peppers cut into strips and mixed into the cheese-mayonnaise mixture. It was absolutely delicious and full of pimentos. It was served with a side salad of fresh baby greens.

The mushroom soup wasn't too thick or too thin, and was served with their homemade foccacia bread.

The curry chicken salad (\$8) is our all-time favorite selection. It is made with all white meat chicken, with celery, raisins, chutney and a mayonnaise-based dressing. It also is served with the fresh green salad and foccacia.

At lunch, you order and pay at the counter, and your meal is delivered to your table. The wait staff is absolutely some of the best. Courteous, professional and just plain nice.

Mildred's is open for Sunday brunch, which certainly would be worth a trip to try it out. Dinner is served in a different atmosphere, with white tablecloths, muted lighting and table service.

There are so many interesting choices on the menu. Just a few include braised oxtail served with potato gnocchi (\$20); pink porgy (fish) with Seminole pumpkin and saffron nage (\$23); and hanger steak with creamy polenta and garlic spinach (\$19).

Interesting appetizers include escargot carbonara with garlic cream, egg noddles and peas (\$8); goat cheese-stuffed yellow squash with walnut

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MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISER

Holiday Magic auction set



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

A participant in last year's March of Dimes' 'Holiday Magic' fundraiser enters a bid on one of the silent auction items. The event raised more than \$42,000 to aid premature babies. This year's fundraiser will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Rountree Moore Toyota showroom.

Eighth annual event to feature an array foods prepared by local chefs

By TONY BRITT
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The holiday season traditionally ushers in a season of caring and giving.

In Columbia County, the season of caring and giving is usually defined as helping others in less fortunate circumstances — especially premature babies fighting for their lives.

Next week organizers for a March of Dimes fundraiser are hoping to see the generous side of the holiday season when it comes to giving funds for premature babies.

The Holiday Magic March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction will take place 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Rountree Moore Toyota showroom. Tickets are \$50, and are available at: Ward's Jewelers, Suwannee Democrat, TD Bank (U.S. 90 West at Baya Drive) and Rountree Moore Toyota.

Ferne Mann, a volunteer with event organizers Maureen and Vern Lloyd, said this year marks the eighth year the fundraiser has been scheduled locally.

"Rountree Moore is the host sponsor," she said. Organizers are expecting 300 to 350 people to attend. "The purpose of the event is to raise money for the March of Dimes."

The event will feature chef specialty foods, complimentary wine tasting, live music by Harry,



Zac and Mandy Cook of Lake City hold their triplets during last year's event. The girls, then 18 months old, were born prematurely but received help from the March of Dimes.

Sally & Billy, live and silent auctions and a festival of trees and wreaths. Silent auction items are \$100 or less, while premier auction items are \$100 or more.

"The presenting sponsor is TD Bank," Mann said. "Our honorary chair is Suzanne Norris of TD Bank. Norris is a person of high standing in the community and she has always been a supporter of the March of Dimes."

Mann said the March of Dimes offers community programs to

promote healthy babies being born and to try to learn what causes babies to be born prematurely. The funds will help with research.

"The Neonatal Intensive Care Units are an initiative of the March of Dimes," she said. "The March of Dimes spearheaded the effort to get these NICUs in regional hospitals throughout the United States."

This year's fundraiser will also feature a drawing, tickets



Diamond stud earrings and a pearl necklace are among prizes to choose from for the winner of a limited-ticket raffle.

for which are being sold for \$25 each. Only 100 tickets were printed for the drawing. The winner will have the choice among three items: one-carat total weight diamond stud earrings in 14k gold settings, donated by George Ward of Ward's Jewelers and valued at \$1,500; an 18-inch, 8-8.5 mm pearl necklace, donated by Peter Francis of Joye's Gems and Things and valued at \$1,050; or a 12-gauge Remington pump-action Model 870 shotgun donated by Mike and Patti Kahlich of North Florida Automotive Rebuilders and valued at \$500.

"We've had a drawing every year for the last three years, but this is the first time we've had a shotgun," Mann said. "We are

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Rain barrels help with outdoor watering

Rain barrels serve the primary purpose of supplementing irrigation water used for watering plants. The average water use for watering lawns and plants, washing cars and doing other outdoor projects is estimated to be about 30 to 35 gallons per person each day. This can be costly if you pay city water and sewer bills.

Most people use the roof, gutters and downspouts to fill their rain barrel. A one-inch rain on 100 square feet of roof can just about fill a 50-gallon

barrel. Our average annual rainfall in Lake City is a little over 56 inches, with summer months being the wettest. By harvesting rain and using it between rainfalls, a homeowner can use about 1,300 gallons of water from the barrel over the summer months.

Used food-grade barrels are the easiest to find and the most affordable. These 50- to 80-gallon plastic drums were used to ship food items such as pickles, olives, and juice. Be very careful that you do not purchase drums that have been filled with chemicals or detergents.

GARDEN TALK



Nichelle Demorest
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Oak whiskey barrels have been popular in the past and are very attractive in many locations. Even large plastic trash cans can serve the purpose.

