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Fired officer sues city



FILE

Former LCPD Officer Shea Brown.

Ex-LCPD officer files suit for bias, wrongful firing.

By **TONY BRITT and STEVEN RICHMOND**

A former Lake City police officer is taking legal action against the city and several individuals following her criminal trial and termination

in 2009.

Shea Rebecca Brown and her attorneys filed suit in Jacksonville federal court July 30 against former state attorney Robert "Skip" Jarvis, former Lake City Police Department captain Rudolph Davis, retired LCPD chief Carlton Tunsil and the city of Lake City, among others, for sexual and racial discrimination as well as wrongful termination.

Brown was taking a man suspected of a parole violation to jail in April 2009, and found a small amount of marijuana on him.

According to her, the LCPD permits officers to use their discretion as to whether to charge individuals with possession of misdemeanor amounts of marijuana seized as contraband which had not yet been formally taken into evidence.

If that discretion is exercised, the officer must destroy the marijuana in the presence of a fellow officer, Brown said.

According to the suit, Brown met with officer Ivan Useche at a local restaurant and destroyed the marijuana by grinding it into the ground with her boot.

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LAUNCHING KIDS INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

Richardson Community Center administrative assistant Nicole Smith, right, and United Way of Suwannee Valley Best Neighborhood's coordinator Renée Cobb stand among piles of school supplies to be handed out at the Richardson Community Center Backpack Giveaway on Saturday. The event starts at 8 a.m., and organizers expect the supplies to go fast.

Backpack giveaway helps local kids

Event scheduled for Saturday at community center.

By **AMANDA WILLIAMSON**

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Glue sticks tumble from their boxes, piles of composition books line the table and backpacks

become colored mountains as the Richardson Community Center prepares for its annual Backpack Giveaway on Saturday.

Lasting from 8 a.m. until noon, the giveaway will provide 450 community students backpacks full of supplies to start the upcoming school year.

Each kit will contain one backpack, one composition notebook, one packet of paper, one three-pronged folder, one

box of crayons, one box of colored pencils, glue sticks, pencils and an eraser. Children can also receive free immunizations and haircuts throughout the event.

"We have children who have a need for school supplies and backpacks," said Renée Cobb, United Way of Suwannee Valley Volunteer Florida Best Neighborhoods coordinator. "We're trying to meet that need."

The giveaway is a combined effort by United Way of Suwannee Valley, the Board of County Commissioners, the Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North Inc., Jazzy Cuts, Lake City Barbers and Stylists and the county Health Department.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to receive a bag. The quantity of backpacks

BACKPACKS continued on 3A

Ice cream breakfast charity event set

Holiday Inn seeking to raise \$2,000 for Give Kids the World.

By **AMANDA WILLIAMSON**

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Pancakes and eggs? French toast and sausage? How about ice cream, chocolate syrup and whipped cream?

The local Holiday Inn and Suites will host an ice cream social Saturday to support the Ice Cream for Breakfast Campaign, which raises money to help children will life-threatening illnesses at Give Kids the World Village.

"For nearly 25 years, Give Kids the World has served up smiles and memories in our whimsical Ice Cream Palace with all-you-can-eat ice cream all day, every day," said GKTW president Pamela Landwirth. "Wish children and their families enjoy unlimited cones, sundaes and shakes, with a buffet of topping options whenever they want — even for breakfast."

Give Kids the World Village is a 70-acre, nonprofit "storybook" resort in Orlando where terminally ill children and their families can experience a week-long, cost-free fantasy vacation. The resort launched its Ice Cream for Breakfast campaign on July 21, National Ice Cream Day, and it will continue through Sept. 2.

According to the Holiday Inn general manager Rod Butler, the hotel, at 213 SW Commerce Drive, hopes to raise \$2,000 through the campaign.

The event lasts from 9 a.m. until

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Three arrested following brawl

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**

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Three individuals were arrested Tuesday evening after a brawl at a county home, Columbia County Sheriff's deputies report.

Austin Tyler Thomas, of 182 NE Craig Ave., Jimmy D. Flowers, of 3147 SW Centerville Ave., Fort White and Jordan Ashley Kimbrell, of 147 SW 47th Place, Fort White, were taken into custody, according to the arrest report.

John Spain and his family were shopping in a local Dollar General store about 6 p.m. Tuesday when Thomas, Kimbrell, Flowers and other individuals arrived and began arguing with Spain's family both in the store and in the parking lot, deputies report.

The group followed Spain and family to a nearby gas



Flowers



Kimbrell



Thomas

station, at which point Thomas jumped out and used a handgun to fire several shots at the family's vehicle, the report said. Spain and family were followed to their home, at which point Thomas, Kimbrell and Flowers walked onto their property and began physically assaulting Spain's

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Looking for the skate park

Codey Bohannon, 17, does a jump while skateboarding down Veterans Street. 'I thought they were going to build a skate park here. I'm pretty disappointed,' said Bohannon, who has been skating since he was 7. 'I was looking forward to skating here every day. There's no skate park in Lake City. It would be good to have a place for skaters to go.'

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kanye West to perform at MTV awards

NEW YORK

Kanye West will perform at the MTV Video Music Awards this month. MTV announced Monday that the rapper will perform his single "Black Skinhead" at the Aug. 25 awards show.

West's performance will be his seventh at the VMAs. He will tie Madonna for the most performances at the awards show.

Lady Gaga will also perform at the event, which will air live from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Justin Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis lead the MTV VMAs with six nominations each. Bruno Mars is up for four awards.

Robin Thicke, Miley Cyrus, Pink and Thirty Seconds to Mars have three nominations each.

D'Angelo cancels festival appearance over illness

SAN FRANCISCO — D'Angelo has added the Outside Lands music festival to his list of cancellations due to an unspecified medical emergency.

The soul singer canceled shows last week due to illness and also will miss shows in Chicago and San Diego this week. Chic, featuring Nile Rodgers, will step into D'Angelo's slot Friday night at Outside Lands where he was supposed to close the Sutro Stage.

The nature of D'Angelo's illness was unclear. A publicist didn't immediately respond to an email inquiry.

The singer, whose real name is Michael Archer, has been slowly returning to public performances over the last year after more than a decade away from the spotlight and is expected to soon release his first



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Computer donation

Third Circuit Public Defender Blair Payne (left) stands with Patrick Mitchell, Columbia County School District director of technology; Cindy Forsyth, school district technology center manager; Josh Johnson, Public Defender's Office IT manager and JD Warren, school district computer technician in the public defender's office Monday after the office donated 25 computers to the school district.

album since 2000.

'Captain Kangaroo' character dies

NEW YORK — Cosmo Allegretti, who created and voiced puppet characters like Grandfather Clock and Dancing Bear on the children's television show "Captain Kangaroo," has died. He was 86.

Allegretti, who had homes in Hampton Bays, N.Y., and New River,

Ariz., died of emphysema on July 26 in Arizona, his attorney and friend John Munzel said Wednesday.

Allegretti had been a puppeteer but was working as a set painter in the early days of "Captain Kangaroo." He volunteered to make a replacement when the show was dissatisfied with a puppet created by a professional. He gave life to characters like Bunny Rabbit and Mister Moose.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Actor Richard Anderson ("The Six Million Dollar Man," "The Bionic Woman") is 87.
■ Actress Nita Talbot is 83.
■ Country singer Mel Tillis is 81.
■ Actor Dustin Hoffman is 76.
■ Actress Connie Stevens is 75.
■ Country singer Phil Balsley of The Statler Brothers is 74.
■ Actor Larry Wilcox ("CHIPS") is 66.
■ Actor Keith Carradine is 64.

■ Singer Airtion Love of The Stylics is 64.
■ Country singer Jamie O'Hara is 63.
■ Actor Donny Most ("Happy Days") is 60.
■ Keyboardist Dennis Drew of 10,000 Maniacs is 56.
■ Guitarist The Edge of U2 is 52.
■ Drummer Rikki Rockett of Poison is 52.
■ Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 51.
■ Singer Scott Stapp of Creed is 40.

