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**She'll walk with
a heavy heart**

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Tonight

CHS graduation

Commencement is scheduled for tonight for the Columbia High School Class of 2018, so travelers along U.S. Highway should anticipate detours, school authorities said. A CHS spokesperson said Lake City Police Department will direct traffic around road closures while the ceremony is underway. Traffic northbound along U.S. Highway 441 will be redirected by LCPD at the school detour to U.S. Highway 41, she said. The graduation ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the football field. Parking will be available on campus but there will also be overflow parking down County Road 252. Handicap parking accommodations will also be available.

Saturday

Blueberry Festival

The 25th annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival is set for 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Andrew's Square, 1340 Eighth Ave. Guests can start the day with a blueberry pancake breakfast, available from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, before checking out the Christmas in June Parade at 10 a.m. The Country Store will offer a variety of blueberry pies, cobblers, jams, jellies, syrups and more. More than 100 vendors will display an assortment of festival foods, crafts and activities for all ages. Hot-rod aficionados can check out a classic car and truck show, while animal lovers can head to the Scales and Tails live animal show at 11 a.m. Live bands will provide the tunes, with DJ Road Dogg Russell Howard and Starlight Sound as hosts.

SongFarmers to meet

The June Gathering of the SongFarmers of the Suwannee River Valley will be Saturday, June 2, from 7-9 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW Bascom Norris Drive, Lake City, Florida 32025.

Acoustic jam style format. Musicians, friends and families welcome. All ages and skill levels welcome. No charge.

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COURTESY

Thomacia Rowe of Lake City is \$1,000,000 richer after winning the Florida Lottery.

Scratch-off ticket good as gold

Local woman opts for one-time payout of \$748,000.

From staff reports

The Florida Lottery announces that Thomacia Rowe, 40, of Lake City, claimed a \$1 million prize in the \$10,000,000 World Class Cash Scratch-Off game at Florida Lottery Headquarters in Tallahassee. She chose to

receive her winnings as a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$748,000.00.

Rowe purchased her winning ticket from Fast Track Foods, located at 923 Southeast State Road 100 in Lake City. The retailer will receive a \$2,000 bonus commission for selling the winning Scratch-Off ticket.

The \$25 game, \$10,000,000 World Class Cash, features more

than \$549 million in total cash prizes, including two top prizes of \$10 million and 46 prizes of \$1 million. Overall odds of winning are one-in-2.89.

Scratch-Offs generated more than \$784 million for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund in FY 2016-17, state figures show, and constitute approximately 68 percent of ticket sales.

A father's dream fulfilled

CHS senior Bell will walk tonight with heavy heart.

By TONY BRITT
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Desmea Bell has waited her entire life for the opportunity to walk across the stage at the Columbia High School commencement exercises — to be her father's first daughter to graduate.

This evening, her dream will come true, at least in part. When she takes the

walk across the stage, she will do so with a heavy heart.

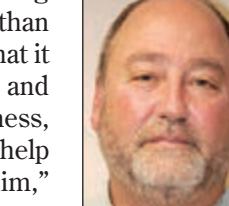
Last year Bell's father, Keith Bell, was killed in a traffic crash when his pickup truck ran into the back of a garbage truck.

"It really means a lot to graduate because graduating high school was something he wanted me to do," she said. "He really wanted me to graduate and go to college because I have two older sisters that went to high school and they ended up dropping out and getting their GEDs."

FATHER continued on 2A



Desmea Bell will graduate from CHS tonight, fulfilling a promise she made to her father, who was killed in a car crash in April 2017.



VANN continued on 2A

Vann gets retail group endorsement

Florida Retail Federation backs local Republican.

From staff reports

The Florida Retail Federation has endorsed retailer Marc Vann for the Florida House of

Representatives. Vann, a Republican, is running for election in House District 10 which includes Baker, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties as well as a portion of northwestern Alachua.

"As a small business owner

VANN continued on 2A

Vann

REUBEN GUTIERREZ

Murder suspect awaits transfer

Currently held in Gainesville.

By COREY ARWOOD
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The Wellborn man suspected of killing a woman and burying her in a shallow grave was mauled by a police dog and hospitalized overnight in preparation for his early morning booking into jail, a sheriff's official said.

With a \$1,025,000 bond Reuben Gutierrez, aka Ricardo Fuentes, 35, suspected in the murder of Delia Cruz, 32, will likely not leave Alachua County jail until his initial court appearance or transfer.

But Suwannee County Sheriff Sam St. John said they were working to have Reuben Gutierrez' bond revoked altogether.

SUSPECT continued on 2A

7 vie for state rep Dist. 10

Latest entrant: Son of county commissioner.

From staff and wire reports

With the addition of a Democrat this week, the list of candidates to succeed state Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, continues to grow.

Lake City Democrat Ronald Williams opened a campaign account Wednesday, becoming the seventh candidate to open an account in House District 10, according to the state Division of Elections website.

Term limits bar Porter from running again this year in the district, which is made up of Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee and parts of Alachua counties. Along

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The loss of internal controls, 5A



Murder suspect awaits transfer

SUSPECT

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For the moment, Gutierrez faces charges of burglary, larceny and resisting an officer, records show.

St. John said they were working locally on adding the murder charges.

"(They) definitely will be. Not sure just when," said St. John. "Since he's got all the other charges we know he's not going anywhere."

Gutierrez was arrested Wednesday after an all-night, multiple-agency manhunt led law enforcement from the gomes he and Delia Cruz shared in Wellborn to a vacant residence in Micanopy.

Alachua County Public Information Officer Brett Rhodenizer said around six SWAT teams from surrounding county agencies and state police descended on the town just after 8 p.m. Tuesday.

They had nearly wrapped up their day long search for Gutierrez when they got a tip he was in an abandoned home.

"It was all of our SWAT team plus at least five other SWAT teams," Rhodenizer said. "As soon as we had that sighting we were able to lock down a specific area. We were confident."

That's when Cheth Plaugher of the Alachua Sheriff's Office sent in K9



COURTESY SCSO

Fugitive Reuben Gutierrez is seen in a surveillance still from a convenience store on Tuesday, hours before his capture in Micanopy.

Officer Huk, who apprehended Gutierrez.

"Based on the nature of his injuries he got some first aid," Rhodenizer said. "We took him to the hospital, got him patched up and then he was booked into the jail."

St. John said Gutierrez and Cruz were in the process of separating after some time in a relationship.

However, they remained living together in their 41st Road home because of Gutierrez' probation

requirements, St. John said.

Their residence has a Lake City address but is in Suwannee County.

Gutierrez spent 10 years in prison for the attempted murder and sexual battery charges involving a previous girlfriend in Marion County, records show.

St. John said he believed Gutierrez did roofing work in Gainesville.

Cruz was declared missing by her family Monday.

"She had spent the night with some of the family on

Saturday and he picked her up on Sunday," St. John said.

Her body was found Tuesday afternoon buried about a quarter of a mile from the home, initial reports show.

Gutierrez was reportedly accused of her murder in a frantic phone call made by his sister to SCSO. She had locked herself in a gas station bathroom in Micanopy after he allegedly confessed the killing to her, SCSO said.

DIST. 10

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with Williams, son of long-time Columbia County Commissioner

Ron Williams, others who have opened accounts are Republicans Chuck Brannan, Benjamin Robert Leon and Marc Vann, Democrat Evan Tharpe Leslie and unaffiliated candidates Merrilee

Malwitz-Jipson and Fred Martin, according to the Division of Elections. Qualifying for legislative races is June 18 to June 22. Vann had raised \$54,730 as of April 30, while Brannan had raised

\$30,375 and lent \$25,000 to his campaign. Leslie is listed as a candidate on the state website, though no finance reports have been posted since he opened a campaign account in March.

FATHER

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He never really got the chance to see them walk across the stage with their class."

Bell's father had just dropped her little sister off to school when the accident occurred on State Road 47 in April 2017.

"They don't know if he fell asleep or what really happened," she said. "All they know is something transpired and he ran into the back of the garbage truck."

She said at times the effort it took to do her school work was hard and challenging, in light of when she was facing.

"Me graduating after my dad passed away is something I have to do," Bell said. "Even though I wanted to give up, I couldn't. I knew if I gave up I would let him down."

Now, only hours away from taking the walk across the stage, Bell said she is proud of the effort she's put forth in achieving the goal that she and her father wanted her to achieve.

Bell, 18, was awarded two scholarships to Florida Gateway College. She said after attending college her ambition is to someday become an FBI agent.

Trey Hosford, Columbia

VANN

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said FRF President/CEO R. Scott Shalley. "Marc has the experience and knowledge to make a difference in the Florida House for Sunshine State retailers."

Vann's family business, Vann Carpet One, which he currently runs with his brother Paul, has been operating since

High School principal, said it was inspiring to see a student work so hard toward graduation after suffering such a great personal tragedy.

"To see somebody face something I can't imagine going through, especially at that age — she's just an inspiration to others how she returned to school and made her mind up that she was going to graduate and pursue college," he said. "She's done it in a way that sets an example to everyone. A lot of people would give up, but she didn't. I'm extremely proud of her for that."

Hosford, who has known Bell since she was a student at Richardson Middle School, said she has matured since the incident and now has better focus.

"The middle school years are tough and I don't think she had a focus at that point," he said. "I think the accident kind of put things in perspective for her. When she returned, even though she had her rough days, you could see something about her that she had a focus that I hadn't seen before. She's a special person to be able to overcome what she did because a lot of people give up when something like that happens and she refused to do that."

Bell said she was depressed for a long time

after her father's death, often isolating herself from others.

Then one day, she told herself there are thousands of children who are in the same situation or worse.

"I was blessed enough to have my dad for 18 years because not a lot of kids have a father figure," she said. "I had my dad who was there and we talked about a lot of things. I just had to turn the negative, the way I was looking at things, into a positive."

Graduating also cements Bell's relationship with her dad. She said their relationship wasn't always good, and often they would "butt heads."

She was raised by Larry and Linda Williams and she said they helped motivate her to keep going.

"They played a huge role in me overcoming the depression and wanting to give up," she said, noting she also got words of encouragement from Pastor Isiah Shepard and his wife Sylvia. "They helped me grow up and put me through school, so when my dad wasn't really there, they were. They always encouraged me to forgive and mend the relationship with him. They're my support system. They're the reason why I am who I am. They're the reason I am finishing school."