There are many ways that you can set up a rain barrel. Some are covered

with screen and placed under areas with heavy water runoff like roof valleys. Or you can use a lidded barrel and insert a downspout. Put your barrel up on a platform, insert a spigot, and easily fill a watering can or attach a soaker hose. However you set up your system, just make sure your barrel is located near the area you want to water because there will be only enough pressure for a short hose.

For a complete guide to making and using your very own rain barrel visit http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/Hort/Pubs/rain_

barrels_guide.pdf The UF Master Gardeners are available to help solve gardening problems on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 752-5384. Join us for our free Edible Landscape Workshop at the Fort White Library on Thursday at 5:45 p.m. It will also be offered at the downtown Lake City Library on Saturday at 2 p.m.

■ D. Nichelle Demorest is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Go for charitable 'adoption' as more meaningful holiday gifts

Variety of ways to give and help at same time.

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

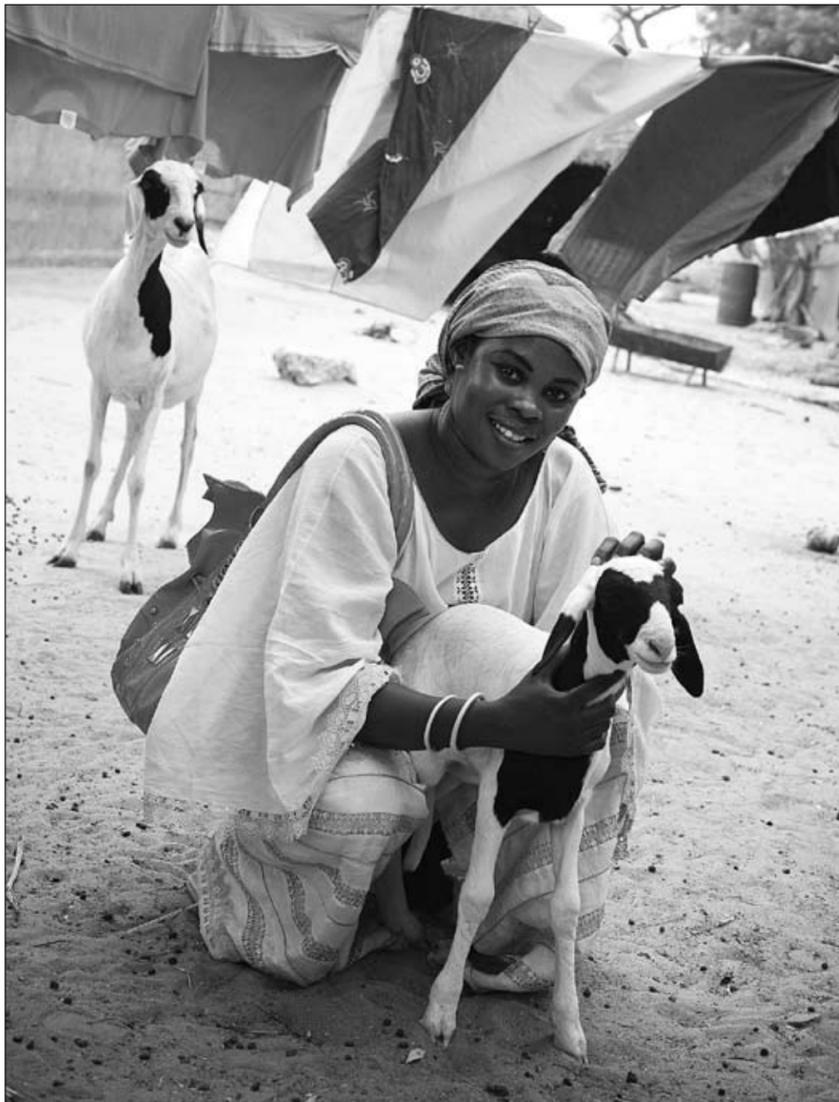
NEW YORK — Buy a sheep, "adopt" a soldier or name a piece of rainforest.

There are lots of ways to honor loved ones for the holidays with gifts through charitable-minded naming and adoption programs.

Heifer International's catalog at heifer.org offers shoppers a unique way to make giving more meaningful by buying cows, goats, sheep, llamas, water buffalos, bees, trees and more to benefit people in need around the world. A card of explanation goes to the giftee.

The National Wildlife Federation has an adopt-an-animal program. The adoptions are symbolic and represent a general donation to the cause but do include certificates and small tokens of appreciation, such as a stuffed animal, depending on the amount spent. An array of endangered species are covered, from sea turtles to baby pandas. Order online at nwf.org.

Or try one of these less well known programs:



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Penda Ndong, of Diarrere, Senegal, plays with a goat provided through Heifer International. There are lots of ways to honor loved ones for the holidays with gifts through charitable naming and adoption programs. Heifer International's catalog at heifer.org offers shoppers a unique way to make giving more meaningful by buying cows, goats, sheep, llamas, water buffalos, bees, trees and more to benefit people in need around the world.

attractions, including a zoo, aquarium and insectarium, are available at auduboninstitute.org. Donations help feed and care for more than 15,000 invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and insects. Special gift packages include a personalized certificate, photo and fun facts. More unusual adoptions include an Amazon milk frog and a giant ant-eater.