Daily Scripture

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is He who will save us.

— Isaiah 33:22

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AROUND FLORIDA

Ex-Lt. Gov. gets Pa. university job

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The incoming chancellor of Pennsylvania's state university system says he was preparing to look for a new job when the opening cropped up.

Frank Brogan said Wednesday he was entering the final year of his five-year contract as chancellor of the State University System of Florida and facing an automatic cutoff from the Florida state retirement system.

In a conference call with reporters, Brogan said he likes the prospect of remaining a chancellor in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, even though it means a pay cut.

The 59-year-old Brogan spent most of his career in education, but served lieutenant governor to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush from 1999 to 2003.

Teen won't be charged in death

OCALA — The state attorney's office in Marion County says no homicide charges will be filed against an Ocala teenager who shot and killed a 40-year-old man.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports prosecutors said Tuesday that the shooting was justified under Florida's "stand your ground" law.

Authorities say the 17-year-old shot Julius Jerome Jacobs in the head on July 5. Prosecutors say Jacobs got out of his vehicle after a verbal confrontation with the teen as they walked along a road in Ocala. He came at the teen and two other teens with a big stick. He will face charges that include carrying a



COURTESY

Showdown winners

Nalani Quintello (left), of Orange Park, and Adam Brock (right), of Perry, pose with WQHL disk jockey Stevie D after winning the North Florida Texaco Country Showdown country music talent contest at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak on Friday. The two will compete in the state-level showdown Sept. 14 at the music park.

concealed firearm and possession of a firearm by a minor.

2 dogs shot by deputies

PENSACOLA — A couple in Escambia County say sheriff's deputies climbed through their open window while searching for a suspect in their neighborhood last Saturday and shot two dogs.

The couple — Christina Moses, 32, and her fiance, Travis Nicholas, 22 — told the Pensacola News Journal they were sleeping about 10:30 p.m. when deputies entered their home and dragged them from their bedroom into the hallway.

According to a press release from the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, the deputies were in the neighborhood looking for an armed suspect who had been involved in a disturbance down the street

earlier in the evening. Witnesses indicated the suspect often frequented the house where Moses and Nicholas live.

According to sheriff's officials, the dogs didn't seem aggressive at first.

"Upon encountering the people in the house, the dogs became aggressive," the release states. One dog "bit at" the deputy's leg and he pushed it away. It "came at him again so he shot the dog in self-defense, at which time the second dog began to run towards him. For his personal safety, the shot the second dog."

When the shooting ended, 13-month-old blue pit bull Gracie and a 3-year-old bulldog mix named Rocky were injured.

According to the newspaper, Gracie was euthanized on Monday. Rocky is recovering at home.

Moses said she heard five shots.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER



REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Thursday, August 8



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Normal high 91
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Record low 64 in 1996

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Year total 34.75"
Normal month-to-date 1.39"
Normal year-to-date 30.57"

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Sunset today 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise tom. 6:54 a.m.
Sunset tom. 8:17 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today 8:28 a.m.
Moonset today 9:10 p.m.
Moonrise tom. 9:23 a.m.
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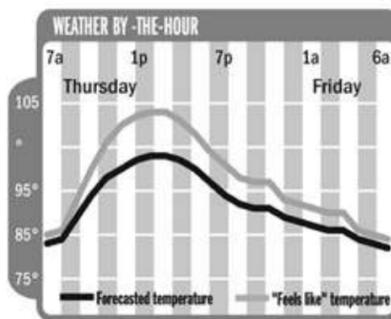
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SUIT: Federal case filed in Jacksonville against city

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The suit claims that after LCPD Chief Gary Laxton resigned in June 2009, Tunsil — then city fire chief — acted as an interim chief of police and had full authority to hire and fire people in the department. However, Brown claims Davis effectively ran the department.

She also said that Davis was upset when she was hired, making discriminatory remarks against her race and gender amidst rumors that he had been vying for a personal friend to take her position.

She also claims Davis made racially charged remarks against Brown and "told fellow police officers that he did not like women police officers and felt as though women had no business in the police field."

Brown was the subject of several 2009 internal affairs investigations conducted by LCPD and FDLE regarding accusations of evidence tampering, untruthfulness and insubordination, which eventually led to her arrest and termination, according to her and her lawyers' formal written complaint.

Her suit also alleges Jarvis visited her previous employer, a police department in Georgia, and said she was a corrupt officer who had destroyed evidence.

Brown's suit claims FDLE Agent Robert Shotwell, who conducted an internal investigation, recommended to Jarvis that he not press charges against Brown for destruction of evidence.

Despite this, Jarvis brought charges against her with malice and without probable cause, the suit said.

Brown also alleges Jarvis said she smoked the evidence and had engaged in sexual relations with another officer.

The Lake City Police Department terminated



This photo shows Shea Brown at her December 2009 trial on evidence tampering charges.

Brown's employment on Aug. 31, 2009, the complaint said.

"People think I'm a crook," Brown said. "And it hurt my reputation, which means everything in a small town like this."

Brown was brought to trial on felony charges of tampering with evidence in December 2009.

The case against her was eventually dismissed in September 2010 following a hung jury that split 3-3.

"From day one, I had every intention of filing a civil suit against everyone who made this happen," Brown said. "I've been hurt financially and emotionally, and it's hurt my marriage. I lost my house, my vehicle and even had to sell my furniture to make ends meet."

Jarvis said he was served with the papers regarding the lawsuit last week.

"I don't really have any thoughts on being sued," Jarvis said. "It was a good case, we filed it and due to technicalities, she was lucky enough to get Judge (Julian) Collins to dismiss it, and I'm prepared to face her in any courtroom and lay all the facts out there that never came out at trial."

Davis said he was noti-

fied about the lawsuit on Aug. 1, when a deputy served him with the papers at his home.

"What I'm really upset about is she didn't tell the truth," he said. "It's her right to sue whoever she chooses to sue, but when people look at the outcome, they will see that the police department, the state attorney, myself and Carlton Tunsil — nobody did anything wrong because Shea had conduct that was consistent with our policy of being fired and that's exactly what took place."

Davis called the suit frivolous "because all those allegations that she (Brown) makes are untrue."

Tunsil did not return calls seeking comment.

City Manager Wendell Johnson said the city received its summons from U.S. District Court on Aug. 1, as well. The actions alleged in the suit occurred before Johnson took over as city manager in July 2009.

"The basis for this action was prior to my arrival," he said. "To culminate the internal affairs investigation and the action to terminate Shea Brown, happened a month after I got here. At that time Capt. (Rudolph) Davis was the senior ranking police officer and Chief Carlton Tunsil had been appointed just prior to my arrival as the acting police chief. Their two officers carried out the investigation and made the recommendation and determination based on the offense and I signed off on it."

Johnson said information about the case has been turned over to the city's risk manager and the League of Cities for guidance.

The Florida Municipal Insurance Trust is an entity that is sanctioned by the Florida League of Cities and it handles the city's health and risk insurance matters.

"The risk insurance is protection against any unforeseen litigation or accidents where we have a justification on the complainant where we would be responsible for," Johnson said. "It's our insurance to cover lawsuits and accidents."

Attorneys from the Jacksonville-based law firm Sheppard, White and Kachergus will represent Brown should the case go to court.

"It's a very complicated matter, it takes time to put together" said Matthew Kachergus, when asked why his client waited nearly three years to file suit. "But I wouldn't have taken the case if I didn't believe in it."

The case will also feature a legal oddity rarely seen in court. One of the defendants in Brown's suit, State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister, who was working at a private firm three years ago, was also set to be Brown's attorney should the 2010 allegations be brought to retrial.

As such, Siemeister is caught in an unusual situation as both a defendant and possible witness in the case.

"I'm a lawyer first," Siegmeister said. "I may have information pertinent to the case but owe a duty of privacy to Ms. Brown." He continued to say that he could not divulge confidential information regarding 2010 proceedings unless Brown gave him express permission to do so.