1947. He has served on the Lake Shore Hospital Authority and as a board member for the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and the Columbia County Economic Development Advisory Board. He is a 35-year member of the Kiwanis Club.

"It is a tremendous honor to be endorsed by the Florida Retail Federation," Vann said.

The Federation embodies everything for which a small independent business like ours stands. For an organization of their magnitude to place their trust in me is truly humbling. I appreciate their support."

The District 10 seat is currently held by state Rep. Elizabeth Porter, a Lake City Republican who is barred by term limits from seeking another term.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

— Amos 3:3 (KJV)

Thought for Today

A sure cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree.

— Spike Milligan, 1918-2002, Irish comedian

Winning Lottery Numbers

Pick 3: (Wednesday p.m.) 3-7-8

Pick 4: (Wednesday p.m.) 1-4-7-9

Fantasy 5: (Wednesday) 6-16-17-21-31

See an error?

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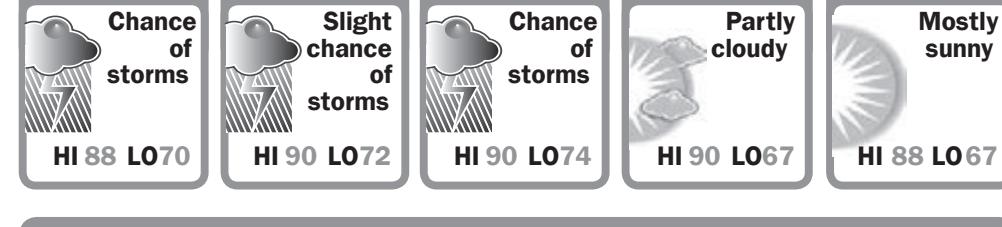
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THE WEATHER



REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Friday, May 1



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TEMPERATURES

High Thursday	87	Sunrise today	6:29 a.m.
Low Thursday	71	Sunset today	8:27 p.m.
Normal high	89	Sunrise tom.	6:29 a.m.
Normal low	67	Sunset tom.	8:28 p.m.
Record high	101 in 1945		
Record low	53 in 1984		

PRECIPITATION

Thursday	0.00"	Moonrise today	11:08 p.m.
Month total	4.45"	Moonrise tom.	8:58 a.m.
Year total	9.70"	Moonset tom.	9:49 a.m.
Normal month-to-date	2.48"		
Normal year-to-date	15.99"		

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Today

Dinner and dancing

Dances are held each Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court (behind Baya Pharmacy).

\$7 admission. Bring a dish or dessert to share.

All proceeds benefit the center. Call 386-755-0235 for more.

'Baby & Me'

"Baby & Me," a library program for parents and babies, is held on Fridays at 11 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

Saturday

Songfarmers meet

The June Gathering of the SongFarmers of the Suwannee River Valley will be Saturday, June 2, from 7-9 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW Bascom Norris Drive, Lake City, Florida 32025.

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Farmers market

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday in the parking lot at Marion Avenue and Duval Street, across from the Courthouse Annex. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more, call 386-719-5766 or visit [market.lcfla.com](#).

Potluck dinner

A potluck dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. occurs each Saturday at either Lake Butler Elementary School or Lake Butler



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Volunteers needed

Shands Lakeshore Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is seeking volunteer golf cart drivers. 4 hours per week. For more information, please call 386-292-8000, ext 21216.

Taking on Beetles

Landowners in North Florida can now sign up for a cost-share program to combat the devastating Southern Pine Beetle.

To obtain an application or to learn more about the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance & Prevention Program, visit <http://FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention>

Grief shares back on

Grief Share resumes its normal schedule meeting on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room at First United Methodist Church. The address is 973 S. Marion Ave. Lake City, FL 32024. Phone - 386-752-4488

June 21

Free medical clinic

Shepherd's Hands of Suwannee Valley will hold a free medical clinic at St. James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW Bascom Norris Dr. on Thursday, June 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It is for all people without health insurance and whose income is up to 200% of the poverty level. Help is available to determine income level.

CCFR awarded Firehouse subs grant

Columbia County Fire and Rescue is proud to announce that we have been awarded a Firehouse Subs Grant. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has provided Hurst Rescue Tools Extrication Equipment to CCFR in order to replace some of our outdated tools. This will enable CCFR to provide improved rescue capabilities for victims in motor vehicle accidents.

Social Club. Dress code is casual dressy and special occasion. Admission is \$10 for club members or \$12 for guests. For more, call 813-679-5390.

month to discuss ham radio technologies, training, communications and community events. Hams provide emergency communications during disasters and public events. Members provide training and support for the required FCC license and how to get started. Meets at American Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd at 7 p.m. For more, call 386-752-0987.

Tuesday

Volunteers needed

Lake City Medical Center Auxiliary needs volunteers who have a heart to serve. The auxiliary need volunteers for all positions. Those interested in participating in the program may pick up

an application at the Lake City Medical Center Gift Shop or the H2U office. For more, call 386-719-7713.

Club registration

The Boys' Club of Columbia County is accepting registration for the fall session. All children ages 6-14 are eligible to attend. There are bus pickups from all elementary and middle schools. Fees for the session are \$200. For more, call 386-752-4184 or visit the club on Jones Way in Lake City.

GeriActors

Residents are invited to join the Reader's Theater Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628

SE Allison Court.

Community vacation Bible School

Community Vacation Bible School - 2018 will take place at the Richardson Community Center during the week of June 4-8, from 6-8 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Jesus - the Kingdom Builder, with a strong focus on Church, Families and Community. All are invited.

Ages three through adults. Contact person is Minister Tanya Johnson at 386-628-7689. Host: Olivet Missionary Baptist Church.

Assistant needed

UF/IFAS Extension in Suwannee County is looking

Jackson, Vincent set to perform June 8-9

From staff reports

Lots of great country music coming up next weekend, June 8-9, with Mainstream Band Friday night and an EP party with Kellen Vincent and his band and Tori Jackson Saturday night at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla.

Mainstream Band of Fitzgerald, Georgia will take the stage Friday, June 8, in the Music

Hall. Mainstream Band has not only opened for national acts, but has headlined festivals such as The Ashburn/Turner County Fire Ant Festival and The Georgia Peanut Festival in Sylvester, Ga.

This band plays Southern rock, rock n' roll, classic rock, 50s - 90s and today's music with electrifying solos and dynamic duos.

They play everything from The Eagles, Bon

Jovi, Elvis, Luke Bryan and Jason Aldean to Blake Shelton and everything in between.

Doors to the Music Hall open Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., music begins at 8 p.m.

If you would like to rent one of our beautiful cabins, a spot to park your RV/camper or primitive camp for this weekend, one of our many other exciting events such as the Garth Brooks

Tribute Show June 23 or if you just need additional info, please call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

The SOSMP is located 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 at the beautiful Suwannee River off US 129 at 3076 95th Drive in Live Oak, Fla.

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Marcella Braddock Smith

Marcella Braddock Smith, 80, of Lake City, passed away on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at Lake City Medical Center.

Born August 7, 1937 in Jacksonville, Fla., to the late Ollie Rufus Bradlock and Frances Viola Owens. Mrs. Smith lived in Dowling Park, Fla., for 27 years then moving here to live with her daughter. She loved to plant her flower gardens, go to yard sales. She was a member of Dowling Park Church of God, loved her

family and church family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband of 59 years; William Robert Smith, brothers; Ollie R. Bradlock, Jr., Earl Thomas Bradlock, and sisters; Alice F. Bradlock and Katheren J. Guidry.

Survivors include her four sons; Robert Dennis Smith, Ronald Martin Smith, Rufus Leon Smith (Lisa), Raymond Lester Smith (Lora), two daughters; Rhonda L. Cheshire (Buddy), Robin Kimberly Smith, brother; Donald R. Bradlock, sisters; Frances V. Maggard, Gail Wescott, 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews also survivors. Graveside services for Mrs. Smith will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Sat-

urday, June 2, 2018 at Dowling Park Church of God Cemetery with Pastor Cagney Tanner officiating. Visitation with the family and friends from 5 - 7 p.m., Friday, June 1, 2018 at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the care of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL, 32025, (386) 752-1954.

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OUR OPINION

Wise words from CHS senior

Columbia High senior Desmea Bell found wisdom early on, at least compared to some.

Grieving the loss of her father, Miss Bell took a step back from her pain and gained great insight.

As she told staff writer Tony Britt in a story on today's front page, she suddenly realized her pain could have been a lot worse, and that she actually had it better than many.

It's a little more complicated than that and you can review her reasoning in full on Page 1A.

Still, that's quite a mature outlook for someone so young. It will serve her well the rest of her days.

That's not to say folks young or old should be passive in the face of setbacks, however severe.

If it's something you can fix, have at it.

If you need help in so doing, get it.

But things that can't be fixed or helped should be kept in perspective, if possible.

The corollary is of equal importance.

Just as some will always be worse off than you, others will always have it better.

Keeping score is fine, but don't get too obsessed with it. Keep your eyes on your own prize.

Good advice for all county graduates, from one of your peers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union. In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1812 President James Madison, in a message to Congress, outlined Britain's "series of acts hostile to the United States as an independent and neutral nation"; Congress ended up declaring war.

In 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with the British frigate HMS Shannon in the War of 1812.

In 1862 Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at age 77.

In 1916, Louis Brandeis took his seat as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the first Jewish American to serve on the nation's highest bench.