Classrooms

At adoptaclassroom.org, make a generation donation to benefit schools damaged by superstorm Sandy. The site promises 100 percent of donations will go directly to teachers for their students. A donor selects a classroom

from hundreds registered by teachers to contribute by region of the country, school name, teacher name and other search criteria. If a donor has no preference, Adopt-A-Classroom partners the donor with an underserved classroom in their community.

Soldiers

Lots of organizations arrange for holiday care packages shipped to active duty servicepeople. At the nonprofit adoptaussoldier.org, the experience goes deeper. The site "assigns" a U.S. soldier serving in one of more than 128 countries to send care packages and write letters to. Soldiers sign up to participate. Details of the soldier you're matched with arrive

via email, easy to gift to a charitable-minded person on your list.

Whales

While some animal adoptions are symbolic, without a specific animal to bring the experience to life for children, the Pacific Whale Foundation in Maui, Hawaii, offers the personal story of a specific dolphin or whale. And kids gifted a turtle get to name one! It means a lot to young recipients who might not be so jazzed by a more general donation made in lieu of a holiday gift in his or her name. Adoption packages range from \$25 to \$75 and offer downloadable adoption certificates and plush animal toys in the higher range. Go to pacificwhale.org.

Neil Armstrong's Corvette getting careful makeover

By **RICK NEALE**
Florida Today

MERRITT ISLAND — Aiming a swivel-lens digital camera, Roger Kallins meticulously captured close-up images of the Corvette's wheel well, brake assembly and front coil spring.

The Ormond Beach photojournalist is collecting hundreds of images documenting the restoration of one of America's most unique vehicles: former NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong's 1967 Corvette Sting Ray.

"We have to document every square inch of this car, inside and out. We have to record every single part of this car in its current condition," Kallins said.

Merritt Island resident Joe Crosby bought the

one-of-a-kind coupe from an undisclosed Georgia owner in February. Crosby won't say how much he paid for the car. In January 2007, a 1967 Corvette formerly owned by astronaut Gus Grissom sold at auction for \$275,000 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Initially, Crosby offered the vehicle on eBay — where it garnered offers exceeding \$250,000.

However, he has now decided to repair 45 years of wear and refurbish the sports car to its same condition as when Armstrong cruised across the Space Coast during the Apollo era.

"It's a piece of history to me — it's not a car. It's like owning Samuel Colt's first revolver ever made," Crosby said, eyeing the marina blue Corvette.



PotashCorp.—White Springs last year donated \$10,000 to the March of Dimes during the seventh annual 'Holiday Magic' fundraiser.

MAGIC: For a good cause.

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pre-selling tickets, and they are going really fast." Mann said organizers focused on getting items of interest to men for this year's auction.

Live-auction items include a fishing trip out of Steinhatchee, a quail hunting trip for two people at Tiger Creek Hunting Preserve, a stay at a house on the St. Johns River to fish in Astor.

No chefs auction would be complete without food, and Mann said several local chefs agreed to participate in this year's fundraiser.

"The chefs have done a really nice job for us this year," she said.

New chefs taking part will come from the

Players Club Seafood Bar and Grill, who will serve prime rib, homemade turkey pot pie and oysters on the half shell.

The chef from Hannah's is going to serve seafood bisque and crab and shrimp dip.

The Rose Mary Catering Co. will serve salmon en croute, while Publix will have decadent dessert cakes and Cakes By Pat will have a tiered wedding cake at the event. Tracy Hicks from Catering For All Occasions will serve appetizers and hors d'oeuvres.

"These chefs are anxious to give the very best," Mann said. "It's going to be a wonderful event."

HAPPENINGS

McCall-Anderson engagement

Dale and Debbie McCall, of Belton, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Keitha Marie McCall, of Gainesville, to Ethan Michael Anderson, of Gainesville, son of Eddie and Donna Anderson, of Lake City.

The wedding is planned for 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Hippodrome Theatre in Gainesville. The reception will follow at the theater.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Belton-Honea Path High School in Path, S.C., and a 2001 magna cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and English. She enjoys photography and travel.

The future groom graduated in 2000 from Columbia High School in Lake City and in 2002 graduate of Lake City Community College. He graduated cum laude in 2008 from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in psychology and in 2012 received a doctoral



Ethan Michael Anderson and Keitha Marie McCall.

degree in neuroscience from the university. He is a member of the Society for Neuroscience.

Birth announcement

A daughter, Kloye Emma, was born to Kevin Jr. and Amy Bendenbaugh of Lake City on Aug. 31 at Shands Lake Shore.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19 inches.

He siblings are Kailey Elizabeth, 7; Chase Lyttleton, 5, and Mason Mann, 2.

The grandparents

are Stephen and Mary Parsons, Tony and Marcy Robinson, and Kevin Sr. and Marla Bendenbaugh. Great-grandparents are Helen Dukes and the late Peter Mann Dukes, Arthur and Janie Bendenbaugh and the late Lillian Bennett.



