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SPORTS TOURISM

Tourney to draw 60-plus teams

Baseball, softball, hoops sure to bring visitors from across the state.

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Thousands of visitors will make their way to Lake City from across Florida to participate in one of three major youth league events held over the weekend in baseball, softball and basketball, adding to the millions of dollars in revenue area businesses earn yearly from sports tourism.

This week the annual Florida Babe Ruth Baseball Rookie Qualifier tournaments are scheduled to begin Thursday at the Southside Sports Complex and end Saturday.

Sixty teams will play for their chance to advance to the Rookie State Tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, according to Columbia County Sports Commission.

A United States Specialty Sports Association fast pitch softball tournament will also to be held at the Southside Sports Complex on

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FP&L rates will drop a bit this summer

The News Service of Florida

Florida Power & Light customers will see a pair of slight reductions in their monthly bills this summer due to the federal tax overhaul signed last year.

However, regulators put off a decision until August about a one-time refund that customers would receive, in part, because of an "over-recovery" of storm-restoration costs after Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

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Chamber chief leaving post



CARL MCKINNEY/Lake City Reporter

Decker to work for Blanche developer

Helped rebuild chamber from the ground up.

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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The Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce took a gamble when it hired a 28-year-old with no direct experience in the field to lead it through the Great Recession and beyond, and she hopes they have no regrets as she prepares to move on to the next chapter in her career.

The chamber's executive director, Dennille Decker, resigned her position

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FILE

TOP: Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dennille Decker poses in front of chamber headquarters. Decker, who took over in 2009, is leaving after July for a job with Valdosta-based developer Integrity Development Partners, which is overseeing the Blanche Hotel renovation project. **ABOVE:** Decker at a chamber-sponsored brick-breaking ceremony at the Blanche Hotel in February.



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Chamber chief leaving post

DECKER

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Monday after accepting a job with Valdosta-based developer Integrity Development Partners, the company overseeing the renovation project for the historic Blanche Hotel in downtown Lake City. Her last day at the Chamber is July 31.

"It was bittersweet," she said. "I feel like I built it. It's been my baby."

She will be serving as IDP's director of operations for Lake City and marketing director for the firm's other projects.

"Honest to goodness, it was an extremely difficult decision," she said.

The majority of her career has been with the Chamber, and she credits it for nurturing her as a professional.

When she took the reins in 2009 at the age of 28, the organization was going through a difficult transition.

"I felt like we had to find our purpose in the community," she said.

Prior to Decker's arrival, the Chamber had just split from the Columbia County Industrial Development Authority, the precursor to the current Economic Development Department. With taxpayer funds cut off and membership in decline, Decker had her work cut out for her.

"The conditions honestly were a little bit rocky," she said.

After going through the most intense and intimidating hiring process she'd faced up to that point — one interview involved more than 30 people in the room questioning her — the 28-year-old was tasked with rebuilding and rebranding the organization.

"We were just kind of

treading water," she said. And she had two years to do it before the funding for her position ran out.

Decker and her first board of directors had the idea to revive the annual ball the Chamber had previously hosted years before, in addition to a golf tournament during the same weekend.

The first year, the annual ball raised \$19,000. It has since become the Chamber's biggest fundraiser, of which there are now many.

"Almost every big event in town is the chamber's," Decker said.

With that success under her belt, the chamber started to hit its stride by the end of her second year on

least nine businesses, including a Harbor Freight hardware store, Panda Express and Panera Bread.

"They spent a lot of time and focus on us," Decker said.

Based on national retail figures, these nine companies are estimated to have generated around \$293,000 in sales tax revenue for the county, according to the firm.

"If you got one (business), it was a good deal," Decker said.

In fact, Harbor Freight, the first store the company recruited, alone likely generated enough tax revenue to pay for the cost of the first three-year contract, Decker said.

"I really felt like that

McKee said.

McKee said he's glad Decker found a way to advance her career that allows her to stay part of the community.

"I'm happy and sad at the same time," he said. "I'm sad for the Chamber losing such a great executive director, but I'm also happy that Dennille has got a great opportunity ahead of her."

Lake City Reporter Publisher Todd Wilson praised Decker for her enthusiasm and hard work.

"When it comes to promoting the positive aspects of Lake City and Columbia County, it's a challenge to find anyone more dedicated to our town than Dennille Decker," Wilson said. "I was on the Chamber Board that hired Dennille eight years ago and she was a natural for the job. I had the privilege as 2012 Chamber president to work closely with her on several community events and projects that we have seen grow thanks to her dedication and leadership. Our community has many Chamber events that have flourished thanks to her focus."

Former Chamber President Brad Wheeler said he had reservations about hiring Decker back in 2009.

"I wasn't quite sure at first, and she immediately proved to me that she is very, very capable," Wheeler said.

Decker was a dynamic leader, and replacing her will not be easy, Wheeler said.

"The chamber's in very good shape, and we've been blessed to have her," he said.

Decker is a Lake City native and graduate of Columbia High School. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. She is the mother of two young daughters.



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Artist's rendition of the new Blanche.

the job, she said.

Under Decker's watch, the U.S. Highway 90 corridor in Lake City saw a boom in stores and restaurants, fueled largely by a contract the Chamber facilitated in 2013 with Retail Strategies, a retail recruitment firm. The Chamber initiated the contract with the county and city funding it.

Last year, the contract was renewed until 2019. The county is paying \$17,500 per year, with the city covering \$7,500.

Retail Strategies claims credit for drawing in at

helped us define what our path was," she said.

Decker acknowledged that it was risky for the Chamber to hire her instead of someone with more experience in the field.

"They really took a chance on me, and I hope they all say now, 'it paid off,'" she said.

Current Chamber President Mike McKee credits Decker's leadership for putting the organization in good financial shape and growing its membership.

"She's taken the chamber to a new level,"

FPL

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The Florida Public Service Commission on Tuesday gave intervening groups until June 28 to file briefs on the \$27.7 million refund proposal.

"We should have a recommendation in front of us by the agenda conference on Aug. 7," commission Chairman Art Graham said at the end of a four-hour hearing on the refund.

Earlier Tuesday, the commission approved customer-bill reductions tied to FPL's benefits from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the federal tax overhaul signed in December by President Donald Trump.

The act lowered the federal income tax rate for corporations from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Under the plans

approved by the Public Service Commission, FPL residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month will see their bills go down 59 cents in July because of the company's tax savings.

An FPL customer with a 1,000-kilowatt-hour bill currently pays \$99.87 a month.

The new federal income tax rate is being calculated into recent FPL transactions involving power plants in Jacksonville and Martin County, along with part of customer bills that pay for environmental costs.

In September, residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours a month will see their bills adjusted down another 2 cents because of a pipeline-related issue.

The Public Service Commission approved the reductions before

reviewing a proposed agreement that would lead to a one-time credit of \$3.18 on a 1,000-kilowatt-hour residential bill. The proposed agreement is related to Hurricane Matthew costs.

FPL had anticipated offering the refund in July if regulators had approved the deal on Tuesday.

The agreement was reached last month between FPL and the state Office of Public Counsel, which represents consumers in utility issues.

Patricia Christensen of the Office of Public Counsel called the settlement a "fair compromise."

However, the approval didn't include a number of groups that frequently intervene in Public Service Commission cases, including the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, which includes large electricity users.

five cities will compete in a weekend basketball tournament at the Richardson Community Center Gymnasium.

It is a joint effort of the Richardson Community Center and Columbia County Recreation Department, the release said.

Teams are expected to arrive from Cedar Key, Gainesville, Hamilton County, Quincy and Lake

City and begin playing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Also, the Columbia High School Varsity Girls are scheduled to play PK Yonge Blue Wave at 4 p.m.

Ticket prices are set at \$7 for one day and \$10 for the weekend.

Sports tourism generated upwards of \$3 million in 2017 for hotels alone, a Tourist Development Council official said.

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Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

The press release said the USSSA Extreme Border War Tournament will reportedly consist of at least five games.

Off the field and on the court, the CCSC Sports Marketing Director Alden Rosner said, teams from

QUICK HITS

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"Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you."

— Deuteronomy 3:22 (KJV)

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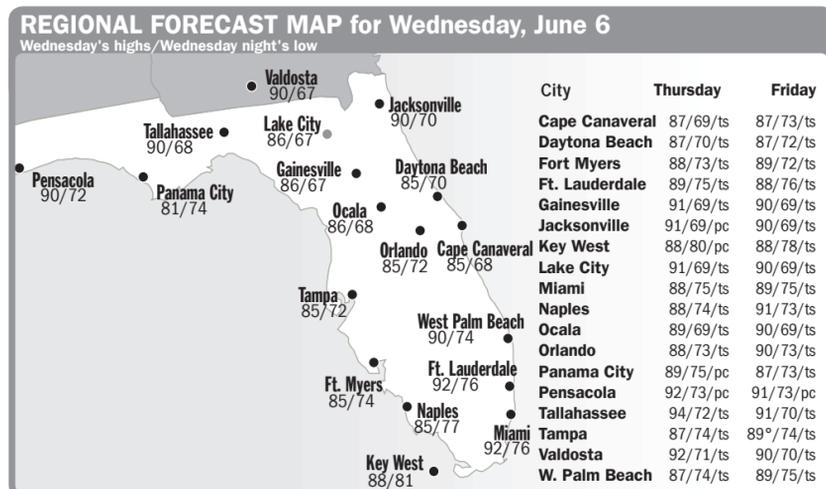
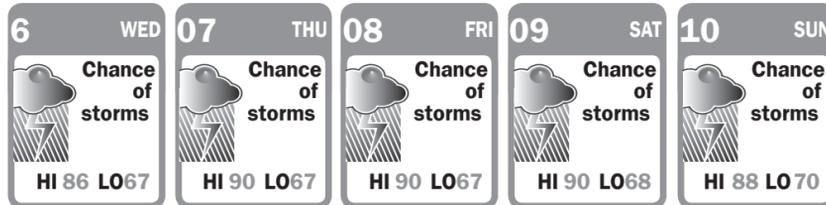
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Mentors needed: Take Stock in Children

From staff reports

Take Stock in Children, a statewide nonprofit mentoring program with a scholarship incentive, needs volunteers to serve as mentors to high school students.