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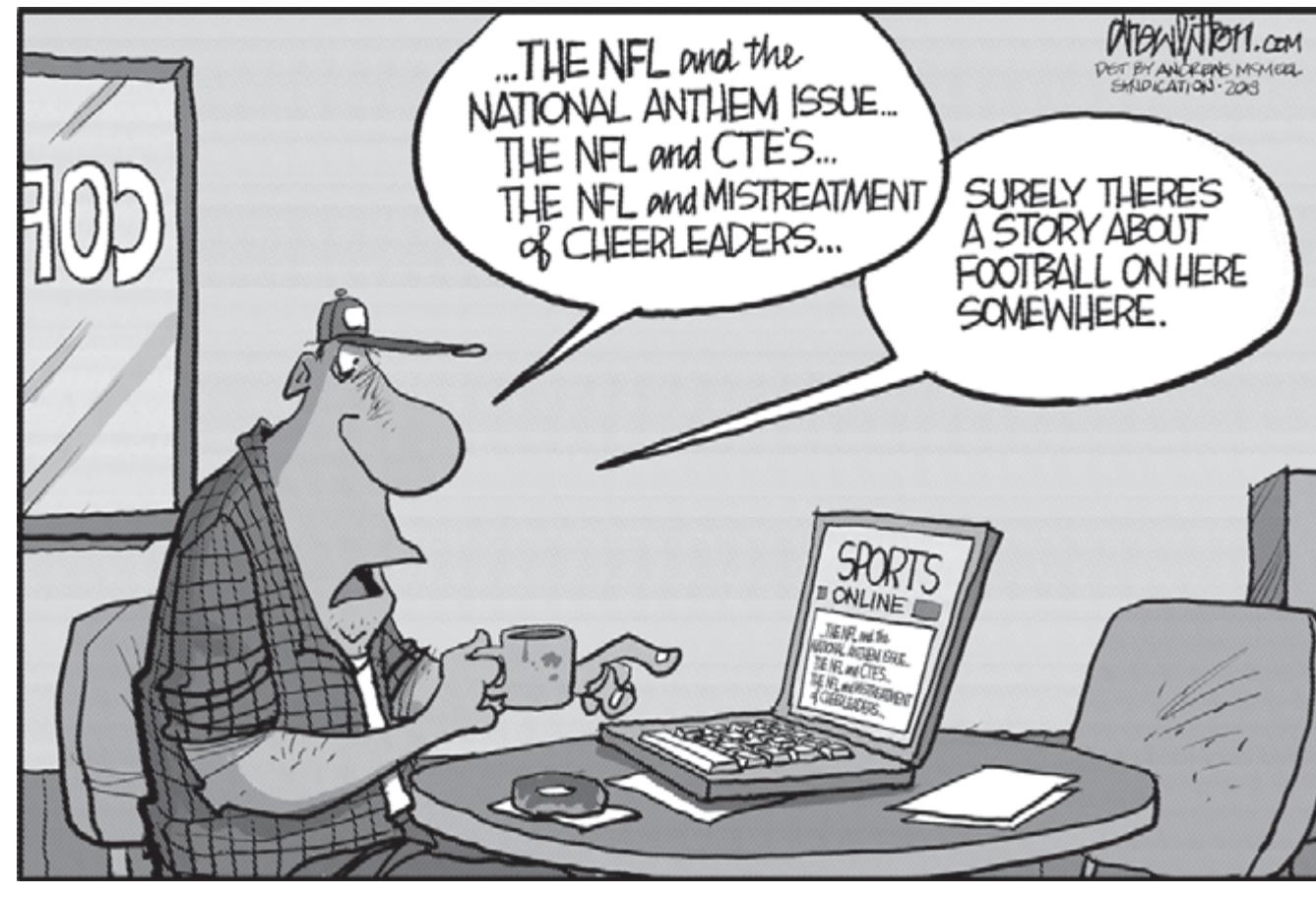
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BY MAIL: Letters, P.O. Box 1709, Lake City, FL 32056; or drop off at 180 E. Duval St. downtown.

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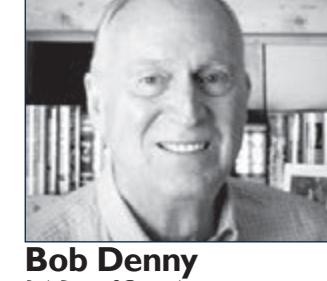
Say, how's your weather?

Stepping out my front door, I realized that the grass is starting to grow, with all the rain we've been having. I'm reminded of a few years back, when we allowed some of our lawn to grow, and allowed some nice oaks to grow from seeds that squirrels had buried and forgotten about. Over the years, those seeds became large, beautiful trees! Time slipped by. We didn't realize how big they would get, or how close they would be to our home. When a major limb broke off next to the home, with a crash, we woke up to the danger of a possible crushed home! Risks can creep slowly into our lives, and can become terrible catastrophes! We found some help to remove the closest tree before this year's storm season.

As time passes, your lawn can overcome you and become a disaster, while you snooze! It's true: The one thing we can count on is change. And as our entire planet changes gradually, if we don't notice the changes, we stand to lose so much more. Your own life can slip by, too.

What does it mean to you? It really makes no sense at all to choose sides, draw a line in the sand, argue, and defend your right to be right. Digging in with your heels can be a major problem, and keep you from working to fix the problem! Take a look at our Congress. They sometimes point fingers at each other, and focus on making the other side look bad, instead of looking for constructive, positive solutions to major issues. I'm pretty sure there's a better way.

What can you do? Instead of tak-



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ing sides, and contributing to divisiveness and polarization, listen to all ideas, to both sides of an issue, and appreciate, respect, and consider others' opinions. Cooperate. Wouldn't it be better if we didn't just base our opinions on our own

When we make choices, we can base them on love: for our families, our planet, our community, and our fellow man. We can look for those 'win/win' situations.

interests, but those of our community, the common good, and all of humanity?

Take charge of your own life, your own turf, and your responsibility as a part of your world. What are the best choices you can make for yourself, for your own issues, for each and every one of us, and for the Earth? We each have the opportunity to offer our opinions, and to vote, and we can help with resolving some major world problems.

Maybe that's better than allowing and trusting the government to do

it for us, or allowing the richest 1%, or some large corporations, to influence those politicians. What's good for the Earth, and each and every one of us? It's our planet, and our people.

On the community level, and the global level, the same principles apply. How about the "Serenity Prayer"? What can you do something about? What can't you fix by yourself? Change what you can fix, accept what you can't, and have the wisdom to know the difference! (I paraphrase.)

When you make your decisions, consider the many ways and creative ideas of how we could better recycle, reuse, restore, refurbish, reduce waste, and conserve natural resources. Does it really matter, whether changes are natural, or caused by human activities? It may be more important to focus on what we can do to make it better. When we make our choices, we can base them on love: for our families, our planet, our community, and our fellow man. We can look for those "win/win" situations. They're really out there, and they're workable.

Make your own life, your community, and the Earth, the best we can be. Be a good "chess player" — try to think five or more moves ahead. Make tomorrow better than yesterday. Join with me, and let's make the most of what we've got to work with, and make the world a little better because we're here.

■ Bob Denny, LMHC and retired instructor at Florida Gateway College, would appreciate your feedback. Please address your comments and suggestions to Bob. Bob.Denny8@gmail.com or phone (386) 454-4950.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consolidation: Who will be in charge?

To the Editor:

There is talk regarding the advantages of consolidating our county government, but before we can approve such a move there are many issues to consider. In my opinion, this has the potential for saving the county millions of dollars. But let's not forget that everything that glitters is not gold. Namely, who would administer this mammoth undertaking? My first thought is our county commissioners, but is that a good thing or not?

Unfortunately our commissioners are elected by districts. While our five commissioners do an excellent job of representing their individual district, we have witnessed commissioners not always showing the same interest regarding what is happening in other districts. Our BOCC should be representing the entire

county, not just individual districts. Anyone can easily understand that our county would be much better served if our commissioners were elected county wide. But that is not going to happen.

On Thursday evening, May 17, over 100 people living in the Price Creek area, C-245, requested that our county commissioners not approve a rezoning request that would change our quiet residual community into industrial! Before we were given the opportunity to speak, the Realtor requested the commissioners not take action on his request until their June 7 meeting. For reasons that I don't understand, the commissioners agreed to his request.

However, the board did allow people against the rezoning request to explain their rationale for objections or concerns. Twelve people

addressed the board with good, solid reasons for requesting the commissioner's help in protecting our community. Now we have to wait until the June 7 meeting to find out if our commissioners will support the people living in our community, or stand with the Realtors.

As we move toward the possibility of consolidation, it would behoove every voter to better educate ourselves regarding how we could best be served by our elected officials. Please mark your calendars to attend the Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 7 (this Thursday) at 5:30 pm at the school board administrative building on U.S. 90 West. Come out and observe our government at work. I hope to see you there.

Edward Hunter
Lake City

Lake City: Last bastion of conservatism?

To the Editor:

We are months away from our elections. I would like to see everyone vote. Before you do vote, don't just listen to what the candidates say, see what they have done in the past. Are they saying the opposite of what they have done? If so they will probably do what they have done

in the past. Vote for what they have done, not what they say they are going to do, we are creators of habit and normally don't change.

For those of you new to our area and conservative views, think of why you moved here. Could some reasons be lower taxes, less crime, lower homes cost. If these are some of the reasons, maybe you should

become more conservative in your vote. It appears the liberal view of helping everyone has increased taxes and crime. If the liberal stance takes over, where will we move to?

Irv Crowetz
Lake City

CHURCH CALENDAR

Revival

Bethel A.M.E Church will be having their annual Spring Fire Revival on Thursday and Friday, June 7-8, with Rev. Toby Johnson as the revivalist. For more info. contact the Rev. Sha'Leda Mirra at 386-984-6618 or Sister Lena Lofton at 305-281-1986.

Pancake breakfast

Pancake Breakfast, Sat., June 9, from 8am to 11am, at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, located at 145 SW Sweetbreeze Drive, Lake City (386-752-3807) – take US-90 West past Harvey's Supermarket. Takeout available. Note: We will not be having our monthly Fried Chicken Dinner for the month of June due to graduations, etc.

Ring to speak at Live Oak Church of God

David Ring will present Iron Sharpens Iron, and all men and boys event on June 16 at 7 p.m. at Live Oak Church of God, located at 9828 129 S., Live Oak. A Cerebral Palsy patient will share how he became a Cerebral Palsy VICTOR!

VBS

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will host "Moose on the Lose" 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. on June 18-22. Bible Study, snacks games and crafts. For more information contact Pastor Bob Hazel at 386-963-2047 or 386-213-0589.