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Experts: Travel with pets is worth hassle

Finding transport, hotels that allow pets is challenging.

By SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Travel for humans during holidays is tough enough: Long lines, crowds everywhere, extra bags full of presents. Throw a pet in the mix, and it's a recipe for disaster.

But Sheron Long, a frequent traveler and author of "Dog Trots Globe — To Paris and Provence," say it's worth the trouble.

"Every trip was better when Chula could be with us," she said of her Shetland sheepdog. "She was so excited, I could imagine her dog's eye view of the world. It causes you to explore and go see different things and meet people."

The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates more than 2 million pets and other animals are transported by air each year. Pets aren't allowed on Amtrak trains, Greyhound buses or cruise lines, but they can go on many regional train, bus and boat lines.

The majority of four-legged carry-on passengers are dogs, but some airlines allow rabbits, birds and other small animals. Experts say before including a pet in travel plans, consider whether it would enjoy the experience.

"Some dogs don't like to travel, some love it," said Kelly E. Carter, the pet travel expert for AOL's Paw Nation and a Chihuahua owner. "You have to know your pet."

Caroline Golon's two Persian cats "are not big fans of car travel" — the only way that they can travel since their breed is banned by many airlines — so they don't go on trips. Golon said when they travel, the family stops at pet-friendly hotels rather than drive nonstop.



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Travel for humans during holidays is tough enough: Long lines, crowds everywhere, extra bags full of presents. Throw a pet in the mix, and it's a recipe for disaster. But Sheron Long, author of 'Dog Trots Globe — To Paris and Provence,' says pets also can add new dimensions to the experience.

"Stopping overnight gives them a chance to use the litter box at their leisure and eat and drink comfortably," said Golon, the founder of High Paw Media.

Gwen Cooper, the author of "Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned About Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat," said animals pick up on their owners' moods, "which means if you're nervous, your cat or dog is going to be nervous too. The best way to avoid being nervous is to prepare you and your pet ahead of time and think through as many contingencies as possible."

For eligible cats, as well as dogs, airlines have size require-

ments for pets in the cabin, so a small pet must fit in a carrier that can be stowed under a seat and larger ones must be checked in. Long's dog weighs 30 pounds, so 9-year-old Chula has to fly in cargo.

During the holidays, though, when planes are fuller and lines are longer, some airlines ban pets in cargo, as well as times when the heat or cold is intense. Certain breeds can never fly on some airlines, including those considered to have bullying characteristics, like pit bulls, and snub-nosed animals like shih tzus or Persian cats because of potential breathing problems.

Animals that travel on Amtrak,

Greyhound or cruises get a ticket to ride through their roles as service animals. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, trained helper animals such as guide dogs or signal dogs must be allowed.

Pet accommodations at airports differ, though every airport has animal-relief areas. Some are easy to find — San Francisco's has paw prints on the floor leading to them — and most or all areas are located outside of security checkpoints. Federal transportation guidelines require animals to be removed from carriers, so pets should be collared and leashed — especially cats. Pet carriers are not X-rayed, but

owners' hands may be wiped for chemical testing.

The hassle of traveling is only half over once the plane lands. Carter, who once canceled a trip in which she and her dog were hoping to try a new hotel in Northern California, recounted how the hotel worded its pet policy online: "We are smoke-free and pet-free."

"My God, are pets being considered killers, like smoke? That's a sign people don't want to be around pets," she said.

Lisa Porter, CEO of a website that lists pet-friendly places to stay and activities around the country, said more businesses are catering to customers with a pet in tow than ever before. For example, vineyards and wineries have opened their tours to pets, and as many as 90 percent of hotels in some cities are pet-friendly, she said.

Most five-star hotels have accommodations and perks for well-behaved pets, and even most discount hotels, including Red Roof Inns, Motel 6 and Extended Stay America, are pet-friendly. Other hotels have weight limits on animals. Some charge a nightly fee for animals, some have cleaning deposits and some will charge only if there is damage.

In France, where Long and Chula spend four months every year, so many people take their dogs to restaurants that there is an "under-table culture going on," she said. The French hospitality for dogs stops at museums, though: "The French prize their dogs, but they prize their art work even more," she said.

Chula has been such a good travel buddy that she inspired Long's book, which is a travelogue written from a dog's point of view. Long said having Chula around means never being lonely — partly because of all the people who stop to admire the dog.

"If you want to be a hermit, go (traveling) alone," Long said.

FOOD

Tricks for perfect Brussels sprouts

By SARA MOULTON
For The Associated Press

Brussels sprouts can generate some pretty strong opinions. As with cilantro or goat cheese, you either love them or hate them.

The little stinkers are the smallest of the crucifers and, when prepared incorrectly, can develop a scary aroma and deadly taste. Weirdly, they somehow remain a perennial feature on many Thanksgiving menus.

In fairness, it's hard to cook Brussels sprouts to their best advantage because they are so densely constructed. By the time the heat gets to the core, there's a good chance that the outside has been overcooked.