While Jarvis is being sued for his individual actions as state attorney at the time of the initial trials, Siegmeister is also included in the suit due to his current status as state attorney for the same judicial circuit.

"It's a unique situation. I'm not sure how it's going to play out," Siegmeister said.

BACKPACKS: Giveaway

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are limited, so they are given on a first come, first served basis.

"Last year, we were out of backpacks by 10:30 a.m.," said Nicole Smith, Richardson Community Center administrative assistant. "They line up outside the door before we even open... Word gets out. People know to come here."

The event started last year with approximately 75 people waiting in line as the door opened. Recreation Director Mario Coppock handed the guests numbers to keep the crowd organized, and he expects to do the same thing this year.

United Way purchased the school supplies and 350 backpacks for the event through Best Neighborhoods, a federal grant. The Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North, Inc. contributed an additional \$500 to buy 100 more backpacks, which come in a rainbow of colors. Children can select from aqua, purple, pink, red, dark blue, camo green and black. The packs will come pre-stuffed with supplies.

"The kids are all smiles when they see the new bookbags," Smith said. "When they look inside and see that they have new pens and notepads, it motivates them to get ready for school."

According to Smith, the community center would not have been able to give away as many backpacks without the help of United Way. The program grows more each year, and this year marks the sixth giveaway, she added. The 450 backpacks this year are the most the center has ever been able to give out.

"Our philosophy in the

community is helping one another," Cobb said. "That's what we're trying to express by helping these children."

However, next year, the Best Neighborhoods fund will run out, and United Way will not be able to participate. Coppock asks that anyone willing to donate to United Way or the Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North, Inc. reach out to the respective organizations.

The Health Department will provide free immunizations onsite to children who still need to get the required vaccines. Incoming kindergartners require vaccines for the DTaP, Hepatitis B, MMR (mumps, measles and rubella), chickenpox and polio. Students entering seventh grade must get the TDAP. Dental information will also be available at the giveaway.

Because the health department clinic fills quickly as school approaches, health department officials warn residents not to wait until the last day.

The community center has offered free hair cuts at the event through its local partners for the last three years. This year, Jazzy Cuts and Lake City Barbers and Stylists will be providing the cuts. It's usually a big draw, Smith said.

"They're cutting hair from the time the door opens until the time we get out of here," she said. "A new hair cut makes a big difference to a kid."



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ANOTHER VIEW

Cleaning up our national pastime

For those of us who grew up on baseball and love it, and passed on that joy to our children, Monday was as dark a day as any. Bud Selig, the commissioner of Major League Baseball, suspended 13 players — including Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees — as part of a major performance-enhancing drug scandal rooted in a South Florida anti-aging clinic called Biogenesis.

It's sickening that some players cheat to gain an advantage on the field and to make even more money. But this has been going on for years in Major League Baseball — and continues even though the game has increased testing for banned substances.

The game's executives needed to take extraordinary steps to clean up the game. Selig, to his credit, took those steps on Monday.

The commissioner lowered the boom even though the players reportedly didn't fail any drug tests — their names were said to be on Biogenesis client lists, among other evidence obtained by Major League Baseball investigators.

All-Stars such as Nelson Cruz of the Texas Rangers and Jhonny Peralta of the Detroit Tigers were hit with 50-game suspensions they didn't contest. They don't deserve any applause for that, though, because they still cheated, offering only flimsy excuses. If their teams make the playoffs, they'll be eligible to play.

Rodriguez was hit with the biggest penalty — an outright ban through the 2014 season. Selig said the punishment was based on Rodriguez's "use and possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone, over the course of multiple years."

... The discipline came days after former National League MVP Ryan Braun of the Milwaukee Brewers — who failed a drug test in 2011 but won an appeal after questions were raised about how the test sample was handled — was suspended for the rest of the season because of his ties to Biogenesis.

Still, he, too, will be able to play again.

All this points to the need for Major League Baseball to make the penalties for drug violations even tougher, and former Commissioner Faye Vincent has an ideal solution: One strike, and you're out.

Vincent has noted in radio and other interviews that MLB doesn't have gambling issues because of the lifetime ban penalty. "Cheating is damaging the game," Vincent says, so much that it's time for MLB to treat the use of performance-enhancing drugs like gambling.

While it's true that Major League Baseball has made important strides, some players will continue to cheat, assisted by individuals who know how to keep performance-enhancing drugs from being detected.

To eradicate such drugs from the game, the penalties must be severe, and a gambling-type ban would get results.

A review process could determine who inadvertently took a prohibited substance for an illness or some other reason.

But if players take a banned substance just to hit the ball farther or throw it harder, that's fraud. They should be banned for life. Period.

■ Tampa Tribune



Barring the embassy door isn't much of a strategy

Like bipartisanship as much as the next guy. Still, the Washington Post headline Monday was disheartening: "Embassy, consulate closures applauded on both sides of the aisle." I don't doubt that intelligence analysts had evidence indicating that a terrorist attack was imminent. I don't dispute that shutting down diplomatic facilities for a few days was prudent. I do worry that, a dozen years after 9/11, America's response to terrorism — applauded by Republicans and Democrats alike — is to turn out the lights and lock the doors.

And to persist in self-delusion. "Today, the core of al-Qaida in Afghanistan and Pakistan is on the path to defeat," President Barack Obama asserted in what was billed as a major speech at the National Defense University May 23.

Consider: (1) Ayman al-Zawahiri, who succeeded Osama bin Laden as AQ's Numero Uno, is an active manager who appoints commanders on battlefields from South Asia to the Middle East to North Africa. He holds conference calls, orders acts of terrorism and strategizes for a well-funded global organization. (2) If — despite what I've outlined above — core AQ is in decline, the fact remains that embassies and consulates in 17 countries were closed because the president believes AQ affiliates have the capability to launch serious attacks in all those places. That's not "the path to defeat" — it's more like the HOV lane.

One al-Qaida affiliate was defeated — by American troops in Iraq commanded by Gen. David Petraeus. But, as Thomas Joscelyn, my colleague at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, recently wrote, since those troops departed, "al-Qaida has redoubled its efforts in the country and expanded into



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neighboring Syria," where it is seen as the most effective fighting force. In Afghanistan, from which the U.S. also is withdrawing, "al-Qaida holds onto territory and its allies vie for supremacy." Groups that have pledged allegiance to AQ threaten other countries — the list has not been shrinking.

Nor is that likely until all these conflicts are recognized as what Joscelyn calls a "cohesive international challenge to the United States and its allies." Reasonable people can disagree over how best to meet that challenge but it should be obvious that concrete barriers and metal detectors are insufficient.

At a minimum, the administration should delay the fulfillment of its pledge to "end" the use of drones, a weapon that remains useful — as the administration demonstrated Tuesday when it launched a couple of them at al-Qaida combatants in Yemen.

In his speech, the president also called for the repeal of the 2001 Authorization to Use Military Force, Congress' declaration of war on al-Qaida. Current developments make clear why that would be unwise. As Joscelyn also reported, Interpol last week issued a "global security alert advising increased vigilance for terrorist activity" based on the fact that in recent days AQ and/or its affiliates succeeded in springing more than a thousand "mujahedeen" from pris-

ons in Iraq, Pakistan and Libya.

Those prison breaks should give the president second thoughts about his plans to release additional detainees from Guantanamo. Just last month, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula confirmed, in a video posted to jihadist websites, that its deputy leader and co-founder, Saeed al-Shihri, was killed in a drone strike. Al-Shihri, a Saudi, had spent six years at Gitmo. As CNN analyst Peter Bergen reported, that video was delivered by Ibrahim al-Rubaish — another Saudi formerly held at Guantanamo.

On Wolf Blitzer's program the other night, Bergen and I debated the state of al-Qaida. He continues to contend that the organization is "on life support." He noted that it has been years since AQ launched a successful attack against the American homeland.