Mentors in the "Change a Life Over Lunch" program are paired with deserving, low-income, at-risk students.

The students pledge to stay out of trouble, keep their grades up and stay in school. Those who successfully complete the program earn a two-year prepaid scholarship to Florida Gateway College.

To volunteer, contact Antonia Robinson at 754-4392 or antonia.robinson@fgc.edu.

WEATHER BY-THE-DAY: Bar chart showing actual and average high/low temperatures from Wednesday to Tuesday. WEATHER HISTORY: Early in the history of the United States, Salem, Mass. recorded a high temperature of 92 degrees on this date in 1816. SPONSORED BY: Get Connected, www.lakecityreporter.com, Lake City Reporter.



Congratulations Class of 2018!



Nine medical benefits of Kiwi fruit

Kiwi is among my favorite fruits of all time. It ranks up there with figs and papaya for me. Kiwi got rebranded in 1959 when it had been known as "Chinese Gooseberry."

New Zealand had began growing it and export it. They considered various names and settled on "kiwi-fruit," which they thought was more exotic and fresh. It was helpful that "Kiwis" had become a colloquial term for New Zealand residents. But the true irony is that New Zealand is the world's top exporter, yet kiwis are native to China, and a national fruit of China!

This fuzzy fruit is so delicious in the summertime and I love putting slices in my ice water, or mixing some of it into fresh fruit salad. If you're allergic to kiwi, it's more than likely from the kiwellin which is a tiny component of a protein called kisspar which naturally occurs in kiwi fruit. You might find this interesting... if you're allergic to peanuts (or tree nuts) you might react badly to kiwi as well. A study in 2014 published in Allergy noted the cross-reactivity with kiwis and tree nuts.

When you digest the fruit, it releases similar antigens causing a similar immune reaction. The allergic reactions from kiwi range from mild to severe.

The little black seeds in kiwi do more than just get stuck in your teeth. They give you a small amount of healthy omega 3 fatty acids. An average kiwi has about 30 milligrams of alpha-linolenic acid. As you know, omega 3 fatty acids are important for your brain and your heart. Kiwi seeds also have a little bit of vitamin E which is needed for your skin, pancreas, heart, brain, liver and kidneys. Vitamin E actually protects your dopamine-producing neurons and that's good. It means that E can help stabilize your mood.

Kiwi is a great source of natural vitamin C and A. It is a good source of natural folate, which helps with methylation, which then leads to breakdown of homocysteine. It's high in thiamin, and riboflavin which help your adrenal glands and your brain. Kiwi is a super juicy super food.

Kiwi also offers some vitamin K (phylloquinone) and minerals such as potassium, calcium, magnesium and phosphorus. In this regard, it's great for blood pressure and bones! The fleshy part green part gives you an added bonus of fiber which promotes smooth traffic through your colon (regularity) and simulate healthy probiotic growth! This brings me to my first kiwi perk... IBS.

1. Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) – Kiwi has compounds in it that reduce activation of intestinal cells which ruin your gut. IBS creates a lot of inflammation in the gut. Basically, the results of a STUDY in Cellular Immunology found that kiwi could function medicinally as a fantastic anti-inflammatory for the gut.

2. Asthma and Wheezing – Kiwi is rich in all kinds of antioxidants especially vitamin C which promotes collagen. Collagen is best known for joint health and anti-aging benefits. It's a surprise to most people that collagen is needed for healthy breathing. You see, collagen is needed for healthy connective tissue which is what your pulmonary system is made of. I think it's a great

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way to reduce your risk of cold and flu, and improve symptoms of allergic rhinitis.

There was a study published in Thorax that concluded how effective kiwi can be for wheezing. Essentially the kids who ate kiwi each day reported a reduction of wheezing by 44 percent compared to kids who did not eat any kiwi. The kiwi-consuming group also noticed fewer nocturnal coughing fits and runny noses. I'm sure this is from some of the naturally-occurring proteins and enzymes in kiwi, as well as the high content of vitamin C which is a natural anti-histamine.

Two regular kiwis (about a cup) offers over 160 mg of natural vitamin C.

Kiwis contain about twice the amount of vitamin C compared to lemons and oranges.

3. Depression and PMS Melancholy – Some foods are naturally high in serotonin and tomatoes are one of them. Kiwis have twice as much serotonin as tomatoes. Serotonin is a "happy" brain chemical that lifts mood, induces relaxation and boosts self esteem. People who are aggressive or hostile, or live in "fight" mode might be low in serotonin.

There are MRI studies that suggest serotonin deficiency makes it more difficult for the prefrontal cortex of the brain to control emotional responses to issues that cause anger. It's possible to see these ups and downs in moods in people who are supported on SSRI therapy, perhaps they lash out, or become irritable. This reaction occurs because as the drug levels in their blood stream decline, their aggressiveness might increase until they take their next dose. It doesn't happen to everyone, and doesn't necessarily have to be consistent but it's a possibility due to the peaks and troughs of their serotonin.

Eating kiwis can essentially make a person feel more content because it acts as a natural fruit



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The health benefits of eating Kiwi fruit are many and varied, according to health experts.

anti-depressant! You don't have to be concerned about eating the fruit while you're on antidepressant medication, there's not that much to cause an interaction.

Serotonin is metabolized in the body to melatonin. Have you heard of that? It's released from your pineal gland in response to darkness.

That leads me to my next kiwi perk...

4. Sleep – Serotonin converts in the body to melatonin and that makes you sleep. Eating kiwis can help you fall asleep faster, and sleep a little bit longer by virtue of the fact that it is high in serotonin, which your body converts to melatonin. So have an entire kiwi or two for desert at dinner time tonight, and see if you sleep better. Don't take it too close to bedtime because serotonin is stimulating, so it's only going to act as a sedative a few hours later when the serotonin has broken down into melatonin.

Studies have proven that poor sleep has something to do with poor levels of antioxidants. Kiwi is a superfood and contains compounds that fight oxidative damage, even to the extent that it might help a little bit with sleep apnea. Certainly, don't give up your CPAP mask, but why not eat a kiwi every day?!

A STUDY published in the Asia Pacific Journal of Clinical Nutrition aimed to find out how kiwi impacted sleep patterns. They evaluated 24 people, mainly women aged 20 to 55; these participants ate 2 kiwifruit per day an hour before bedtime and did so each night for four weeks. The researchers looked at a lot of parameters such as the time the participants when to bed, total sleep time,

waking time, how long it took them to fall asleep and more. They found out that every aspect of sleep quality improved between 5% and 42% depending on the parameter. Total sleep time and sleep efficiency were significantly increased (13.4% and 5.41%, respectively).

5. Stress – Vitamin C is known to lower cortisol. Kiwis are high in vitamin C. This means better relaxation. Vitamin C increases dopamine formation, which makes you happier and more passionate.

6. Sex drive – Vitamin C is a cofactor in a natural reaction that can increase testosterone levels in testicular Leydig cells. This means that kiwis, which are loaded with vitamin C are great for fertility and libido. Make an aphrodisiac with kiwi to jump start the fun in your bedroom.

7. Your eyes – Natural antioxidants like lutein and zeaxanthin are needed to support vision. Kiwi con-

tains these special eye-loving nutrients. If you're suffering with glaucoma or cataracts, why not eat a kiwi today each day as part of your diet.

8. Respiratory Infections – Kiwi contains carotenoids, vitamin C, polyphenols and dietary fiber which support your immune system. There was some RESEARCH published in Advances in Food and Nutrition Research in 2013. Compounds in kiwi were found to modulate the immune response in such a way that it reduced biomarkers of inflammation and oxidation. This means that animal in this study showed reduced severity of upper respiratory tract infections and the intake of kiwi worked better than vitamin C alone.

I think it's a great fruit to eat if you have suppressed immunity or chronic sinus or lung infections.

9. Anemia – If you're iron deficient and supplementing with iron tablets,

you can boost the amount of iron your body takes up with vitamin C containing fruits. This is why some physicians and pharmacists suggest drinking a little bit of orange juice with your supplement. The vitamin C dramatically boosts the absorption of the iron. Since kiwi is a rich source of vitamin C, you can eat a kiwi with any iron-rich meal (think steak or liver) or you can eat one with your daily iron supplement.

Are you ready to start eating more kiwi? It's easy. Just peel and slice a kiwi and then put it on top of your salad, or eat it plain like you would an apple, or cut some into your yogurt in the morning. Kiwi is tart and sweet so it's wonderful to include in your summer fruit salad or if you're adventurous, substitute kiwi for zucchini!

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ANOTHER VIEW

Warning to the West

To be a Venezuelan of a certain age is to have endured a staggering turn of fortune. Venezuela was once the richest country in Latin America, measured by per capita GDP. It sits atop the world's largest proven oil reserves, has copious arable land, and once boasted healthy government institutions and an educated population.

That was then. Today, Venezuela is a country collapsing before our eyes, with horrific consequences for its people. The economist Benjamin Powell recently tallied up the sorry score: Inflation is running at about 18,000 percent (not a typo). There were 800,000 private businesses in 1998; today, there are 230,000. Hunger and poverty are rampant, with people trying to survive by eating rats and dogs. The average Venezuelan lost 24 pounds last year (after losing 19 the year before).

Reliable data are hard to come by, but the International Monetary Fund estimates that the country's GDP shrank by 17 percent last year alone. Crime has skyrocketed, and desperate Venezuelans are fleeing the country, creating a crisis in neighboring countries, including Colombia. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees estimates 5,000 Venezuelans leave every day. At that rate, 1.8 million people will depart this year.

What happened? In 1998, Venezuela elected socialist strongman Hugo Chavez to be president. He did what militant socialists tend to do: Expropriate private industries, spend like a drunken sailor, and chase away private capital.

