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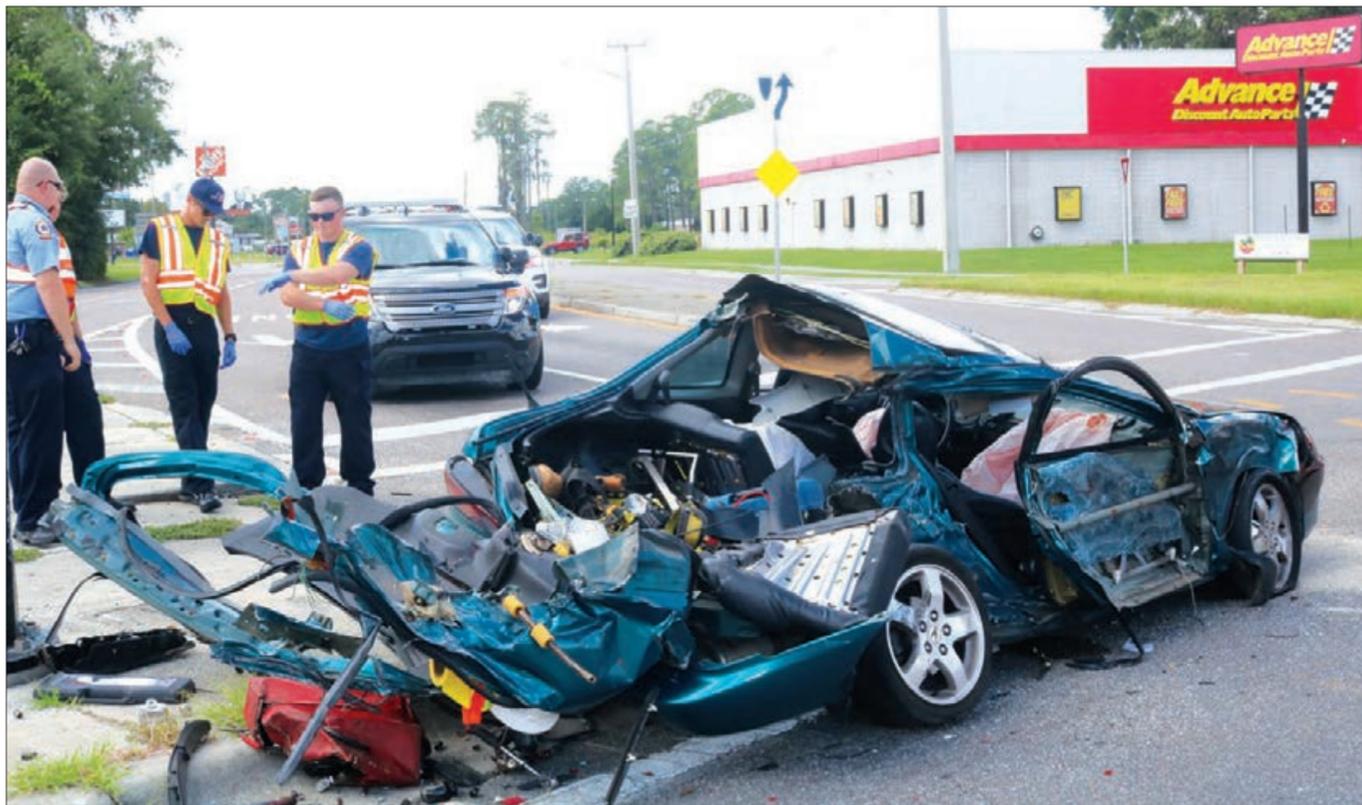
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Somehow, driver survives



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Remarkably, the driver of this 1994 Acura escaped serious injury, and was taken to a local hospital for observation only.

Slammed by dump truck, little left of car

By TONY BRITT
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A wreck at the intersection of State Road 247 and Branford Highway snarled traffic at the busy intersection Monday when a dump truck T-boned a sedan.

Driver hospitalized, but only for observation. The car was destroyed but the driver escaped serious injury.