True — but dumb luck played a major role in foiling the plot to bomb a passenger jet bound for Detroit on Christmas Day 2009, the plot to blow up cargo planes with bombs hidden in printer cartridges in 2010, and the plot hatched by the Times Square bomber also in 2010.

It's worth recalling that the first attack on the World Trade Center was in 1993. Over the eight years that followed, there were attacks on U.S. facilities in Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Tanzania and elsewhere — but not on American soil. The catastrophic attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, were, in large measure, the consequence of bipartisan complacency and self-delusion. History is a great teacher — but she requires attentive learners.

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A-Rod's great career staggers

On his first game back after a four-month layoff for hip surgery, third baseman Alex Rodriguez and his New York Yankees helped the last-place Chicago White Sox break a 10-game losing streak. The normally hard-hitting A-Rod, to use the New York tabloids' shorthand, contributed a bloop single in four at-bats.

It's likely a preview of how the 38-year-old Rodriguez — once arguably the greatest player of his generation and a sure Hall of Famer — will end his career. Major League Baseball determined he'd not only used numerous forms of banned drugs over multiple years, but he'd also tried to obstruct the league's investigation into their use.

Rodriguez was one of 13 players charged with using the drugs. (As baseball scandals go, it beats the Chicago "Black Sox," eight players banned from baseball for throwing



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the 1919 World Series.) A dozen of them were suspended for 50 games — including Detroit Tigers shortstop Jhonny Peralta and Texas Rangers outfielder Nelson Cruz, whose teams have World Series hopes.

MLB suspended Rodriguez for 211 games — basically the entire 2014 season. League rules permit him to keep playing while his case is under appeal, a process that probably will take him through this season.

The perpetually troubled Rodriguez had the contract and the

stats to justify the hopes riding him.

His 10-year contract, through 2017, is the sport's richest ever: \$275 million. He was named MVP three times and an All-Star 14. In 2007, at age 32, he became the youngest player ever to hit 500 home runs. Three years later, he did the same in reaching 600. He has 647 home runs.

The fans will turn out for the games. These are the Yankees, after all. When they see No. 13 take the field at third base — with his case on appeal, each game might be his last — they will see a player of age-diminished skills, which is only natural, and vastly diminished reputation, which is entirely his doing. The cruelest wounds are the self-inflicted.

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

OBITUARIES

Louis C. Alford

Mr. Louis Charles "LC" Alford, native Columbia Countian, passed Monday, August 5, 2013 at his resident. "LC" was born November 4, 1923 in Columbia County, Florida to Louis Charles Alford and Julia Jones.



Both parents preceded him in death. He was educated in the Columbia County School System. "LC" served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He was married to Arlethia Tate Alford on June 24, 1943. She also precedes him in death. He was employed with the Veterans Administration Hospital in the Food Service department, retiring January 3, 1984. Mr. Alford was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities. Left to cherish precious memories: devoted cousin, Lucille Stewart; loyal caregiver, Roosevelt Lake, Jr.; brother, Bennie Griffin, Jr.; sister, Catherine Thorpe; special cousin, Walter Jones; sister-in-law, Dorcas Combs; goddaughter, Carlette Clark Smith; hosts of other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mr. Louis C. Alford will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2013 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 248 NE Martin Luther King Street, Lake City, FL, Rev. Fatha M. DeSue, Pastor. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 9, 2013 at the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to **COMBS FUNERAL HOME**, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL, (386) 752-4366. Marq Combs-Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"

Ola Mae Gainer Dix

Mrs. Ola Mae Gainer Dix, age 83 Resident of Lake city passed away at Haven Hospice terminating an extended illness. She was born on July 4, 1930 to the late Mr. Frank and Mrs. Mary Brown Gainer. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Clifford Dix on March 22, 1955, and remained married to him for over 44 years until his death on September 20, 1999. While on earth, she was one of the best cooks in Columbia and surrounding counties. She loved cooking and feeding her family and the community. No one left her home without something to eat and often times with a carry home plat of food to enjoy later. She was happy and pleased to know that people enjoyed her labor of love coming from her kitchen. She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted daughter, Diana Gainer Spicer, her baby brother and last living sibling Lewis James (L.J) Gainer (Avon), two great nephews, she raised from childhood Lowell Reed, Sr. (Brenda) and Lester Reed (Billie), two step-daughters, Mytris Reddick (Willard), and Irene Holmes (Robert). One step-son, George Dix (Ruthie Mae), sister-in-laws, Edna Gainer, and Corine Dix. Brother-in-law, Rev. Ernest Lee Holmes, Sr., her daily telephone buddies Bessie Mae Newton, Leander Bennett, and Lucy Lewis, and a host of nieces, step nieces, nephews, step nephews, step-grandchildren, cousins, and caring neighbors and friends. Special Thanks goes to step-granddaughter Tina Simmons Pelham and great nephew Lowell Reed, Sr. for giving their flowers while she yet lived. Funeral services for Mrs. Ola Mae Gainer Dix will be 11:00am Saturday, August 10, 2013 at



Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Church, Lake City, Florida with Pastor, Robert Postell. The family will receive friends at cooper Funeral home chapel Friday, August 9, 2013 from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Interment will follow in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **COOPER FUNERAL HOME**, 251 N.E. Washington Street, Lake City, FL. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D.

Coreatha Gambles

Coreatha Gambles, age 77, resident of Gainesville, Florida slept peacefully away August 1, 2013 at ET York Care Center terminating an illness. She was the daughter of Mr. Willie and Mrs. Blannie Jones who preceded her in death. Two brothers, three sisters, two daughters and one son also preceded her in death. She attended the public schools of Columbia County. She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted husband of 63 years, Mr. Nathan Gambles, Sr., one son Nathan Gambles, Jr., three daughters, Lynn Johnson Gambles, Juditha Gambles and Darlene Gambles Denson all of Gainesville, Florida, Twelve grand-children, thirty great grand-children, a host of nieces, nephews and sorrowing friends. Funeral services for Mrs. Coreatha Gambles will be 1:00pm Saturday, August 10, 2013 at Home of New Beginning Restoration W2-Ministries Church, 993 N.W. Lake Jeffrey Road, Lake City, Florida with Bishop Ronald Williams, Jr. Pastor and Elder, Clyde Douglas officiating. The family will receive friends at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel Friday, August 9, 2013 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Interment will follow at the Watertown Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to



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Regina Brooker Raulerson

Regina Brooker Raulerson, 59 of Lake City, FL, passed away on August 5, 2013 at Vitas Hospice in Naples, Florida after an extended illness. She was the daughter of Mrs. Mildred [Wheeler] Brooker and the late Ira L. Brooker. Mrs. Regina had lived in Columbia County for 14 years, having moved here from Jacksonville, FL. She lived with her daughter and son in law in Naples for the past 3 1/2 years. She was a loving daughter, mother and grandmother that enjoyed taking care of animals but most of all she loved spending time with her grandson, Alastair. She is preceded in death by her father and her devoted husband of 34 years, George A. Raulerson. Survivors include her daughter, Becky (Jason) Armstead of Naples, FL; grandson, Alastair Armstead of Naples, FL; mother, Mildred W. Brooker of Green Cove Springs, FL; brothers, Rick (Sherry) Brooker of Green Cove Springs, FL and Bobby Brooker of Leicester, NC. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9, 2013 in the chapel of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Dr. Rodney Baker officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be Thursday evening, August 8, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 South U.S. Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. (386) 752-1954. Please leave words of comfort for the family online at www.gatewayforestlawn.com

City man arrested in attack on woman

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**
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Collins

A man faces battery charges after reportedly grabbing a woman by the hair in a domestic dispute at the local Longhorn Steakhouse on Wednesday.

Willie Lee Collins III, of 866 NW Dyson Terrace, visited Longhorn in order to leave his children with their mother, who was eating dinner there after a long day of work, the report said.