For a while, the regime could get away with this, as oil prices were high. (About 95 percent of Venezuela's export revenues come from oil.) But after Chavez died in March 2013, oil prices tanked, and newly installed president Nicolas Maduro, a former bus driver, found himself in a tricky situation.

Mr. Maduro doubled down on Mr. Chavez's socialist policies. To make up for falling revenues, he simply printed money, leading to the ruinous inflation mentioned above. Now starved for foreign currency, Venezuela can't import anything, hence the grievous shortages of basics like medicine and toilet paper. Mr. Maduro's price controls, meanwhile, ensure the few remaining private businesses don't stock necessary items — they can't make any money on them.

As is often the case, as economic liberties have withered, so have political freedoms. Venezuela, on May 20, held a sham election, one roundly condemned by the United Nations, the European Union, the United States, and much of Latin America.

Mr. Maduro "won" of course, taking more than two-thirds of the vote. (Turnout was anemic, though, suggesting Venezuelans were too demoralized to participate in this sick joke.) But much of the opposition was barred from running. The National Electoral Council, which administers the elections, is packed with Maduro stooges. The media are safely under Mr. Maduro's thumb.

Following the election, the United States, Canada and others slapped sanctions on the regime. The U.S. banned buying Venezuelan debt. That's a good thing; Mr. Maduro and the kleptocrats around him must have their avenues to corruption shut down.

It is hard to see any path out of the people's misery as long as the current regime holds power and pursues catastrophic policies.

What has happened to Venezuela is a tragedy. It also serves as a sobering warning to the West about what results when freedoms and free markets are taken away, even for supposedly compassionate ends.

■ Panama City News Herald



Classless Samantha Bee

I used to watch Samantha Bee because her manic sort of mean-girl humor appealed to me. (I'm a manic sort of mean girl myself.) While I don't share her politics, I like her delivery and her sass, and the fact that she's Canadian is even more delightful, because who knew Canadians were funny? (Please don't email me about all the great Canadian comics. That was my mean-girl humor.)

But after this week's show, I won't be watching her ever again. It's my own private boycott, and won't involve the cancellation of major contracts and the loss of hundreds of jobs on an ABC sitcom, or diversity training at a franchise of coffee shops. But it will make me feel a little less dirty.

This week, Bee made a major bumble and called Ivanka Trump a "feckless c—" because Trump had the audacity to post an Instagram photo of herself with her youngest baby, Theodore, on Memorial Day weekend. Bee was upset that Ivanka could seem so "tone deaf" about loving her child when her dad's administration was apparently separating children from their parents at the border.

Now, you can disagree with President Trump's immigration policy. I do. I not only disagree, I am actively fighting along with other immigration lawyers to end it. While I understand the philosophy behind it, it is simply base inhumanity to



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separate children from adults and put them into foster care and detention centers. Those who, like me, are virulently opposed to abortion and call themselves pro-life would be hypocrites if they said they supported this draconian and cruel measure.

But what you should not do is use your disagreement with government policy to slander a loving young mother who has the audacity to show how much she loves her child on social media.

Samantha Bee is a darling of the evolved liberal set, the ones who talk about how much they care about human rights.

But that doesn't give her, or any other progressive, carte blanche to slander Ivanka Trump.

I've been called the "See You Next Tuesday" word online and in emails, and while I don't really get upset anymore, it is always reve-

latory how little respect so-called progressives have for the women who disagree with them. And poor Ivanka didn't even say anything disagreeable. She just posted a lovely photo of her child, and the gates of hell opened up on social media.

This brings me to Roseanne Barr, whose ABC show was canceled after the controversial actress posted a racist tweet. The difference between Bee and Barr? Barr was a flagship star on a big network. ABC was right to fire her, although I will miss the show and feel very sorry that many people who worked with her will now be unemployed. There is no excuse for what she said, Ambien or not.

Bee, on the other hand, is on a late-night cable show, where you can say pretty much whatever you want — within reason. You should not be able to say the things that Bee said and get a pass for being a feminist. No woman who attacks another mother the way that Bee did is a true feminist. If you cannot show respect to people with whom you disagree, and if you can't hold your fire when a young mother displays genuine affection for her child, you are the other c-word: Classless.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation in Virginia.

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater was opened by Richard Hollingshead in New Jersey. (The movie shown was "Wives Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou.)

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day" as they began the liberation of German-occupied Western Europe.

In 1966, James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1977, a sharply divided U.S. Supreme Court struck down a

Louisiana law imposing an automatic death sentence on defendants convicted of the first-degree murder of a police officer.

In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton joined leaders from America's World War II allies to mark the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

■ Associated Press

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take advantage of extended pool hours

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Columbia County School Superintendent Lex Carswell, Assistant Superintendent Todd Widgren and the Columbia County School Board for stepping outside of the box and extending the Aquatic Complex hours of operation.

For those that do not use Facebook here are the hours of operation for your pool through the summer:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6 a.m.-7:30 a.m., Lap Swimming Members;

Monday, Wednesday and Friday noon-1 p.m., Aquatic Aerobics and Lap Swimming Members;

Monday through Friday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. open to the public and from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. open to Monthly

Members;

Open Saturday to the public from 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

Aquatic Aerobics are also being offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m.

Different monthly memberships are available. Inquire at the pool about them and the daily charges

The pool is also open on some Sundays to the public from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Visit their Facebook page or call 386-755-8195 to verify Sunday openings.

All hours of operation are subject to change due to weather, incidents, swim meet events or non participation of the extra hours.

Swimming lessons begin June 11, so be sure to sign up your children or yourself for this very important learning lesson for all.

The pool is also available for parties. Please contact them for more information

Lake City, Columbia County this is your pool and these extra hours of operation are for you and up to you to take advantage of or lose them. If we utilize all that The Aquatic Complex has to offer it can lead to bigger and better things down the road.

Drive by and take a look at your pool. Aquatic Director Pat Sibbernson has the pool sparkling clean and ready for use. I swim at other pools in the area and our pool is by far the nicest and cleanest.

Come on, Lake City, let's get swimming!

George H. Hudson Jr.
Lake City

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your calendar item, stop by the Reporter office or email Steve Wilson at swilson@lakecityreporter.com

Wednesday

Volunteers needed

Community Hospice and Palliative Care recently opened a new office at 163 SW Stonegate Terrace, Suite 105, Lake City. We are looking for volunteers to serve in several different capacities including: relief visits for our patient's families, pet therapy, veteran pinning and clerical help. Visit our web site, Volunteer.CommunityHospice.com to learn more about our volunteer on-boarding process and to complete a volunteer application.

'Terrific Twos'

"Terrific Twos," a library program for toddlers, is offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more information about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

Al-Anon meeting

An Al-Anon group meets at First Christian Church (403 W. Duval St., Lake City) at 6 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Newcomers group meets on Mondays at 5 p.m.

Volunteers needed

The Christian Service Center (421 NW Washington St., Lake City) is in search of volunteers. The center's mission is to serve those in need in Columbia County through Christian faith and resources. For more, call 386-755-1770.

Duplicate Bridge Club

Lake City Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Country Club at Lake City. All bridge enthusiasts are welcome. For



COURTESY PHOTOS

Honoring a lifetime, changing the guard

The Lake City Garden Club installed new officers at their May meeting. Left to right: Installed by Genie Norman were Carol Stevens, President; Stephanie Griffith, 1st Vice President; Diane Walker, 2nd Vice President; Dorothy Colvin, Recording Secretary; Diane Feagle, Corresponding Secretary and Sharon Blanton, Treasurer (absent). These officers will serve from 2018-2020. Members wore hats to the meeting to honor their mothers and grandmothers. In years past, members would wear hats and gloves for meetings so just for fun, members donned their own creations and maybe started a new tradition for future Installation programs. Inset: Carol Stevens (right) presented a Lifetime membership to outgoing President JoAnn Torrans.

more, call Dottie Rogers at 386-758-8606.

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Haven seeks help

Haven is always seeking compassionate volunteers looking to give back and make a positive impact on their communities. There are many ways in which skills and a smile can make a difference by volunteering. Explore all of the possibilities at www.beyourhaven.org or by calling 386-752-9191 to speak with the volunteer

coordinator.

Free soil testing

Free soil pH tests are available every Wednesday morning at the Columbia County Extension Office, 971 W. Duval St., Suite 170, in Lake City. Residents may bring a sample to the office during regular business hours. For more, call 752-5384.

'Catholics Come Home'

A "Catholics Come Home" and Adult Catholic Education Inquiry Program will be presented at San Juan Catholic Mission each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:15 p.m.

Thursday 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.

Bingo at American Legion

Bingo games are offered every Sunday, Monday and Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd. in Lake City. There are three \$250 jackpots each night. Quarter games are played at 3 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices. For more information, call 752-7776.

'Preschool Storytime'

"Preschool Storytime," a library program for families with preschoolers, is held on Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, at 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more information about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

Friday

Art reception

The Gateway Art Gallery invites the community to a Wine and Cheese Reception for the Featured Artist Carlene Heckmann, Friday June 8 from 6:30 pm until 8 pm at the Gallery Carlene is a multi-medi artist her work include drawing, painting, jewelry making, sculpture and photography to mention a few of her talents.

Plan to come to the free reception and bring a friend and share fellowship, food and drinks. and meet this very talented artist. The Gallery is located at 168 N. Marion Ave. in downtown Lake City. Call the Gallery for additional information at 752- 5229.

OBITUARIES

Sandra Graham Weatherford

Sandra Graham Weatherford, 68 returned to her heavenly home on May 30, 2018 after a valiant battle with cancer. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God helped to support her in her battle and gave her peace in her final days.

Sandra was born on December 11, 1949 to the late Harry and Queenie Graham. She was the youngest of four children and lived in Lake City area all her life. She went to Columbia High School with the class of 1968 and attended Watertown Methodist Church.

Before retirement, Ms. Weatherford was the Food and Beverage Manager at the Holiday Inn and most recently a CNA at Willowbrook Assisted Living.