Have An Evangelistic Explosion Experience on June 23

Shekinah Community Baptist Church is sponsoring an Evangelistic Explosion Experience. Pastor Leroy Murry, Rev. Bruce Hill and the congregation invite you to come and share with them from 4-7 p.m. on June 23, 2018 at 950 N. Marion Ave. There will be preaching, testimonies, singing, food and gift bags. Look forward to seeing you there!

GriefShare

First United Methodist Church (973 S. Marion Ave., Lake City) offers a nondenominational Bible-based support group on Tuesdays for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the church's youth room. The meetings are open to the community, and participants do not have to attend every session. For more, call 386-752-4488.

Celebrate Recovery

Wayword Ministries (315 NW Brown Road, Lake City) offers a support group for anyone facing an addiction at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. For more, call Brad at 386-466-4083, Terri at 386-234-0577 or Pastor Don Lewis at 386-965-3007.

Christian Singles

Christian Singles meet at 5 p.m. Saturdays at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church located at 5056 SW SR 47, Lake City, one mile south of I-75

KING

Continued From 5A

though highly evolved are animals.

All of the school shooters were either a current or former student of the school they attacked. If we teach our children they are animals why do we think they should not act like animals. We spin our wheels trying to change external controls like gun laws instead of fostering internal controls that would prevent much of what we witness now.

The first murder in the Bible was when Cain killed his brother Able. We do not know how he killed him, but I am convinced he did not use an assault rifle. Maybe we should be teaching our children they have an Image to live up to instead of a lineage to live down. We thought we were wise to ignore God but we have become fools (Romans 1:22), and our children are paying the price.

■ Gary B. King welcomes comments or questions and can be reached at garybkingcc@gmail.com. Christian Concepts is archived at gbkcc.com.

LAND

Continued From 5A

Your life consists of the time between your appointed birth and death; how will you spend it? Choose carefully, because your heart (and your life) matters!

Congratulations and Blessings!
Angie

■ Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families. Contact Angie with questions or comments at landangie4@gmail.com

Church removing statue it deems too 'Catholic'

Associated Press

sor of Baptist studies at Wake Forest University.

"Almost week to week there's another incident in which southern Baptists portray themselves ... having convictions that look like bias and prejudice in the larger culture," Leonard said. "The bias is so deep that they even think they have the wrong Jesus is in front of their church."

In his own letter responding to Wright, Baker explained his vision of the art, saying it was meant to show Red Bank Baptist had a focus on Christian outreach.

"This is why Christ is represented as though he is stepping outside of the building, not just confined to the idleness of inner walls," Baker wrote in the letter, which his friend also posted on Facebook. "Under each arm, the reliefs depict scriptural and historical events that we as Christians believe represent the life of Christ."

The reason that has been given for removing the art makes no sense, Baker added, because a large sign out front identifies the building as a Baptist church. Instead, the explanation makes it appear that congregants are disparaging Catholics, Baker wrote.

"I was obedient to my Lord in creating it and after much prayer I must respectfully decline to take part in its removal," Baker wrote.

Baker did not respond to telephone messages from the AP on Wednesday.

St. Paul archdiocese reaches \$210M clergy sex abuse deal

Associated Press

Anderson said a formal reorganization plan will now be submitted to the judge for approval, and then it will be sent to the survivors for a vote. Anderson expected they will readily approve it.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda said he was grateful to victims who came forward.

"I recognize that the

abuse stole so much from you, your childhood, your innocence, your ability to trust ... your faith," he said, adding that he hopes the settlement brings closure to those who were harmed. "We've been working with them very carefully to try to formulate this in a way that benefits them to the maximum."

McGee to perform tonight

From staff reports



Barry McGee will entertain and minister at 7 p.m. this evening at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

Barry, who has won thirteen Christian comedy awards across the country, sings, plays guitar, and portrays a variety of characters to get his message

across.

He is best known for comedy routines with him playing the part of country bumpkin "Harvey Tater." Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is free and open to all.

The church is located at 1272 SW McFarlane Ave in Lake City next to Summers School.

Ring to speak at First Baptist

From staff reports

David Ring will speak at First Baptist Church of Lake City on Sunday, June 17, Father's Day, at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Parking is available.

Ring was born with cerebral palsy on October 28, 1953 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. After being orphaned at an early age, David was cast about from "pillar to post." Life seemed worse than hopeless to him until his relationship began with Jesus Christ, Who taught him self-respect and an acceptance of his physical challenges.

As a nationally known speaker since 1973, David shares his story with over



100,000 people each year at churches, conventions, schools and corporate events.

He has been featured on numerous occasions on "The Old Time Gospel Hour" with Rev. Jerry Fallwell, as well as other nationally televised programs.

David always focuses on an individual's need to overcome personal handicaps and adversities of life. As one who has not been stifled by his physical limitations, he clearly states his challenge to everyone, "I have Cerebral Palsy - what's your problem?"

To most, physical challenges of this magnitude would prove to be a tombstone. For David Ring, his coming of age was, and remains, a milestone.

Five day gospel jam set for Sept.

From staff reports

MADISON — Jellystone Park Jam, one of North Florida's largest multi-day gospel music events, is just months away and over two dozen of gospel music's finest artists are scheduled to appear throughout the weekend. The event will take place at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, Florida on Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 12-16, 2018. Admission to all Jam events is free.

Jellystone Park Jam will kick off on Wednesday night with the Sing out! On Wednesday night, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., guests will enjoy performances from local groups, church choirs, duets and soloists. Local talent is encouraged to register on the event website and be a part of this fun event!

On Thursday evening, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., with an evening concert featur-

ing Sunday Drive, Ricky Atkinson, the Segos, Stephen Jones Band, LifeSong and Jessica Ratliff.

On Friday evening, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m., LifeSong, Ferguson Family, Groves Family, Kevin Lane, Harper Brothers, and Amber Lee Abbott will perform.

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m., the Spradlen Promotions matinee concert will feature Psalm 101, New Floridians and the Bunkleys.

Saturday evening's concert at 5 p.m., will feature the Gibbs Family, Logan Smith, the McMillans, LifeSong, Reflectsons, Southern Joy, Hunter May and New Tradition.

For concert information, please call (850) 464-0114 or visit www.JellystoneParkJam.com.

For information regarding reservations, please call Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at (850) 973-8269.

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The Florida Gateway College men's basketball team is holding open tryouts at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The gym opens at 11 a.m. Participants must bring a current physical with them to tryout.

Section B

WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES



COURTESY

Florida's Jordan Roberts rounds the bases following her two-run home run in the fourth inning against Georgia in the teams' Women's College World Series opener.

UF powers past UGA in WCWS opener

Ocasio throws another complete game, hits 3-run homer in win.

By CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Aleshia Ocasio came through again, as she often has during her Florida career.

The senior hit a three-run homer and pitched a complete game to help Florida beat Georgia 11-3 in five innings Thursday in the Women's College World Series.

Ocasio gave up three runs and seven hits and allowed Florida coach Tim Walton to save ace pitcher Kelly Barnhill. Hannah Adams had two hits, including a solo homer and Jordan Roberts had a two-run blast for the second-seeded Gators (56-9).

"I think, the one thing that I praise our coaches and our staff is to do the best job they can and know our personnel," Walton said. "We felt like Aleshia was the best match-up with Georgia swingers. Her athleticism in the circle, a lot of things led to that decision."

Ocasio improved to 23-7 for the season. It was the 71st pitching win of her career.

Ocasio got help from her teammates. Roberts entered the game as a pinch hitter for Jordan Matthews and delivered the homer in the fourth inning.

"I've thought about this since I was a little girl," Roberts said. "It's just awesome to be able to answer to the call. My dad

GATORS continued on 6B



JORDAN KROEGER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia's Yassin Raffay signed his national letter of intent on Thursday to run cross country and track at Seminole State College while surrounded by family, friends and coaches.

Columbia runner Yassin Raffay signs with Seminole State College.

By JORDAN KROEGER
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Coaches, mentors and teammates spoke.

Plenty of tears were shed. There wasn't a soul in Columbia's auditorium that had a bad word to say about Yassin Raffay.

Born in Sudan, set to one day become a surgeon, Raffay

was also born to run. He ended his senior season with an exclamation point at the Class 3A track & field state meet, medalizing with an eighth-place finish in the 3200.

But Raffay wanted more. He wanted to run in college. Finally on Thursday, he dream of running at the next level came to fruition.

Raffay signed his national letter of intent with Seminole

State College in Sanford where he'll run both cross country and track. The soon-to-be Raider fell in love with the sport from the start and knew right away that he wanted to run collegiately.

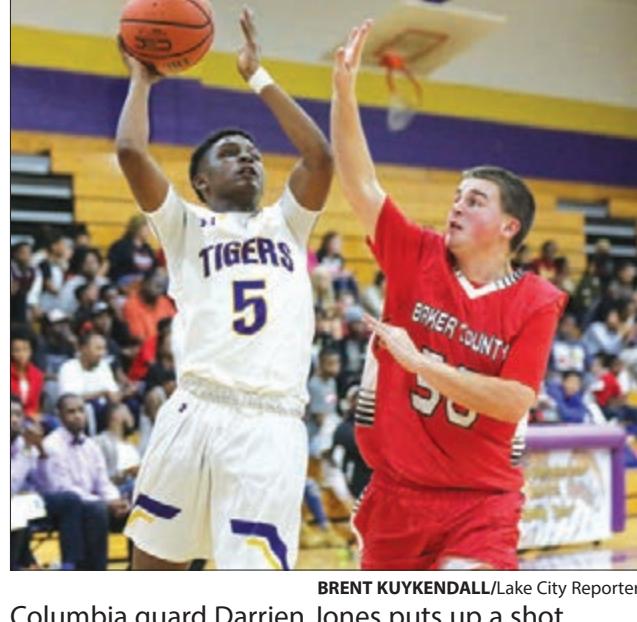
"The further I went into it, the more I wanted to pursue it because I knew my potential. I knew how good I could get," Raffay said. "I knew I wanted to go to a nice college with a

great coach and improve as much as I can because I'm really good at it."

But it wasn't until a few weeks ago that Raffay's scholarship was made available. In fact, it sort of came out of nowhere.

Raffay was running at his first ever AAU meet at the University of Florida, just

RAFFAY continued on 6B



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter
Columbia guard Darrien Jones puts up a shot against Baker County this past season.