It used to be that I had no better idea about what to do with them than anyone else. I just followed the procedure I learned in cooking school — trim them, use a knife to score the bottom in a crisscross pattern 1/4 inch deep (so they cook more evenly), and boil or steam them until done. The results were not exactly inspiring.

It wasn't until the Two Hot Tamales showed me a better way that I fell in love. The Tamales — chefs Sue Fenniger and Mary Sue Milliken, the co-hosts of their own show on the Food Network once upon a time — sliced the sprouts very thin, then quickly sauteed them. And I do mean quickly — 3 to 5 minutes in the pan and they're good to go.

The simplicity of this technique is, of course, a huge bonus on Thanksgiving Day, when you are trying to cook 500 other dishes at the same time. You can either pre-saute the sprouts, then quickly reheat them when the moment is right, or just cook them from start to finish while someone else is carving the turkey.



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Sauteed Brussels sprouts with toasted walnuts and lemon makes a quick, tasty side dish for any dinner.

Even more impressive than the process is the result — the surprising deliciousness of these shredded sauteed Brussels sprouts. You don't need a lot of fat to cook them in, and the little guys pair up nicely with all sorts of toasted nuts. I've opted for walnuts in this recipe, but swap in your favorite. And a tart little spritz of lemon provides the finishing touch.

Take my word for it; when it comes to Brussels sprouts, this recipe has turned haters into believers over and over again.

By the way, who put the Brussels in Brussels sprouts? The Belgians, of course. The sprouts were first cultivated in large quantities in Belgium in the late 1500s, and introduced to the U.S. in

the 1800s.

Quick Sauteed Brussels Sprouts with Toasted Walnuts and Lemon

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 6

1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Zest and juice of 1 lemon
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

Heat the oven to 350 F. Put the walnuts in a pie plate and toast them in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes, or until they are fragrant and are a shade darker.

Trim the Brussels sprouts and discard any

damaged outside leaves. Use a food processor fitted with the thin slicing blade to shred the sprouts.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the sprouts and lemon zest, then reduce the heat to medium. Cook, stirring, until crisp tender, about 5 minutes. The pan will seem very crowded in the beginning, but the Brussels sprouts will shrink down quickly. Season with salt and pepper, 1 to 2 tablespoons of the lemon juice, and the walnuts. Serve right away.

Nutrition information per serving: 150 calories; 100 calories from fat (67 percent of total calories); 11 g fat (1.5 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 0 mg cholesterol; 12 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 5 g protein; 190 mg sodium.



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The traditional wicker cornucopia can be replaced, as in this case with one made of terracotta and filled with gourds.

Tweaking tradition: New takes on old holiday cornucopia

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

The cornucopia, that symbol of abundance and the harvest, has graced the Thanksgiving table or sideboard for generations. While the original version, in ancient Greece, was a goat's horn, the American cornucopia is typically a horn-shaped wicker basket filled with a colorful array of fall vegetables and fruit.

With a little shopping and some creative time set aside, it's easy to update the traditional cornucopia without diminishing its sense of plenty and celebration.

Instead of the usual variety of produce, consider a group of similarly hued fruits, vegetables and plant material. A coordinating vessel adds style.

For instance, West Elm has an ivory cast-terracotta cornucopia that would look lovely filled with cream- and caramel-colored goodies. Think wheat sheaves, golden apples, pears and mini white pumpkins for a display that's sophisticated yet still warm and homey.

Pottery Barn has a selection of realistic-looking faux pumpkins, gourds, dried artichokes and figs which can be reused each year. You could mix them or use multiples of just one.

Consider incorporating a few pheasant feathers and, to amp up the flair, some copper or bronze glitter.

Martha Stewart's craft editors suggest making mini cornucopias out of chair caning, or larger ones for door decor. The small ones, stuffed with tissue and a handful of nuts, make clever party favors. The big versions, filled with pear branches, seeded eucalyptus and dried flowers, would look great right through to winter's holiday season.

Craft suppliers stock grapevine horn-shaped baskets; they're available in sizes from 12 to 48 inches, and even mini place-card or table-favor sizes.

You can create your own horn-shaped receptacle out of all sorts of materials. Artist Natalie Raevsky has instructions on her blog to make one out of papier mache, lined with burlap and wrapped with raffia.

Or make a mold by sanding a foam cone into the shape of a horn, wrapping it with jute and painting it with glue. When the glue dries, pull out the foam and fill. Better Homes and Gardens' November issue has another twist: Wrap double layers of shimmering gold-green floral mesh into a loose horn shape and finish with a silky ribbon.

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DEAR ABBY

Divorce announcement arrives with wedding thank-you note

DEAR ABBY: A friend's daughter was married several years ago. I attended the shower and her wedding, and gave gifts for both.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

Two months after the wedding, I received a thank-you note in which a form letter was enclosed that read, "By the way, we are now separated and getting a divorce!" I was shocked not only by the news, but even more that my gifts were not returned with the divorce announcement.

This young lady is now being married again to a different man. If I attend the shower/wedding, am I obligated to give her another set of gifts? Or should I skip the shower and go to the wedding without giving another gift? What is proper in this case? - CONFUSED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR CONFUSED: The rule of etiquette regarding disposition of wedding gifts when a couple divorces after a short time is that any UNUSED items (preferably in their original packaging) go back to the givers. However, to return cookware, linens, china, glassware, etc., that have been used is impractical, so please don't hold a

grudge.