Collins discovered that the mother was eating dinner with a male friend

of hers, engaged in a verbal argument, dragged her out of the restaurant, beat her and "pulled her wig out," according to a report by the Lake City Police Department.

Officers arrived and found a large amount of hair in the woman's front shirt pocket, the report said.

Collins was booked into Columbia County Detention facility in lieu of \$2,000 bond.

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FUNDRAISER: Set for Saturday at Holiday Inn

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1 p.m. For a \$5 donation, attendees can indulge in a make-your-own sundae bar that includes gummy bears, chocolate syrup, nuts, whip cream and more.

At last year's event, the social drew 200 people to the sundae bar. Butler

expects to see a similar turnout on Saturday.

Elmo and Sponge Bob Squarepants will be at the event for the first time, along with a bounce house provided by Party Down 4 Less.

"It gets people to think about how precious life

is," Butler said. "It's symbolic to have ice cream for breakfast, like living every day like it's your last."

Cheney Brothers, Harvey's Supermarket, Sysco and Winn Dixie donated the ice cream and toppings, he added.

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you can bring a scoop of hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families, visit www.IceCreamForBreakfast.org.

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BRAWL: 3 jailed

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brothers-in-law, the report said.

It was also reported that Thomas attempted to use a tire iron during the scuffle, but was unsuccessful in landing any blows.

Deputies report arriving on scene and ordering the suspects to the ground at gunpoint.

Flowers, Thomas and Kimbrell were arrested and taken to the Columbia County Detention Facility.

Kimbrell was held on \$50,000 bond and faces charges of being an acces-

sory to public order crimes and obstructing justice.

Thomas was held on \$60,000 bond and faces charges of public order crimes, aggravated assault with a weapon and battery.

Flowers was held without bond and faces seven charges including aggravated assault with a weapon, battery, three firearm-related offenses, destroying evidence and a probation violation.

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—Ann and Patti Pickett

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John Richard Kari
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Parents meeting today at track

A Columbia High cross country team parents meeting is 5:30 p.m. today at the track.

For details, call coach Brooke Solowski at (352) 507-3091.

CHS SOCCER

Moe's fundraiser on Tuesday

The Columbia High soccer teams will host a Moe's Night fundraiser from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Moe's Southwest Grill on U.S. Highway 90 west. The soccer program will receive a percentage of the sales. There also will be a Mochi fundraiser the same night and the program will receive a percentage of the sales.

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

FORT WHITE BASEBALL

Election of officers Aug. 20

Fort White Babe Ruth Baseball's annual election for all positions is 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at the South Columbia Sports Park board meeting room. Anyone interested please call Jackie Brooks at (386) 527-2555 or send a letter of interest to P.O. Box 44, Fort White, FL 32038.

For details, call Sherry Miller at (386) 688-0832.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Registration for fall league

Columbia County Adult Softball fall league registration is ongoing through Aug. 30. Cost is \$250 per team and men's, women's, co-ed and church leagues are offered.

For details, go to columbiacountyadultsoftball@gmail.com, or call Pete Bonilla at 623-6561 or Casandra Wheeler at 365-2168.

ADULT BASKETBALL

All-star game, dunk contest

The RCC/AMN Adult League Basketball Program will sponsor an All-Star Basketball Game and Dunk Contest at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Lake City Middle School. Cost is \$10 per league player and \$15 per non-league player. Money and signed waiver forms are due by Aug. 21. Entry forms can be picked up at the Richardson Community Center weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the event is \$5.

For details, call Mario Coppock at 754-7095.

■ From staff reports

Tournament bound



John Norris (left) helps read the line as Nick Jones putts on the practice green in preparation for the Junior Team Championship tournament this weekend at Sandridge Golf Club in Vero Beach.

TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

Jones, Norris selected for state junior golf event.

By **TIM KIRBY**
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Lake City golfers Nick Jones and John Norris have been selected to play in the Junior Team Championship this weekend at Sandridge Golf Club in Vero Beach.

The tournament is sanctioned by the Florida State Golf Association.

Jones, a senior and four-year golfer at Columbia High, will play in the 16-18 Division. Norris, a sophomore at St. Francis Catholic High in Gainesville, is in the 14-15 age group. Each is one of a three-member team.

Jones and Norris competed on the Gainesville Junior Golf Tour during the summer and were chosen to play at Sandridge by Santa Fe High golf coach Frank Anderson, who heads up the Gainesville Junior Tour.

"There are about 20-25 in our (Gainesville) age group, so to be selected as one of the top three is pretty cool," Jones said.

Jones's teammates are Tyler Allen, who played at Buchholz High, and Nathan Allen, who played at Bradford High.

The format is two days of stroke play and the best two scores of the three players are counted. The 16-18 groups will play on the Dunes Course.

"It's cool to go and play a nice course," Norris said. "I hope to get in and play good. I heard the competition is really tough, but I will do the best I can."

Norris's teammates are Cameron Allen and Tyler McNamee. The 14-15 players will be on the Lakes Course.

The Gainesville Junior Tour visits The Country Club at Lake City and Quail Heights Country Club, as well as most of the courses in Alachua County during its summer schedule. The tournament at The Country Club at Lake City was rained out and both Jones and Norris were leading their

GOLF continued on 6B

Will Tiger, Phil renew their rivalry at PGA?

Two are ranked 1-2 in the world with both having stellar years.

PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Here they are again, back at the top of the world rankings.

Tiger Woods, No. 1.
Phil Mickelson, No. 2.

Wouldn't it be something if they went out in the final pairing of the PGA Championship on Sunday, dueling head-to-head with a major

title on the line, still the guys to beat after all these years?

Mickelson would certainly relish the challenge.

"I've always been a competitive person," Lefty said Tuesday, coming in from a practice round at Oak Hill. "I'm as motivated as ever to compete and to play and get the best golf out of me, to hopefully play against Tiger when he's playing his best. That would ultimately be the goal — I can play as well as I can at the same time he's doing the same."

"I would love that opportunity." Both players are on top of their

games entering the final major of the year.

Woods is coming off a seven-stroke win at the Bridgestone, his PGA Tour-leading fifth victory of the year.

Less than three weeks ago, Mickelson won the British Open with a dazzling final round at Muirfield.

While Woods is mired in the longest major drought of his career — more than five years — he's clearly bounced back from personal woes, a series of injuries, and major changes in his swing.

"I feel like my game's pretty

good," Woods said.

Mickelson is playing with similar confidence, especially after claiming the claret jug.

"I'm more motivated than ever to work hard to succeed, because I can taste some of my best golf coming out," he said. "I can feel it."

Woods and Mickelson have never been especially close off the course, that sense of underlying animosity only adding to their rivalry. Also, it was a one-sided affair for much of the late 1990s

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TGC — USGA, U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, second and third round matches, at Charleston, S.C.	
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL	2 p.m.
ESPN — Playoffs, Great Lakes Regional semifinal, at Indianapolis	5 p.m., 9 p.m.
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ESPN2 — Playoffs, Great Lakes Regional semifinal, at Indianapolis	
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MLB — Regional coverage, Detroit at Cleveland or L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis	
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Arizona	57	55	.509	5
San Diego	52	61	.460	10½
Colorado	52	62	.456	11
San Francisco	50	62	.446	12

Today's Games	
Colorado (Undecided) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 7-8), 12:10 p.m.	
Miami (Fernandez 8-5) at Pittsburgh (Cole 5-5), 12:35 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 6-10) at Philadelphia (E.Martin 0-1), 1:05 p.m.	
Milwaukee (D.Hand 0-3) at San Francisco (Lincecum 5-11), 3:45 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 10-3) at St. Louis (Westbrook 7-6), 8:15 p.m.	
Friday's Games	
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.	
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.	
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	
Baltimore at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.	

FOOTBALL

NFL preseason

Today	
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.	
Washington at Tennessee, 8 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 8 p.m.	
St. Louis at Cleveland, 8 p.m.	
Denver at San Francisco, 9 p.m.	
Seattle at San Diego, 10 p.m.	