First responders from Century Ambulance Service, Lake City Fire Department and Lake City Police Department responded to the scene where the mangled remains of a 1994 Acura Integra came to rest near a traffic signal pole, while a 2000 Mack dump truck, towing a trailer with an excavator, rested in the ditch on the south side of U.S. Highway 90.

Emergency vehicles were strategically parked in the turning lane from US 90 to State Road 247, fire



A first responder is pictured at the scene of the crash on Monday.

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BELT-TIGHTENING

County budget trimmed by \$1M

Here's what they cut to keep from having to raise taxes.

By CARL MCKINNEY
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Three words came up over and over again earlier this year, when Columbia County debated raising property taxes if voters didn't approve a one-cent sales tax referendum — "tighten your belt."

After multiple County Commission candidates and members of the public said

those exact words during several open meetings, the county has approved

a tentative budget with roughly \$1 million in spending cuts to the general fund, public works and economic development. The lion's share, \$977,450, is allocated toward debt payments on a planned new jail, said County Manager Ben Scott, with the rest going to the fund balance.

The county cut the budget after commissioners

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Woman's death at shelter probed

By CARL MCKINNEY
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The Lake City Police Department is investigating the death of a woman transported from a local domestic violence shelter late last month.

The only domestic violence shelter in Lake City is Another Way, said LCPD spokesperson Mike Lee, speaking in general terms and stopping just short of linking the facility to any specific case.

LCPD responded to a domestic violence shelter in

DEATH continued on 6A

Man shot near church; assailant sought

Victim is stable; shooter may be named 'Joseph.'

By COREY ARWOOD
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A man was shot in a conflict that erupted near a churchyard Monday, and investigators are on the hunt for the suspect who reportedly took off on foot, spurring the lockdown of a local elementary school.

As families and children walked home from school around 3 p.m. they passed investigators scouring the grounds of Souls Harbor Church of God in Christ for clues left from the shooting.

A portion of the intersection at NE Lake Drive and NE Anderson Terrace was cordoned off with crime tape while the officers used a metal detector to search for evidence in the church yard.

Just outside the crime tape, a

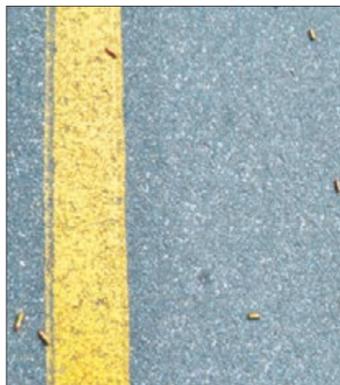


Lake City Police Department investigators comb a churchyard with a metal detector in search of live or spent rounds.

Lake City Reporter staff writer noticed 20 or so live rounds strewn across SE Anderson Terrace and called them to the attention of investigators.

The ammunition appeared to be that of a 9 mm pistol.

An investigator at the scene confirmed the weapon used in the shooting was a handgun.



Photos by COREY ARWOOD/Lake City Reporter

Moments later, a reporter for this newspaper noticed a number of bullets strewn across Anderson Terrace and called them to their attention.

Neighborhood residents said they were unaware of the incident. A church member said she was

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Photos by STEVE WILSON/Lake City Reporter

Pictured clockwise, Terri Nesbitt (far left), Valerie Ehnat, Phyllis Glenn, Maddy Glenn, Lisa Simmons, Pat Hollen and Becky Jones and Sierrah Mendell.

Ladies' vintage tea assists vets

Local ladies dressed for the occasion were on hand for the Ladies' Vintage Tea on Saturday at American Legion Post 57 in Lake City.

Following lunch, the event included a short history of hats worn by women over the past 100 years, with a number of hats on display, as well as a hat contest for the most elegant, the most creative, and the funniest.

The event was a fundraiser for efforts to assist local veterans.

"We were looking for a fundraiser that would be new and different," said Maryann Dennis, who gave opening remarks at the event.

— Steve Wilson



Maryann Dennis, surrounded by vintage hats, welcomes guests.

Water Voices programs set for High Springs, