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Surgery No.4 for gas-burn victim

Doused, set ablaze; remains hospitalized nearly a month later.

By **COREY ARWOOD**
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A Live Oak mother of two set on fire on August 2 is still recovering while undergoing round after round of surgeries for her third-degree burns, her family said.



Watts
Kyla Watts, 27, recently had a fourth procedure at the Gainesville hospital where she's been for nearly a month, according to her mother, Julie Jones.

She's averaged a surgery a week because of burns to her arms and her chest, and lesser burns to her neck and face.

"She is a warrior," Jones said.

Jones, of Bryceville, has been Watts' caretaker during her hospital stint and said Watts is healing well after learning only

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Bears making ready for winter

By **COREY ARWOOD**
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Black bears are on the move again and have shown up recently on trail cameras of hunters in Columbia County.

State conservation officers say increased bear activity should be expected

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'Air and opportunity'

City official reprimanded for responding to what he took as a threat from councilman.

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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air and opportunity." Those words — an invitation by one interpretation, a threat by another — brought tensions to a

peak in a standoff between Lake City Councilman Jake Hill and Assistant City Manager Paul Dyal. The fallout for Dyal came Tuesday, in the form of a written reprimand made public Friday.



Hill



Dyal

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LOCAL HOPEFULS HIT HOME STRETCH



Pictured above are hopefuls, and their surrogates, for School Board, city and state representative seats.



Photos by **ROBERT BRIDGES**/Lake City Reporter

School Board candidate Stephanie Finnell, right, and supporters.

Saturday, the last day of early voting, saw a crowd out front of the Supervisor of Elections office. Election Day is Tuesday.



School Board, city and county candidates are pictured.



School Board candidate Shayne Edge.

Early voting ends; 5,060 ballots cast

By **STEVE WILSON**
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Over the past eight days, more than 5,000 Columbia County voters exercised their constitutional right to vote.

Early voting began on August 18 and ran each day from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at both the Supervisor of Elections office in Lake City and at the Fort White Community Center. A total of 5,060 voted between both locations as of 6 p.m. Saturday when early



Horne

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Precinct consolidation felt by voters: Williams

Polling places cut due to lack of machines.

By **TONY BRITT**
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With just two days remaining before the primary election and early voting now a memory, complaints about local polling sites are beginning to pile up like cord wood — from politicians and voters alike.

From concerns over a voting precinct housed in a portable building located in a pasture, to voters having to travel about 20 minutes to cast ballots, some residents are complaining about what they consider slights by the supervisor of elections office.



Williams

Ron Williams, Columbia

County District 1 commissioner, said he's received complaints from voters living in District 1, after Supervisor of Elections Liz Horne decided to close the Deep Creek polling site and combine it with the Winfield site.

Williams said he has an issue with the distance some District 1 voters have to travel to the polling sites to cast ballots. Williams is not up for re-election this year,

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City dust-up ends in reprimand

CITY
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During an Aug. 8 budget meeting, Hill asked why the city needed two assistant city managers, referencing Dyal and Grayson Cason.

"Is that cost, costing the city more?" Hill asked.

Dyal was the utilities chief before former City Manager Wendell Johnson gave him the promotion, which Finance Director Donna Duncan said did not come with a raise.

Duncan said she was unsure about Johnson's reasoning for the promotion.

Hill asked staff to "look at that."

Newly hired City Manager Joe Helfenberger said he'd come back with a report.

Dyal responded from the audience with indifference, kicking off the back-and-forth.

"Y'all can restructure however you all want it," Dyal said.

"Of course we can," Hill responded.

Dyal requested to make a statement, asking Helfenberger if the topic was still the budget.

Hill interjected.

"The question had to do with the budget," Hill said. "I just asked, again I just asked a question."

Hill's tone and volume

elicited a reaction.

"Ah now, wait a minute now, Mr. Hill," Dyal responded. "I'm the type of person you can sit here and have a conversation with me. But I'm not Wendell Johnson, don't raise your voice to me."

"Well again, again, ain't nothing in between us but air and opportunity," Hill said, a line from the 2000 version of the movie "Shaft."

"That's right," Dyal said.

"And if you feel like you want some, come on and get it," Hill said.

Council member Melinda Moses let out an "oh my" as the argument continued.

"Are you threatening me?" Dyal asked.

Moses tried to jump in. "We don't need to go there," she chimed in.

But the dispute kept going.

"No, I ain't threatening you," Hill said.

Helfenberger's first attempt to take control of the conversation was promptly interrupted by Dyal.

"It sounds like he's threatening me," Dyal said.

Helfenberger again tried

to shift the focus back to the budget, but Dyal continued.

"I don't need to work somewhere where they're going to threaten me," Dyal said.

"Nobody threatened anybody," Helfenberger said.

"... He did," Dyal said.

"That mean you resigning?" Hill asked.

"You call can fire me and pay severance if you want to," Dyal said, knocking

over a chair and storming out of the meeting.

In a written reprimand on Tuesday, Helfenberger told Dyal that the interaction at the meeting was "alright" at first, but Dyal

escalated it when he told Hill not to raise his voice to him.

Hill took that quote to be a "challenge," Helfenberger wrote.

"Once you defended yourself, you needed to be silent on the subject and address the matter with me after the meeting," Helfenberger wrote. "You already know there is tension between Mr. Hill and you from the past."

Knocking over the chair and abruptly leaving the meeting, which Dyal was

required to attend, was "unacceptable behavior," Helfenberger wrote.

"If this happens again, further action will be taken," Helfenberger wrote.

The reprimand also chastises Dyal for not immediately bringing a problem with the Kicklighter wastewater facility's elevation level to Helfenberger's attention.

The facility was built about two-and-a-half-feet too low, Helfenberger told the Lake City Reporter.

"There could be some additional costs to the city that it might not have otherwise incurred for proper damage," he said. "And there could be potential additional maintenance costs."

Helfenberger said he's investigating the issue to find out how significant the costs might be.

"It's a big enough issue that I needed to know immediately," he said.

Dyal declined comment, citing city protocols.

Hill said Dyal's actions during the meeting were "not acceptable."

The tension goes back about a year, Hill said, claiming that it stems from Dyal's inability to act professionally and tendency to take everything personally.

"He has a problem if I question anything that goes on in his department," Hill said.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger."

— Habakkuk 3:12 (KJV)

Thought for Today

I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.

— Galileo Galilei, 1564-1642, Italian scientist, etc.

Winning Lottery Numbers

Pick 3: (Friday p.m.) 1-4-3

Pick 4: (Friday p.m.) 9-1-1-3

Fantasy 5: (Friday) 2-4-10-22-36

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John McCain, war hero, dies at age 81

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, who faced down his captors in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp with jut-jawed defiance and later turned his rebellious streak into a 35-year political career that took him to Congress and the Republican presidential nomination, died Saturday

after battling brain cancer for more than a year. He was 81.

McCain, with his irascible grin and fighter-pilot moxie, was a fearless and outspoken voice on policy and politics to the end, unswerving in his defense of democratic values and unflinching in his criticism of his fellow Republican, President Donald Trump. He was elected to the Senate from Arizona six times but twice thwarted in seeking the presidency.

An upstart presidential bid in 2000 didn't last long. Eight years later, he fought back from the brink of defeat to win the GOP nom-

ination, only to be overpowered by Democrat Barack Obama. McCain chose a little-known Alaska governor as his running mate in that race, and turned Sarah Palin into a national political figure.

After losing to Obama in an electoral landslide, McCain returned to the Senate determined not to be defined by a failed presidential campaign in which his reputation as a maverick had faded. In the politics of the moment and in national political debate over the decades, McCain energetically advanced his ideas and punched back hard at critics — Trump not least among them.

The scion of a decorated military family, McCain embraced his role as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, pushing for aggressive U.S. military intervention overseas and eager to contribute to "defeating the forces of radical Islam that want to destroy America."

Asked how he wanted to be remembered, McCain said simply: "That I made a major contribution to the

defense of the nation."

One dramatic vote he cast in the twilight of his career in 2017 will not soon be forgotten, either: As the decisive "no" on Senate GOP legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act, McCain became the unlikely savior of Obama's trademark legislative achievement.

Taking a long look back in his valedictory memoir, "The Restless Wave," McCain wrote of the world he inhabited: "I hate to leave it. But I don't have a complaint. Not one. It's been quite a ride. I've known great passions, seen amazing wonders, fought in a war, and helped make a peace. ... I made a small place for myself in the story of America and the history of my times."

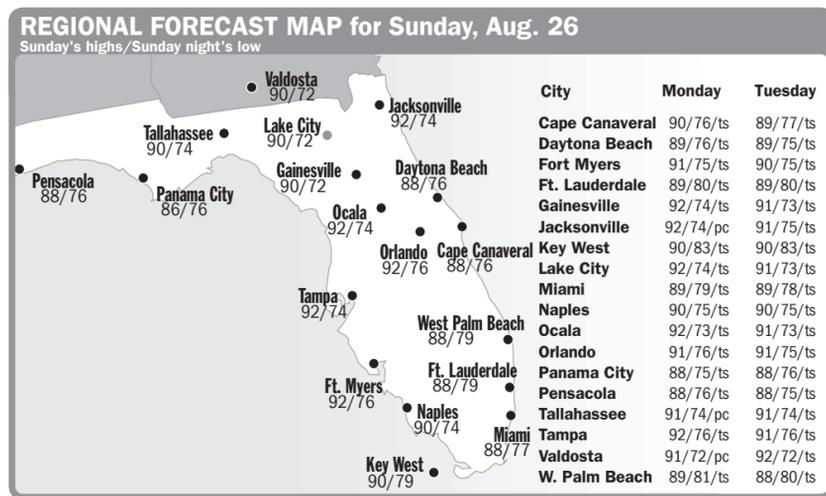
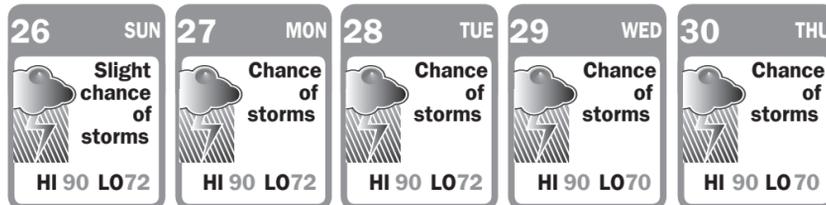
Throughout his long tenure in Congress, McCain played his role with trademark verve, at one hearing dismissing a protester by calling out, "Get out of here, you low-life scum."

But it was just as notable when he held his sharp tongue, in service of a party or political gain.

McCain followed his father and grandfather, the Navy's first father-and-son set of four-star admirals, to the Naval Academy in 1954.

— Associated Press

THE WEATHER



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weeks ago from doctors her procedures would be more intensive due to the extent of her wounds.

"She had her fourth surgery yesterday (Thursday)," said Jones. "She is healing beyond what I could hope for. God really is showing up and blessing us."

Watts told law enforcement an ex-boyfriend and father to one of her children intentionally set her on fire late night on Aug.

2, while she was outside smoking a cigarette. He then allegedly retreated through the woods behind her 189th Place residence in Suwannee County.

Suwannee sheriff's officials said the man accused of setting her on fire, Philip Pettey, 28, continues to deny he did it.

Pettey was arrested at his 221st Road residence roughly 14 miles from Watts' home and booked into jail around 2 a.m. on Aug. 3, for aggravated battery and released on \$25,000 bond the same day, jail records show.

With Pettey's denial, Suwannee County Sheriff Sam St. John said the case would now play out before the court.

In 2015 Pettey pleaded guilty to loitering and prowling along with resisting an officer without violence and criminal mischief, according to Marion County court records.

A fellow church member of Watts started a GoFundMe page for the family's expenses, www.gofundme.com/kayla-watts.

As of Friday it had generated roughly \$425 of a \$5,000 donation goal.

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High Saturday	93
Low Saturday	75
Normal high	90
Normal low	72
Record high	102 in 1915
Record low	62 in 1930

PRECIPITATION	SUN
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	5.56"
Year total	48.82"
Normal month-to-date	5.16"
Normal year-to-date	34.34"

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Moonset tom.	7:58 a.m.

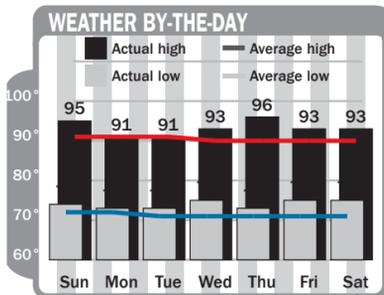
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High
20 mins to burn
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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WEATHER HISTORY
The East Indies volcano Krakatoa exploded on this date in 1883, with the explosion being heard 2,500 miles away. The air wave from the explosion was recorded by every barograph in the world. The biggest effect of this event was that the global temperature was lowered by 1 degree over the next two years due to the airborne ash from the explosion.

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Bears padding their diet for winter

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as fall nears and their search begins for more food before winter.

Florida Wildlife Commission reports the state managed native species will try to quadruple its caloric intake from roughly 5,000 to 20,000 calories of food per day as seasons begin to change.

"We're coming up on fall — it's not fall yet, but as fall approaches they're going to become more and more inactive," Regional Public Information Officer Karen Parker said. "Even though they don't go into true hibernation they do get lethargic."

Parker explained that black bear lethargy has to be preceded by a drastic body mass increase to account for the scarcity of approaching winter month food supplies.

"They're really trying to pack on the pounds," Parker said. "Just like their Northern brethren."

Despite daily temperatures reaching into the nineties, the bears will instinctively prepare for decreased food sources by seeking out the easiest things they can eat.

The FWC states the actions of residents are crucial this time of year, just as in the spring-time, to keep bears at bay and make life better for both man and his mammal neighbor.

"Even though you're done cooking on that barbecue grill, they can still smell the steak you cooked last week," Parker said.

She said the bears have one of the keenest senses of smell of all species — greater than that of a dog.

In May a black bear was spotted in Lake City, prompting local police to put out advisories to the public and a brief search by officers that turned up empty-handed.

"That's always a problem with bears in urban areas, if there's a readily available food source they're going to stay," Parker said, and then offered a solution. "Pick up the attractant — if you can attract smaller animals like raccoons you can attract bears."

With upwards of 500 or so bears in the Osceola region, FWC says securing trash and food sources is imperative.

It prompted the agency to coin a motto for a program: "A fed bear is a dead bear. Stash that trash, scare that bear."

Parker said it takes a neighborhood-wide effort to ensure food sources are inaccessible, and added it is also against the law to feed bears.