BASKETBALL

WNBA schedule

Tuesday	
New York 93, Washington 88	
Los Angeles 74, Connecticut 72	
Indiana 64, Chicago 58	
Minnesota 93, San Antonio 80	
Seattle 80, Phoenix 65	
Today	
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.	
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	

GOLF

Oak Hill Country Club

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — A hole-by-hole look at the East Course of Oak Hill Country Club, site of the 95th PGA Championship which begins today:

No. 1, 460 yards, par 4: A good drive will shorten this hole because of the slope at about the 260-yard mark. That would leave a short iron at most into a fairly large green. There is out-of-bounds to the right and trees on the both sides of the fairway.

No. 2, 401 yards, par 4: A long iron off the tee will keep the ball short of deep bunkers on both sides of the fairway. Approach shots will need to stay below the hole, although a bunker guards the right front section of the green. The putting surface is quick from behind the hole.

No. 3, 214 yards, par 3: Deep bunkers guard both sides of this small green, and the worst miss is long and right. This usually ranks as one of the toughest holes at Oak Hill.

No. 4, 570 yards, par 5: This typically is the best birdie chance at Oak Hill, yielding about 50 percent more birdies than any other hole. It is reachable in two by the majority of players. The key is a big drive that moves left-to-right over a pair of deep fairway bunkers, with out-of-bounds on the right. Anything in the bunker will leave 160 yards for a third shot. The only difficult hole location is on a narrow knob in the back center.

No. 5, 428 yards, par 4: The tee shot must travel through a chute of trees for 215 yards, and then avoid a creek that winds into the landing area at the 250-yard mark. The left side features heavy rough. A good drive will leave a short iron into a green fronted by the same creek. The likely will be more bogeys than birdies on this hole.

No. 6, 175 yards, par 3: Four players made a hole-in-one during the first 90 minutes of the 1989 U.S. Open, and two players made an ace during the Ryder Cup in 1995. The green has a deep bunker on the right side and a creek that winds around the green on the left and front. Back right is the toughest hole location.

No. 7, 461 yards, par 4: This is one of the tightest driving areas with a fairway width of about 22 yards. A creek on the right side comes close to the fairway. A strong tee shot will leave a mid-iron to short iron into one of the smallest greens on the course.

No. 8, 428 yards, par 4: This is a straight hole, with fairway bunkers on the left side so deep that players might not be able to reach the green. Trees loom on the right side of the fairway. The green is relatively large, offering some interesting hole locations, especially back right.

No. 9, 452 yards, par 4: An uphill, dog-leg right that has rough so deep on the right side that the only option might be to chip back out to the fairway. The left side slopes away, kicking drives into rough. The fairway is 25 yards wide and looks much narrower. The approach is uphill to a green that is smaller in the back.

No. 10, 429 yards, par 4: This downhill hole plays shorter than its yardage, so expect players to hit iron off the tee because a small green requires approach shots to be struck from the fairway. Slopes in the fairway make the landing area tighter than it looks, especially with a bunker on the left and a creek on the right. The green has a small slope in the middle that makes it tough to get close to the hole.

No. 11, 226 yards, par 3: A creek winds to the right of the green, which is surrounded by bunkers. A traditional left-to-right wind will make it tough to get it close on some days.

No. 12, 372 yards, par 4: A subtle downhill slope that might tempt some players to hit drive. Trees guard both sides of the fairway. The smart play is a long iron off the tee, followed by a wedge or short iron.

No. 13, 598 yards, par 5: This is a difficult par 5 to reach in two, though the long hitters might be able to run their second shots onto the green. The drive should be kept short of the creek that bisects the fairway at 300 yards. The creek meanders down the right side, and fairway bunkers right and trees to the left make the layup no picnic. The approach should be kept below the hole because green is quick from back to front.

No. 14, 323 yards, par 4: A short par 4 will tempt some players to go for the green. Most players will opt for a long iron to get in the fairway for a second shot that is uphill to a two-tiered green.

No. 15, 181 yards, par 3: Downhill tee shot to a narrow green. The biggest fear is water on the right side, especially when the wind blows in that direction. Two bunkers guard the left side. Fans will be able to vote online on four options for the hole location for the final round.

No. 16, 439 yards, par 4: Most players can carry their tee shots far enough to catch a slope and pick up an additional 30 yards. The fairway is narrow in the landing area, with a slope on the left that kicks most balls into the deep rough. The green is guarded by a bunker to the right.

No. 17, 509 yards, par 4: Oak Hill packs a powerful punch at the end, starting with this dogleg right that must hug the right side to avoid running through into the rough on the left side. Heavy rough and pine trees guard the left side, and trees line the right side. The approach is to an undulating green that makes it difficult to get close to the hole. This hole traditionally yields the fewest number of birdies. The hole measures 14 yards longer than in 2003.

No. 18, 497 yards, par 4: A new tee adds 15 yards to this classic finishing hole, which requires a left-to-right tee shot. There are deep bunkers on the right, and hills and trees to the left, and it's difficult to hit the elevated green without being in the fairway. The green is set right at the base of a very steep hill, so anything short will not make it up the slope. The green is wide, but shallow.

GOLF REPORTS

Herring heats up in blitz

The dog days of summer are here and, as hot as it is, Joe Herring made it a little hotter blistering the Wednesday Blitz with a +7 performance.

Herring's +7 trumped Jim Munns' solid +5, which took second.

Todd Carter at +1 took third; however, his two skins and three closest to the pins on Nos. 3, 11 and 15 produced the largest payday.

The remaining skin winners were Randy Heavrin and Mike Kahlich.

Closest to the pin winners were Chris Sanders on No. 5 and Heavrin on No. 17.

The Friday Dogfight resulted in a tie for first at even between Randy Heavrin and Chet Carter. Joe Herring finished in third at -1.

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Chet Carter

Skin winners were Tony Kent, Phillip Russell, Al Cohoon and Carter.

Closest to pin winners were Kent on No. 3, Russell on No. 5, Larry Boone on No. 11, Don Horn on No. 15 and Bob McGraw on No. 17.

Monday's Top of the Hill results: first-Joe Herring, +4; second-Gerald Smyth, even.

Wednesday Scramble winner at 6 under was the team of Jason Watts, Ricky Crawford and Ken Kellum, edging out the team of Todd Carter, Chris Beckman and Richard Simmons which posted 5 under.

The pot rolled over.

Big field for Lafayette Rotary

Nearly 100 Lafayette Rotary Club boosters turned out for their annual fundraising event.

After a morning of scramble competition, bragging rights were still up for grabs when three teams finished in a first-place tie with net 59.

A scorecard regression gave the win to the foursome of Mike Harris, Dean Land, Tommy Chambers and Johnny Lee.

Second place went to the team of Brett Suggs, Travis Arnold, Jeffrey Barnes and Phillip Russell, followed by the team of Johnny Rhodes, David Rhodes, Dwight Rhodes and Rusty DePratter in third.

Skill shot winners were Billy Hadden for closest to the pin, Ehrin Beach for longest drive and Chuck Dana for longest putt.

Mike Gough lost a skin in the Sunday blitz when his eagle on No. 16 was matched by Keith Shaw, but he went on to take the blitz with a score of +10. Shaw was in second with +8.

Donnie Thomas (+6) placed third, three points up on Bruce Ford in fourth place. Timmy Rogers, Pete Skantos and Mickey Willcox tied for fifth.

Four skins were split by Skantos, Gough, Shaw and Thomas.

Steve Patterson was the big winner in Wednesday's blitz when his skin on

COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

Ed Goff

No. 5 stood up to claim the big pot hole.

Jordan Hale and Joe Paul both shot +5 to share first-place money in A flight. Dennis Crawford and Patterson tied for third with +3.

Pete Skantos (+8) had an easy win in B flight, doubling up the score on Rocky Ryals, Ed Snow and Emerson Darst, all tied for second.

Skins winners were Crawford with two, Bob Randall with one and Patterson with the biggie.