Sandra loved sports and outdoor activities. She enjoyed

being with her grandchildren (her little chicks) watching them fish and play in the outdoors. Sandra herself played catcher for The Lake City Outlaw softball team for many years and loved cheering on the Florida State Seminoles.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 30 years Larry Weatherford; her children, Michael Paul Bullard, Ricky Harry Bullard, Larry Weatherford, Jr., Penny Roberts (Michael), Jenny Weatherford (David). Sandra will be fondly remembered by her fifteen grandchildren; Taylor, Brenda, James, Hannah, Harry, Jordan, Mickie, Deidra, Bryan Christopher Cason, Cole Putnal, Brooklynn Dalarm, Andrew Ferris, Sophia Roberts, Bella Roberts and Jessica Roberts, great grandchild Addison Faye; Richie Graham (Sally) and Earl "Squirrel" Graham (Linda) many nephews and niece and several very close friends.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Harry and Queenie Graham, grandson Daren Allan Ferris, her brother, Tony "Fish" Graham and a very special niece, Toni Lynn Graham.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Watertown Methodist Church, with Pastor Richie Graham officiating.

Doris Marie Hall Weaver

Doris Marie Hall Weaver passed into the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ, Monday, June 4th. She was born in Parkers-

burg, West Virginia, March 22, 1929, always joking that she caused the Great Depression.

Visitation will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Blackburn-Curry Funeral Home in Macclenny, FL, with services to follow at 12 at Memorial Cemetery in Lake City.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Adams Weaver. She is survived by her daughter, Beulah Elizabeth Weaver Fountain, (Dr. Jonathan Fountain), grand-

daughters, Michelle Fountain Thompson, (Rev. Keith Thompson) and Stephanie Fountain Richardson (Clay Richardson) and three great grandchildren, Richard and David Thompson and Caleb Richardson.

Doris spent much of her life in White Springs, graduated from White Springs High School, was a leader in many community and church activities, and relocated to Milton, FL to be near family in 1991. She moved with Beulah and family to Fleming Island in 2015 where

she was active at Hibernia Baptist Church. Doris loved laughter, fishing, handwork, was an excellent seamstress and an encouragement to those whose lives she touched. She was a selfless mom and Crazy Grandma, who frequently referred to the last 25 years as icing on the cake. She prayed fervently and looked forward to Heaven.

Memorial donations may be made to the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. Additional details can be found at blackburncurryfh.com.

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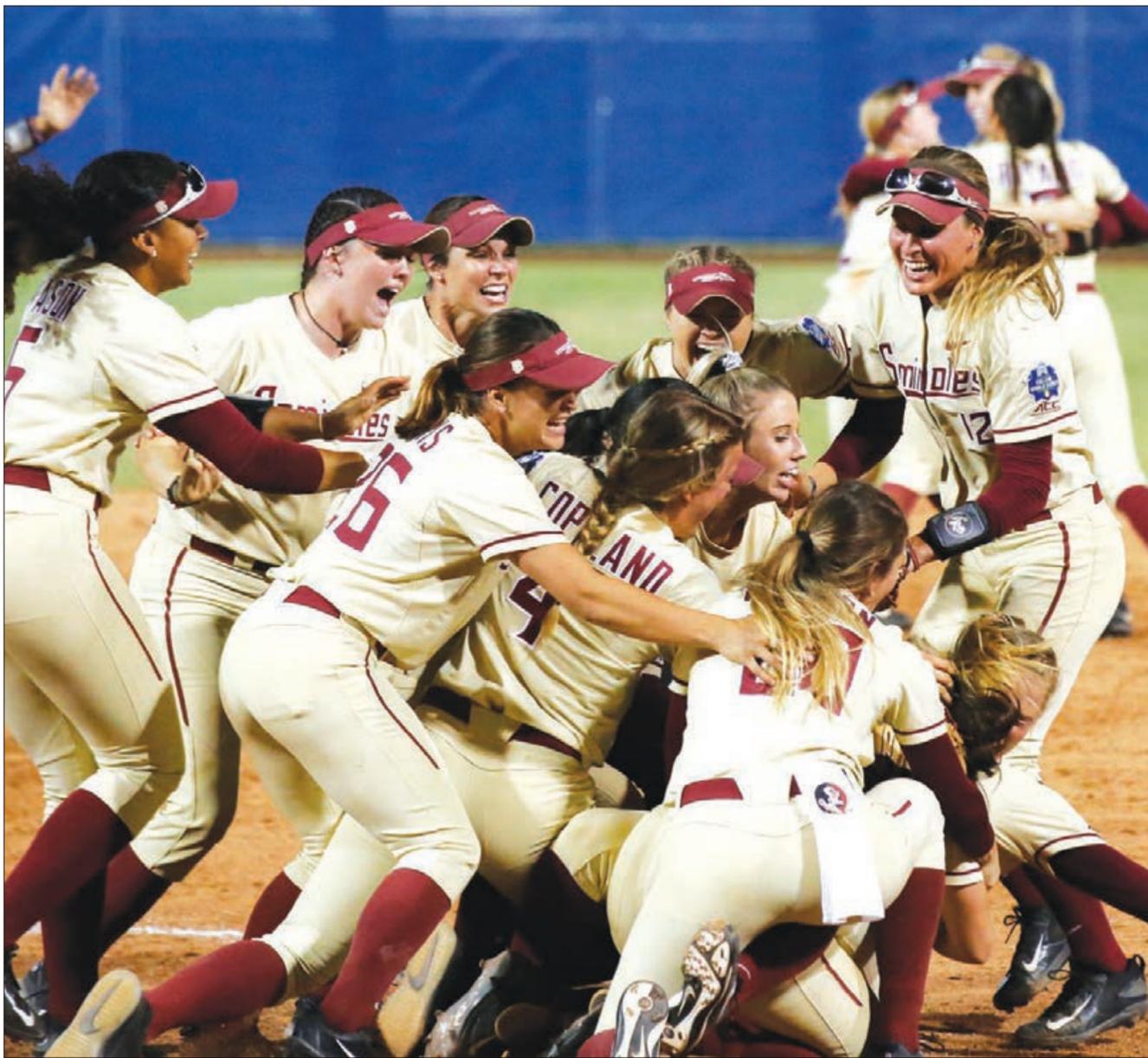
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Section B

WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

CHOPPIN' CHAMPS



SUE OGROCK/Associated Press

Florida State players pile on Meghan King, bottom right, after Florida State defeated Washington 8-3 in the second game of the best-of-three championship series in the NCAA softball Women's College World Series to win the national title Tuesday in Oklahoma City.

Florida State tops Washington 8-3 to win program's first national title.

By CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Pitcher Meghan King settled down after a rough start to complete a record-setting Women's College World Series, and Florida State beat Washington 8-3 on Tuesday night to claim its first national title. The Seminoles (58-12) won the best-of-three championship series 2-0. They lost their opener before winning six straight to become just the third team to

come through the losers' bracket and take the title. King broke a World Series record for lowest ERA among pitchers who threw at least 10 innings with a mark of 0.20. She earned four wins and a save in Oklahoma City while allowing just one earned run in 34 1/3 innings. King was on such a run that Florida State's ace throughout the season, Kylee Hanson, never had to pitch in the championship series. Florida State's Jessie Warren, who hit .520 in the World Series,

was named most outstanding player. She went 3 for 4 with a homer on Tuesday. Washington (52-10), one of four Pac-12 teams to reach the World Series, was undefeated outside of the conference until the two losses to Florida State. The Huskies got the only earned run off King early. Taylor Van Zee led off the game with a single, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on a bunt by Sis Bates. Washington then took advantage of an error, a passed ball and a double after miscommunication

to take a 3-0 lead. Anna Shelnett, who homered on Monday for the game's only run, started the Seminoles' rally with a two-out, two-run homer in the first. Florida State got more in the second when Elizabeth Mason singled and two runs scored with help from an error in right field. Warren's RBI single later in the inning pushed the Seminoles' lead to 5-3. Mason's two-run homer in the fourth made it 7-3, and Warren hit a solo shot in the same inning to make it 8-3.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

FGC still looking for runners to fill out team roster

Lady Timberwolves set to open inaugural season this August.

By ERIC JACKSON
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Florida Gateway College's cross country team is set to begin its inaugural season this fall. The Lady Timberwolves, though, are still looking to finalize their 2018-2019 roster. First-year coach April Morse says the women's team still has several roster spots left to be filled as the new season fast approaches. Morse, who also coaches at Lake City Middle School, encourages any local talent who's interested in joining the team to contact her by phone at (386) 754-4227 or by email at April.morse@fgc.edu. With limited scholarships, Morse hopes to sign at least three more in coming



Morse

FGC continued on 2B

NFL

Talk about political football: No Eagles at the White House



OLIVIER DOULIRY/Abaca Press/TNS

Trump trades hot accusations with team as who was to blame.

By JILL COLVIN and JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking on the NFL and football's Super Bowl champs, President Donald Trump gave the boot to a White House ceremony for the Philadelphia Eagles on Tuesday and instead threw his

own brief "Celebration of America" after it became clear most players weren't going to show up. Both sides traded hot accusations about who was to blame. Trump tried to turn the fracas into a referendum on patriotism and tie it to the dispute over players who have taken a knee during the national anthem to protest racism and police brutality. However, Eagles players never knelt during the "Star-

EAGLES continued on 5B

PREP FOOTBALL



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia quarterback Jordan Smith scrambles up the field against Bartram Trail during the teams' spring game on May 18.

Tigers set to host 7v7 qualifier

CHS kicks off FHS7v7 regional qualifier this morning at 10 a.m.