A mother bear and her cubs are pictured courtesy a game camera in Columbia County.



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A black bear is seen in an image captured by a game camera earlier this month in Columbia County.

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OUR OPINION

Clean house at City Hall

The Lake City Council came “that close” to blowing \$300,000 it wasn’t obligated to on the Blanche Hotel, the city’s point man on the project told our reporter Tuesday, holding his forefinger and thumb two inches apart as he spoke.

Only the intervention of new City Manager Joe Helfenberger and/or city attorney Fred Koberlein — who caught it first isn’t clear — kept that money from going to developer IDP for something the city doesn’t owe.

IDP says it had a verbal contract with former City Manager Wendell Johnson to do the work, though Johnson must surely have known the money wasn’t his to spend. The contract itself clearly states that any verbal agreement that would alter it is disallowed. And Johnson wasn’t authorized to make a side deal such as this to begin with.

Nonetheless, the city nearly paid almost a third of a million dollars to bury utilities on Columbia Avenue for the project, not just on Veterans Street, as required.

Something still stinks at City Hall, and we urge Helfenberger to get to the bottom of it, then clean house. What we’ve seen unfold there in recent weeks is unacceptable, even by the uniformly low standard that city officials, appointed and elected alike, have come to accept.

One last note.

When we uncovered this fiscal near-miss, Assistant City Manager Grayson Cason asked our reporter, in apparent seriousness, why we were so interested in it and why we couldn’t just write “something nice” about the city.

We’d love to, Mr. Cason.

Should we ever come to see even a hint of concern from City Hall for the well-being of local taxpayers, who have been pushed to the brink by the casual arrogance of those who run the place, we will trumpet it from the rooftops. That’s a promise.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1789, France’s National Assembly adopted its Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women’s right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)

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Ludy Shipp’s jackass story

Ludy Shipp was a surprise winner in a county commissioner’s race several years ago and some voters felt the turning point in the race happened in an exchange between the two opponents at a political rally in Lulu.

The first speaker, the incumbent, referring to his long political experience, told the crowd he had grown up on a farm and his daddy had always told him that if you had a good, dependable, hardworking horse, to hold on to him.

Ludy spoke next and said he had grown up on a farm, too, and his daddy had told him if you had a sorry, worthless jackass, you run him off and get a new one.

The large crowd roared with laughter and applause and many thought that moment swung the vote and Ludy won in a landslide.

More on local political history.

Ike Moses was a popular constable but people didn’t know how popular he was until seven opponents ran against him and he got more votes in the first primary than all the seven put together.

Tom Davis once won a School Board position when he said his opponent was blind to the issues, that even a puppy opened its eyes in two weeks, and his opponent’s eyes



Morris Williams

were still closed to his constituents’ needs after 4 years in office.

Buford Galloway defeated Albert Rumph by four votes in one election for school superintendent. Afterward, Buford said families of four or more came to his office, wanting something, and said if our family hadn’t voted for you, you wouldn’t be sitting in that chair.

In one sheriff’s election a man said he was torn as to who to vote for, that one candidate was married to his first cousin and the other man’s mother was his own mother’s lifelong friend.

In times before mass media, candidates stumping for state or national office regularly came to town to speak. Gubernatorial candidates like Spessard Holland, Millard

Caldwell, and Fuller Warren came. U.S. Senate candidates like Claude Pepper and George Smathers came.

Even presidential candidates came: Adlai Stevenson, George Wallace, Alexander Haig, Jesse Jackson, Richard Russell, and Strom Thurmond came.

Back in the day, election results would be hand painted on the front window of the Lake City Reporter. People by the hundreds would turn out to watch the returns come in. The painter had to have special skills of artistry as he had to write all the names and numbers backwards from the inside so the people outside could read them correctly.

One of the richest parts of our political history is the record of the first black citizens to run for public and those who successfully did so.

Some were Ron Williams, Bettye Lane, Richard Anders, Henry Harrison, Linard Johnson, Henry Harrison, Sonny Clark, Glenel Bowden, and many others.

But Ludy Shipp, with his unique way of speaking and his self-described “working man’s hands,” calloused and deeply wrinkled, is one of the most memorable of them all.

■ Morris Williams is a local historian and longtime retired educator.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marc Vann best choice for state rep

To the Editor:

Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary defines political conservatism as a philosophy calling for lower taxes, limited government regulation of business and investing, a strong national defense and individual financial responsibility. My friend Marc Vann is a true conservative. While serving together on the Lake Shore Hospital Authority, I observed these same conservative qualities during his chairmanship. Marc was instrumental in proposing a more than thirty-three percent (33%) reduction in the millage rate charged to the citizens of Columbia County. This reduction has ultimately saved Columbia County taxpayers almost \$1.5 million dollars while still providing quality care to Columbia County’s most needy.

Marc Vann’s conservative qualities are not limited as I have

witnessed he and his brother’s business leadership through a few economic crises. Marc Vann’s business experience and acumen is second to none in this community and is reflected in Vann Carpet One’s unparalleled customer service and product quality. I am sure that many of you have experienced Marc’s professionalism in business and you can rest assured Marc Vann will provide the same as he fights for you in the State Legislature.

I have watched Marc experience some tough trials and tribulations and as I look back, it looked like some would overwhelm him. Watching him go through them I saw a person who placed his trust in God and refused to waiver. I am certain that the decisions made on our behalf in Tallahassee will be made through this same faithful trust.

Our district has had great representation in Tallahassee in

Elizabeth Porter and as North Floridians we cannot afford to lose the voice she and others have established for us in the State Legislature. There is too much at stake, our economic stability, our springs, our North Florida way of life. Cutting through all the political rhetoric, sifting through all the political mail, deleting all the robocalls, overlooking all the political litter one thing is evident. We need, no, we must have someone who has the business experience, a proven record of cutting taxes, a strong faith in God and family and someone who will, from day one, STAND UP for North Florida. It is my honor to ask you to vote for and support my friend, Marc Vann for State Representative. You will be glad you did!

Koby Adams
Lake City

‘Talk is cheap, takes money to buy whiskey’

To the Editor:

There is a lot of talk (liberal/conservative) about who is right. I am not too smart but there is an old saying “Talk is cheap, takes money to buy whiskey.”

I have heard people say I knew he was dishonest but he wouldn’t be with me. I was told it was fixed but it wasn’t. When I am elected everything will be fixed,

health insurance for everyone, a well-paying job for everyone, no one will want for anything and I’ll lower taxes (impossible to do it ALL).

Instead, look at a person’s accomplishments. Have they done what they said in the past? Have they stretched the truth in dealings? Did they do what they were hired to do? We may not like how they did it or what they did, but, were they

successful? I would like to believe everything I hear but I look at the person, their past, accomplishments and believe they will do just as they have in the past. Most politicians seem to do what’s best for them not what’s best for us — CHECK THE RECORDS!

Irv Crowetz
Lake City

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Wednesday '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.

Volunteer at Haven

Haven Hospice is currently seeking volunteers for many tasks. No experience necessary. To apply online visit www.beyourhaven.org/volunteer, stop by the office or an application can be mailed to you.

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

Thursday

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.

'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.

Upcoming

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Literacy Day will take place Saturday, September 15, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., at O'leno State Park, 410 SE O'leno Park Road in High Springs. Entry is free with a new or gently used children's book or library card. Come join us on to celebrate "Take Time To Be Kind," a day of reading and fun for children of all ages!

For more, call James South at 386-454-0723.

VOTING

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voting ended, with 617 and 191 voting in Lake City and Fort White, respectively, on Saturday alone.

"Steady all day" was the phrase staffers at the Lake

City location described how things went on Saturday.

"I am very pleased at the voter turnout at both early voting locations," said Supervisor of Elections Liz Horne in a prepared statement. "I encourage everyone that hasn't voted this elect to remember

Tuesday, Aug. 28 is election day. The polls will be open fro 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please check your voter registration card for your polling station."

Vote by mail ballots are due by or before 7 p.m. on August 28.

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volunteers alike lined the street at both locations for much of the early voting period, and began to disperse in front of the Lake City location just before 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Sports complex gets a new look

Oaks, pines and palms take root at Southside.

By **TONY BRITT**
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Columbia County landscape and parks crews are adding the final touches to a landscape project meant to improve the aesthetics at the Southside Sports Complex.

Thursday afternoon crews worked on adding 14 trees to the property. These trees, in combination to 15 added about two weeks ago, will offer more color and character to popular youth sports venue.

The crews planted pine trees, palm trees, live oaks and magnolia trees in addition to rose bushes and various types of ornamental grasses during the project.

"This work was in all the initial improvement plans for the renovation work out here," said Clint Pittman, Columbia County

Landscape and Parks director.

There was originally \$100,000 set aside for the landscape renovations which included cleaning and redressing the sport's complex's front ponds, the fountain and the front entry way near the complex's LED sign.

"This phase of the project will cost approximately \$25,000," Pittman said. "Part of the \$25,000, the City of Lake City donated for this project. It's a combined effort on these trees and the final landscape work."

Pittman said the new plants will give the sports complex a more polished look.

"This will make the park look more professional and more inviting when the tournaments and all the folks are coming in to use the facilities," he said. "It will finish dressing up the front entrance where the LED sign and flag are. It will finish off the project."



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Clint Pittman (on tractor, from left), Columbia County Landscapes and Parks director, unloads a palm tree as Tommy Harrington, Eric Hollingsworth, Tyler Byrd and William Sexton prepare to cover the roots with dirt.

Farming grants available for Suwannee River basin

The Sustainable Farming Fund administered by Stetson University Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience is seeking proposals to award up to \$300,000 in grants to private farmers in the Suwannee River Basin for sustainable farming practices.

Information and instructions on how to submit a proposal can be found at www.stetson.edu/sff. Proposals will be accepted through Sept. 4.

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Precinct consolidation having impact

PRECINCTS

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but voters in that district are picking a School Board member.

"Mrs. Horne, and she has the authority to do so because she's the supervisor of elections, closed the Deep Creek polling site and moved everybody from Deep Creek to Winfield," he said during a telephone interview Friday afternoon. "A lot of the people are upset about it, but they called me and I told them that wasn't my decision. That was the decision of the supervisor of elections. It wasn't anything I could do about it."

Horne said she has received a few complaints about the Deep Creek consolidation decision.

"We've had three phone calls," she said. "That's all we've had. We've kept a record."

Williams said he thinks the decision to combine the precincts will have an adverse impact on the number of people who go to the polls in District 1.

"It will impact the District 1 voters because some people will have to drive 40 miles round trip to go vote," he said.

Horne didn't see travel time to and from polls as a major inconvenience to voters on the north end of the county.

"We considered everything," she said. "We did our homework. I told Commissioner Williams that we have done our homework. We went out and measured everywhere how many miles it was and how long it would take you to get there. People nowadays go anywhere they want to go. They do what they want to do and if they want to vote, they'll drive to vote or come in and ask for a vote by mail ballot or come in and vote early."

Tomi Brown, assistant supervisor of elections, echoed Horne's thoughts on voting by mail.

"We can't put a polling location at everyone's back door, but we can deliver your ballot to the front door," Brown said.

Columbia County has 13 polling sites and four were closed just months before the primary election. Three of the polling sites that were closed were in churches.

Horne previously said the equipment shortage that led to the closure came after the state mistakenly told her certain voting machines were certified

— then told her otherwise after the machines had been purchased.

She couldn't get the money back and could only trade the machines, where she got just 18 units in exchange for the 32 units she had in place.

The supervisor of elections office needed \$200,000 or more to purchase the additional equipment and there was no guarantee the new units would arrive in time for the election.

Since there weren't enough machines, some precincts had to be combined.

Williams said he's also fielded calls from Columbia City voters complaining about having to cast ballots in the small portable building being used to house Precincts 22 and 52 on Southwest Bishop Avenue.

"It wasn't the board of county commission's decision, it came from the supervisor of elections office, so there wasn't anything else I could do about it," he said.

The building is a portable that has been set up in a pasture, but has a gravel driveway and concrete parking area for handicapped voters.

Horne defended the polling location.

"The commissioners have been wonderful in getting us this place," Horne said. "There is no place for us to vote out there. We tried. We went everywhere. There is just not that much on that part of the county. Everything in Columbia County was once a pasture. It's got to be improved, sure — a little bit, but right now it's a great place."

Horne said crews have built a road to the building, poured concrete for the handicapped spots, built a ramp for the handicapped and renovated the inside of the structure, which also has a bathroom and air conditioner, just like the county's other voting sites.

"No, it's not brand new, but it is just marvelous and we're tickled to death the county took the time, energy and money to make us a polling location in that area," she said. "We had no place."

Horne said when she talked to the county commissioner who represents that area, "he went to work hunting us a place and he couldn't find a place either."

Unlike in years past, the county no longer uses churches as polling sites.

"Churches now have day-care centers, so it's not a good idea to hold a polling location," said Tommi

Brown, Columbia County assistant supervisor of elections.

Horne added that the locations were only guar-

The buildings often don't have air conditioning, heating, have open doors and they aren't ADA compliant. Polling sites are required

'We went out and measured everywhere how many miles it was and how long it would take you to get there. People nowadays go anywhere they want to go. They do what they want to do and if they want to vote, they'll drive to vote or come in and ask for a vote by mail ballot or come in and vote early.'

— Supervisor of Elections Liz Horne

anteed from one year to the next or one election to the next.

"They can ask you to leave any time, so if we get a county-owned building, then I have that voting location and it doesn't have to be changed anymore, therefore, that helps in not having to send out new cards, letters and other things in costing the county more money in every time I have to move," she said.

"Every election we have problems with locations. Every. Single. Election. So our goal is to stop that, so we can get in a location and stay in a location."

Horne said the fire department building in the Columbia City area cannot be used as a polling site either.

to have adequate parking, lighting, handicapped accessible facilities and room to set up voting booths and other voting essentials. In addition, the building must meet certain safety require-

ments. "Security is huge," Brown said. "You can't shut the fire department down on Election Day. You can't take their keys to the fire department from them on election day. Security is top priority and if we can't get a location that we can shut down completely and have complete control of those doors, locks, windows and security systems, and everything that goes along with what we're trying to do, it's not secure enough."

Horne said the supervisor of elections will not be going back to the former polling sites for future elections because they are no longer available.

"I'm not sure about the Deep Creek location, I'm

sure the churches won't come back," Brown added. "We haven't made a decision on community centers yet. I think equipment is going to play a big part in that decision in 2020."

Brown said the supervisor of elections office hasn't received any calls about the Columbia City voting precinct.