If you decide to attend the shower and/or wedding for your friend's daughter, it is customary to give a gift.

DEAR ABBY: I recently began a new job, and although I love what I do, I have only one problem. My boss, "Harold," does not like eating lunch by himself. Every day, he asks me what I'm doing for lunch. If I say I brought my lunch, he wants me to eat it in his office with him. If I tell him I'm going out, he wants us to go out together.

I don't think he's attracted to me; I just think he hates being alone. He's entirely too clingy, and I feel my lunch break is supposed to be a time to do whatever I want to do.

I don't believe the last lady who worked for him had a problem with this, but I do. How do I tell him

"no" without offending him or hurting his feelings? - LUNCH BUDDY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR LUNCH BUDDY: Tell your boss politely but firmly that you need your lunch hour to perform personal tasks - go shopping, make personal phone calls or catch up on some reading. You are entitled to that break time, and that is what it should be used for.

DEAR ABBY: A family member has six cats and wants to have the Thanksgiving meal at her house. Every time I eat there, I find cat hair on the table, on the plates and in the food. I don't want to cause hard feelings, but how do I handle this? I'm allergic to cats. - HOLD THE FUR IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

DEAR HOLD THE FUR: Arrange to celebrate Thanksgiving elsewhere and curtail your visit. If the relative attempts to "guilt" you into changing plans, explain that you cannot because you are allergic to cat hair and dander and your doctor has instructed you to avoid exposure.

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refuse to let emotions tamper with your plans. Be honest about the lifestyle changes you want to make and it will help you bypass any opposition that someone might present. A relationship will play a role in a decision you must make. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spice things up -- add a little excitement to your life. Get out and do things that will make you think or challenge you physically. Take on a project that will help others help themselves. Creative suggestions will enhance your reputation. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can chat all you like, but don't stretch the truth. Sticking to facts will give you credibility. Getting together with someone you want to work with creatively will lead to a long-lasting work-related partnership. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional moments will surface while socializing. Keep an open mind and don't take what's said personally. Criticism can be productive if

delivered diplomatically. Size up your situation and make it clear that charity begins at home. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Problems at home will escalate if you don't take care of your responsibilities. You may want to socialize, but it won't be much fun if you have left chores unfinished. Organize your day and you'll fit both work and pleasure into your schedule. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can't please everyone. Avoid arguments you cannot win. You are better off doing what's expected of you and moving along to the pastimes that you find more enjoyable. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put love and romance at the top of your to-do list. It's important to have some fun with someone you find entertaining and interesting to be around. A short day trip will enhance your personal life and help establish a future commitment. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Embrace the moment and do whatever it takes to follow through with your plans. Sitting back and letting negativity and depression take over will not get you heading in the right direction. Live, love and laugh and you will attract positive people and encounters. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a difference by lending a helping hand to a cause you believe in. Spend time with people who have the same interests, as that will lead to an adventure that will change your personal life. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't show emotion when dealing with anyone competing with you. Complete whatever you start and execute your plans only when you are positive that you have taken care of every detail. It's what you do that will count. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of private matters such as your finances, medical issues or pending settlements. You should collect debts or pay off what you owe. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Less talk and more action will bring rewards. Go the distance and don't leave anything unfinished. If you surpass expectations, you will win favors and enhance your reputation. If someone wants to argue, back away -- it's a waste of time. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

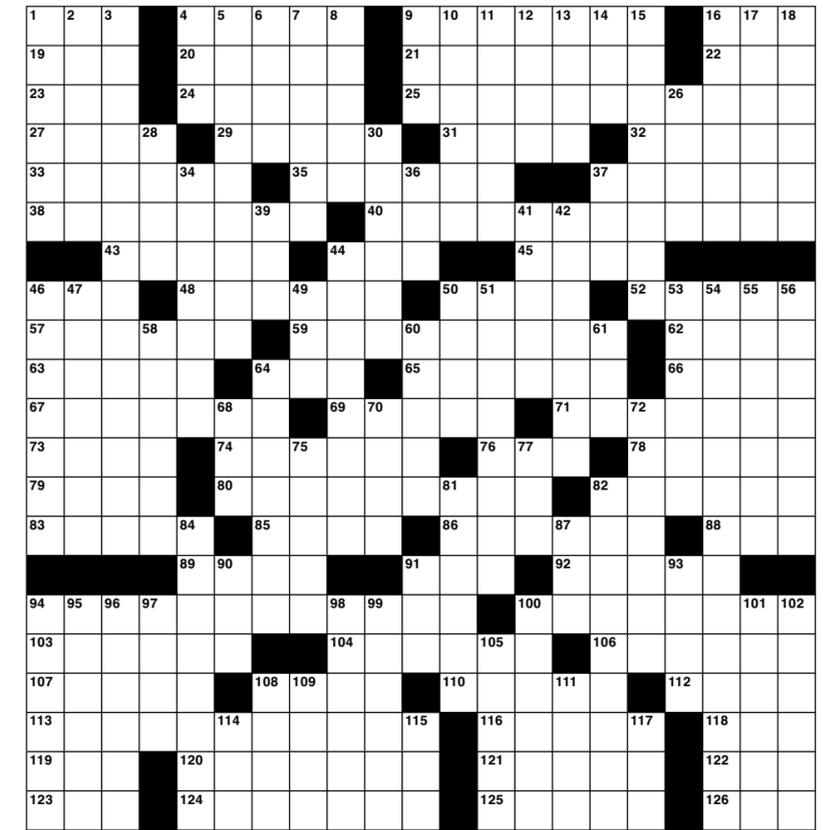
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
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Previous Solution: "We've lost a very special man ... we've lost a great American treasure." - Tony Orlando, on Andy Williams
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