CHS SUMMER LEAGUE

Boys of summer

Columbia boys basketball opens summer exhibition this weekend at Williston.

By ERIC JACKSON
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School's out for the summer. Columbia basketball, though, is just getting started.

The Tigers are set to open their annual summer league at this weekend's Levy County Summer Shootout tournament in Williston. Columbia's basketball team looks

forward to facing some stiff competition throughout this month starting on Saturday afternoon.

Columbia aims for another strong start to the summer season after winning the same event a year ago. For the younger Tigers, it's a perfect opportunity to continue to tweak their game, especially with Jordan Smith, Marquez Bell and Bobby Fulton out of action. All three standouts are expected to play sparingly this month with summer 7v7 football heating up.

"They're still going to be around,

SUMMER continued on 6B

NCAA TOURNAMENT

O'Sullivan turns to Billy D for help

UF baseball enters regionals losing 6 of its last 7 games.

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — With his baseball program mired in its worst slump in five years, Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan wanted a different voice to talk to his players.

Thumbing through his phone, one name stood out: Former Gators basketball coach Billy Donovan.

Donovan happened



Columbia (20-28)
at Florida (42-17)

When, TV: Today, 12 p.m., ESPN3
Series history: UF leads 4-0
Last meeting: Gators beat Lions 8-4, Mar. 5, 2017

to be in town, too, so O'Sullivan lined up the high-profile guest to speak to the team Wednesday. The Oklahoma City

HELP continued on 6B



Former Florida coach Billy Donovan yells at his team in a game against Mississippi State on Jan. 10, 2015 in Gainesville.

NBA FINALS

Warriors withstand James' 51 points to win Game 1

By JANIE McCUALEY
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry scored 29 points and the Golden State Warriors capitalized on a Cavaliers blunder that sent the game into overtime, withstanding a brilliant 51-point performance by LeBron James to beat Cleveland 124-114 in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night.

The game nearly over, James jawed with both Curry and Klay Thompson, then Tristan Thompson and Draymond Green tangled moments later and

made contact. After replay review, Tristan Thompson received a Flagrant 2 foul and ejection with 2.6 seconds left.

James was in utter disbelief as regulation ended in stunning fashion: George Hill made the first of two free throws with 4.7 seconds left after being fouled by Klay Thompson, then J.R. Smith secured the rebound and dribbled back toward halfcourt, apparently thinking the Cavs had a lead.

Instead, OT. Game 2 is Sunday night back at Oracle Arena.

GATORS continued on 6B

SCOREBOARD

TV LISTINGS

Today	COLLEGE SOFTBALL		
AUTO RACING	7 p.m.		
11:30 a.m.	ESPN — NCAA World Series, Game 5, Oregon vs. Washington, at Oklahoma City		
FS2 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Pocono 400, practice, at Long Pond, Pa.	9:30 p.m.		
1 p.m.	ESPN — NCAA World Series, Game 6, Florida vs. UCLA-Florida St. winner, at Oklahoma City		
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5:30 p.m.	3 p.m.		
FS2 — ARCA Series, General Tire AnywheresPossible 200, at Long Pond, Pa.	FS1 — USGA, U.S. Women's Open, second round, at Shoal Creek, Ala.		
COLLEGE BASEBALL	MLB BASEBALL		
Noon	8 p.m.		
ESPNU — NCAA Tournament, Tallahassee, Fla. Regional, Oklahoma vs. Mississippi St.	MLB — Regional coverage, Boston at Houston OR L.A. Dodgers at Colorado		
2 p.m.	MIXED MARTIAL ARTS		
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Greenville, N.C. Regional, Ohio St. vs. South Carolina	8 p.m.		
4 p.m.	FS1 — UFC Fight Night, prelims, at Utica, N.Y.		
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FS1 — UFC Fight Night, Jimmie Rivera vs. Marlon Moraes, at Utica, N.Y.

WNBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.

ESPN2 — Phoenix at Minnesota

Saturday, June 2
AUTO RACING
9:30 a.m.

FS1 — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Pocono Green 250, qualifying, at Long Pond, Pa.

11:30 a.m.

FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series

DEAR ABBY

Recinded vacation invitation causes bad blood in family



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My son "Jeff" is wealthy and lives in another state with his wife and family. His wife has now moved her mother to where they live and she works for my son. Jeff and his family take vacations several times a year in the U.S. and out of it, and always include her mother or her father and his wife.

Two months ago, he invited his sister and niece to go with them. They were very excited, but a few days later he called them and said his wife wanted her mother to go, so the invitation was withdrawn.

My son and his wife don't think they did anything wrong, but there have been bad feelings ever since, and they continue to take her family everywhere. How would you handle this? Would you keep silent or speak to them? — **NOT INVITED IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR NOT INVITED:

It appears your son's wife rules the roost. I don't blame your daughter for feeling hurt, because what your son did was insensitive and rude.

The problem with keeping silent is that hurt feelings fester and grow. If it were I, I wouldn't fume in silence. Your daughter should talk to her brother about what happened, and point out how hurtful rescinding the invitation was to her and her daughter. Getting it off her chest may make her feel better.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 69-year-old woman. I look

phones on, I tapped her on the shoulder and indicated that it was unsanitary to put one's feet where normally a passenger's head should be. I got a dirty look for my efforts, and the young woman made quite a scene.

Should I have ignored the situation, or said something to the flight attendants? What do you recommend? — **UNSANITARY IN THE EAST**

DEAR UNSANITARY: If you had quietly alerted the flight attendants and let them handle it, you would have spared yourself the unpleasantness you experienced. That's what I would recommend.

DEAR ABBY: I read your letters every chance I get. They remind me that I'm not the only one with problems, but sometimes I just feel so empty.

I have random bouts where anything can send me into a crying jag and all I want to do is hide and go to sleep. I can be watching a funny TV show and out of nowhere feel like I need to run away and cry. It scares me that my moods can swing so drastically. I can also become angry every now and then when it's unprovoked.

I don't know what to do. My boyfriend tries to help, but he's at a loss as well. My medical insurance doesn't cover psychological help. Can you give me any advice? — **CRYING MYSELF TO SLEEP**

DEAR CRYING: Check again with your insurance carrier, because your primary care provider may be able to order psychological

services for you. If, however, that's not possible, your county department of mental health may be able to help you find counseling on a sliding financial scale. Or, contact a university with a medical school, if one is close by. Ask to speak to the Department of Psychiatry and inquire if someone on the staff deals with the problems you're experiencing.

If you live in a town with a college, find out if it has a psychology department and a graduate school. If so, does that graduate school have a psychology program and clinic that charges on a sliding scale and is the clinic staffed with graduate students? If not, inquire if someone on the staff of the department sees people privately and get the phone number.

Individuals can also get referrals from mental health organizations. The largest credentialled ones are the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the National Association of Social Workers. All of these organizations have professional standards and are legitimate resources.

I know this is a longer response than you may have expected, but I hope it helps you find what you need because it's time to enlist professional help in understanding your mood swings.

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD

Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Take time to do something nice for someone. A kind word or gesture will go a long way. Don't let people who complain and criticize ruin your day. A positive attitude and a kind heart will make you feel good. . ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

The changes you incorporate into your everyday routine should include people who have made a difference in your life. Siblings, parents and close friends will rally around if you need help. Romance will improve your personal life. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

A day trip will lead to an interesting discovery that will help you let go of something that has been holding you back. Revise your plans to suit your goals, and don't stop until you reach your destination. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Look for unique alternatives when it comes to social activities, personal improvements and professional opportunities. Choosing to use your attributes in a diverse manner will lead to greater success and satisfaction. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Your generosity and desire to help others will put you in a good position when it comes to popularity but may cause problems for you if you overstep your financial capabilities. Don't make promises you cannot keep. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

There is plenty you can do if you are willing to accept change. Learn from those who are eager to try something new and willing to do things differently in hopes of improving personally, emotionally and creatively. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

22): Take care of your responsibilities; leave no room for error. Someone will use any excuse to criticize you or make you look bad. Focus on getting things done and taking care of your responsibilities. Take better care of your health. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Don't let uncertainty stand between you and making overdue changes. Take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself; see where it leads. Someone unique will offer insightful advice. A retreat or self-help course will change your outlook. . ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

You'll be tempted to say too much. Problems will arise when dealing with someone you are in a relationship with. Whether it's a friend, lover or relative, you are better off listening first and responding courteously. . ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

A change at home will do you good. Make decisions and plans with the people you live with to make sure you are all on the same page. A team effort will ensure you get everything done to specification. . ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Push start and make your way to the finish line. Set your goals and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you have achieved. Talk alone won't cut it, but follow through with action and you will make a lasting impression. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

An emotional journey will take you through highs and lows, but in the end, the changes that come about will improve your life and send you in a welcome direction. Get your priorities straight and live, love and laugh. ★★★★

JUMBLE

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

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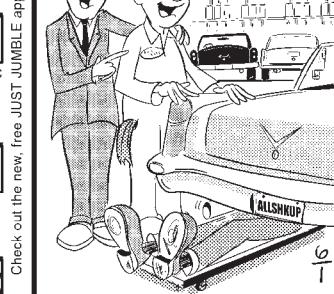
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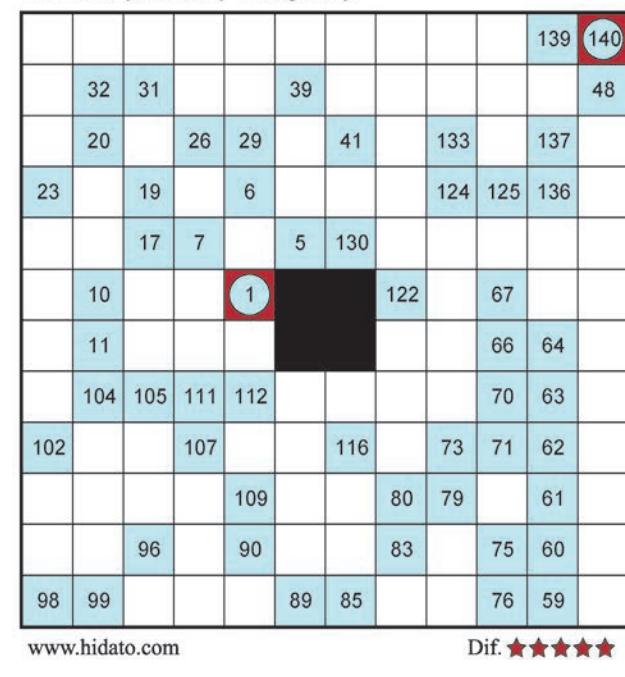
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Yesterday's Jumbles: CLANG BERRY SAFETY IMPOSE
Answer: Questioning the dog about the ripped-up newspaper was — "RE-TORE-ICAL"