Carl Ste-Marie led his threesome to a 7-under-par score for first place in the Thursday PM Scramble.

Two other trios were at -5. The pot hole is up to a respectable level.

The LGA fielded three-person teams in a best ball format.

Suzi Davis, Peggy Radcliffe and Shirley Edelstein combined for a net 61 to take a three-stroke win over the trio of Jan Davis, Sally Rivers and Nicole Ste-Marie.

Caroline Stevens claimed the skill shot money with a chip-in on No. 5.

The Good Old Boys didn't produce any nail-biters in their weekly matches.

Mark Risk, Emerson

The CHS girls golf team three-person scramble tournament is Saturday with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament has gross and net winners so any combination of players can form a team and have a chance at the cash payout. Cost is \$75 per player and includes golf, prizes and lunch after the round. Sign up and reserve your teams spot by calling the pro shop at 752-3339.

The members and staff at Quail Heights offer our condolences to the family and friends of Alan Phillips. Phillips was as competitive in his golf game as he was in his battle with cancer.

He will be missed by all, but his competitive spirit is what will be remembered most by his golfing friends here at Quail Heights Country Club.

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	69	46	.600	—
Tampa Bay	66	46	.589	1½
Baltimore	62	51	.549	6
New York	57	55	.509	10½
Toronto	53	60	.469	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	66	45	.595	—
Cleveland	62	51	.549	5
Kansas City	57	53	.518	8½
Minnesota	49	61	.445	16½
Chicago	42	69	.378	24
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	64	48	.571	—
Texas	64	50	.561	1
Seattle	52	61	.460	12½
Los Angeles	51	61	.455	13
Houston	37	75	.330	27

Today's Games	
Detroit (Scherzer 16-1) at Cleveland (McAllister 4-6), 7:05 p.m.	
Boston (Lester 10-6) at Kansas City (B.Chen 4-0), 8:10 p.m.	
Friday's Games	
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m., 1st game; 8:10 p.m., 2nd game	
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.	
L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.	
Oakland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.	
Boston at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.	
Texas at Houston, 8:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	
Baltimore at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.	

NL standings

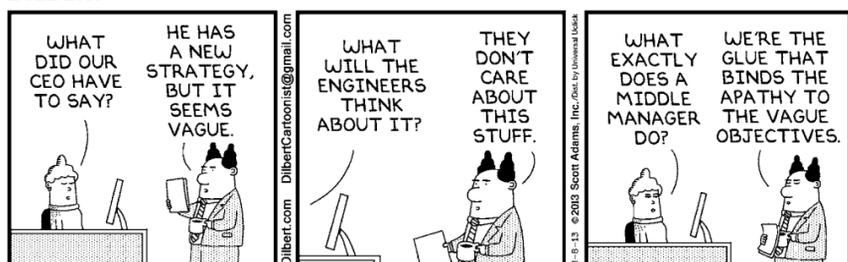
East Division				
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Atlanta	69	45	.605	—
Washington	54	59	.478	14½
Philadelphia	51	61	.455	17
New York	50	60	.455	17
Miami	43	68	.387	24½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	68	44	.607	—
St. Louis	66	46	.589	2
Cincinnati	62	51	.549	6½
Chicago	49	63	.438	19
Milwaukee	48	65	.425	20½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	62	50	.554	—

THURSDAY EVENING

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Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3-ABC	3	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Wipeout "As Seen on TV" (N) ☺	Motive "Framed" A nerdy gun collector.	(:01) Rookie Blue (N) ☺		(:01) Rookie Blue (N) ☺		News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Love-Raymond Rules/Engagement	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		The 10 'O'Clock News (N) ☺		Chann 4 News	(:35) omg! Insider
5-PBS	5	-	Journal	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) ☺		The This Old House Hour ☺	Flea Market Doc.	MI-5 ☺				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley ☺
7-CBS	7	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy ☺	Two and Half Men	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	(:01) Big Brother (N) (Live) ☺		Elementary "The Long Fuse" ☺		Action News Jax	Leterman
9-CW	9	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	The Vampire Diaries ☺		America's Next Top Model ☺		TMZ (N) ☺	Access Hollywood	The Office ☺	The Office ☺
10-FOX	10	30	Are We There Yet?	Family Guy ☺	Family Guy ☺	The Simpsons	Glee "Feud" ☺ (DVS)		New Girl "Katie" ☺	The Mindy Project	News	Action News Jax	Two and Half Men	How I Met/Mother
12-NBC	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! ☺	The Winner Is... ☺ (DVS)		The Winner Is... ☺	The finalists perform.	Hollywood Game Night (N) ☺		News	Jay Leno
CSPAN	14	210	350	(5:00) Public Affairs		Capitol Hill Hearings	Capitol Hill Hearings		First Ladies: Influence & Image	Elizabeth Monroe.	Capitol Hill Hearings			
WGN-A	16	239	307	America's Funniest Home Videos	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N) ☺		America's Funniest Home Videos	
TVLAND	17	106	304	(5:46) M*A*S*H	(:23) M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H ☺	M*A*S*H ☺	M*A*S*H ☺	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
OWN	18	189	279	Disappeared "Favorite Son" ☺	Disappeared "The Last Truck Stop" ☺		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Dateline on OWN A mysterious illness.		Dateline on OWN A couple marries.		Dateline on OWN ☺	
A&E	19	118	265	The First 48 "Unarmed; Bad Feeling" ☺	The First 48 ☺		The First 48 "Easy Money; Ambushed" ☺	The First 48 "Easy Money; Ambushed" ☺	The First 48 "Blood Feud" (N) ☺		Panic 9-1-1 "He's in My Room" ☺		(:01) Panic 9-1-1 ☺	
HALL	20	185	312	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Little House on the Prairie ☺		"A Taste of Romance" (2011, Romance)	Teri Polo, Bailee Madison. ☺	Frasier ☺	Frasier ☺	Frasier ☺	Frasier ☺	Frasier ☺	Frasier ☺
FX	22	136	248	Two and Half Men ** "Just Go With It" (2011) Adam Sandler, Nicole Kidman. A man's careless lie spins out of control.			Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (N)		Full House ☺	Full House ☺	Full House ☺	Full House ☺	Wilfred (N)	Wilfred
CNN	24	200	202	(5:00) The Situation Room (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) ☺		Piers Morgan Live (N) (Live)		Anderson Cooper 360 ☺		Erin Burnett OutFront	
TNT	25	138	245	✓/2013 PGA Championship First Round.	Castle "Pandora" (Part 1 of 2) ☺		Castle "Lincoln" ☺ (DVS)		Hawaii Five-0 "Pilot" ☺ (DVS)		Hawaii Five-0 "Ohana" ☺ (DVS)		Perception "Neuropositive" ☺	
NIK	26	170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob SquarePants	Patrick befriends a sea monster.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (N)		Full House ☺	Full House ☺	Full House ☺	Full House ☺	Friends ☺	Friends ☺
SPIKE	28	168	241	Cops ☺	Cops ☺		Cops ☺							

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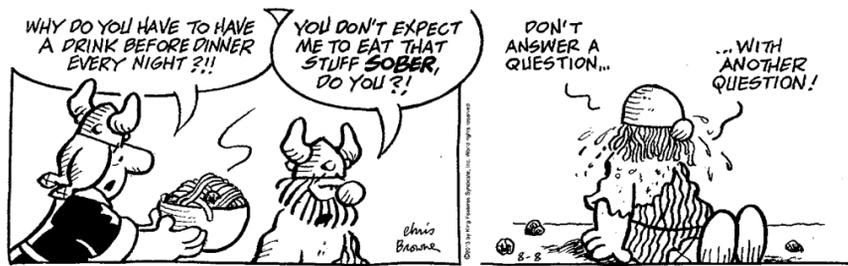
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DEAR ABBY

Contractor wants to fire his wife, but save his marriage



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I am a self-employed general contractor, and have been for the most part successful. My wife, "Janine," worked in the mortgage industry, but because of the economic downturn hasn't worked in three years.