By JORDAN KROEGER
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This year the Tigers are looking to win it all while getting better as a team at the same time. Columbia will host today's regional qualifier with more than a handful of teams in attendance. Head coach Brian Allen says he isn't sure just how many teams will take the field tomorrow until registration is complete, but the FHS7v7 twitter account tweeted on Sunday that at least Buchholz, Bradford, Lafayette, Newberry and Vanguard will all go at it. "The opportunity to get work, not only for my kids on offense but my defensive kids to see different looks, different formations and different players is going to be very good for us," Allen said. "We've been going after it against each other for the last six months so it'll be real good to compete against other teams and other looks." All the teams will be guaranteed five games, with the first four games coming in pool play. That'll determine seeding for

TIGERS continued on 6B

NCAA REGIONALS

UF back in supers

Florida defeated FAU 5-2 early Tuesday, will face Auburn next.

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Jonah Girand homered for the third time in four games, helping overall No. 1 seed Florida beat Florida Atlantic 5-2 early Tuesday and advance to the NCAA super regionals. Girand's two-run shot in the fourth off Jordan Poore (2-2) put the Gators ahead for the first time in two games against the Owls, who won the first one 7-4 to set up a winner-take-all finale. Jonathan India and Wil Dalton added back-to-back homers in the fifth off Vince Coletti, giving the defending national champions a little breathing room against the pitching-depleted Owls (43-19-1). Reliever Tommy Mace (5-0)

GATORS continued on 2B

SCOREBOARD

TV LISTINGS

Today	MLB
COLLEGE SOFTBALL 8:30 p.m. ESPN — NCAA World Series, Championship series (Best-of-3), Game 3 (if necessary), Florida St. vs. Washington, at Oklahoma City	AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB Boston 42 19.689 — New York 39 18.684 1 Tampa Bay 28 31.475 13 Toronto 26 34.433 15½ Baltimore 18 41.305 23
COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD 7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Division I, Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships, at Eugene, Ore.	Central Division W L Pct GB Cleveland 31 28.525 — Detroit 29 33.468 3½ Minnesota 26 31.456 4 Kansas City 21 39.350 10½ Chicago 19 39.328 11½
CYCLING 2 a.m. (Thursday) NBCSN — UCI World Tour: Critérium du Dauphiné, Stage 3, from Pont-De-Vaux to Louhans-Châteauenaud, France (same-day tape)	West Division W L Pct GB Seattle 38 22.633 — Houston 37 25.597 2 Los Angeles 33 28.541 5½ Oakland 31 30.508 7½ Texas 26 37.413 13½
DIVING 4 p.m. NBCSN — FINA World Cup, 10-meter women's finals, at Wuhan, China (same-day tape)	NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB Atlanta 35 25.583 — Washington 34 25.576 ½ Philadelphia 32 26.552 2 New York 27 31.466 7 Miami 21 39.333 14
GOLF 4:30 a.m. (Thursday) GOLF — European PGA Tour, Shot Clock Masters, first round, at Atzenbrugg, Austria	Central Division W L Pct GB Milwaukee 37 24.607 — Chicago 33 24.579 2 St. Louis 32 26.667 3½ Pittsburgh 30 30.500 6½ Cincinnati 21 40.344 16
MLB BASEBALL 1 p.m. MLB — Regional coverage, Baltimore at N.Y. Mets OR Milwaukee at Cleveland	West Division W L Pct GB Arizona 31 28.525 — Colorado 31 29.517 ½ Los Angeles 30 30.500 1½ San Francisco 30 30.500 1½ San Diego 28 34.452 4½
NBA BASKETBALL 9 p.m. ABC — NBA Finals, Game 3, Golden State at Cleveland	Tuesday's Games Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 2, 1st game Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2 L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 0 N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 2 Baltimore 2, N.Y. Mets 1 Boston 6, Detroit 0 Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 2 Colorado 9, Cincinnati 6 Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 3, 2nd game Texas 7, Oakland 4 Philadelphia 6, Chicago Cubs 1 Seattle 7, Houston 1 Miami 7, St. Louis 4 Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m. Atlanta at San Diego, 10:10 p.m. Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NBA FINALS

Warriors 2, Cavaliers 0 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Game 1: Golden State 124, Cleveland 114, OT Game 2: Golden State 122, Cleveland 103 Game 3: Wednesday, June 6 Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m. Game 4: Friday, June 8 Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m. x-Game 5: Monday, June 11 Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m. x-Game 6: Thursday, June 14 Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m. x-Game 7: Sunday, June 17 Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

STANLEY CUP

Washington 3, Vegas 1 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Game 1: Vegas 6, Washington 4 Game 2: Washington 3, Vegas 2 Game 3: Washington 3, Vegas 1 Game 4: Washington 6, Vegas 2 Game 5: Thursday, June 7 Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m. x-Game 6: Sunday, June 10 Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m. x-Game 7: Wednesday, June 13 Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.
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Islanders' Lamoriello fires team's coach, GM

NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Lamoriello moved quickly to shake up the New York Islanders by firing general manager Garth Snow and coach Doug Weight and naming himself the team's new GM just two weeks after taking over as president of hockey operations.

Lamoriello announced the moves Tuesday that begin to reshape the organization in his image, two weeks to the day ownership said he'd have "full authority over all hockey matters." Lamoriello left the Toronto Maple Leafs to run the Islanders and will begin the search for a new coach immediately.

The Islanders missed the playoffs eight times in Snow's 12 years as general manager, including the past two seasons. He has four years left on the contract he signed when Wang still owned the team.

Scherzer strikes out 13, Nats defeat Rays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Max Scherzer struck out 13 in eight strong innings Tuesday in a 4-2 victory for the Washington Nationals over the Tampa Bay Rays to become the first 10-game winner in the majors.

Washington first baseman Matt Adams' solo homer to lead off the second opened the scoring. Juan Soto then singled, moved to third on Michael A. Taylor's single and slid under Wilson Ramos' tag when first baseman C.J. Cron threw home on Wilmer Difo's grounder.

Soto and Difo were central to a fourth-inning rally. Two batters after Soto worked a walk, Difo tripled to right-center and made it 4-0 when he slid under Tampa Bay starter Nathan Eovaldi's tag after a wild pitch.

Eovaldi gave up four runs in five innings in his second start back from Tommy John surgery.

The Rays also placed starting pitcher Chris Archer on the 10-day disabled list.

MLB DRAFT

Two more Gators get taken on day 2 of draft

From staff reports

Two more Florida Gators were selected on the second day of the Major League Baseball Draft.

University of Florida senior catcher JJ Schwarz was selected in the eighth round by the Oakland Athletics while senior shortstop Deacon Liput was selected in the 10th round (314 overall) by the Los Angeles Dodgers. The duo joined teammates Jonathan India (5th overall), Brady Singer (18th overall) and Jackson Kowar (33rd overall) after they all went in the first round last night, marking the first time in school history the Gators have had three players selected in the first round of the same MLB Draft.

This is the third time the Schwarz has been drafted. Coming out of high school, he was selected by the Brewers in the 17th round in 2014 and in the 38th round by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2017.

Schwarz is in the top-10 all-time in games played, games started, at-bats, hits, runs scored, doubles, home runs, runs batted in, total bases, walks and sacrifice flies. He is the

all-time program leader in games started (262) and sacrifice flies (24) while ranking second in games played (262), at-bats (970), runs batted in (235) and total bases (513).

The Johnny Bench Award semifinalist has hit at a .300 clip over his four seasons in Gainesville amassing 49 home runs and 59 doubles.

He was recently named a First Team All-SEC selection after posting a .325 batting average and 12 home runs to go along with a career-best .404 on-base percentage in 55 games played.

Liput was drafted for the third time and it's the second consecutive year the Dodgers have chosen him. Coming out of high school, he was selected by the Yankees in the 39th round in 2014 and in the 29th round by Los Angeles in 2017.

Liput has been a fixture up the middle of the diamond since arriving in Gainesville. The Brooks Wallace Award semifinalist has played in 187 games while making 184 starts in his three seasons. Defensively, Liput is 12 assists away from entering the top-10 on the

Gators career list at 510.

The junior is currently on pace for a career year at the plate with a .286 average, eight home runs, 36 runs batted in and 43 runs scores.

Liput was the final pick of day two of the draft. The remaining 30 rounds will take place tomorrow with rounds 11 set to begin at 12 p.m.

Five 'Noles selected on second day

Florida State catcher Cal Raleigh was the first Seminole to go off the board in the MLB Draft, selected in the third round (90th overall) by the Seattle Mariners. Pitcher Cole Sands then went in the fifth round to the Minnesota Twins (154th overall), pitcher Andrew Karp was taken by the Washington Nationals in the sixth round (191st overall), outfielder Jackson Lueck was selected in the eighth round (242nd overall) by the Kansas City Royals and pitcher Tyler Holton was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the ninth round (279th overall).

HORSE RACING

Justify draws No. 1 post for Triple try in Belmont Stakes

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Something Bob Baffert always dreads has come true ahead of the Belmont Stakes: Justify drew the No. 1 post for the colt's bid to sweep the Triple Crown.

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner was made the early 4-5 favorite in the 10-horse field for Saturday's race.

Baffert is not a fan of the inside post for his horses, no matter what the race.

"I never do like to draw the rail, but my horses seem to live in it," he said Tuesday. "We have it, we can't change it. We'll deal with it."

And history may be on Justify's side. Since 1905, a leading 23 horses have won from the No. 1 post. The last to win from there was Empire Maker in 2003 when he spoiled Funny Cide's Triple Crown bid.

"He is so talented, I think he can dictate the race," Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said of Justify. "That is the thing that makes him very tough to beat. He can pick his spots. He is the

key to how all of us run."

Justify won the first two legs of the series from the No. 7 post. He ran on sloppy tracks both times and the forecast for Saturday calls for a 60 percent chance of rain.

This time the No. 7 hole went to Tenfold. The colt was a fast-closing third in the Preakness and is 12-1 for the Belmont.

Hofburg was made the 9-2 second choice. Trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott, the colt finished seventh in the Kentucky Derby and skipped the Preakness.

The only other horses with single-digit odds are Preakness runner-up Bravazo and Vino Rosso, both at 8-1. Vino Rosso finished ninth in the Derby and didn't run in the Preakness.