Horne said the supervisor of elections office also received a complaint from a voter who griped about having to travel to the Lulu precinct to cast a ballot, but they learned the man traditionally participated in early voting, where ballots are cast either in Lake City or Fort White.

"Some people just want to gripe," she said.



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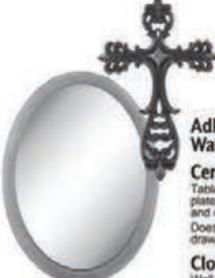
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Scholarships for 5 from Farm Bureau

Five local students have each been awarded a college scholarship under a program initiated by Florida Farm Bureau Federation. The students are Keith Carter and Alison DeLoach of Fort White, and Buie Summerlin, Tyronza Crusaw and Brittny Thomas of Lake City.

Funding for the scholarships has been derived from a 1998 Tobacco Settlement between state attorneys general and five major tobacco companies concerning the marketing of tobacco products. Thanks to Gov. Rick Scott and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, a small portion of the remaining settlement money available for Florida has been earmarked for the program.

Current Florida flue-cured tobacco growers, former flue-cured tobacco growers and descendants of flue-cured tobacco growers are eligible to apply. Applicants are evaluated for classroom achievement, leadership skills and potential career success. The Tobacco Scholarship Program provides individual awards of up to \$2,000.

"Tobacco production has a proud history in our state and we are using these settlement funds to give back to our communities," Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick said. "We are delighted to offer scholarship support to qualified young people. We look for their future contributions to our state's economy and its quality of life."

— From staff reports

Young riders weather the storm

By **STEVE WILSON**
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The Columbia County Riding Club hosted its last Youth Riding Rodeo of 2018 on Saturday.

"This winds it up," said Clarence Milligan, CCRC vice president.

With Western attire encouraged, and negative Coggins required, the event got underway just after 9 a.m., following registration at 8 a.m., at the Lake City Christian Academy on Pinemount Road, open to riders aged four and under to 18. After the Pledge of Allegiance, several young riders opened with a procession, bearing the US Flag, the CCRC flag and others.

For the age four and under riders, the "tots," events included stick horse races, stuffed buddy pick-up, leadline barrels, and leadline poles. For "Little Wranglers," age five to nine, there was goat undressing, goat roping/flipping/branding, barrels, poles and goat tying and trail, and the last three of which were held for the Juniors and Seniors, ages 10-13 and 14-18 respectively.

A brief rain shower didn't slow things down at approximately 2:30 p.m., when the Little Wranglers were up.

Milligan said that riding is beneficial for young people in their growth and development.

"Get them involved with horses, they get more involved with people," he said as the event got underway.

Charlie Summers, 17, served as an announcer for the event.

He said he enjoys being an announcer as it assists the other club members.

"I love it," he said. "It gives me a chance to interact with everybody."

For more information about the CCRC, visit them on Facebook or contact columbiacountyridingclub@gmail.com.



Photos by STEVE WILSON/Lake City Reporter

With rain in the area, Halen McKinney rides "Angel" at the Youth Ranch Rodeo on Saturday as the Little Wranglers showed their talent.



Adrian Hurtado gets set to ride "Jose."



Dracie Solland gets set to brave the course on "Barbie."

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OFF AND RUNNING



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia quarterback Jordan Smith rolls away from pressure to throw a pass against Gainesville on Friday night.

Columbia rolls past Gainesville in season opener.

By **JORDAN KROEGER**
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Brian Allen kicked his players off the practice field on Tuesday, disgusted with the offense's effort in preparation for Columbia's season opener against Gainesville.

The Tigers head coach wanted to deliver a message and his players delivered on Friday night.

Quarterback Jordan Smith completed 22/32 passes for 372 yards and four touchdowns while running for another to lead Class 7A No. 3 Columbia to a 44-21 win

over Gainesville at Tiger Stadium. Smith connected with Bobby Fulton for three of those scores, including a 55-yard bomb less than a minute into the second quarter that put the Tigers up 20-7.

That touchdown was the first of the night after the game was postponed Thursday at Citizens Field due to lightning with Columbia leading Gainesville 14-7 with 2:38 left in the first quarter. The teams met Friday morning and agreed to pick up the game in Lake City, as Buchholz and Eastside were already scheduled to face off

CHS continued on 6B

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Friday night proved

ZOO LIFE continued on 6B

PREP FOOTBALL: Suwannee 35, Fort White 19

Poor second half costs Indians

Suwannee scores 28 points in final 24 minutes to rally for season-opening win.

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LIVE OAK – Turnover-free football in the opening half helped the Indians to a slim halftime lead. Fort White wasn't as careful after the break, committing its first of four turnovers early in the third quarter – and its momentum was never be regained.

Suwannee capitalized on Fort White's mistakes and scored 28 unanswered points in the second half. The Indians scored once more later in the fourth, but it wasn't enough to avoid a 35-19 defeat to the Bulldogs Friday at Paul Langford Stadium.

"Them boys just came out with a little more fire than we did," Fort White receiver Kanell Stewart said of the second half. "They made a few more key plays than us and took the advantage and got the momentum."



CHRISTINA FEAGIN/Special to the Reporter

Fort White running back Brayden Summers tries to escape a tackle as he looks to gain yardage against Suwannee on Friday night.

Fort White's defense kept Suwannee quarterback Tyree Taylor contained for most of the opening half. Taylor, who finished with 79 passing yards, managed to score just

one touchdown, coming on the first drive, thanks to a energetic Fort White defense that forced three turn-

INDIANS continued on 4B

NFL PRESEASON: Jaguars 17, Falcons 7

Lee injures knee in win against Falcons

Jaguars WR had to be carted off field in first quarter.

By **MARK LONG**
 Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars might have lost their No. 1 receiver for the season.



Lee

Atlanta in the pregame Saturday night and could be out for the year.

Lee was carted off the field in the first quarter

after Falcons cornerback Damontae Kazee twisted his leg making a tackle. Lee fumbled on the play, but it was overturned because Kazee was flagged for tackling with his helmet.

Teammates and coaches offered well-wishes to Lee as he left the field. Nonetheless, it was the kind of preseason injury that leaves players, coaches and fans shaking their heads.

It also reaffirmed Falcons coach Dan Quinn's decision to rest two of his biggest offensive stars, receiver Julio Jones and running back Devonta Freeman.

Lee had 56 catches for 702 yards and three touchdowns last season. He signed a four-year, \$34 million con-

JAGUARS continued on 3B

SCOREBOARD

TV LISTINGS

Today
AUTO RACING
9:05 a.m.
 ESPN2 — Formula One, Johnnie Walker Belgian Grand Prix, at Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium
Noon
 FS1 — IMSA, WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, Biscuitville Grand Prix, at Alton, Va. (taped)
2:30 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Camping World Truck Series, Chevrolet Silverado 250, at Bowmanville, Ontario

BASEBALL
10 a.m.
 ESPN — Little League World Series, third-place game, Seoul (South Korea)-Kawaguchi (Japan) loser vs. Honolulu-Peachtree City (Ga.) winner, at Williamsport, Pa.
3 p.m.
 ABC — Little League World Series, championship game, Seoul (South Korea)-Kawaguchi (Japan) winner vs. Honolulu-Peachtree City (Ga.) winner, at Williamsport, Pa.

FOOTBALL
12:30 p.m.
 ESPN — High school, Phillips (Ill.) vs. Pickerington Central (Ohio), at Westerville, Ohio
GOLF
7 a.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, D+D Real Czech Masters, final round, at Prague

Noon
 GOLF — PGA Tour, The Northern Trust, final round, at Ridgewood, N.J.
2 p.m.
 CBS — PGA Tour, The Northern Trust, final round, at Ridgewood, N.J.

GOLF — Web.com Tour, Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, final round, at Columbus, Ohio
4 p.m.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, CP Women's Open, final round, at Regina, Saskatchewan

7 p.m.
 GOLF — Champions Tour, Boeig Classic, final round, at Snoqualmie, Wash.
HORSE RACING
3 p.m.
 FS2 — Saratoga Live, Smart N Fancy Stakes, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 TBS — Boston at Tampa Bay

8 p.m.
 ESPN — N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore

MOTOR SPORTS
3 p.m.
 NBCSN — AMA, Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Series, 2018 Ironman National, at Crawford, Ind. (taped)

NFL FOOTBALL
4 p.m.
 FOX — Preseason, Cincinnati at Buffalo

8 p.m.
 NBC — Preseason, Arizona at Dallas

SOCCER
8:30 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Watford vs. Crystal Palace

9:30 a.m.
 FS1 — Bundesliga, Mainz vs. VfB Stuttgart

11 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Newcastle United vs. Chelsea

Noon
 FOX — Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund vs. Leipzig

7 p.m.
 FS1 — MLS, D.C. United at N.Y. Red Bulls

9:30 p.m.
 FS1 — MLS, Seattle at Portland

TRIATHLON
4 p.m.
 NBC — IRONMAN World Championship, at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (taped)

WNBA BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, semifinals (best-of-5 series), Game 1, Washington at Atlanta

5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, semifinals (best-of-5 series), Game 1, Phoenix at Seattle

Monday, Aug. 27
HORSE RACING
4 p.m.
 FS2 — Saratoga Live, Better Talk Now Stakes, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

MLB BASEBALL
7 p.m.
 ESPN — Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees

10 p.m.
 ESPN — Colorado at L.A. Angels

SOCCER
3 p.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United vs. Tottenham

TENNIS
Noon
 ESPN — U.S. Open, first round, at New York

6 p.m.
 ESPN2 — U.S. Open, first round, at New York

7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — U.S. Open, first round, at New York

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	41	.687	—
New York	82	47	.636	7
Tampa Bay	69	61	.531	20½
Toronto	60	69	.465	29
Baltimore	37	93	.285	52½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	73	56	.566	—
Minnesota	61	67	.477	11½
Detroit	53	77	.408	20½
Chicago	50	79	.388	23
Kansas City	40	90	.308	33½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	78	50	.609	—
Oakland	77	52	.597	1½
Seattle	73	56	.566	5½
Los Angeles	63	66	.488	15½
Texas	58	73	.443	21½

Friday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Baltimore 5, 10 innings
 Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2
 Tampa Bay 10, Boston 3
 Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 3
 Oakland 7, Minnesota 1
 Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4
 Seattle 6, Arizona 3
 Houston 9, L.A. Angels 3
 Texas 7, San Francisco 6, 10 innings
 Chicago Cubs 3, Cincinnati 2, 10 innings
 Miami 1, Atlanta 0
 N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 0
 Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 6, 15 innings
 St. Louis 7, Colorado 5
 L.A. Dodgers 11, San Diego 1

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 3, 1st game
 Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 6
 N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 0
 San Francisco 5, Texas 3
 Toronto 8, Philadelphia 6
 Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 1
 Tampa Bay 5, Boston 1
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 1, 2nd game
 Miami 3, Atlanta 1
 Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 1
 Kansas City 7, Cleveland 1
 Oakland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
 San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

Kiermaier, Pham help Rays beat Red Sox

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — Kevin Kiermaier tripled to key a two-run sixth inning, Tommy Pham homered and the Tampa Bay Rays won their seventh straight game by beating the major league-leading Boston Red Sox 5-1 on Saturday night.

The surprising Rays will try to become the first team to sweep Boston in a series this season in Sunday's finale of the three-game set.

Tampa Bay is a season-high eight games over .500 (69-61). The Rays have allowed three or fewer runs in seven consecutive games.

J.D. Martinez had two doubles in four at-bats for the Red Sox, who have lost five of seven.

Tampa Bay chased Rick Porcello (15-7) in the sixth after Kiermaier tripled and Willy Adames was hit by a pitch. Kiermaier scored on a wild pitch by Ryan Brasier before Joey Wendle made it 3-1 later in the inning on a sacrifice fly.

Pham hit a solo shot off Brandon Workman in the seventh, and Ji-Man Choi's RBI triple put Tampa Bay up 5-1 in the eighth.

Porcello gave up three runs and six hits over five-plus innings.

Rays starter Ryan Yarbrough allowed one run and five hits in five-plus innings. Ryne Stanek (2-3) replaced Yarbrough and worked a scoreless inning for the win.

Tampa Bay threatened in four of the first five innings but went 2 for 11 with runners in scoring positions during that stretch. Brandon Lowe had an RBI single in the fourth that tied it 1-1.

Boston scored once in the second on Mitch Moreland's double-play grounder.

NFL PRESEASON

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 0

Friday's Games
 Carolina 25, New England 14
 Denver 29, Washington 17
 N.Y. Giants 22, N.Y. Jets 16
 Minnesota 21, Seattle 20
 Detroit 33, Tampa Bay 30
 Oakland 13, Green Bay 6

Saturday's Games
 Chicago 27, Kansas City 20
 Pittsburgh 16, Tennessee 6
 L.A. Rams 21, Houston 20
 Indianapolis 23, San Francisco 17
 Jacksonville 17, Atlanta 6
 Baltimore 27, Miami 10
 New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, 8 p.m.

Today's Games
 Cincinnati at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
 Arizona at Dallas, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	72	57	.558	—
Philadelphia	69	60	.535	3
Washington	64	66	.492	8½
New York	58	71	.450	14
Miami	53	78	.405	20
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	75	53	.586	—
St. Louis	72	57	.558	3½
Milwaukee	72	59	.550	4½
Pittsburgh	64	66	.492	12
Cincinnati	56	74	.431	20
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	71	57	.555	—
Colorado	70	58	.547	1
Los Angeles	68	61	.527	3½
San Francisco	64	67	.489	8½
San Diego	50	81	.382	22½

Today's Games
 Philadelphia at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
 Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 St. Louis at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
 Texas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.
 Seattle at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.
 San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Anderson's pinch-hit HR helps Marlins beat Braves

MIAMI (AP) — Brian Anderson hit a pinch-hit, two-run home run to help the Miami Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 3-1 on Saturday night.

Wei-Yin Chen (5-9) struck out 10 over six innings and Drew Steckenrider pitched the ninth for his second save.

Braves starter Anibal Sanchez (6-5) exited with right hamstring tightness after 5 2/3 innings and 98 pitches. Sanchez allowed four hits and one run.

Dansby Swanson led off the ninth with his 13th home run of the season, cutting the deficit to 3-1 and ending a 21-inning scoreless drought to the Marlins in the series.

After allowing the homer, Steckenrider retired the next three batters to end the game.

1 dead in shooting after Raines-Lee football game

JACKSONVILLE — One person is dead and two others injured after a shooting outside a Florida high school football game.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reported the shooting occurred about 10 p.m. Friday night as the crowd was leaving the Raines High School football game.