HIDATO

FIND THE PATH - SOLVE THE PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that numbers 1 - 140 connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally:



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WORD Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Nine Major League Baseball teams

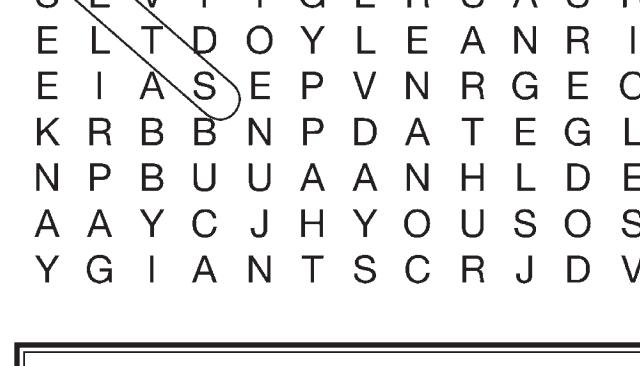
Sherlock Holmes creator: Sir _____

TV show with Fonzie: "_____

Two months

Five-letter type of domestic cat

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Puzzle Solutions on the next page.

HIDATO

FIND THE PATH - SOLVE THE PUZZLE

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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WORD Roundup™

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



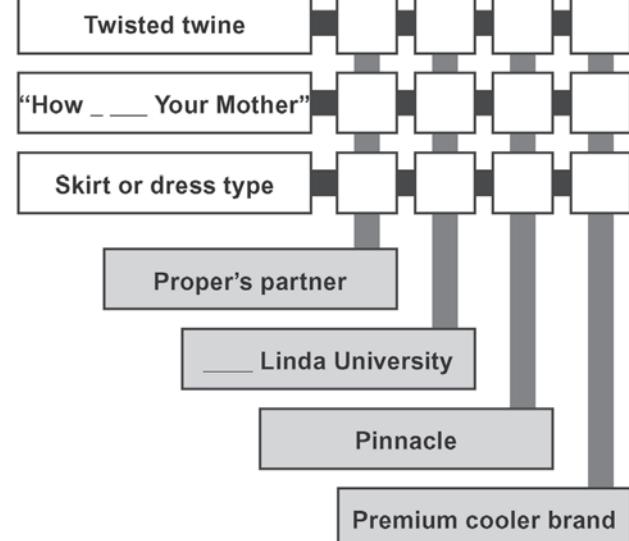
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By John Wilmes



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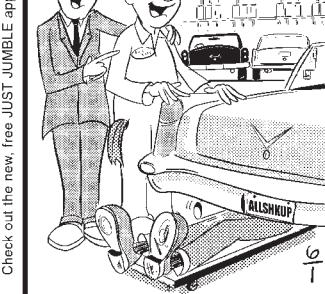
CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1: Actor Richard Erdman ("Community," "The Tab Hunter Show") is 93. Singer Pat Boone is 84. Actor Morgan Freeman is 81. Actor Rene Auberjonois ("Benson," "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine") is 78. Actor Brian Cox ("Deadwood") is 72. Guitarist Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones is 71. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 71. Country singer Ronnie Dunn of Brooks and Dunn is 65. Actress Lisa Hartman Black is 62. Bassist Simon Gallup of The Cure is 58. Comedian Mark Curry ("Hangin' With Mr. Cooper") is 57. Actress Teri Polo ("Meet The Parents") is 49.

JUNE 2: Actress Sally Kellerman is 81. Actor Ron Ely ("Tarzan") is 80. Actor Stacy Keach is 77. Drummer Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones is 77. Singer Chubby Tavares of Tavares is 74. Actor Jerry Mathers ("Leave It to Beaver") is 70. Actress Joanna Gleason is 68. Actor Dennis Haysbert ("24") is 64. Comedian Dana Carvey is 63. Bassist Michael Steele of The Bangles is 63. Singer Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet is 58. Actor Liam Cunningham ("Game of Thrones") is 57. Actor Navid Negahban ("Homeland," "24") is 54. Singer Merrill Bainbridge is 50. Rapper B-Real of Cypress Hill is 48.

THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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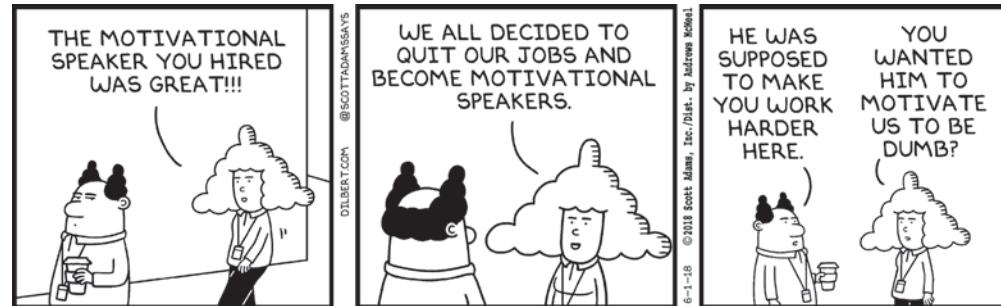
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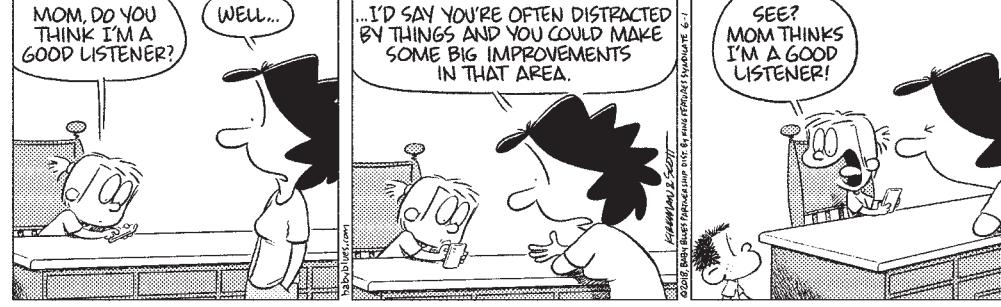
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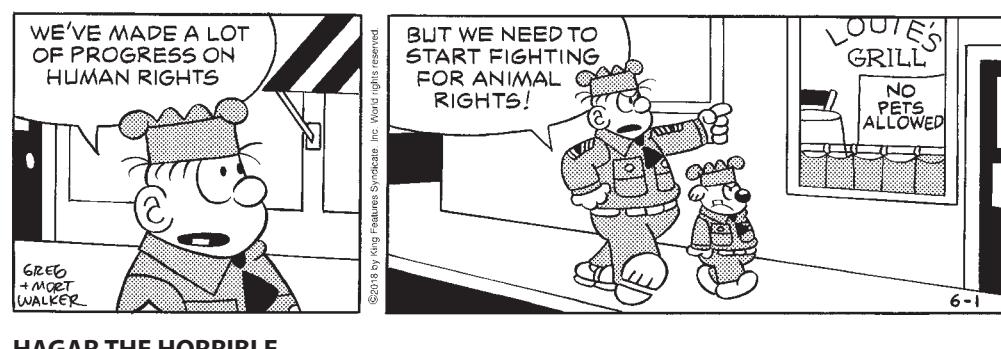
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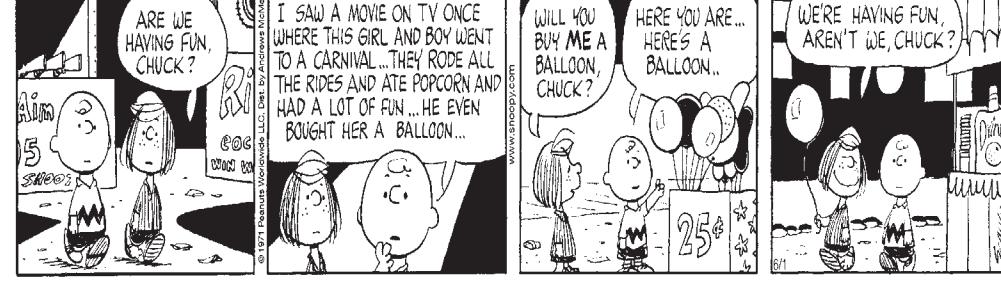
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



CLASSIC PEANUTS

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.

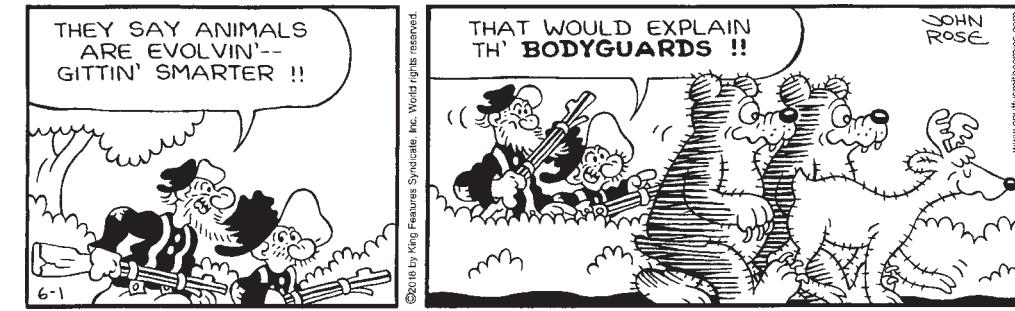
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— J F A R D C W X N J

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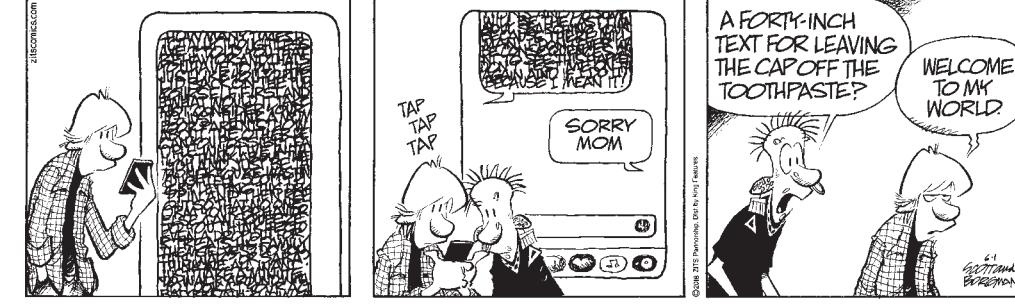
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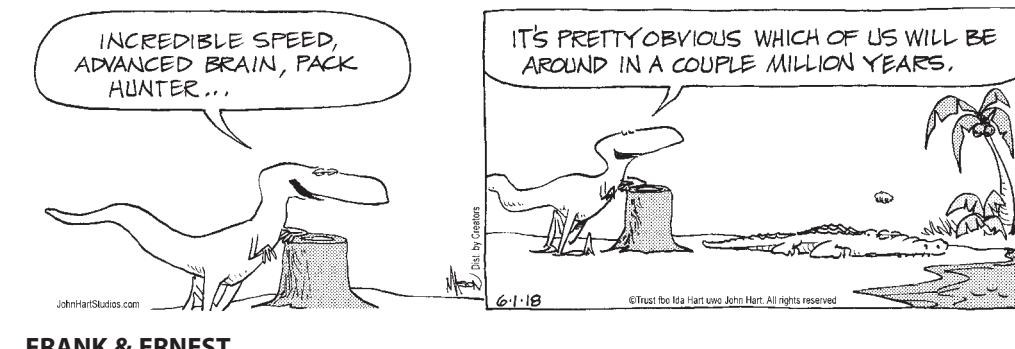
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



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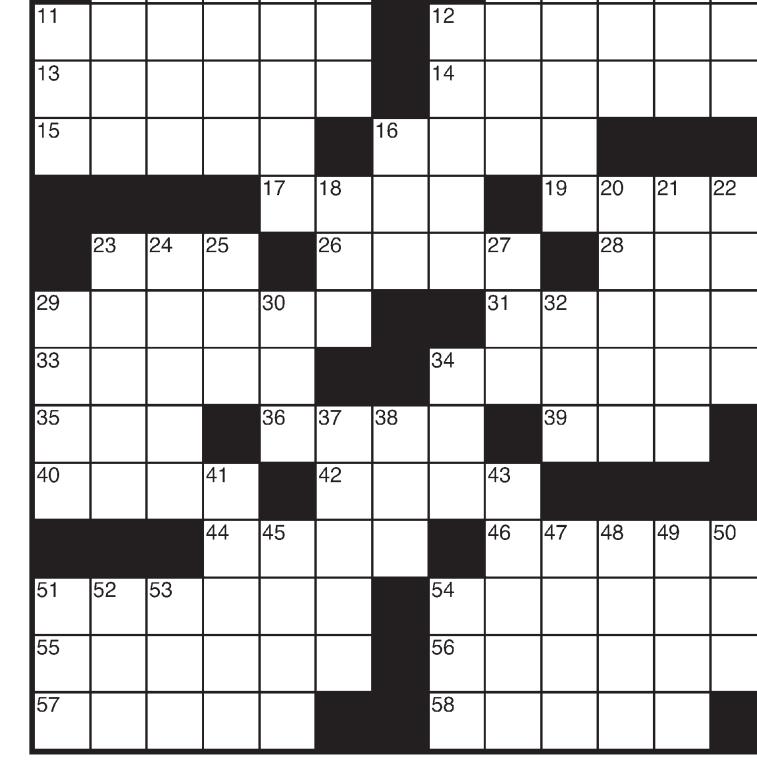
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- ACROSS
1 Sales rep's goal
6 Walks in water
11 Hid the treasure
12 Straw mat
13 Theater features
14 Legendary king
15 Uncontrollable jerk
16 Madame Bovary's name
17 Boutique
19 Pro — (in proportion)
23 Vaccine amts.
26 Neutral or first
28 Marshal's problem
29 Old-timey
31 Wed in haste
33 Temporary peace
34 Draw out

- 35 NASA destination
36 "Monday Night Football" airer
39 "Wild Thing" rapper
40 Quick look
42 Dramatic intro (hyph.)
44 "The Valley of Horses" author
46 — Dame
51 Galvanize
54 Realm
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56 Masters
57 Silly trick
58 Compact

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1 Smart remark
2 Bear, to Brutus
3 Van Gogh's medium
4 Abounds
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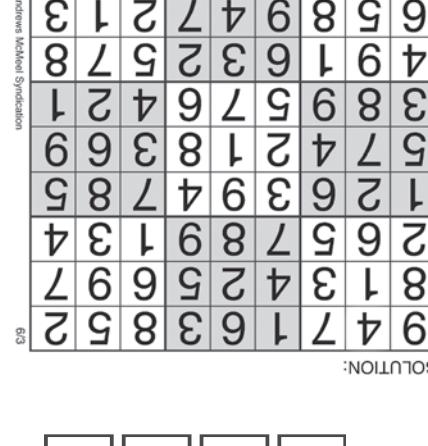
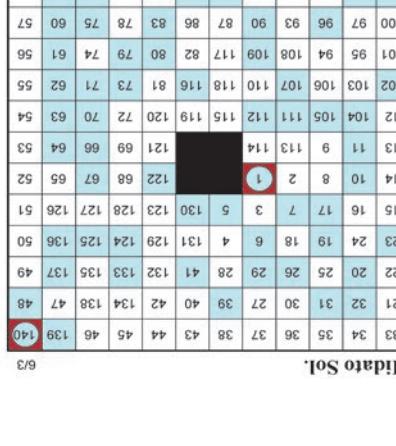
- 6 Affectionate
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8 Telegraph syllable
9 Down Under bird
10 Hitchcock's title
11 —relief



PUZZLE ANSWERS

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WORD Roundup™

Answers to Friday's puzzle: CARDINALS CUBS METS / ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE / HAPPY DAYS / GIANTS TIGERS CUBS METS / ARTUR CONAN DOYLE / HARRY NAGKEES



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305-GENERAL

710-APARTMENTS FOR RENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case #: 2017-CA-000202 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,

-vs.-
Rebecca D. Edenfield; Unknown Spouse of Rebecca D. Edenfield; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000202 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and Rebecca D. Edenfield are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, P. Dewitt Cason, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE COURTROOM ONE OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 173 HERNANDO AVENUE, LAKE CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on June 13, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH RANGE 17 EAST

SECTION 12: A PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID NW 1/4 AND RUN S. 89 DEG. 32' 42" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, 290.57 FEET; THENCE N 0 DEG. 44' 50" E, 428.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGH FALLS ROAD; THENCE 72 DEG. 24' 00" E, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 306.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID NW 1/4; THENCE S 0 DEG. 44' 50" W, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 518.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE PORTION OF LAND CONVEYED TO ROLAND W. WALLACE AND MARSHA D. WALLACE, HIS WIFE BY DEED RECORDED MAY 31, 2001 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 927 PAGE 2137 AND BY DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 18, 2008 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1162 PAGE 730, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE

OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carrina Cooper, Court Administration at 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055, 386-758-2163 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

P. Dewitt Cason
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Columbia County, Florida
/s/ Weeks
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

430364
May 25, 2018
June 1, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 18-328-DR
Division:
Chester Estep,
Petitioner,
and
Debra Natividad,
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Debra Natividad, 201 SE Rosewood Cir, Lake City, FL 32025

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Chester Estep whose address is 201 SE Rosewood Circle, Lake City, FL 32025 on or before June 25, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 173 NE Hernando Ave, Lake City, 32055 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: May 23, 2018

P. DeWitt Cason
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

/s/ S. Rodriguez

Deputy Clerk

431034
May 25, 2018
June 1, 8, 15, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2018-DR-288
Division: Family

OLGA COLEMAN f/k/a OLGA TUNOA-SCANLAN, Petitioner,

and
SALE TUNOA-SCANLAN a/k/a SALE TUNOASCANLAN, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: SALE TUNOA-SCANLAN a/k/a SALE TUNOASCANLAN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition to for Domestication and Modification has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Sara Jane Carter, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 177 NW Madison St., Lake City, FL 32055, on or before June 21, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court at Columbia County Courthouse, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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DATED THIS 21 day of May 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

/s/ N. Provaux

Deputy Clerk

430715
May 25, 2018
June 1, 8, 15, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING

County Commissioner District III Bucky Nash invites all constituents located in voting District III to attend a town hall meeting to discuss the County's road infrastructure. The meeting will be held on June 12, 6pm at the Westside Community Center located at 431 SW Birley Ave., Lake City, FL

430766
May 29, 30, 31, 2018
June 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 2018

PUBLIC AUCTION

Will be held by Davis Towing & Recover, Inc., in Columbia County at 1226 NW Main Blvd., Lake City, FL 32055

Sale Date: 6/23/18 @ 9:00am

2003 Ford

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Sale Date: 6/27/18 @ 9:00am

2006 Buick

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June 1, 2018

Public Auction

2003 Honda

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2006 Chevy

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1992 Homemade
FLZP4490J292
1993 Chevy
1GCDC24KXPZ233125

To be held 6/15/2018, 8:00 am at Bryant's Tire and Towing, 1165 East Duval St. Lake City FL 32055

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June 1, 2018

Public Auction to be held June 15, 2018 at 8AM at Ozzie's Towing & Auto, LLC

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Following VIN Numbers:

2003 Volkswagen

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June 1, 2018

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WCWS ROUNDUP

Oregon rolls past Arizona State

By CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Shannon Rhodes' three-run homer in the sixth inning helped top-seeded Oregon defeat Arizona State 11-6 on Thursday at the Women's College World Series.

White figured the game would be about pitching, but it was high scoring from the start. Oregon dominated Giselle "G" Juarez, Arizona State's All-American pitcher. Juarez pitched a complete game, but she gave up 14 hits and 10 earned runs.

Oregon pitcher Miranda Elish recovered from a rough start against the Ducks' Pac-12 rival and increased her career record to 37-1. She gave up five runs and six hits in five innings, and improved to 25-1 this season.

Washington tops 2-time champ Oklahoma

Washington's Gabbie Plain threw 5 2/3 strong innings, and the Huskies defeated two-time defending national champion Oklahoma 2-0 on Thursday in the Women's College World Series.

Oklahoma senior pitcher Paige Parker, who had an 8-0 career record in WCWS play, got the loss after giving up three hits and one run in six innings. The Sooners (55-4) had won 16 straight games but will now play Arizona State in an elimination game on Saturday. Washington will play Oregon on Friday.

Oklahoma coach Patty Gasso sat Parker in the fifth inning and Paige Lowary stepped in. Washington's Sis Bates put the ball in play and Trysten Melhart scored when Lowary's throw home was a bit off. Julia DePonte then singled to score Kelly Burdick.

FSU NOTES

Offensive lineman Ball no longer on roster

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida State offensive lineman Josh Ball is no longer on the university's football roster.

A school spokesman says Ball is "not in good standing with Florida State University." No further details were provided Thursday.

Ball was accused of battery last year, but was not charged by Tallahassee Police. The two sides did come to a resolution last November on protection against dating violence, where Ball could not contact his former girlfriend or come within 500 feet of her home or 100 feet on campus.

Ball, who would have been a sophomore this upcoming season, played in all 13 games for the Seminoles last year and started the final nine at left tackle.

Center Obiagu will transfer to Seton Hall

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Seton Hall is getting a shot-blocking center for its basketball team.

Coach Kevin Willard announced Thursday that Ike Obiagu will transfer from Florida State and continue his education and basketball career with the Pirates. The 7-footer must sit out the 2018-19 season and will have three years of eligibility.

Obiagu appeared in 34 of 35 games and made 14 starts for Florida State as a freshman. He averaged 2.3 points, 2.6 rebounds and a team-best 2.1 blocks.

The Nigerian's top performance came in the regular-season finale against Boston College, when he had seven blocked shots and 12 rebounds, both career highs. His 71 blocks were the third-most by a freshman and seventh-most by any Seminole.

Seton Hall returns starter Myles Powell from a team that went to three straight NCAA Tournaments.

RAFFAY

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trying to improve his time in the one mile. Little did he know, the daughter of Seminole State College coach Octavious "Ocky" Clark just happened to be in attendance.

Cierra Clark, a student at UF, could see Raffay's potential right away and immediately let her dad know. Fast forward to a couple of phone calls between Octavious Clark and Columbia coach Shelli Shoup and Raffay had an offer.

Shoup sold Clark on her runner without even meeting him. Between Shoup's words and Raffay's personal-best times (16:32 in 5,000m, 1:58 in 800m; season-best 4:29 in 1600m), Clark was convinced.

He even offered Raffay a full-ride.

"When you hear the range from the 800 all the way up through cross country with 16 minutes in the 5K and the 4:29 in the 1600 and those being at the end of the season, it makes you think," Clark said. "And then you know that the kid is from the Sudan so genetically he's got a gift for running so hey, why not go for it?"

Clark finally met Raffay for the first time at Thursday's ceremony, much to Raffay's surprise. His jaw even literally dropped when Shoup told him Clark was behind stage.

"It was unbelievable. I did not



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Yassin Raffay (middle) is pictured with Columbia coach Shelli Shoup (left) and Seminole State College coach Octavious Clark following his signing on Thursday.

believe my eyes. This man traveled almost three hours just to see me and celebrate with me so it was great and really nice,"

Raffay said.

Raffay will receive top-notch coaching from Clark, who was a 10-time All-American at Santa

SUMMER

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but they're probably not going to play a whole lot with us in the summer," Columbia coach Steve Faulkner said. "Some people are like 'aw, that sucks' but I think it's great, because a lot of the younger guys, guys who didn't get much time (during the winter season), now get to play a lot this summer. And in my mind, that makes us better in the winter, because we'll have more depth and more guys we can go to. Because I (already) know what I'm getting out of those three."

Columbia enters the summer league without the star trio, which lifted the team back to the playoffs for the first time since 2013. This summer the Tigers instead will lean on returning guards like Darrien Jones and Ma'leak Miller. Players like Charleston Ponds and Kenny Gaines – slated to have larger roles in 2019 – are among others who will also contribute and help ease the squad's transition into a new motion offense.

"I'm trying to put in some of the Villanova stuff," Faulkner said. "Watching them in the Final Four, thinking that our team, at the high school level, mirrors what they're, a team full of guards. I think it would fit us well, so it's going to be a lot of teaching during the week, and then on the weekends trying to put it all into action."

Unlike like last year, the Tigers won't compete in their travel AAU league based out of Gainesville. Columbia decided to do away with its usual summer double-dip in which players were competing simultaneously in two different leagues. The Tigers instead can now focus on



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia guard Ma'leak Miller drives to the basket against Baker County this past season.

one campaign, four weeks of instruction, with live games on the weekends.

Columbia is poised to put its up-and-coming stars on the floor, many of which have already been competing over the last several weeks. In fact, Team Talent (S.T.H.), a local travel team composed of Columbia players, recently won the State Qualifier Sunshine State Championship.

Team Talent includes promising Columbia center Marcus Owens, Gaines, Ponds, Jones and others. All of those players will use the summer season to grow more comfortable on the floor, and even more familiar with the playbook.

"And just getting more on-court time," Faulkner added. "A kid like Darrien Jones, last year stuck behind Marquez (Bell). Darien is going to be a really good player, so I think this is a big summer for him, you know, 'ball is in your hands, let's see what you can do'."

I think it's going to make him better. And what's helped me out a lot is coach (Anthony) Perry run-

ning that AAU program (S.T.H.).

So in November, when we start practice, I think we'll have a lot more depth in our program."

Columbia held summer try-outs on Tuesday and assembled for the team's first practice on Wednesday. The Tigers are scheduled to face three out of the eight teams participating (Crystal River, Buchholz, Bell) in the Levy County Summer Shootout starting at noon, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Each team in the tournament plays single elimination Sunday at WHS.

The Tigers head to Orlando next week for the Lake Howell Shootout and then return to Lake City for the annual Goodwill Games the following week. Columbia hopes to close out the jam-packed month with one final basketball trip to North Florida University June 29-30.

"I'm really excited about this group," Faulkner added. "First day of practice, I walked away saying 'hey, we have a chance to be pretty good'."

ed with five runs in the bottom of the first, highlighted by Ocasio's blast.

"I thought the tempo of that first inning was really important to be able to get us back confident out there on defense with a three-run lead," Walton said. "That was huge."

Florida scored another in the second, two in the fourth, then three in the fifth to end the game.

Georgia used four pitchers and didn't get more than 2 1/3 innings from any of them. The Bulldogs face elimination on Saturday.

"I do think there were some nerves that happened within the game," Georgia coach Lu Harris-Champer said. "You know, it's over now. We move forward. Florida played a great game. You've got to give them credit, and we've got to do better and we will."

GATORS

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texts me every day before the game and says just be ready, be ready to answer to the call. And that's what I did. I'm just happy to be able to help out my team."

Alyssa DiCarlo and Justice Milz hit home runs for Georgia (48-12). DiCarlo, whose homer was her 21st of the season, had three hits.

Georgia won two of the three games in the regular season in the series between SEC rivals.

"We see each other a lot, so it can be either good or bad," DiCarlo said. "It's really just about who shows up to play on any given day. They had more moments than us today."

Georgia led 2-0 before Florida responded

Fe and two-time All-American at Florida State in addition to winning three NJCAA national titles in the 800m. Clark was also a Pan American Games Gold medalist in 1991.

"I told Coach Clark that he hasn't even begun to develop," Shoup said. "He hasn't been in the weight room, he has not had the speed training that his expertise is going to be able to definitely take him to the next level. I'm amazed already by him with as little knowledge as we have here and what he's going to be able to do with him."

Columbia's team saying for Raffay is 'Yassin him go by' and plenty of people were in attendance Thursday to watch Raffay go on to the next level. Raffay had plenty of people to thank, from his family to his teammates to his mentors.

But he also says none of this would have been possible without Shoup, who just happened to answer her phone in class one day to hear Clark's voice on the other end. Now he hopes to take what he's learned from her and improve himself even more at Seminole State College.

"She's done so much for me in my high school years," Raffay said. "The love and support is massive. It's insane. She's worked hard to give the best for me. She's done so much. She's a coach, she's a mentor, she was my teacher at one point and she's a great person. To me, she's very special so I really appreciate her. I really do."

son, start over ... We didn't really battle much adversity this year, so every team is going to go through it at one point. We're going through it now. It's just the cards we've been dealt. We've got to get that focus back and play like we did at the beginning of the year."

The Gators looked like a lock to make it to the College World Series just a few weeks ago. They won 19 consecutive weekend series, the last one coming against Georgia that clinched the SEC title.

Little has gone right since.

Singer tweaked his hamstring just a few minutes before a Thursday night start at Mississippi State in the final regular-season series, forcing O'Sullivan to shuffle his starting rotation and go with freshman Tommy Mace. Schwarz broke his hand a couple of hours later, the inning before O'Sullivan planned to pull him for some rest. India's slump started that same night.

Florida's mostly reliable bullpen also got knocked around by the Bulldogs, with All-American closer Michael Byrne giving up four earned runs in 1 2/3 innings and setup man Jordan Butler surrendering four walks and six earned runs in 2 1/3 innings.

The Gators didn't play much better in the SEC Tournament, getting outscored 19-2 in consecutive losses to LSU and Arkansas.

"We're fine," Byrne insisted. "It happens in baseball. We've gone through a stretch, but we know how good we are and what we're capable of doing."

Still, O'Sullivan was concerned enough to turn to Donovan for some outside help.

"I didn't know he was the loud, fiery guy that he is, but it was really incredible," Singer said. "He said you can either overcome that adversity or let it shut you down. I think we're still 100 percent confident. We've just got to play like we had been playing and kind of wipe off what's happened the past two weeks. I don't think we're going to have a problem with it."

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