Baffert is seeking a second Triple Crown victory in four years. American Pharoah ended a 37-year drought when he completed the sweep in 2015. He broke from the No. 1 post in the Preakness.

In the 2010 Kentucky Derby, Baffert had the favorite with Lookin At Lucky, who broke from the No. 1 hole. The colt was pinned to the rail and had nowhere to go until a late run helped him finish sixth. He won the Preakness.

GATORS

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tossed two scoreless innings for the win. Closer Michael Byrne got the final nine outs for his 15th save, sending Florida to its fourth consecutive super regional and 10th since 2004.

The Gators (45-18) will host Auburn in a best-of-three series that begins later this week, with a spot in the College World Series at stake. Florida is trying to become the seventh to repeat as CWS champs.

Girard has boosted the team's chances. The junior catcher stepped in for injured captain JJ Schwarz (hand) in the regional and provided a huge spark at the bottom of the lineup. Two of his homers plated the go-ahead run in victories.

FGC

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weeks after receiving letters of intent from her daughter, Bridget Morse (Columbia), Christen Odum (Columbia) and Carmella Derringer (Branford). A couple other prospects, from Buchholz and Baker County High, took visits to FGC recently and Morse remains hopeful they'll commit.

"I feel like if we can get these five signed and ready to go by August, plus sign a couple more in a few weeks, we might place in the top-three ladies JUCO teams in the state," she said.

Morse says recruitment hasn't been easy, trying to compete with Shorter College and Ivy League programs but nonetheless says the process has been "exciting and fun". She was hired in February to head the program, which will compete as a Division I program in the National Junior College Athletic Association. The long-time coach comes to FGC after an illustrious cross country career at Eastern Oklahoma State College and University of North Florida. She's been coaching cross country and track at LCMS since 2007.

Women's cross country is one of two new sports being added to FGC's athletics lineup this year. Men's basketball also begins this fall. Both teams join volleyball and men's golf, which marked the school's reintroduction to athletics last year.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	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	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	NBA Countdown	d 2018 NBA Finals	Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers. (N) ☼				News at 11	
4-IND	4	4	4	News4JAX	News4JAX	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The 10 O'Clock News (N) ☼	News4JAX		(:35) DailyMailTV	
5-PBS	5	-	-	DW News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) ☼		Rhythm, Love & Soul (My Music)	Love songs of the 1960s and 1970s. ☼			Memory Rescue With Daniel Amen, MD	Ways to strengthen one's memory.			
7-CBS	7	47	47	2 Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy (N)	Family Feud ☼	Survivor ☼		SEAL Team "Boarding Party" ☼		Code Black "Step Up" (N) ☼	Action News	Late Show-Colbert		
9-CW	9	17	17	2 Broke Girls ☼	2 Broke Girls ☼	Mom ☼	The Goldbergs	Supergirl "Not Kansas" ☼		The Originals (N) ☼		Dateline A real estate agent's murder.	Impractical Jokers	The Game ☼		
10-FOX	10	30	30	Action News	Action News	TMZ (N) ☼	Access (N) ☼	MasterChef The cooks face off against one another. (N) ☼ (DVS)				Action News	Action News	Action News	(:35) Page Six TV	
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	American Ninja Warrior	Competitors face six obstacles. (N) ☼ (DVS)			Reverie "Bond, Jane Bond." (N) ☼	News	Tonight Show		
WGN-A	16	239	307	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy)	Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. ☼			
TVLAND	17	106	304	(5:48) M*A*S*H	(:24) M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H ☼	M*A*S*H "Kim" (N) ☼	CMT Music Awards 2018 (N) (Live) ☼				King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens		
OWN	18	189	279	Police Women of Dallas ☼	Police Women of Dallas ☼	Police Women of Dallas ☼	Queen Sugar	Queen Sugar	"Of Their Sojourn Here" (N) ☼	Queen Sugar "Of Their Sojourn Here" (N) ☼	Queen Sugar "Your Distant Destiny" (N) ☼	Queen Sugar	Queen Sugar	Queen Sugar		
A&E	19	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Motor Mayhem The bidding revs up over a lucky locker. (N) ☼					(:04) Storage Wars	(:34) Storage Wars	
HALL	20	185	312	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle ☼	The Middle ☼	The Middle ☼	The Middle ☼	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
FX	22	136	248	(5:30) *** "Deadpool" (2016, Action)	Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. ☼	*** "Now You See Me 2" (2016, Adventure)	Jesse Eisenberg. Four magicians must steal a powerful computer chip. ☼	*** "Now You See Me 2" (2016, Adventure)	Jesse Eisenberg. Four magicians must steal a powerful computer chip. ☼			*** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015, Action)	*** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015, Action)	*** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015, Action)	*** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015, Action)	
CNN	24	200	202	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) ☼	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) ☼	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) ☼	Cuomo Prime Time (N) ☼				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		
TNT	25	138	245	NCIS: New Orleans "Radio Silence"	NCIS: New Orleans ☼ (DVS)	NCIS: New Orleans ☼ (DVS)	*** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016, Action)	Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. ☼ (DVS)						(:15) *** "The Rock" (1996) ☼		
NIK	26	170	299	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Movie ☼				Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends ☼	Friends ☼	
PARMT	28	168	241	Mom ☼	Mom ☼	Friends ☼	Friends ☼	CMT Music Awards 2018 (N) ☼				*** "Pitch Perfect" (2012) Anna Kendrick. ☼				
MY-TV	29	32	-	Mama's Family	The Jeffersons	M*A*S*H ☼	M*A*S*H ☼	Dateline A murder on Valentine's Day.	Dateline "The Family Secret" ☼	Dateline "The Family Secret" ☼	Seinfeld ☼	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason ☼		
DISN	31	172	290	Bizaardvark ☼	Raven's Home	Bunk'd ☼	Bunk'd ☼	Andi Mack ☼	Raven's Home	Stuck/Middle	DuckTales ☼	Bizaardvark ☼	Raven's Home	Andi Mack ☼	Bunk'd ☼	
LIFE	32	108	252	Little Women: LA "Lil Panty Droppers"	Little Women: LA "Get Happy" ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	Little Women: LA (N) ☼	
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Colony Snyder settles into retirement.	Modern Family	Modern Family		
BET	34	124	329	(4:35) *** "The Cookout" (2004)	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action)	Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson.	Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson.	Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson.	
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼	NBA Countdown	College Softball NCAA World Series Championship, Game 3: Teams TBA. (If necessary). (N) ☼						SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼		
ESPN2	36	144	209	NBA: The Jump	Around the Horn	Interruption	College Track and Field NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships. From Eugene, Ore. (N) ☼							E:60	NBA at the Mic (N)	
SUNSP	37	-	-	Baseball Begin	Baseball Begin	MLB Baseball	Tampa Bay Rays at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.					Rays Postgame	In the Spotlight	Focused	Boxing 30 ☼	SportsMoney ☼
DISCV	38	182	278	American Chopper: Shaq Bike ☼	American Chopper: Shaq Bike ☼	American Chopper "Welcome Back"	American Chopper "Game Changer" (N) ☼					Sticker Shock (N) ☼	Misfit Garage ☼	Misfit Garage ☼	Misfit Garage ☼	
TBS	39	139	247	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N) ☼							
HLN	40	202	204	Crime & Justice	Crime & Justice	Crime & Justice	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files					
FNC	41	205	360	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) ☼	Hannity (N) ☼				The Ingraham Angle (N) ☼	FOX News at Night with Shannon	FOX News at Night with Shannon	FOX News at Night with Shannon	
EI	45	114	236	Botched "I Love New Work" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	Botched "Foreign Bodies" ☼	El News ☼	El News ☼	
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Expedition Unknown ☼	Expedition Unknown ☼	Expedition Unknown "Plummer's Gold" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "Plummer's Gold" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "Plummer's Gold" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "Plummer's Gold" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "Plummer's Gold" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "The Secret" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "The Secret" (N) ☼	Expedition Unknown "The Secret" (N) ☼	
HGTV	47	112	229	Property Brothers "Mad About Plaid"	Property Brothers "Shaky Start" ☼	Property Brothers "Shaky Start" ☼	Property Brothers "Changing Direction" (N) ☼	Property Brothers "Changing Direction" (N) ☼	Property Brothers "Changing Direction" (N) ☼	Property Brothers "Changing Direction" (N) ☼	Property Brothers "Changing Direction" (N) ☼	House Hunters (N) Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers ☼	Property Brothers ☼	Property Brothers ☼	
TLC	48	183	280	My 600-Lb. Life "Erica, Part 1" (N)	(:02) My 600-Lb. Life "Erica, Part 2" (N)	(:02) My 600-Lb. Life "Erica, Part 2" (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Diana & Ashley R." Ashley loses more than 200 pounds. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Diana & Ashley R." Ashley loses more than 200 pounds. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Diana & Ashley R." Ashley loses more than 200 pounds. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Diana & Ashley R." Ashley loses more than 200 pounds. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Diana & Ashley R." Ashley loses more than 200 pounds. (N)	(:04) Skin Tight "Carlynda & Karen" (N)	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life	
HIST	49	120	269	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars</											

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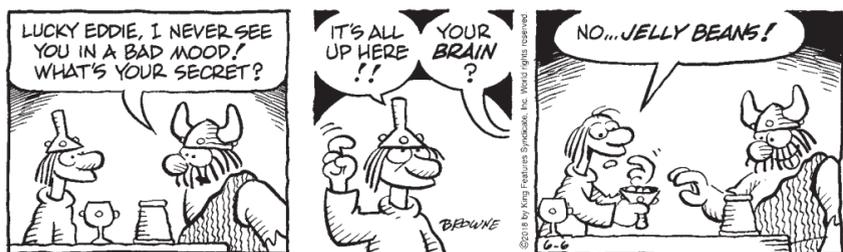
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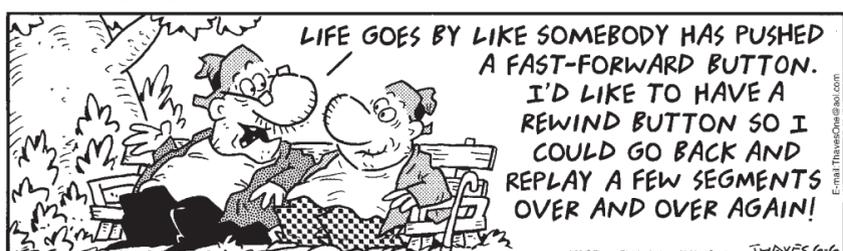
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DEAR ABBY

Military marriage suffers from frequent separation



Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are both active duty military. We have been married for three years and have an 18-month-old daughter together. My husband is sweet, handsome and a great father. We got married very quickly, and I think that's where our problems began. He isn't good at communication or showing affection, which leaves me feeling lonely. This, on top of being separated several times due to the military, makes for a very shaky marriage. I have cheated on him with eight different people since our wedding. The affair I am most ashamed of was when I was pregnant with our daughter. I'm currently in counseling, but I'm still unable to curb my cravings. He always forgives me and allows us to continue being married. The problem is, I don't know if he's really the one for me. I know cheating is wrong and that I'm not only hurting him, but my daughter as well. Should we divorce? Or should we continue trying to be together? We have talked about marriage counseling, but we are separated so much it makes it hard to get into a good groove.