There were about 4,000 people attending the game. Director of investigations Ron Lendvay said the person killed was a young man and the two people injured were a teenage boy and girl. He didn't identify the victims, nor would he say if they were students at the school. The sheriff's office was still looking for the shooter Saturday morning.

DeChambeau leads Northern Trust by 4 shots

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — Bryson DeChambeau made four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn to pull away from a fading collection of stars, closed with two more birdies and had an 8-under 63 to build a four-shot lead over Keegan Bradley in The Northern Trust.

A victory would assure DeChambeau one of the top seeds at East Lake to have a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup.

Dustin Johnson, trailing by two shots after 36 holes despite two triple bogeys, added a double bogey to his week and shot 72 to fall nine shots behind. Brooks Koepka, the U.S. Open and PGA champion who shared the 36-hole lead, began his slide with a three-putt bogey from 12 feet on No. 5 and by missing a 4-foot birdie putt on the next hole. He went 13 holes in the middle of his round with three bogeys and 10 pars and had to settle for a 72. He was seven behind.

Scott was one shot behind when he made two bogeys, then chopped up the par-3 11th for a double bogey.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY



Photos by SHELBY CONKLIN/Special to the Reporter

Boys race first to the finish

Columbia's boys cross country team won first place at the Irma Invitational on Saturday in Newberry with a team score of 69, 17 ahead of second-place Providence (86). Burch Greene set the pace for the Tigers, finishing in second place individually (17:18.10). He was followed by Seth Ziegau (12th), Juan Resendiz (13th), Alex McCollum (20th), AJ Kihei (26th), Carson Candler (40th) and Noel Caballero (49th). The Lady Tigers finished in sixth, led by Mackenzie Conklin, who finished in 24th place (23:00.50). Abbielle Beiter was right behind her in 26th, followed by Suzannah Raines (41st), Lesly Cabellero (51st), Sarah Beth Johns (52nd), Emily Flugrath (60th) and Ivey McCardle (68th).



MacKenzie Conklin led Columbia's girls team on Saturday, finishing in 24th place at the Irma Invitational. The Lady Tigers placed sixth.

Columbia's Burch Green races up the course during the Irma Invitational. Greene finished in second place overall to lead the Tigers to first place.

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 - 5 Charitable donation
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 - 13 500 sheets
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 - 15 With, to Yves
 - 16 Group of atoms
 - 18 When to stargaze
 - 20 Feasts with poi
 - 21 Raw info
 - 22 Bavarian peak
 - 23 Gear
 - 26 Exasperates
 - 30 Cooler
 - 33 Son of Venus
 - 34 Low-cal
 - 35 Made the most of
 - 37 It's often wiped
 - 39 Greet the moon
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- 1 Think ahead
 - 2 Furious
 - 3 Alpha opposite
 - 4 Marina sight
 - 5 Upper limbs
 - 40 Shoe part
 - 41 Paved the way
 - 43 Russian space station
 - 45 Non-soap opera
 - 48 Hunter of myth
 - 51 Paths
 - 53 Highest point
 - 56 Entertainer — Falana
 - 57 Mdse. ID
 - 58 Roulette color
 - 59 Lyric poems
 - 60 Bounding main
 - 61 TV genie portrayer
 - 62 Kind of pool

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Detect a rat
- 9 Greenish-blue
- 10 Doozie
- 11 Cravats
- 17 Amorous archer
- 19 Cheerio! (hyph.)
- 22 Beehive kin
- 24 Brown pigment
- 25 Roman marketplaces
- 27 Leaf vein
- 28 Mauna —
- 29 Messy place
- 30 Roast beef au —
- 31 Canteen initials
- 32 Thicken
- 36 Exorcist's quarry
- 38 Last a long time
- 42 Lines on the stage
- 44 Foolish
- 46 Vacuum tube
- 47 George's Gracie
- 48 Musical work
- 49 Mature
- 50 Ancient Andean
- 51 Gull relative
- 52 Return encl.
- 54 Haddock cousin
- 55 Deceive

ROUNDUP

FGC volleyball drops both Friday matches

Florida Gateway College lost to Florida State College in straight sets (12-25, 18-25, 18-25) Friday before also losing to Indian State River College in straight sets (21-25, 16-25, 17-25). Madison Morrison led the Timberwolves (1-2) offensively with seven kills while Antoinette Ochipa had 21 digs to lead the team defensively against FSC. Morrison also led FGC with six kills against ISRC. Ochipa had a team-high 17 digs in the loss.

Morse races to victory at Cougar XC Challenge

Florida Gateway College's Bridget Morse won the Cougar XC Challenge on Saturday with a time of 22:45.67. TCC won the overall event by a score of 20-35.

JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FORUM DRAWL CANCEL SAVORY
 Answer: It sounded like the crows sensed trouble based on the — "CAWS" FOR ALARM

PREP FOOTBALL

Blair and the boys still meshing

Nobody asked me, but ...



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Some passes were under-thrown, some were over-thrown. Some were off the mark, some were right on target. Some were reeled in, some were just dropped. In other words, the Dylan Blair effect will take time. Nothing great happens overnight.

The gunslinger transfer from Columbia will be a star in his senior season at Fort White, but the chemistry between receivers isn't quite there yet. This was evident in Friday's contest against a Suwannee defense that challenged Blair to throw the deep ball.

And some tosses were right on the money – for example, a 52-yard touchdown to Kanell Stewart as well as a 42-yard completion to Derrick Roberson. But others, especially late in the second half, just weren't there. Not because of impressive secondary coverage, but because the deep connection is still a work in progress.

"We need to help them out [the defense] a little more and make more plays," wide receiver Kanell Stewart told me after the game. "We can do that. We just need to go back and look at [film] and see how we can make ourselves better."

The tiwaha offense really never got rolling Friday, but there's no doubt the unit has loads of potential as the season begins. With studs like Derrick Roberson, Rahman Paul and Stewart, Blair has a plethora of playmakers around him to be successful.

That's why the loss hurts, stings just a little bit more, because Suwannee's cornerbacks had no chance defending Fort White's wide receiving corps.

"They were giving us the deep ball," Fort White coach Demetric Jackson told me. "We just kind of overthrew it. We just didn't make quite enough of those plays that we had a chance to make."

Even they only combined for 101 rushing yards, Fort White's running back duo Stanley Maxwell and Brayden Summers showed great potential as a strong tandem.

Thunder and lightning will be needed to balance an offense that won't have Corey Dryden (torn ACL) on this journey. Once this offense gets clicking, it can possibly be one of the best in Class 3A. We saw flashes of it – of what it can become – but just not enough consistently to pull out the victory. Good thing is, it's just Week 1.

The opportunity to defeat the Bulldogs for a third straight season is lost. But there's plenty of good the tribe can take away from the season opener.



Photos by PAUL BUCHANAN/Special to the Reporter

Fort White quarterback Dylan Blair scrambles away from pressure against Suwannee on Friday night.



Fort White running back Stanley Maxwell stiff arms Suwannee's Suave Wright on Friday night.



Fort White receiver Kanell Stewart leaps over a Suwannee player for extra yardage on Friday night.



Fort White's Donovan Jenkins returns a kickoff against Suwannee on Friday night.

INDIANS

Continued From 1B

overs in the first half. Despite the defensive effort, the offense only scored two touchdowns in the first two quarters.

"It was more so of what we didn't do in the first half and it escalated in the second half," Fort White coach Demetric Jackson said. "Not capitalizing on [Suwannee's] mistakes. We had some opportunities to put the game away, got a couple fumbles and an interception [but] we didn't capitalize on that."

Fort White quarterback Dylan Blair finished with 239 passing yards and three touchdowns. But his offense sputtered in the second half as the Indians failed to find a rhythm behind the new transfer quarterback. Fort White's defense began to unravel as the offensive woes continued. Blair's three interceptions after halftime proved critical and helped the Bulldogs to their first win in the series since 2015.

"At that point we lost some confidence," Jackson added. "They went man-to-man [coverage] and



CHRISTINA FEAGIN/Special to the Reporter

Fort White defensive back Terrance Jones chases after Suwannee running back CJ Hall during Friday night's game.

started stopping our run game. So it gave us a chance to throw the ball but as we got closer to the end zone, the passing lanes weren't there for us. But this is what we wanted to see – a good, quality opponent early in the season. And see how we adjust to it. We just didn't make enough plays in the end, hats off to Suwannee, they did."

Suwannee (1-0) drove Fort White (0-1) downfield on its opening drive. Jaquez Moore's

8-yard touchdown run gave the Bulldogs an early advantage. Fort White's sluggish start ended when Blair connected with Stewart for a 52-yard touchdown early in the second quarter. The tribe found a groove after the big play, jolting not only the offense but their defense as well.

The Indians were back in the end zone when Blair found Rahman Paul for a 13-yard touchdown with four minutes left in

the first half. Suwannee's defense stifled the Fort White's offense in the second half, keeping running backs Stanley Maxwell and Brayden Summers contained. The Bulldogs took advantage of their blunders as Taylor scored touchdowns on back-to-back possessions following turnovers.

After Suwannee running back Carlton Hall scored his second and final touchdown in the fourth, Fort White's offense finally answered after a long stretch without a score. Derrick Roberson's 23-yard touchdown catch trimmed the deficit yet the comeback was short-lived. Blair's interception on the final drive sealed the loss.

"We usually work better under pressure but it just wasn't one of those nights," linebacker/fullback Kam Calhoun said.

Fort White looks to shake off the loss and get prepared during the coming week of practice. The Indians are set to host regional opponent Providence next week.

"Let's get back to work," Jackson said. "And make the corrections that we need to make. And let's go protect home field and go get a victory."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FSU CB Taylor feels 'underrated,' yet delivers

By BOB FERRANTE
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State cornerback Levonta Taylor doesn't look the part. The junior is generously listed at 5-foot-10 and 181 pounds.

Not that those numbers interest him. The stats he focuses are 0 and 1 — as in no touchdowns he allowed in 2017 and his jersey number.

Taylor temporarily lost his valuable No. 1 when coach Willie Taggart took away all of the single-digit numbers for Florida State players in the spring, summer and start of preseason camp.



Taylor

But Taylor is proudly wearing No. 1 again.

"He's a great DB, one of the best in the country," Taggart said. "Great young man, as well. He brings a lot to our team not only on the football field but off the football field. He's one of the better teammates on the team."

It was confirmation that Taggart recognizes Taylor as a "dude," the coach's definition for a player worthy of a single-digit number.

"Back to being a 'dude,'" Taylor said while wearing an oversized "1" on a gold chain. "I'm happy to have my number back. Like he said, 'If you work hard for your number, you'll get it back. And if you don't, you'll know why.'"

He'll get his chance to validate his coach's decision when the 19th-ranked Seminoles host No. 20 Florida State on Sept. 3.

Taylor has built a college resume on hard work, refining his technique for the weekly battles against taller and sometimes stronger receivers. He started all of Florida State's games last season but made just 18 tackles and two interceptions.

Not overly impressive stats, but quarterbacks don't throw his way.

Taylor allowed just 13 receptions, an average of one per game, in 2017 and didn't allow a touchdown in 379 coverage snaps, according to Pro Football Focus. That's the most snaps without allowing a touchdown pass among Atlantic Coast Conference cornerbacks.

But Taylor wasn't named to last year's All-ACC team or the preseason all-conference team. He was named a preseason All-American by ESPN.com but otherwise was shut out. He feels part of that is a byproduct of the Seminoles' underwhelming 7-6 season in 2017.

"I feel like I'm underrated," Taylor said. "People know about me. They know I have great feet. They know I'm a great corner. It's just that we had a bad season last year. When you have a bad season, nobody is watching the games, having publicity on social media. Other teams, they probably had a corner that really wasn't good like that but they were winning so it bumps them up, hypes them up."

Taylor doesn't have the prototype size of a shut-down corner. But he plays like one. Florida State defensive coordinator Harlon Barnett saw how good Taylor was this offseason.

"He's stronger than you think he is," Barnett said. "Obviously he's fast and he has a lot of confidence in himself. He does take pride in his game getting better, paying attention to the details. The technique things that you need to do. He pays attention to them and tries to work on them daily, which helps his game continue to rise and rise and rise."

Taylor's NFL stock could continue to rise and he could become the next in a long line of Seminoles defensive backs who have transitioned to the league, including Jalen Ramsey, Derwin James, Ronald Darby and P.J. Williams.

"It is easy to see the natural talent," NFL draft analyst Dane Brugler said. "He is twitched up and has the supreme confidence required for the position. He looks comfortable moving in reverse and works hard to stay within arms' length with receivers."



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At least 51% of the ED CDBG funds must be proposed to be spent on activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons through new job creation. In developing an application for submission to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the applying local government must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned Community Development Block Grant activities. In addition, the applying local government is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.
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452132 August 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2018-15-CA
ROBERT TERRELL, Plaintiff,
v.
AMANDA GREGORY, if living, and if not living, the unknown spouse, heirs, beneficiaries, and persons claiming by, through, under or against AMANDA GREGORY, CAMPUS USA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a Federal credit union, REDBALL RECOVERY, INC., a Florida corporation, and the Unknown Tenant(s) in Possession, Defendants.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above-styled action dated August 13, 2018,

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that the following described real property:
Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block B, College Manor Unit 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 55, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida. Street Address: 196 NE Berry Place, Lake City, Florida 32055, and all attached fixtures shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, on the Third Floor Columbia County Courthouse, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, to the best and highest bidder for cash. Any person claiming an interest in any surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the notice of lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 15th day of August, 2018.
P. DeWITT CASON
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ S. Weeks
Deputy Clerk

451078 August 19, 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 18-181-CA
RAYMOND H. PICKETT and ANNA G. PICKETT, his wife, Plaintiff,
vs.
RAY VAUGHN and MICHELLE VAUGHN, AND ANY UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION. Defendants.
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Together with 2002 SHC Double Wide Mobile Home VIN#GAFL134A74758SL21 and GAFL134B74758SL21 ALL IN 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.
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Dated: August 23, 2018
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Clerk of Court, Columbia County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

452727 August 26, 2018 September 2, 2018
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452976 August 26, 2018

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which title or titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, at public hearings on

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September 6, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the School Board Administrative Complex located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida. Copies of said ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Manager, County Administrative Offices, located at 135 Northeast Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The title or titles of said ordinances read, as follows:
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 114, ARTICLE I OF THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD ALOC COURT AND MERRIMACK PLACE TO THE LIST OF COUNTY ROADS UPON WHICH OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS IS PERMITTED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 7 OF THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CONFORM THE COUNTYS CODE WITH STATE LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.
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451477 August 26, 2018
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by:/s/ James Heintzelman, Jr.