After her mom provided some financial help to my business eight months ago, Janine decided she wanted to work for me doing the office work and book-keeping. Problem is, she doesn't show up until late afternoon and stays only a short while. She doesn't get any work done, and then she leaves. She constantly rushes to get the bills paid at the very last minute.

When Janine doesn't agree with me about something, she yells so loud I'm sure the people who work next door can hear her. I have talked to her about this, and we have fought about it. I tried to fire, her but she says if she can't work for my business, we might as well get divorced.

I love Janine and don't want a divorce. How can I get her to quit and still stay married? - NEEDS HELP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEEDS: Your wife's behavior is immature and inappropriate. If her being in your office is connected to the money her mother loaned you, my

my mom. - SURVIVOR IN MARYLAND

DEAR SURVIVOR: You deserve credit for not only being able to acknowledge your pain, but also emotionally mature enough to look back and not diminish the good things. It's a sign that you are healthy. Your feelings are normal, and you are to be congratulated for being able to view your history in its entirety.

DEAR ABBY: The women I work with are now starting to have grandchildren. That's great, but when did it become trendy to have baby showers for the grandmothers? I think this is over the top. What about you? - SHOWER OVERLOAD IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SHOWER OVERLOAD: I don't agree. It may have become trendy around the time that so many grandmothers assumed responsibility for raising their grandchildren. Or, the women may be so excited about welcoming a first grandchild that they want to celebrate with a party of their own. Because you feel differently, simply decline the invitations.

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advice is to repay it immediately before your wife's "dabbling" as a business partner disrupts the business any further.

If the only thing holding your marriage together is allowing her to play at working in the office, then I'm sorry to say you don't have much of a marriage. Wake up and smell the coffee. You need an assistant and your wife needs something else to occupy her time.

DEAR ABBY: I was abused as a child through my teenage years. I told my mom and we talked about it. My stepfather was the molester.

Part of me is still angry about what he did to me, but another part thinks fondly of the life we had as kids. What's wrong with me? Is it normal to have conflicted emotions about a person who hurt you? None of my siblings know about my past. My stepfather is deceased now and so is

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HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An opportunity to make a career move is evident. Reach out to past employers, colleagues or people you have met through industry events, and network your way into a position that suits the lifestyle you want to live.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A creative hobby can lead to extra cash if you market what you have to offer throughout your community. Working from home will give you more time to spend with your family, but it will be a difficult adjustment at first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work must take top priority. Whether it is at-home chores or a job you are doing for money, pay close attention to detail. An error will reflect on the way you do things and can lead to complaints or a demotion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A conversation will lead to interesting possibilities. Think outside the box, be innovative and get involved, but don't let anyone do your thinking for you. Take control and own the moment. Make your expertise count. Romance is highlighted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change is heading your way. Travel or visiting

unfamiliar places will give you ideas that can help you expand your interests and options. Check out the small-but-important details before you make a commitment. Good fortune can be yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Strive to be and do your best, especially when helping others. Those you help now will surprise you with something special when you least expect it. An unusual relationship will inspire and motivate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen carefully, but refrain from getting involved in an aggressive debate. Too much of anything will be your weakness. Prepare to accept whatever change comes your way, and do what you can to make it work for you in a positive manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make love, not war. Put your passion into the things you love to do and the people you enjoy being with. A change in the way you approach life will encourage you to change your surroundings or environment to ease your stress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your

ego in place. Too much confidence can lead to problems with someone you deal with at work or within your community. Concentrate on money matters and how to improve your current economic situation. A change at home will help you prosper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look over your contracts, assets or any pending matters that need to be brought to completion. Don't be afraid to do things a little differently. Uniqueness will entice people to take notice and support what you do. Love is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change of pace and plans will help you get back on track. Work-related matters may escalate, and the process of earning more money by using your skills in an unusual way will develop. A partnership that you question must be equalized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Speak up concerning any emotional matters that are making you feel unsure of your position or a partnership. Broaden your outlook, and you will create more options. Expand your friendships and engage in functions that will bring you into contact with influential people.

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.

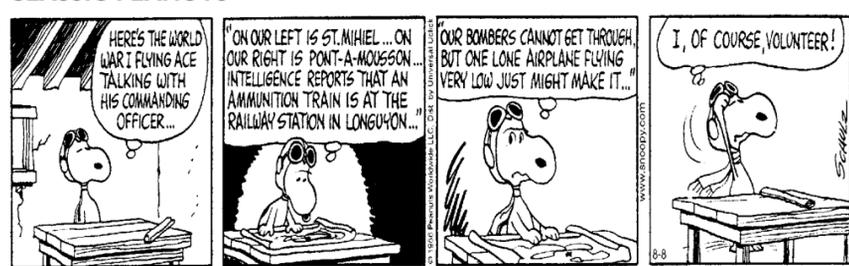
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Previous Solution: "I don't think about time. You're here when you're here. I think about today, staying in tune." - John Lee Hooker

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GOLF: Will play Sandridge Golf Club

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age groups at the time.

As it was, Jones played in three other of the Monday junior tournaments with one win, one second place and a tie for second. Norris had one win during the summer, with two thirds and two fourths.

At Columbia High, Jones qualified for region as a freshman, and he has a couple of top 10 finishes in the Hurricane Junior Tour, which encompasses the southeastern states.

"I actually played in this tournament two years ago," Jones said. "I played the course John is going to play. I'm playing pretty good, but there is always room for improvement. I have played in a couple of big tournaments and played well."

The St. Francis Wolves won district last year when Norris was a freshman. He dabbled in basketball, but golf is his game.

"I have played golf my whole life," Norris said. "We used to live out here (The Country Club at Lake City). My putting saves me a lot. I am not much of a long hitter, but I hit it on the green



TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

John Norris (left) and Nick Jones of Lake City were two of six boys selected to represent Gainesville Junior Golf in the Junior Team Championship this weekend at Sandridge Golf Club in Vero Beach.

and two putt. It's nice when I chip to a long distance and make the putt."

Jones is leaving today to

visit his grandmother, and Norris is going down on Friday when both will play a practice round.

PGA: Won six of 12 majors in '04-06

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and early 2000s, as Woods piled up major titles with staggering regularity while Mickelson developed a reputation as the best player without one.

But things began to heat up in 2004 when Lefty finally broke through to win the Masters. That began a three-year stretch where Woods and Mickelson combined to win six of the 12 major titles.

In 2005, Woods won the Masters and the British Open, while Mickelson closed the year with a victory in the PGA

Championship. In 2006, Mickelson earned another green jacket (and should've won the U.S. Open, if not for an epic blunder on the 72nd hole at Winged Foot), while Woods took the PGA.

Things cooled a bit in recent years, as Woods went through his well-documented problems and Mickelson endured a six-year span with only one major title — the 2010 Masters. With Lefty moving into his 40s, Woods struggling to get his game and his life back in order, and a long string of first-time

major champions stealing the spotlight, it looked as though the rivalry was fading.

Not so fast.

Woods has reclaimed his top spot in the world rankings with more PGA Tour victories (eight) than anyone in the last two years.

Mickelson has addressed two of the biggest flaws in his game, a shaky putting touch and wayward shots off the tee.

"I feel as though I started to play my best golf in the last four, five, six months," he said.

Union files appeal of Rodriguez's suspension

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Major League Baseball Players Association formally appealed Alex Rodriguez's 211-game suspension Wednesday, sending the case to an independent arbitrator.

Union spokesman Greg Bouris confirmed the

appeal and said the players' association had no further comment.

The three-time MVP was suspended through the 2014 season on Monday when the league penalized 13 players following an investigation into Biogenesis of America, a shuttled Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distribut-

ing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

The others accepted 50-game suspensions, but Rodriguez said he planned to fight. Union head Michael Weiner said the punishment for the slugger was "way out of line."

Rodriguez's punishment was scheduled to begin Thursday.

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