-- IS HE THE ONE FOR ME? DEAR IS HE: I'm glad you're in counseling because it's where you need to be right now. The questions you are asking me are ones you should be raising with your therapist. Separation is part of a military marriage. I agree that for you and your husband to fix what's wrong with your marriage, he will need to be present and accounted for. I do not think you should make any decision about divorce until he returns from his deployment. But I DO think that until he's back, if you cannot "curb your cravings," you should take every precaution you can against STDs.

DEAR ABBY: I divorced my wife eight years ago. But she still takes every opportunity to make me look bad in front of her family and mine. I met someone recently, and

we care deeply for each other. There are no marriage plans for the future, but I don't want to keep our relationship a secret. I'm reluctant to tell the family about her because of the fallout it may create, and for fear that my son and daughter may prevent me from seeing my grandchildren. My new lady is 19 years my junior, which won't help the situation. I am at a loss about what to do. Can you help? -- **PANIC IN PITTSBURGH**

DEAR PANIC: Eight years after your divorce it should surprise no one that you have finally met someone. Because your ex-wife's pattern of behavior all this time has been to try to make you look bad, your family should recognize it for what it is -- the reaction of an unhappy and bitter woman who would probably do the same thing even if you entered a monastery. Live your life and don't let it be ruled by fear. You divorced your ex eight years ago, but fear is the ball and chain by which she still controls you.

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

HOROSCOPES | THE LAST WORD BY EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication is your best bet. If you let others make assumptions, you will end up being blamed for something you didn't do. Use your ability to research and fact-find to help you counter anyone trying to make you look bad. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): One step at a time. You may be tempted to take a leap of faith, but before you make a sudden move, consider the consequence if something goes wrong. Time is on your side, and hasty decisions will lead to regret. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Understand what you are getting into before you offer help. You'll end up getting stuck with a job that will conflict with the way your feel or the time you have allotted to taking care of your own responsibilities. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Add spice to your life. Think outside the box and offer your point of view. Honor your beliefs and live life your way. Be open and share your ideas and concerns, but allow others the same privilege. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you want something, go after it. Don't wait for someone else to do the work. Live up to your promises. Recognize what you want, but live within your means. Today is about balance, integrity and making things right. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Truth will matter. Elaborating is fine, as long as you don't lose sight of the facts while trying to entice others with your presentation. Live up to your standards, rules and beliefs. Change comes with honesty and faith, not deception. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Learn as you go, and put more energy behind getting things done right the first time. Don't limit what you can do because someone gives you a hard time. Learn to say no to those asking for too much. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make personal changes that will make a statement regarding what you stand for. Don't back down; show the world what you have to offer and how you

plan to reach your goal. The time for positive change is now. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Question your motives before putting demands on someone or trying to convince others to do things your way. Be honest about your intentions, and question those who come on too strong. Communication is mandatory. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider investments and how best to make your money work for you. A change in the way you invest or handle your cash will encourage a higher standard of living, less stress and a positive change in your personal life. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be fooled by what others say or ask for. Stick close to home, and take care of your personal situation before you offer help to outsiders, or someone will try to take advantage of you. Communication and intelligence are your strengths. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional manipulation will help you get your way. Your ability to push the envelope and get others to buy into what you say will bring about positive change, but only for so long. Truth must be upheld to ensure long-term success. ★★

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

June 6: Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 78. Country singer Joe Stampley is 74. Jazz pianist Monty Alexander is 73. Actor Robert Englund (Freddie Krueger) is 70. Singer Dwight Twilley is 66. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 65. Actress-comedian Sandra Bernhard is 62. Actress Amanda Pays is 58. Record producer and musician Jimmy Jam (The Time) is 58. Comedian Colin Quinn is 58. Guitarist Steve Vai is 57. Singer-bassist Tom Araya of Slayer is 56. Actor Jason Isaacs ("Harry Potter" films) is 54. Bassist Sean Ysealt (White Zombie) is 51. Actor Max Casella ("Analyze This," "Doogie Howser, M.D.") is 50. Actor Paul Giamatti is 50. Singer Damion Hall of Guy is 49. Bassist Bardi Martin (Candlebox) is 48.

CIPHER

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 joined the Air Force. I took to it immediately... I did three years, eight months and ten days in all." — Morgan Freeman

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June 6, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING

County Commissioner District III Bucky Nash invites all citizens 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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING

County Commissioner District I Ron Williams invites all citizens to attend a town hall meeting to discuss the County's road infrastructure. The meeting will be held on June 19, 6pm at the Winfield Community Center located at 1324 NW Winfield St., Lake City, FL 32055
June 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 2018

Registration of Fictitious Names

We the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of TURTLE JUNCTION, LLC, 15056 SW SR47, FORT WHITE, FL 32038 Contact Phone Number: (386) 497-4153 and the extent of the interest of each, is as follows:
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433481
June 6, 2018

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors, wishes to announce a special called meeting to be held Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:45 PM, in the SVTA Board Room, 1907 Voyles St, SW, Live Oak, Florida, 32064

Agenda items:
Approval of 2016/2017 Financial Audit
Vehicle Purchase
Lighting Upgrade to LED
Office Enclosure
Increase in Private Pay Fares

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PRO TENNIS**Djokovic falters, Cecchinato soars in French Open stunner**

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

Associated Press

PARIS — It was difficult to discern which was less likely: that 12-time major champion Novak Djokovic would falter in his French Open quarterfinal or that Marco Cecchinato, who never won a Grand Slam match until last week and once faced a possible ban for losing on purpose, would rise to the occasion.

Either way, Tuesday's outcome was stunning. To both men. And to anyone watching.

Djokovic, bothered by neck and leg problems, went from two sets down to the verge of forcing a fifth, but he frittered away good chances and in the end was beaten by the 72nd-ranked Cecchinato 6-3, 7-6 (4), 1-6, 7-6 (11) in a rollicking match filled with engaging exchanges and plenty of drama.

"A hard one to swallow," a glum Djokovic acknowledged during a brief news conference, in which he delivered clipped answers and said he might not play during the upcoming grass-court season.

Cecchinato is the lowest-ranked French Open semifinalist in 19 years and the first Italian man to make it that far at any major in 40 years. "The best moment of my life," Cecchinato said. Djokovic served for the fourth set at 5-3 — "I thought," Cecchinato would say, "my Roland Garros was about to end" — but the 2016 French Open champion got bro-

ken. Djokovic then held three set points in the tiebreaker — "I saw ghosts," Cecchinato would joke — but couldn't convert.

"A pity," Djokovic said. At 7-6 in the closing tiebreaker, he pushed a backhand long. At 8-7, Cecchinato ended a 20-stroke exchange with a swinging volley winner. At 9-8, Djokovic flubbed a forehand, knelt and clasped his hands together as if praying, then raised an index finger as if to plea, "Let me have ONE of these!"

"I had a lot of courage, especially toward the end of the tiebreaker," Cecchinato said. "I was cool. Clear-headed. My heart was beating 1,000 mph. It wasn't easy. My hand was even shaking a little."

Cecchinato (it's pronounced cheh-key-NAH'-toe) came through on his fourth match point, looping in a backhand return winner as Djokovic tried to surprise him with a serve-and-volley attempt.

The 25-year-old Cecchinato dropped onto his back on the clay, then sat in his sideline chair, bowed his head and cried.

Told in an on-court interview that he wasn't dreaming, Cecchinato responded: "Are you sure?"

Consider that Cecchinato has never won a tour-level match on a surface other than red clay; as it is, he entered this season with a career record of 4-23 and entered this tournament with a Grand Slam record of 0-4.

Then there's this: The 25-year-old from Sicily was suspended for 18 months and fined 40,000

euros (about \$45,000) by his national federation in July 2016 for allegedly fixing a match by losing at a lower-tier Challenger event in Morocco a year earlier. Cecchinato appealed and, eventually, the Italian Olympic Committee announced that the sanctions were dropped on a technicality.

He has declined to discuss the case in Paris.

On Friday, Cecchinato will face No. 7 seed Dominic Thiem of Austria, who made it to his third consecutive French Open semifinal by beating No. 2 Alexander Zverev of Germany 6-4, 6-2, 6-1. As the score indicates, that was far less compelling, in part because Zverev felt pain in his left hamstring and wound up having his leg taped by a trainer.

Zverev was coming off a trio of wins that went five sets and, while still just 21, could not will his body to another comeback.

"He's one of the fittest guys on tour," Thiem said, "and even for him, it's maybe even a little bit too tough to play three five-setters."