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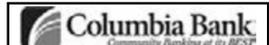
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305-GENERAL

Executive Director
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PREP WRESTLING

Mann signs with Brewton Parker College

By ERIC JACKSON
ejackson@lakecityreporter.com

Daniel Mann can finally say he's a college wrestler.

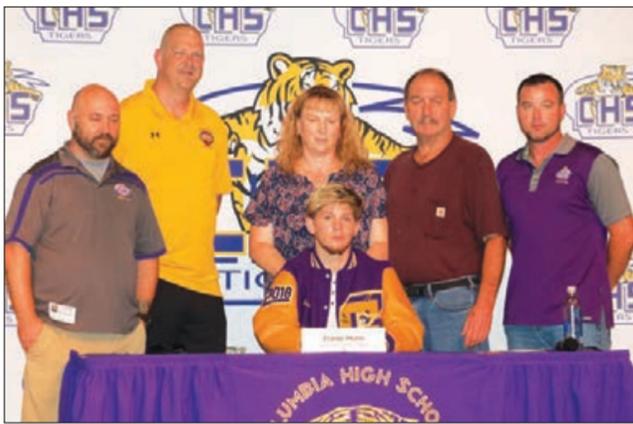
The Columbia standout made it official by signing his letter of intent with Brewton Parker College Friday afternoon.

Mann, who graduated this past spring, chose Brewton Parker College over Life University and other schools.

After visiting the private college up in Mount Vernon (Ga.) last year, Mann says he came away impressed by the school's wrestling program as well as the campus. The ex-Tiger turned Baron begins class next week.

"I always hoped this day would come around," he said.

Mann ended his high school career on a high note. As one of the key wrestlers for Columbia this past season, he dominated his way to a district title en route



Columbia's Daniel Mann signed his letter of intent with Brewton Parker College on Friday.

to a regional title in the 132 weight class.

Mann was one of only two Tigers to accomplish the feat, and it was enough to reach the state finals, making it all the way to the semifinal round before his

elimination (8th place).

"He's a perfect example of when you put your mind to something and commit to it, great things can happen," Columbia principal Trey Hosford said during the event. "I'm extremely

proud of you."

Nothing was ever guaranteed for Mann, who dealt with issues off the mat that led him to be sidelined for both his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Those obstacles, however, never stopped him from earning a scholarship. Mann returned to the team for his junior campaign, and quickly proved he was a star at Columbia.

The two-time district champ leaves behind quite a legacy – a true comeback story.

"I've seen this young man mature and develop, not only as a man but also as a wrestler," Columbia coach Pete Whittington said. "He came really close to qualifying for state his first year back. You can see that it touched a nerve in him. In one summer, I saw him improve more than I've ever seen in such a short amount of time. A lot of that is due to dedication and the will to succeed."

ZOO LIFE

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that. Columbia stomped all over Gainesville's defense, pounding the Hurricanes for 580 yards. The Tigers marched up and down the field almost effortlessly, never punting until late in the fourth quarter.

"Every night we come out and encompass zoo life," Jones said. "We show that we're from the zoo and that nobody can play with us."

Gainesville certainly couldn't. Neither could nationally ranked IMG Academy in last week's preseason classic. These Tigers seem for real and people all around the state are noticing, evident by their No. 3 ranking in Class 7A in the AP's preseason state football poll.

Keeping a bunch of teenagers on an even keel as the media generates more and more hype isn't easy for a coach. You have to find ways to reach them. Columbia head coach Brian Allen did that at Tuesday's practice, kicking his players off the field when the first team offense wasn't executing against the second team defense.

The result? A sixth straight victory for Columbia over Gainesville three days later.

"Everybody is going to get critiqued, criticized, ridiculed the same way here," Allen said. "It doesn't matter if your name's Marquez (Bell) or Jordan (Smith) or if you're the bottom guy on the totem pole. We have a level of expectation this year and that's the same way it's been for eight years now and it's not going to change. We're going to keep them humble and we're going to keep them hungry."

"You can't say you're going to keep them away from social media because this is the age that we're in. You've just got to make sure you keep these guys ready to play like they played in that (preseason) classic against IMG against every opponent. Whether it's the ones you're supposed to win or the ones that you aren't, you have to have that same mentality like it's the biggest game of your life because it's the next one."

The next one is Suwannee, another rival Columbia has beat up on recently. The Tigers haven't lost the Oak Bucket rivalry since 2007 and certainly don't expect to in 2018.

But the challenge for Allen is trying to get his team up for every game. It's easy when you're facing IMG Academy or the likes of Bolles, Madison County and Robert E. Lee. But it's not when it's teams you've defeated year in and year out.

Allen has his ways to battle that I'm sure. He even says his go-to is a famous quote from basketball legend John Wooden: "Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful."

"That's the philosophy I teach my kids and my kids are starting to learn that," Allen said. "Be humble, be hungry, stay that way and it'll make you competitive the rest of your life."

But perhaps the biggest saying is the one simply created by Jones in a group chat one day this summer. It's turned into hashtags, tweets and t-shirts and now a howling chant every day on the field.

Perhaps "Zoo Life" is what pushes the Tigers day in and day out and gets them up for every team every Friday regardless of record. Perhaps that's the little extra push that's needed every now and then for a team weighted with expectations.

"This place is called the Jungle since I was in school and even beyond in '95 when this place was created. It's the Jungle," Allen said. "When you think about the different animals that are in the jungle and how these kids are able to see them a majority of time in the zoo then that's what TJ came up with this thing and it's taken off. We're embracing it and I think the whole



Photos by BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia defensive back Devin Johnson celebrates with teammates after intercepting a pass against Gainesville on Friday night.



Columbia running back Kylen Callum runs up the field after a catch against Gainesville on Friday night.



Columbia receiver Marquez Bell catches a pass in coverage against Gainesville on Friday night.



Columbia receiver Bobby Fulton catches one of his three touchdowns against Gainesville on Friday night.

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at Citizens Field.

It was the sixth straight victory for the Tigers (1-0) over the Hurricanes (0-1).

"I'm proud of them. They left (Thursday) night clicking on all cylinders. You never like a game where there's a disruption when you have momentum," Allen said. "They came to school today not knowing if there would be a game today or on Saturday but they got locked in by 7:30 and they came out and executed."

Smith and Fulton hooked up again for another touchdown — this time from 19 yards out — to extend Columbia's lead to 27-7 with

4:17 to go in the first half. It was a dominating offensive performance for the Tigers, who tallied 366 yards and 18 first downs in the first half alone.

That included Smith's 6-yard touchdown scamper and his 18-yard touchdown pass to receiver Marquez Bell in the first quarter on Thursday. Smith also rushed for 63 yards on eight carries.

"He's taken a grasp of this playbook and run with it," Allen said of Smith. "He has a natural ability with his legs but that's something we're going to make sure he's not known for. It's not just what he can do with his legs but what he has the ability to do with his arm. I haven't held back the reigns of what we're doing offensively. He hasn't even

hit the tip of the iceberg of who that kid is going to be, especially with the special guys around him."

Gainesville grabbed some momentum right before halftime when quarterback Luke Matthews threw a deep ball to receiver Jalen Kelsey for a 45-yard touchdown with 1:45 to go to cut the deficit to two scores. But that momentum was squashed seconds into halftime as Jaden Williams returned the second half kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown to put Columbia up 34-13.

The Hurricanes responded with Matthews' 13-yard score to Isaac Meacham but Smith and company always had an answer, driving right back down the field on an 11-play, 72 yard drive that

ended with Smith's third touchdown pass to Fulton from 13 yards out for a 41-21 advantage.

Fulton caught six passes for 115 yards to lead the Tigers.

"We were just connecting. It just happened. It was just my night," Fulton said. "I just expected to come out and catch the ball when it was thrown to me. That was Jordan. All Jordan."

Matthews finished 34/48 for 406 yards and three touchdowns, with two of those going to Kelsey (10 catches for 205 yards). But he also threw two interceptions, snatched by Devin Johnson and Shyheim Brown.

The game turned into a good, old-fashioned shootout as the teams combined for 1,017 yards

(Columbia 580, Gainesville 437). But Columbia's long ball proved to be the difference on Friday night.

"What we did tonight is our system," Allen said. "It could be TJ (Jones) the next week. It could be Marquez the next week or Butter (Jaden Williams) or Lanadrick (Bradley) the next week. It's just a matter of what we're seeing from the defense when the plays are being called. We have concepts but we also have ways to tag routes and be able to get guys open. Jordan did a good job with his legs, our receivers understand what we have to do when he scrambles and that gave Bobby opportunities tonight."

Kylen Callum led Columbia on the ground

with 77 yards on 11 carries. Bell caught six passes for 91 yards while Jones, a 2019 four-star prospect, caught six more for 66 yards.

"We're going outscore any team and we did," Jones said.

NOT AGAIN: Columbia senior linebacker Ethan Umstead left the game early with an ankle injury. The senior sprained it Thursday night and tried to go Friday but he later went to the locker room in the second quarter and came back to the field in street clothes.

It was Umstead's first game action since fracturing his ankle over the summer.

"That's going to be something when you have a high ankle sprain that you're going to have to deal with," Allen said. "Hopefully he's ready to go full speed by the

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Section C

Experts: 'Save money going forward'

Free financial seminar planned for Lake City.

By TONY BRITT
tbritt@lakecityreporter.com

Budgeting, income planning and how to save money in taxes often plague the minds of retirees who live on a fixed income.

John Kuykendall, Gulf Coast Financial Services founder and CEO, has scheduled a local educational seminar to provide answers about new tax law requirements for this week.

"People just need to know how this is going to affect them," he said. "We're going to be talking about the tax credits from 2017 and how to implement those in retirement and also some ways that people can do some additional things to save money on their taxes."

The seminar will take place from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Gulf Coast Financial office, 248 N. Marion Ave. Space is still available to register by calling 386-755-9018.

"We're not selling anything," he said. "All we're doing is giving a presentation on the tax code, how it works and how it affects

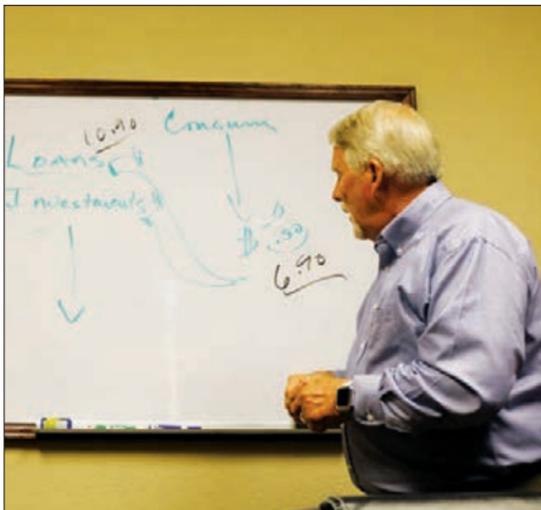
you."

Kuykendall said Gulf Coast Financial Services decided to host a seminar on the new tax laws just to educate the public.

"We found out with our clients that everybody is interested in tax credits," he said. "They don't understand them; don't understand how they are going to affect them tax wise, so we wanted to meet with them and explain it to them. This seminar will put it out very simply, involve the tax credits that are available and we'll talk about how they're going to be able to save money going forward."

Kuykendall said he wanted to get the information out to clients because he's older, and is on social security and Medicare, and he realizes that most things cost more money today.

"I think it's important, especially with retirees, that we make every dollar count," he said. "A lot of people are on fixed incomes and they don't have a lot of money. I'm finding a lot of clients are running out of money because they pulled too much out. We've been preaching for the last couple of years budgeting, income planning and how to save money in taxes."



John Kuykendall, above, giving a presentation, and at right, with his son Brent, will be hosting a free financial seminar on Tuesday.

During the seminar through the seminar, show Kuykendall and members of their staff will use multimedia we'll meet with them one-on-one if they want a consultation, free of charge, and explain to them how they can save money." The seminar has been promoted through a Facebook campaign and Kuykendall said several people have contacted

Gulf Coast Financial about attending.

A similar seminar was held in Gainesville last month, where close to 50 people attended. Kuykendall said close to 50 people have already called with questions about attending the Lake City seminar.

With so much interest generated, another seminar in Gainesville has been planned for October.

"We're doing it at two times, at lunch and in the evening, so that we can give people a convenient time to show up," he said.

Kuykendall said under the new tax codes, nationally, 85 percent of Americans will not have to itemize their taxes.

"I think that's the situation here (Columbia County)," he said. "We probably have the same thing. It's keeping things in the lowest tax bracket. There are some capital gains that are zero, but if you get too much income or sell too much capital gain, then you get into the 10 percent capital gain tax bracket. We want to keep people in the zero."

'I think it's important, especially with retirees, that we make every dollar count.'

— John Kuykendall

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Should you set up a larger emergency fund?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are following your plan, and we just paid off all our debt except for the house. Since we work for the same company, do you think we should have an emergency fund that is larger than you normally recommend?

Don

Dear Don,

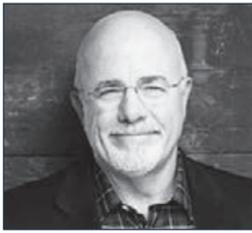
That's great news! You've finished Baby Step 2, and now you're ready for Baby Step 3, which is fully-funding your emergency fund.

I don't see a reason to set aside more than six months of expenses. My recommended range for an emergency fund is three to six months of expenses.

If your employment situation is one where there's more risk of something going wrong, you should lean toward saving six months' worth. If your employment outlook is really stable, you can go with setting aside three or four months of expenses in an emergency fund.

I look at your situation as being more high-risk. You each have jobs, so that's the good news. But if the company went down, or experienced layoffs, you could find yourselves unemployed at the same time. My advice would be to save up six months of expenses for your emergency fund. With that kind of cash just sitting there, you should be able to make an easier and less stressful transition in

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Dave Ramsey
CEO of Ramsey Solutions

almost any kind of unemployment scenario or other emergency.

—Dave

Dear Dave,

What exactly is unsecured debt, and how is it different from

secured debt?

Rich

Dear Rich,

"Unsecured" debt generally means someone loaned you money, but they don't have a lien on anything. Credit cards and student loans are examples of unsecured debt, because there's nothing they can directly repossess if the borrower doesn't pay. However, they can sue you if you don't pay, and get a lien against something after they sue you. In some cases, this is done against your income by garnishing your wages.

Some examples of "secured" debt would be things like a home mortgage or car loan. A home mortgage loan is secured

by the home. If you don't pay, they can foreclose and take the house. The same is true with a car loan. If you don't make the payments, they can take the car.

Typically, unsecured debts will be the last debts you pay if you're in financial trouble. You'd make the car payment before paying on your student loan, and you'd make your house payment before paying on a credit card.

Hope this helps, Rich!

—Dave

■ Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored best-selling books and hosts "The Dave Ramsey Show."

Do you have enough savings for planned and unplanned expenses?

Nearly half of consumers have encountered an emergency expense in the past year, but when it comes to financially preparing for the unexpected, many fall short, according to CIT Bank's new Summer Savings Survey conducted by The Harris Poll. What's more, the survey also found that many consumers don't have the savings to afford the planned expense of the vacations they take.

"More than one in four consumers don't save anything for unexpected events such as a home repair or health expense," says Ravi Kumar, head of Internet Banking for CIT Bank. "Over another quarter report saving less than 5 percent of their monthly household income for emergencies."

How are consumers making ends meet? Family and credit cards top the list of resources Americans rely on for financial support during emergencies. As for the planned expense of a vacation, approximately one in

three (29 percent) report taking extreme actions to pay their way, including taking out a bank loan, going into debt, cleaning out a savings account, borrowing money or maxing out a credit card.

"Americans can do more to ensure their lifestyles and savings priorities are aligned," says Kumar. "But saving wisely is key."

To plan the monthly amount that you'll need to save for peace of mind, utilize free resources, such as CIT Bank's online calculators at bankoncit.com/calculators. Then, consider looking for an account that will make your savings work harder and offer some flexibility.

Do you have enough savings for planned and unplanned expenses? When it comes to happy occasions, like vacations, as well as the unexpected, being prepared can safeguard you against zeroing out your account or going into debt.

—StatePoint



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Keeping the piggy bank full is important to long term financial security.

Ask the Fool

Can Return on Equity Be Too High?

Q If a company has a return on equity above 100 percent, is that good or bad? — E.M., Rochester, Minnesota

A It requires a closer look. Return on equity (ROE) reflects the productivity of the net assets (assets minus liabilities) that a company has at its disposal. It's determined by dividing net income by shareholder equity. (Net income is found on a company's income statement, while shareholder equity is found on the balance sheet and is what you get when you subtract liabilities from assets.) In general, the higher the ROE, the better.

Note, though, that some ROEs are artificially high because the company has taken on a lot of debt or has bought back a lot of shares. These actions shrink shareholder equity, driving up ROE.

Q What's "the accrual method"? — S.L., Maryville, Tennessee

A It's one of many accounting concepts worth learning to help you understand companies' financial statements.

In the accounting world, "revenue" (sales) doesn't necessarily represent the receipt of cash in a sale. Many companies are required to book sales when goods are shipped or when services are rendered. But others can record sales when cash is received, or incrementally, as long-term contracts proceed through stages of completion. With the accrual accounting system, the revenue on a company's income statement may not have actually been received by the company.

Imagine, for example, PieMart Inc. (ticker: GOBBL). With the accrual method, if it has shipped off a thousand pies but hasn't yet been paid for them, those sales still appear on the income statement. The checks in the mail are reported as "accounts receivable" on the balance sheet. (When receivables are growing faster than revenue, that can be a sign of trouble.)

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Fool's School

A Bad Kind of Churning

Churning doesn't just refer to the production of butter. It's also a financial term, referring to when financial professionals engage in excessive trading — buying and selling securities. They typically do so on behalf of their clients, generating commissions for themselves in the process — and usually not serving those clients well. This churning results in billions of dollars lost each year.

The problem exists because some stockbrokers are paid based on the number of trades they make in your account, not how well that account performs. (This explains brokers who cold-call you, trying to sell you on supposedly terrific investments.) Even if your broker is good and has you invested in growing companies, he or she might still be frequently moving you out of one good company and into another. Each transaction can result in a gain for the brokerage — regardless of how it does for you.

Study the statements you receive from any money managers to see how often they're placing trades. Remember that big bucks are typically made in great stocks when you hold on for many years.

Churning is also a problem in the mutual fund industry, where fund managers can be so pressured to beat the market over short periods that they can't afford to be patient with solid holdings that just need more time to perform. A fund with a high "turnover rate" reflects intense trading activity, and funds with the highest turnover rates often underperform their less-active counterparts. After all, lots of buying and selling generates lots of commission expenses, which are borne by shareholders.

Churned investors also get a tax hit. Gains from stocks you've held for more than a year are taxed at the preferable long-term capital gains rate, which is 15 percent for most people. Short-term gains are taxed at your ordinary income rate, which can be more than twice as much.

Even we individual investors can sometimes engage in churning, if we have short attention spans or are just impatient. Be aware of churning, and aim to avoid it.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1920s, when two brothers in Germany started making shoes in their mother's laundry room. Jesse Owens won gold in the 1936 Olympics with my shoes. The brothers parted ways in the 1940s, with one setting up the Puma brand and the other registering my name as a brand — and patenting a striped logo, too. My lightweight soccer shoes with screw-in studs helped Germany win the 1954 World Cup. I introduced track suits in 1967 and bought Reebok in 2006. I produce more than 900 million items annually. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

My Dumbest Investment

Burned by Volatility

My dumbest investment was in Sierra Wireless, which fell from near \$50 per share to the mid-teens, costing me a lot of money. — B.B., online

The Fool Responds: When investing, it's important to remember that not every investment will play out as you expect or hope. Even the best investors regret some of their moves.

It's also critical to understand that no stock will move up in a straight line. There's always some volatility, and it can be especially so with young companies and ones in fast-changing industries. As long as you maintain long-term faith in a company, it's often best to just hang on.

Sierra Wireless, in the business of making wireless chips and modules that are used in wearable devices, connected vehicles, smart cities and more, topped \$30 per share about nine months after you wrote us, but it was recently in the teens again, though seemingly heading up.

It's focused on the promising Internet of Things market, which enables items such as cars, health care devices and even home appliances to communicate using Bluetooth and cellular signals.

We can't know how Sierra Wireless will perform in the future, but there's plenty to be hopeful about. Its shares surged 19 percent recently, when it posted strong second-quarter results, featuring revenue growing 16 percent year over year and bullish projections from management. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Sierra Wireless.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1936 and a guy selling peanuts out of his car in Los Angeles. Over the years, I've been involved in businesses as diverse as publishing and child care, but today, based in Philadelphia and with a market value recently topping \$9 billion, I'm a major food service company. I employ 270,000 people worldwide and regularly serve more than 5,400 dining locations, 2,000 health care facilities, 1,500 colleges and schools and 100 million sports fans at various venues. I've served at many Olympics, Super Bowls, FIFA World Cups and more. Who am I? (Answer: Aramark)



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How to recognize and avoid scholarship scams

Average college costs have doubled in the last two decades, and this financial pressure along with new technologies makes today's students particularly vulnerable to financial aid and scholarship scams.

"Scammers know to take advantage of those who are stressed," says Robert C. Ballard, president and CEO of Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit scholarship and education support organization. "Fortunately, there are some ways you can avoid getting duped."

To help you spot scams, Scholarship America offers the following insights.

Fees and Other Red Flags

Scholarship programs charging a fee to apply often look legitimate. But look at the bigger picture: if the provider is awarding \$500 in scholarships and collecting fees from thousands of applicants, it's not funding education so much as making money. Your chances of earning a scholarship are slight if not impossible — sham providers often collect fees and disappear.

Some providers claim to have a no-strings-attached grant or an incredibly low-interest loan to offer, as long as you pay a tax or "redemption" fee

in advance. Others offer to match you with guaranteed scholarships — if you pay for a premium search service. Keep in mind, there's no such thing as a "guaranteed scholarship."

Free, comprehensive scholarship searching and matching services like Fastweb and Cappex will connect you to legitimate, competitive scholarships that don't charge application fees.

Too Good to Be True

Be wary of the "too-good-to-be-true" scam model: an official-sounding organization tells you about an incredible opportunity, offers you a coveted spot at a scholarship seminar, or just sends you a check with a note of congratulations, using messaging designed to get your adrenaline pumping and make you act fast.

Remember, scholarship providers aren't in the practice of sending funds out randomly; it's likely the check will bounce, or you'll be asked to send money back for "processing" or an "accidental" overpayment. Your safest bet? Tearing up the check and, if you have time, filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Often unexpected "opportunities" are attempts to get you to



Fees and "too good to be true" seeming offers are red flags for scholarship and related scams.

divulge personal information. Even clicking on links can expose your data to scammers.

Be cautious: Google the name of the scholarship or organization. Scams have often been flagged by the FTC or Better Business Bureau.

Social Scammers

A new scam making the rounds starts with a

random friend request on Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat. Accept, and your new friend will start messaging you about a foolproof way to make money for college: they work for a scholarship provider and have found a loophole. They just need to enter you as a winner and you can split the money.

If this was real, it'd be incredibly unethical.

However, in the midst of stress, you may be tempted — and that could cost more than money. While you may be asked to send cash as an advance, most such scammers are phishing. Give them enough info, and you'll be worrying about getting your identity back.

For more scholarship tools, resources and opportunities, including

the annual Scholarship America Dream Award, please visit scholarshipamerica.org.

"Scholarship scams seem to work just enough for people to keep trying it," says Ballard. "However, two main rules will help you avoid them: never pay to apply and if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

—StatePoint

Is your dinner contributing to plastic pollution in the ocean?

Did you know that the choices your local grocery store makes can have a global impact on the environment? From the types and brands of seafood sold to the way foods are packaged and carried out of the store, oceans worldwide are affected by the operations of grocers near you.

Fortunately, supermarkets across the country have made significant progress over the last 10 years when it comes to providing sustainable seafood options to customers, according to a new Greenpeace report, "Carting Away the Oceans." From advocacy and transparency initiatives to addressing illegal fishing, many major retailers nationwide are improving. Overall, 90 percent of the retailers profiled in the report received passing scores, 10 years after every single retailer failed Greenpeace's first assessment. However, experts say that the momentum of this positive trend should be applied to other areas of sustainability, too.

"It's time to put the same energy into tackling the unaddressed issues facing seafood workers and our oceans," says Greenpeace oceans campaigner David Pinsky. "It's not truly sustainable seafood if it's produced by forced labor and then wrapped in throwaway plastic packaging. Supermarkets can use their brands,

buying power and influence to do what is right for our oceans and for future generations."

As Greenpeace points out, the equivalent of a garbage truck of plastic enters oceans every minute, and with plastic production set to double in the next 20 years — largely for packaging — threats to ocean biodiversity and seafood supply chains are increasing. According to the report, none of the retailers profiled currently have a comprehensive policy to reduce and ultimately phase out their reliance on single-use plastics.

As a customer, you can make a difference by carrying your own tote bag on shopping trips and by asking your local supermarket what steps are being taken to reduce plastic use.

Consumers can also show their support for brands doing the right thing by shopping only for seafood that's produced sustainably and ethically. To learn more, visit greenpeace.org/usa/carting-away-the-oceans.

The next time you shop for groceries, take note of both the foods you are buying and the way items are packaged. Experts say that when you eat seafood from ethical, sustainable producers and limit single-use plastic packaging, oceans worldwide will benefit.

—StatePoint



Certain types of packaged grocery items can have a negative environmental impact.

Govt acts to stop high-tax states from skirting \$10K deduction cap

The Associated Press

The Trump administration has laid down rules aimed at preventing residents in high-tax states from avoiding a new cap on widely popular state and local tax deductions. The action under the new Republican tax law pits the government against high-tax, heavily Democratic states in an election-year showdown.

The Treasury Department's rules released Thursday target moves by states like New York, New Jersey and California — where residents could see substantial increases in their federal tax bills next spring because of the \$10,000 cap on state and local deductions. The cap was put in as a compromise to eliminating the deductions completely, as part of the massive GOP tax package pushed by President Donald Trump and enacted late last year. Experts say the issue likely will have to be resolved by the federal courts.

But the new rules' "dollar-for-dollar" limit also applies to many other states that already have charitable funds offering tax breaks — and those programs too could be hurt by the rules. Those states include solidly Republican ones and others with relatively low taxes. In those programs, donors to

schools, hospitals or land-conservation programs can get their state taxes reduced in return — plus a charitable deduction on their federal tax returns.

The limit means taxpayers only can deduct as a charitable contribution the portion of their donation for which they don't also get a state tax credit.

While the aim of the rules is to challenge the high-tax states' moves to skirt the cap, "these regulations sweep more broadly than that," said Daniel Rosen, a tax lawyer at Baker McKenzie who formerly was an IRS official.

A few programs may be protected because of an exception to the rules' "dollar-for-dollar" requirement, he said.

Steven Rosenthal, a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, said he was surprised by the broad reach of the rules, affecting both high-tax states' "workaround" efforts and existing programs in Republican states to fund private-school tuition.

He also noted the prompt effective-date of the rules, Aug. 27 — which could spur a wave of donations to current programs

before the deductions are limited. "I think this is going to cause an unbelievable opening of the pipeline," Rosenthal said.

Four high-tax states — Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and New York — already have sued the federal government over the deduction cap, asserting it's aimed at hurting a group of Democratic states and tramples on their constitutional budget-making authority.

A dozen high-tax states have taken or are considering measures to get around the cap. Most of the workarounds take advantage of federal deductions for charitable contributions — which aren't capped — in place of the old deductions for paying state and local income taxes. So people's state and local taxes exceeding \$10,000, which can't be deducted, are turned into deductible charitable donations.

"The Republican tax law is an affront to middle-class Connecticut families and a massive giveaway to the wealthiest individuals and largest corporations, and the (rules) issued by the Trump administration today only make it worse," Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy, a Democrat, said in a state-

ment Thursday.

Treasury said it expects that only about 1 percent of all U.S. taxpayers would see a reduction of their tax credits for donations to private-school voucher funds. Several states — Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Montana and South Carolina — allow taxpayers who donate to private-school funds to get a 100 percent credit against their state taxes, according to data compiled by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

HOW DO THE LIMITS WORK UNDER THE NEW RULES?

Dollar-for-dollar: When a taxpayer receives a benefit in return for donating to charity, the taxpayer should only be able to deduct the net value of the donation as a charitable contribution, Treasury says.

An example: You donate \$1,000 to a charity in a state that offers a 70 percent tax credit, so \$700 in this case. You would only be able to claim a \$300 charitable deduction on your federal return.

There is an exception. If the state tax credits don't exceed 15 percent of the amount donated, so up to a \$150 state tax credit on a \$1,000 donation, the taxpayer could claim the full amount as a charitable deduction.

Six money tips for buying a home

When searching for a new home, you may come across some conflicting information, especially about home financing or mortgage loans. Consider these six money tips to help you navigate the process.

- **Know your credit profile:** Your credit score may impact the interest rate or the amount of money you can borrow. Once a year, you may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three credit bureaus at annualcreditreport.com, the official site for free annual reports.

- **Having great credit is certainly helpful, but not required.** Homebuyer education and home loan financing programs are making it easier for homebuyers with a range of credit scores or limited credit history to obtain a loan. Find more tips and free education resources at wellsfargo.com/financial-education.

- **Manage debt:** Another important factor mortgage lenders evaluate is debt-to-

income ratio. A good rule of thumb is to keep your total debt level (taking into account the potential new mortgage payment) at or below 36 percent of your gross monthly income. Use an online debt-to-income calculator, like the one found at wellsfargo.com/goals-credit/debt-to-income-calculator.

- **Show them the money:** A Wells Fargo survey found that more than a third of people believe you need 20 percent of the home purchase price to make a down payment. The reality is, some home financing or mortgage programs allow qualified homebuyers to put down as little as 3 percent. And for those who qualify for special mortgage programs – like military veterans or those purchasing rural properties, a down payment may not be required at all. You may also be allowed to use monetary gifts from family or friends for all or part of the down payment. In addition, certain community programs offer down payment

assistance, like the Wells Fargo NeighborhoodLIFT program.

Keep in mind, some low down payment programs may require private mortgage insurance, which adds to the monthly payment and overall loan cost. You'll need to add that into your debt-to-income consideration.

- **Demonstrate proof of income:** Home mortgage financing programs are available for a range of incomes. The key is demonstrating your ability to repay the loan. Lenders will review your income history and require current W2s, tax returns or similar documentation.

- **Have a rainy-day fund:** Lenders want to see that you have savings or a cushion to handle unexpected expenses that come with homeownership, such as a leaky roof or failing appliance.

- **Get pre-approved:** Getting pre-approved is a good way to understand what kind of home loan product or program you may qualify for. Digital services are stream-



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Conflicting information can lead to difficulties in buying a home.

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For a smooth home-buying experience, it's important to know your options, use programs designed to help you, and access services that streamline decision-making.

—StatePoint

State Medicaid contract decision spurs court fight

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A dispute over the the state Agency for Health Care Administration's decision to award a Medicaid managed-care contract in Southwest Florida has turned into a court battle.

Best Care Assurance, LLC, a managed-care plan affiliated with the Lee Health system, has filed a lawsuit in Leon County circuit court arguing that state officials improperly awarded a contract in June to a competing managed-care plan, Molina Healthcare of Florida, Inc.

The lawsuit, filed Friday, is part of a series of legal disputes that have stemmed from the Agency for Health Care Administration's decisions this spring to award

tens of billions of dollars in contracts to managed-care plans to serve Medicaid patients throughout the state.

Best Care Assurance was one of four plans awarded contracts in April to serve patients in the Medicaid system's Region 8, which is made up of Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties.

Molina was not one of the four plans and filed a protest. It ultimately reached a settlement in June with agency officials that included it receiving a contract in the region.

In the lawsuit, Best Care Assurance argues, in part, that the decision was improper because state law imposes a limit of four managed-care plans in the region

to provide “managed medical assistance” services—the services provided to most Medicaid beneficiaries. The other plans selected in April to provide such services in the region were Humana Medical Plan, Inc., Sunshine State Health Plan, Inc. and WellCare of Florida, Inc., the lawsuit said.

“The Legislature did not accidentally place a cap on the number of MMA (managed medical assistance) plans to be selected in Region 8,” the lawsuit said. “Rather, the Legislature specifically set the allowable range for the number of MMA plans to be selected in Region 8 to ensure stability but allow patient choice. AHCA's actions ignore the legislative mandate, as well

as the significant negative consequences to Best Care and the MMA program overall in Region 8 resulting from AHCA's action.”

Best Care also tried to fight the Molina contract award through a challenge in the state Division of Administrative Hearings. But in an Aug. 3 ruling, Administrative Law Judge Linzie Bogan said Best Care did not have legal standing to challenge the agency decision to award a contract to Molina or to argue that the contract violates state law.

Bogan said Best Care didn't intervene in Molina's underlying protest after the April contract awards and that, as a result, Best Care did not establish standing.

Best Care has filed a motion to reopen the administrative case, but Molina filed a document Aug. 16 objecting to that request.

“In the end, Best Care simply failed to intervene in Molina's protest proceeding and therefore waived any right Best Care contends it has to challenge Molina's settlement with AHCA and the

resulting contract award to Molina,” said the Molina document, which was joined by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

Florida lawmakers in 2011 approved an overhaul of the Medicaid system that has led to most beneficiaries enrolling in managed-care plans. With an initial set of contracts poised to expire, the Agency for Health Care Administration went through a lengthy procurement process that led in April to it awarding new contracts in 11 regions of the state.

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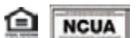
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Arc North Florida looking to grow county client base

Activity, creativity are of key focus for Live Oak based agency.

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For Quinn Ban of Arc North Florida, being active is key.

"We can take an individual and keep them active based on their ability, education and creativity," Ban said. "We may take them swimming and they do the swimming aerobics we may take them to the library, our clients actually learn flagging it helps coordination."

Arc North Florida, a local resource for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is looking to expand its client base by reaching further into Columbia County.

Ban became the fundraising coordinator at Arc North Florida in June, and in those two months seeing Arc in action she said she's come to learn the value of its programs.

"We're advocates for families because so many times families don't know where to go, what to do when they have a loved one that's disabled," said Ban, a 15-year Lake City resident. "We're a great phone number to call so we can walk a family through to get where they need to be. And then we provide quality services to individuals that are intellectually and developmentally disabled."

Covering five counties, Arc North Florida was established in 1981 and is a chapter of the national nonprofit The Arc of the United States. Headquartered in Live Oak, it also has offices in Baker County, where Ban said she spends some of her time.

It operates across Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee counties. However, Arc wants to expand its client base in Columbia County programs it offers such as adult day training, residential placement, respite care, transportation, supported living services, in-home support, personal care assistant and companion programs.

The range of their care depends solely on the individual and the objectives of the family, Ban said.

"We may go inside the home and find out that the family needs some added extra help, assistance and we will care for the individual in the home," Ban said. "Now if somebody is medically challenged we might do personal care that might be eating, that might be dressing, bathing it depends on how medically challenged the individual is."

She said the ultimate goal of Arc is to help individuals live independently. To do that she said they have a series of steps in place to train for the workplace and later teach their clients to protect themselves from financial exploitation.

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Ban gave an example of one man who went through Arc and obtained skill-sets necessary to live independently and get a job at a local retailer.

She said she accompanied a specialist throughout the process and described how they taught him to buy groceries and compare prices.

"He gets his own cart he goes down the aisles all by himself, it was fun to watch him and it was actually very rewarding but then when we get to the checkout line we write the check," Ban said.

Ban said she is currently working on procuring state funding that would provide for grant based assistance to go to potential clients based on financial need.

Service prices vary on the program ranging from \$30 for two hours of in-home personal care, \$50 for transport to a day at Arc's training center or \$100 a day for group home living.

As a nonprofit, Ban said Arc accepts tax deductible donations and is partnered with Ability Supply janitorial supplies. She said proceeds from bulk orders go the organization. Further information on Arc is available at www.arcnfl.com, or by calling 386-362-7143.



Quinn Ban, above, said that independent living is the goal for the clients of Arc North Florida, the organization for which she serves as fundraising coordinator.



Clients of Arc of North Florida, Ed and Sarrah, look over one of several activities that the Live Oak based organization uses to engage those in its services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



At the 2018 Annual Arc of North Florida Awards Banquet held on August 2 at Westside Community Center in Lake City, a Arc direct service professional team member, Tina, with bright blond pigtales, oversees the superhero theme activities of the day for its clients.



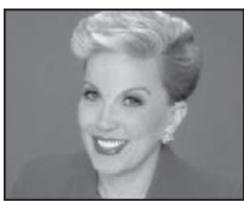
Harry Smith, a.k.a. "Batman," earned a Certificate of Achievement at the 2018 Annual Awards Banquet for Arc North Florida on August 2. The theme: was "Be your own superhero."



Arc North Florida staff member Jerell waters plants outside the organization's Macclenny facility.

DEAR ABBY

Timing is everything in family feud over leaving the table



Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a disagreement about when a person should be allowed to get up from the table. We have an 8-month-old son whom we both want to grow up to have good manners. We know he'll soon be out of his high chair and become squirmy and not want to stay seated.

My wife was raised to stay seated and be excused only after everyone is finished eating — holding everyone hostage until the last person is finished and extending dinnertime up to an hour or more. I feel it's excessive, and a child would have a hard time sitting still that long.

When she was little, her parents tied her to her chair so she couldn't get up until everyone finished eating. I was raised to ask to be excused after I was finished, but was welcome to stay and socialize if I liked.

In my opinion, dinner should last about 30 minutes so there's time to finish chores around the house. I agree that coming to the table and leaving after 10 minutes is rude because the cook has taken great care to prepare the meal and may feel insulted if the diner gets up too quickly. Long dinners may have been acceptable

in Jane Austen's day, but not in today's fast-paced world. — **HIGH CHAIR HOSTAGE**

DEAR HIGH CHAIR: Your wife appears to be extremely rigid. On the plus side, she appreciates the importance of family dinners in the home. I agree that children should be taught table manners, however, tying a kid to a chair is considered child abuse these days, and I don't recommend it.

Modern parents recognize that small children have short attention spans and compensate for it in various ways. When a child is old enough to understand, the rules should be spelled out. If the children are in another person's home or a public place, materials should be provided so the child can entertain him- or herself while the adults make conversation. If the child needs to get up and move around, he or she should be accompanied by a parent so other

diners won't be interrupted.

If a meal at home is going to be a long one, the child should be allowed to be excused from the table as you were. And because you are an adult, you should have the freedom to leave the table if you wish, too.

DEAR ABBY: A woman in my social circle has called me a know-it-all and accused me of making her feel stupid. She has refused to accept my apology, canceled our carpoos to events and has started challenging me at every turn of any conversation.

I no longer feel comfortable accepting invitations to gatherings in her home, but frequent encounters with her are unavoidable. How should I handle confrontations with her in the future? — **TRAUMATIZED TEXAN**

DEAR T.T.: There shouldn't be any "confrontations." When you see the woman, be pleasant and keep your distance. If she tries to start an argument, tell her the problem is hers and you don't intend to make it yours — period. Then, if there are others present, devote your time to them.

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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your intelligence to reverse a situation that is stagnant. Offering incentives that sway someone to work with you to bring about positive change will give you reason to celebrate. A relationship will require special attention. Romance is encouraged. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The information you receive will lead to a change in attitude. Travel or educational plans should be arranged. Picking up skills, experience and knowledge will help you attract attention. Network, socialize and explore new people, places and pastimes. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take some time to consider your next move. A personal change that ensures you are looking out for your best interests emotionally, physically and financially will ease your stress and give you something to look forward to. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Live and learn. Discuss emotional matters with someone you love, respect or look up to. The information shared with you will help bring about changes that will open up a window of opportunity. Let the creative process begin. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may not appreciate the changes taking place around you, but if you give it time and you concentrate on personal growth, everything will work in your favor. Protect against personal or physical affronts. Make your environment comfortable and convenient. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Dig in and work hard and you will bring about positive changes you can be proud of. Share your thoughts with family and friends. Partnerships and personal growth will lead to a change of attitude as well as location. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't lose sight of your goals. Look inward to discover something about yourself and the way you handle others that will make you change your approach. Using charm and diplomacy will work wonders and help you keep the peace. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home and family should be your focal points. Extend your empathy and emotional input to people you love. Create a unique environment for friends and family to gather. Expand your outlook, but don't go over your budget or behave excessively. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will surface. Listen to the information you are being given, but don't assume what you are being told is the truth. Someone will try to manipulate you for his or her own interest and benefit. Don't be gullible. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put some money and hands-on labor into fixing up your surroundings. A change that adds to your comfort or reduces your overhead will also ease your stress and make you want to spend less time away from home. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set a budget and be reluctant to get involved in events or activities that are too demanding. Put your energy into personal physical improvements that are geared toward better health. The current dynamics of a personal partnership can be renegotiated. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for a good investment. Update your financial papers and examine your assets; you'll come up with a way to improve your financial future. Greater stability is within reach. Let your intuition help guide you. ★★★

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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W U S J X U E J D B R P D B H H E H U S P P G U N ."
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Previous Solution: "You are the CEO of your life. Some people need to be hired and some need to be fired." — Robert Downey Jr.