FRANKLY SPEAKING By Brendan Emmett Quigley / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across
1 One to take a complaint to: Abbr.
4 It can get the blood flowing
9 Like calves at a rodeo
16 Crush, e.g.
19 Some soft words
20 Lost deliberately
21 Wave receiver
22 Card game with stakes
23 Subject of three Oliver Stone films, informally
24 Fixed-term agreement
25 Marseille mothers who are not goddesses?
27 Half-court game?
29 Sailing
31 Barber's challenge
32 Hawaiian coffees
33 Back-to-school purchase
35 Sense
37 Hot ___
38 "Easy"
40 Working on one's biceps and triceps in Toulon?
43 On the up and up
44 Soldier under Braxton Bragg, for short
45 Female suffix
46 Org. with badges
48 Country whose name means "he that strives with God"
50 [That's awful!]
52 Quality that produces taste
57 Stinging insect
59 Cowardly end in Cannes?
62 Innocent one
63 Issue (from)
64 Tiara component
65 It may contain traces of lead
66 Tony winner Schreiber
67 Less refined
69 Like an infant's fingers, typically
71 Matisse masterpiece
73 Actress Bosworth
74 Pathetic group
76 The limbo, once
78 Turkey's third-largest city
79 John Maynard Keynes's alma mater
80 Bordeaux bear cub?
82 Indians' shoes
83 "Phooey!"
85 Fiji competitor
86 Cosa ___
88 Nevada county
89 Spy, at times
91 With 98-Down, "Mad Money" host
92 First capital of Alaska
94 Online feline in Lyon?
100 Who said "I owe the public nothing"
103 Dead ringers?
104 ___ Inn
106 Home of Gannon Univ.
107 Short-tailed weasel
108 Crib side part
110 First college frat to charter a chapter in all 50 states
112 Environmental portmanteau
113 Nine to five, generally, in Grenoble?
116 Certain work of subway art
118 Word with salad or roll
119 Mauna ___ Observatory
120 Surround with shrubbery
121 Rocks for Jocks, most likely
122 Eleanor Roosevelt ___ Roosevelt
123 Take a wrong turn
124 "What's it gonna be?"
125 What to wear
126 Healy who created the Three Stooges
4 The Rams, on sports tickers
5 Expert at brewing oolong in Orléans?
6 Q.E.D. part
7 Mysterious Scottish figure, informally
8 Many an "iCarly" fan
9 Hasty flight
10 Weakness
11 Layers of clouds
12 On TV, say
13 "Got a Hold ___" (1984 top 10 hit)
14 "Lux" composer Brian
15 Lost time?
16 Two-dimensional
17 "De-e-eluxe!"
18 Entourages
26 Indiana Jones venue
28 ___ fixe
30 Comic Dave
34 Ramjets, e.g.
36 Populous area
37 Country music channel
39 Paper size: Abbr.
41 Some foam toys
42 Area close to home
44 Put on the job again
46 Large fern
47 Toothed
49 58-Down 29-Across
50 "Star Trek" villains
51 Not present at
53 Flaming
54 Overseeing of a Bayonne bakery?
55 Issue for Michelle Obama
77 Cretin
81 QB legend nicknamed "the Golden Arm"
82 French-speaking country where illegal activity runs rampant?
84 Elastic
87 It's more than a pinch: Abbr.
90 Interview seg.
91 What a photocopier light may indicate
93 "American Idol" winner Allen
94 Relief for plantar fasciitis
95 Against
96 Outside of walking distance, say
97 Actor Morales
98 See 91-Across
99 Millinery item
100 Operating system between Puma and Panther
101 Most distant point
102 Rode hard
105 Nickel-and-___
108 E.P.A. issuances: Abbr.
109 Kind of brick
111 The language Gàidhlig
114 Shoe width
115 ___-Seal (leather protector)
117 ___ Palmas, Spain



Grid of numbers for the crossword puzzle, showing starting points for clues.

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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Grid of numbers for the crossword puzzle, showing starting points for clues.

GARDENING



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Cool wave pansies tolerate several light frosts and go dormant after a hard frost. Their colors intensify in the cold and they bloom even in the snow, and recover in early spring.