In the women's quarterfinals, No. 10 Sloane Stephens beat No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 6-1, and No. 13 Madison Keys eliminated unseeded Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan 7-6 (5), 6-4. Stephens beat Keys in the U.S. Open final last September, and Thursday's rematch will be the first all-American women's semifinal at the French Open since Serena Williams defeated Jennifer Capriati in 2002.

NBA**Warriors, Cavaliers won't go to White House**

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Stephen Curry and LeBron James spoke their minds last year. They have not changed their minds this year.

No matter whose team wins the NBA championship, neither superstar will be at the White House anytime soon.

On the day when the Philadelphia Eagles were supposed to be there to commemorate winning the Super Bowl — a visit that was canceled by President Donald Trump and had the White House accusing players who weren't planning on attending of abandoning their fans — Curry and James were among those speaking out at the NBA Finals in support of the Eagles.

"I'm not surprised. It's typical of him," James, the Cleveland star, said Tuesday of Trump's decision to cancel. "I know no matter who wins this series, no one wants the invite anyway. So it won't be Golden State or Cleveland going."

Curry said the team has been on the same page after his comments last year and Trump's subsequent revoking of the Warriors' invitation. "And every team that's won a championship since then has gone through that."

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Spangled Banner," throughout the 2017 season and their march to the Super Bowl.

The White House accused Eagles team members of pulling a "political stunt" and abandoning their fans by backing out at the last minute. Indeed, few apparently were going to come, though some expressed disappointment that they'd been disinvited and complained Trump was unfairly painting them as anti-American.

Through it all, Trump appeared to revel in fanning the flames of a culture war that he believes revs up his political base.

Trump had long been leery of the Eagles' planned visit to the White House, in part because the team's owner, Jeffrey Lurie, has been a Trump critic, and because several players have been vocal critics of the league's new policy that requires players to stand if they're on the field during the national anthem or else stay in the locker room.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the team notified the White House last Thursday that 81 people, including players, coaches, managers and others would be attending the Super Bowl celebration. But she said the team got back in touch late Friday and tried to reschedule, "citing the fact that many players would not be in attendance." The Eagles proposed a time when Trump would be overseas.

Eagles officials declined comment on the White House version of events, sticking with a simple earlier statement: "We are truly grateful for all of the support we have received and we are looking forward to continuing our preparations for the 2018 season."

No one connected with the team said the players' reluctance to attend had anything to do with the national anthem, as Trump tried to portray the situation. And comments by star players in the current pro basketball finals indicated it's not about football.

"I know no matter who wins this series, no one wants the invite anyway. So it won't be Golden State or Cleveland going," said LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers. There was no disagreement from Stephen Curry, who angered Trump last year when he said he wouldn't go to the White House after the Warriors' NBA triumph, leading the president to disinvite him and his

team.

Trump, furious about the small number of Eagles who were coming, scrapped Tuesday's visit, believing a low turnout would reflect poorly upon him. He had told aides last year he was embarrassed when Tom Brady, star quarterback of that season's champion New England Patriots, opted to skip a White House visit.

Instead, the president held what he dubbed a "patriotic celebration" that was short and spare. A military band and chorus delivered the Star-Spangled Banner and God Bless America, with brief Trump remarks sandwiched in between.

"We love our country, we respect our flag and we always proudly stand for the national anthem," Trump said.

The White House crowd of roughly 1,000, mostly dressed in business suits, was light on Pennsylvanians and heavy on administration and GOP Party officials. Several in attendance blamed the players, not the president, for torpedoing the Eagles event.

John Killion, a lifelong Eagles fan who now lives in Florida and traveled to Washington to see his team, said he was "devastated and infuriated" by a breakdown he blamed on the Eagles owners.

"I waited my whole life for the Eagles to win the Super Bowl and they were going to be congratulated at the White House. And I don't really care who you like or dislike, it shouldn't be about that," he said.

Bill Fey, a Republican state committeeman from southern New Jersey and an Eagles fan, called the decision "a black eye as far as I'm concerned with the NFL. I think that everyone should come to the White House. This is the peoples' house." Still, he said, "I think the Eagles did what they thought was necessary. I don't blame anyone."

Trump's own patriotic event was not without its controversy. Following the playing of the anthem, a heckler shouted from the audience: "Stop hiding behind the armed services and the national anthem!" prompting boos. A Swedish reporter posted video of a man kneeling as the anthem was played.

In a statement Monday, Trump placed the blame on Eagles players he said "disagree with their President because he insists that they proudly stand for the National Anthem, hand on heart, in honor of the great men and women of our military and the people of our country."

Besides the fact that none of the Eagles had taken a knee during the anthem in 2017, defensive end Chris

Long said the NFL anthem policy change and Trump's reaction to it were not even discussed by the players in meetings about making the visit.

Those deciding to stay away had various reasons beyond Trump's opposition to the protests, including more general feelings of hostility toward the president, one official said.

Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins, who had planned to skip the ceremony "to avoid being used as any kind of pawn," said in a statement that at the White House a "decision was made to lie, and paint the picture that these players are anti-America, anti-flag and anti-military."

Trump has long railed against the protests that began in 2016 when San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began silently kneeling on the sidelines during the anthem to raise awareness around racism and, specifically, the killing of black men by police.

At a rally last September, Trump suggested NFL owners fire "son of a bitch" players who "disrespect" the flag by kneeling.

As for politics, Trump believes the anthem controversy is a winning issue for him and was pleased that last month's announcement of the league's new policy returned it to the news, according to people familiar with the president's thinking but not authorized to discuss private conversations.

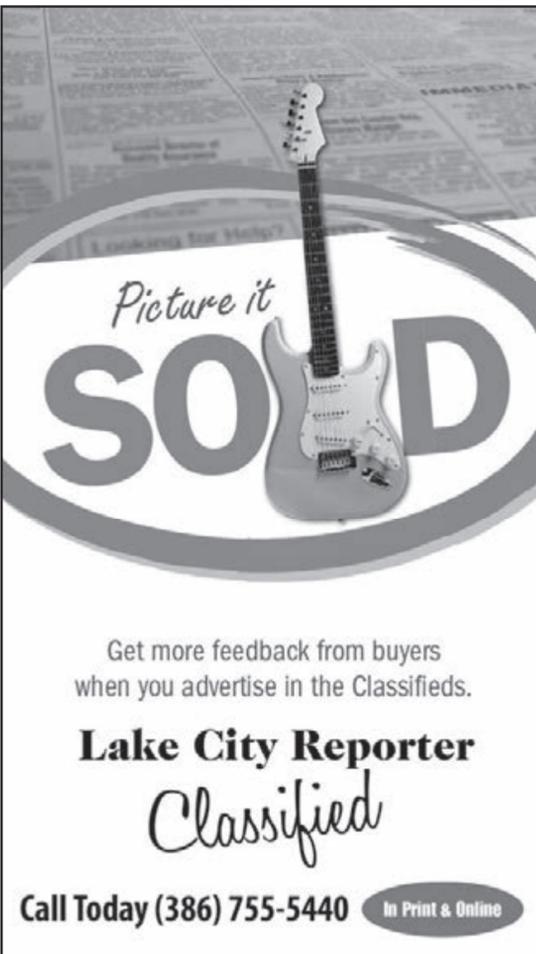
Even so, Trump made clear Tuesday he doesn't believe the policy goes far enough, tweeting: "Staying in the Locker Room for the playing of our National Anthem is as disrespectful to our country as kneeling. Sorry!"

The president told one confidant Monday that he aims to revive the issue in the months leading up to the midterm elections, believing its return to the headlines will help Republicans win votes.

Trump's attempt to drive a wedge between the team and its fervent fan base could have political consequences in Pennsylvania, which Trump won by just 44,000 votes in 2016.

The politics are already playing out in the state's Senate race, where Republican Rep. Lou Barletta is challenging Democratic incumbent Bob Casey.

Barletta attended the White House ceremony sans Eagles, "representing the proud Pennsylvanians who stand for our flag." Casey tweeted he would be "skipping this political stunt at the White House" and invited the Eagles on a tour of the Capitol instead.



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single game elimination, where Columbia went unscathed to win the qualifier in 2017. The winner of the qualifier heads to the state championship on June 26.

FHS7v7 games work a lot differently than a normal football game. Besides the fact that there aren't 11 players on each side of the ball, there's a 20-minute running clock with the last two minutes played as a regulation game with clock stoppages.

Penalties, such as off-sides and delay of game, also result in a loss of down. Take all of that into account and it's no surprise that Allen doesn't put a ton of stock into evaluating his entire team based on 7v7 results.

But he does put stock into teaching his kids at every chance he gets and he says today presents a great chance to do so as

the Tigers look ahead to the 2018 season this fall.

"The opportunity to continue working with my kids from beginning in January all the way through the month of August when it gets real again is what I take a lot of stock in, the fact that the work continues," Allen said. "Typically, as early as a month out of the season, you're right back. Especially for young guys and breaking in the starters, this time is tremendous for us to be successful in August. The teaching never stops, especially for the quarterback position."

Speaking of the quarterback position, Allen says Jordan Smith has continued to impress during summer practices. Columbia has been going at it two days a week and even practiced Monday and Tuesday to prepare for today's qualifier, with Smith developing a solid relationship with top receivers T.J. Jones, Marquez Bell, Bobby Fulton and Jaden Williams.

Smith, Jones, Bell and Fulton have 49 collegiate offers between them right now. Allen expects more to come this summer as they continue to go to more camps and develop more chemistry.

"One of the things I'm seeing big time is our core receivers and quarterback are getting on the same page," Allen said. "I'm starting to see the anticipation from my quarterback, which is key and huge. My receivers are continuing to get better with things that we're doing against coverages, running routes, getting in windows especially against zone coverages that they're starting to recognize cover two, cover three, cover four and man from what a guy's alignment is...we're starting to do things that college guys are doing with our receiving core so it's been good to see that continuation take place and it'll roll right into our summer workouts which begin next week."



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Columbia receiver Jaden Williams evades the Bartram Trail defender during the teams' spring game on May 18.



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