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 26: Singer Valerie Simpson of Ashford and Simpson is 72. Singer Bob Cowsill of The Cowsills is 68. Bandleader Branford Marsalis is 57. Guitarist Jimmy Olander of Diamond Rio is 56.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT

BY JACOB STULBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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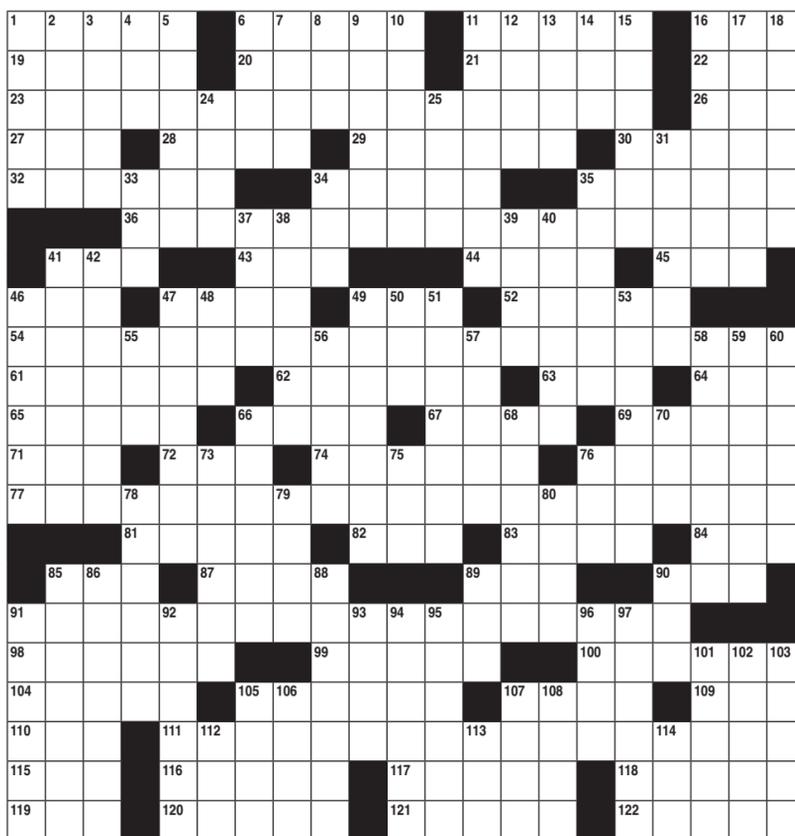
- 1 Autumn bloom
- 6 Ticked off
- 11 Cast
- 16 "Madam Secretary" ainer
- 19 Really stood out
- 20 Bluesman Willie
- 21 Where the owl and the pussycat went, in poetry
- 22 ___ provençale
- 23 Classic film narrated by Spencer Tracy
- 26 Position
- 27 "Thanks in old age — thanks ___ I go": Whitman
- 28 Lead-in to bad news
- 29 Searched without sight
- 30 Show what's inside
- 32 Underscore
- 34 Early morning setting?
- 35 The Bears of the Big 12 Conference
- 36 Remark commonly attributed to Queen Victoria
- 41 Digs
- 43 Shaggy grazer
- 44 Actor O'Shea
- 45 Third-person form of "être"
- 46 "Birds in an Aquarium" artist
- 47 Like some details
- 49 Handful
- 52 Fresh

- 54 Statement at the end of some trailers
- 61 C neighbors
- 62 Tool that it takes two to operate
- 63 Old nuclear agcy.
- 64 Brewery sight
- 65 Obeys a sentry, say
- 66 Skating embarrassment
- 67 CDs, LPs, etc.
- 69 Mexican marinade
- 71 Musician/singer whose name might be shouted in mock horror?
- 72 Prefix with -pod
- 74 Frederick III, for one
- 76 Newspaper section
- 77 Toy manufacturer's disclaimer
- 81 Kurosawa who directed "Ran"
- 82 Hankering
- 83 Mouse lookalike
- 84 Tikkanen who won five Stanley Cups
- 85 Measure of econ. health
- 87 Top hat go-with
- 89 Fail to hold
- 90 Clock setting east of Eastern: Abbr.
- 91 Non-apology associated with several U.S. presidents
- 98 Impoverished
- 99 The Temptations' "Since ___ My Baby"
- 100 Drake or Future
- 104 City known for its cheese
- 105 Up-to-the-minute

- 107 It's often brown or blue
- 109 Great ___
- 110 Zip
- 111 Protest tactic ... as suggested by 23-, 36-, 54-, 77- and 91-Across?
- 115 Continuing education subj., often
- 116 Operatic baritone Pasquale ___
- 117 Give up
- 118 Panegyric
- 119 Obituary word
- 120 Wyoming's ___ Range
- 121 Corporate department
- 122 Takes a breather

DOWN

- 1 Remains in the ground, often
- 2 Not having quite enough cash
- 3 Jenga construction
- 4 Tolkien creature
- 5 Debate again [sigh]
- 6 Soviet author Ehrenburg
- 7 Kerfuffles
- 8 "Te ___" (Rihanna gold single)
- 9 Snarl
- 10 Crowd on a set
- 11 Carol Brady, to three of her kids
- 12 Founder of a major appliance chain
- 13 Kind of bookstore
- 14 Bygone game console, in brief
- 15 Bistro dessert
- 16 Wheedles
- 17 Cover from view
- 18 Old-fashioned weaponry
- 24 "Let It Go" singer, in film
- 25 "Game over" signal
- 31 What might follow me?
- 33 Ticket info, briefly
- 34 Peachy
- 35 Cinephile's guilty pleasure, perhaps
- 37 Model Banks
- 38 Place to treat yourself
- 39 Colorist's concern
- 40 Hilo his
- 41 Like "@#%!"
- 42 Ill-fated NASA mission of 1967
- 46 "You said it!"
- 47 Catch something
- 48 Surprised exclamations
- 49 One singing at the end?
- 50 Vulcans or Jawas, in brief
- 51 Becomes grating to
- 53 The one that got away?
- 55 Turner who led a slave rebellion
- 56 "Sonnets to Orpheus" poet
- 57 Uncool sort
- 58 Some keys, informally
- 59 Doctor's order
- 60 Peak NW of Athens
- 66 When middle watch ends
- 68 Fancy neckwear
- 70 Cannes's Palme ___
- 73 Like some bologna and golf shots



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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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'Junk' in the attic or basement - worth a fortune?

From baseball cards and sports equipment to postcards and toys, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia. So how can you tell if your stuff is valuable and how can you sell it, if it is?

"The general rule is that the older the item, the more valuable it is. 1980 is not old. 1960 is kind of old. 1910 is old," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that has helped many families identify and sell valuable items.

In one instance, Crisafulli determined that a family's baseball bat that spent decades beside their front door to protect from intruders, was actually used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig - and Love of the Game Auctions sold it for them for more than \$430,000.

He is offering these tips to help determine if your items are valuable:

Baseball cards

Cards from the 1960s and earlier are collectible, and those from before the 1940s can be extremely pricey. Do they have sharp corners, no creases and retain original gloss?



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Some of that "junk" in the attic may actually be worth something.

Do they depict star players and Hall of Famers? A Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner or Mickey Mantle will sell for more than non-stars.

With particularly old cards from the 1880s and early 1900s, look for tobacco and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal or American

Caramel. Unopened packs from almost any era can be valuable.

Memorabilia and Equipment

Look for old advertising posters depicting sports stars and food, tobacco or sporting goods brands. This doesn't mean ads torn from magazines, but those

used as store displays and for other purposes. Tin signs are highly collectible from the 1900s into the 1960s, but low-quality reproductions aren't. Pre-1950s catcher's masks, baseball gloves and bats can be valuable, especially those endorsed by star players. Condition is important but used equip-

ment can be valuable.

When you go to sell sports items, consider a specialty auction, such as Love of the Game, which has the expertise to properly research sports pieces, and maintains lists of bidders specializing in this area so it can get top dollar for these items. More information is available at

loveofthegameauctions.com.

Postcards

Postcards of your vacation destinations likely are worthless. But those depicting famous people, such as movie star cards and vintage baseball postcards, can be valuable. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs. No matter the type, the older, the better, and the more famous, the better.

Old Halloween or Christmas postcards from the early 1900s can be expensive. The same goes for many intricate "hold-to-light" postcards, where portions of scenes light up when held to strong light.

Toys

Look for famous characters, such as early Walt Disney items, superheroes, Star Wars, etc. The most prized toys are those in original condition with no broken pieces and paint intact. And if you have original boxes, you might strike gold!

So, while you're cleaning that attic, basement or garage, don't rush to purge. Before throwing out old "junk," determine if it's valuable!

-StatePoint

Four vacation destinations for devoted wine lovers

Love wine? Build your next vacation around it! Wine regions have delicious food, beautiful views and amazing history.

To select your next travel destination, get inspired by global wine brand, The Seeker, which produces wines all around the world to ensure each varietal is made in the region where it grows best. Ready to let your palate guide you? Here are four wine destinations for adventure seekers.

1. Puy de Dôme, France

Puy de Dôme, in the Auvergne region of central France, boasts spectacular natural wonders, with over 80 volcanic craters, as well as mountains, valleys, volcanic lakes, plateaus and plains. Explore them on foot, bicycle and kayak, or take a dip in the region's thermal springs.

Sometimes called France's "lost wine region," it's only 100 miles from Burgundy and has a wine-growing history that began in the 6th century. Pinot Noir has been grown there since at least the 11th century, and the Pinot from these vineyards were once prized by the Popes in Avignon. The region still

produces exceptional Pinot Noir thanks in part to the rich volcanic soils, warm days and cool nights. One selection to try is The Seeker Pinot Noir (\$13.99), which has aromas of sweet cherry fruit melded with earth and spice, balanced acidity and ripe fine tannins.

2. Mendoza, Argentina

An excellent destination for those who love variety, Mendoza is a bustling urban environment with a wealth of outdoor adventure opportunities just outside the city.

It is also one of the best places in the world to drink locally-produced Malbec. In 1852, an enterprising French agronomist brought Malbec to Argentina, where the higher temperatures and unique terroir of Mendoza finally allowed this varietal to shine. Try The Seeker Malbec (\$13.99) made in the foothills of the Andes Mountains where the elevation and soil produce ripened fruit. Pair this fruity, spicy wine with the region's superior wood-fire grilled beef and lamb.

3. Colchagua, Chile

All wine enthusiasts should put Chile's Central

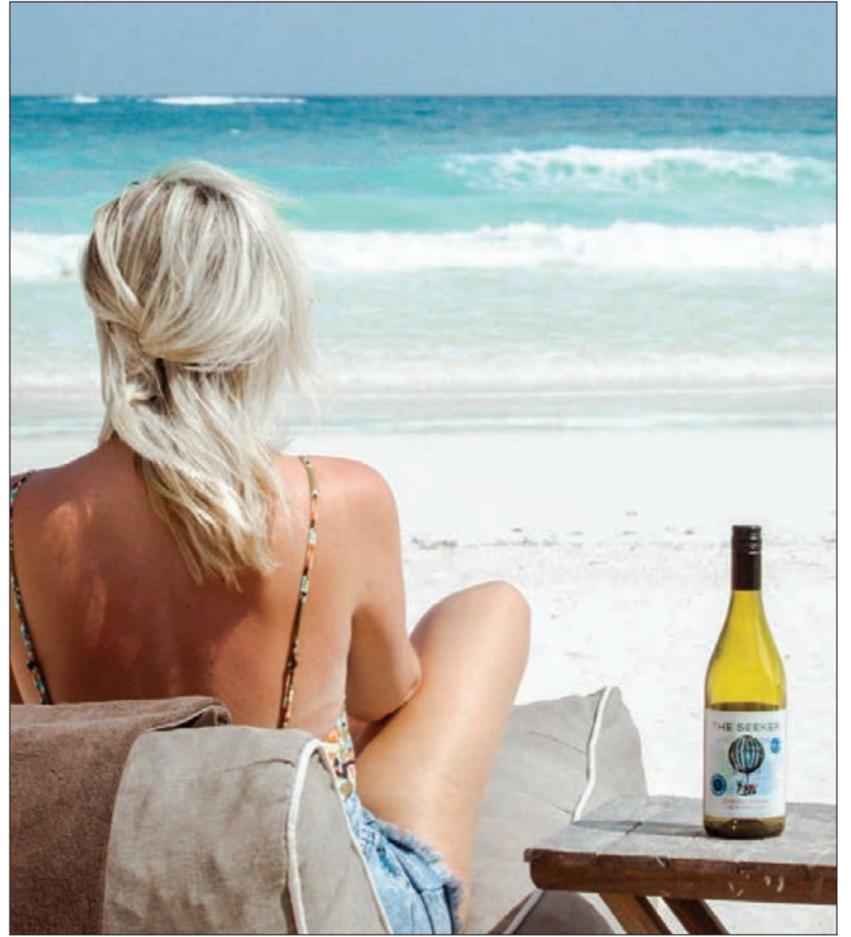
Valley on their bucket lists, as the region is known for its fine red wines and traditional cuisine. Take a winery tour and enjoy the spectacular landscape while drinking some of the world's best wines.

In particular, try the Cabernet Sauvignon. While this varietal is grown in many places around the world, you'll probably find a purer form of it here, where the high-altitude and extreme temperature shifts between day and night result in grapes that don't need to be blended with other varietals to round the wine out.

4. Central Coast, California

Take a quintessential road trip through the Central Coast of California, which has something for everyone: beautiful beaches, important historical sites, family-friendly attractions and world-class cuisine.

In particular, enjoy the region's Chardonnay. California is uniquely suited to the grape because its warm days allow them to fully ripen; and its cool nights and foggy mornings prevent the grapes from becoming too ripe or getting heat damaged. For



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Wine fans can choose from a variety of vacation locations.

a balanced, complex and harmonious wine that pairs with smoked chicken salad, four cheese pizza and spicy foods, taste The Seeker

Chardonnay (\$13.99), sourced from prime growing areas in the region.

Can't get away? Consider selecting one of the above

culinary destinations to inspire your next dinner party. With the right bottle, you're halfway there.

-StatePoint

Autistic visitors can proceed with lawsuits against Disney

The Associated Press

Visitors with severe autism can move ahead with their lawsuits claiming Disney's U.S. parks didn't do enough to accommodate their need for scheduled routines and no waits on its rides, according to a federal appeals court.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week ruled that plaintiffs in 30 lawsuits can proceed in a lower court with their claims against Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, alleging violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. People with severe autism often have dif-

iculties with social interaction and communication and often adhere to rigid routines.

A district judge in Florida had ruled previously that Disney was accommodating the autistic visitors and dismissed the claims in 2016. The autistic visitors appealed to the court in Atlanta.

Under the parks' current program, Disney allows visitors with disabilities to get a special card giving them an "appointment time" to get on a ride after the specified time with little to no wait. The card allows them to get unlimited "appoint-

ment times" throughout the day and allows them to get on rides immediately if the wait is less than 15 minutes. Disney workers also have the discretion to hand out readmission passes to visitors with disabilities, allowing them to get back on a ride immediately.

The plaintiffs said in their lawsuit that the autistic visitors still endured virtual waits, if not physical waits, that often resulted in "meltdowns" since people with severe autism often have an inability to wait and express distress at small changes to

their routines. Disney previously had allowed visitors with disabilities to go to the front of the line but changed the program in 2013 amid reports of abuse by people without disabilities. The new program for visitors with disabilities, though, disrupted set routines on the order of rides and didn't allow autistic visitors to go on rides exactly when they wanted to, the plaintiffs said.

"It is the nature of the neurological disability that makes waiting an impossibility," the plaintiffs had argued.

The plaintiffs said a solu-

tion would be to give disabled guests a pass guaranteeing they wouldn't have to wait more than 15 minutes for all rides. But Disney argued that solution was no different than its previous program which was subject to abuse when nondisabled visitors would hire disabled guests to join their party so they wouldn't have to wait.

In allowing the lawsuits to move forward, the appeals court said that the fact-finding coming out of the trials would help determine what is considered "necessary" to accommodate autistic visi-

tors' need for rigid routines and no waits. The judges said that Disney didn't intentionally discriminate against the autistic visitors and that the question the district court will decide is whether Disney needs to modify its policies.

In a statement, a Disney spokeswoman said the company is reviewing the decision and evaluating what next steps to take.

"Disney Parks have an unwavering commitment to providing an inclusive and accessible environment for all our guests," the statement said.