New flower varieties excel at overwintering

By DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

“Overwintering” plants usually means deadheading, dividing, pruning, mulching or bringing them indoors to protect them from the cold. Increasingly, though, varieties are being introduced that flower into winter and rebound in spring. They need no special care and deliver more blooms for the buck.

Two noteworthy examples are Ball Horticultural Co.’s Cool Wave petunias and pansies.

“These flowers have more hardiness because they were developed in many different locations, and strains were chosen from breeding stock that did best in temperature extremes,” said Cool Wave plant manager Claire Watson. “Not only are they resistant to cold but they also are more tolerant of heat.”

Some other flower varieties introduced recently to provide color over longer periods of time are bearded iris, daylilies, clematis and shrub roses. Many of those perennials bloom repeatedly through the growing season, unlike earlier editions.

Cool Wave’s extended flowering petunias have been on the market five years, quickly becoming consumer favorites. Pansies were introduced this year.

“They need less maintenance, have large-size flowers and their colors intensify with the cold,” Watson said. “They tolerate several light frosts and simply go dormant after a hard frost. They bloom even in the snow.”

Cool Wave series flowers can be mixed with traditional late-season plants like ornamental cabbage and peppers, kale, mums, lavender and millet. They return in spring to complement such early arriving bulb varieties as daffodils, tulips, hyacinth and crocuses. In short, they display



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Ornamental cabbage and kale are among the new season-extending flowers. They fit in nicely with other traditional favorites, such as ornamental peppers, mums, lavender and millet. They rebound in spring, looking good when intermixed with daffodils, tulips and hyacinth.

Online:

For more about extended bloom flowers, see this Utah State University Fact Sheet:
<http://www.extension.usu.edu/files/publications/factsheet/pub-585335.htm>

well with others.

These are vigorous flowers, capable of spreading 24 to 30 inches. That makes them a vibrant groundcover. It also means that not as many plants are needed per pot or for filling bare spaces in borders or beds. Their extended bloom ability gives gardeners more versatility for flowerbed design. The new pansies and petunias provide three full seasons of bloom when grown in the South. Those planted in the Snowbelt are capable of surviving Zone 5 conditions (-10 to -20 degrees Fahrenheit) and will reappear soon after the snow melts.

“They can use a light layer of mulch as winter-time insurance but don’t

really require it,” Watson said.

A great deal of breeding work has been done over the past several decades to insert the cold gene into different plant varieties, said Anthony Tesselaar, president and co-founder of Tesselaar Plants in Silvan, Australia.

“Winter gardening is the ultimate challenge in this kind of work,” Tesselaar said. “That’s what we all aspire to.”

Many plants are tested. Few, however, make the cut.

Hybridizers who do upwards of 200,000 plant crosses a year might be lucky to emerge after a couple of seasons with just one to 10 plants that look new or promising enough to bring to market, Tesselaar said.

“On average, anytime you get good genetics in plants it takes 18 to 25 years before you can get comfortable with them or predict their behavior,” Tesselaar said. “They don’t just pop out of the box.”

TASTE: Some of Gainesville’s best.

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vinaigrette and pepitas; pigs-feet pate with field greens, sherried egg vinaigrette and walnuts (\$6) — just to name a few.

There are several wine choices, and for \$15 you can have a wine-tasting with three, 3-ounce servings of three different wines. For \$21 you can have six, 3-ounce servings. This is a creative way to try new wines and make your dinner even more interesting.

Can’t forget the cakes, which are homemade on the premises by chef April Williams. According to Williams, the most popular are fresh fruit cheesecake and coconut cream cake.

The Chocolate Fudge Corruption and the Italian espresso torte caught our attention, too. Just didn’t have room this visit.

Next door to Mildred’s is the New Deal Café. It offers more delicious choices, including their renowned burgers.

Their classic burger (\$10) is served with all the trimmings of your choice. Other burgers are bleu cheese and bacon (\$11); mushroom, Swiss and caramelized onion (\$11); and local tempeh burger with sprouts, tomato and avocado aioli (\$8). All are served with fries.

There are other specialty sandwiches, appetiz-

ers and entries to choose from. Can’t go wrong here either.

Mildred’s and the New Deal Café are located in the Westgate Regency Shopping Center between Newberry Road and Second Avenue. Check out their websites, www.mildredsbiggcityfood.com and www.newdealcafegainesville.com, for directions and operating times.

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Holiday air travel to be difficult

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The recipe for Thanksgiving travel is likely to make travelers a little bitter this year.

Americans can expect airports to be busier and planes to be fuller than ever, according to a forecast by the main trade association for U.S. airlines two weeks ahead of

the holiday. And fares are already more expensive.

Airlines for America expects nearly 24 million travelers to fly from Friday, Nov. 16, through Tuesday, Nov. 27. That’s up narrowly from a year earlier. Last year’s tally was flat from 2010. But traffic on the nation’s airlines is still 10 percent below the peak travel years of 2006

and 2007.

For those traveling on the busiest days around Thanksgiving, planes are expected to be close to 90 percent full, the trade group says. That would be a record for the holiday. Sunday, Nov. 25 is projected as the busiest travel day, followed by Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Monday, Nov. 26.



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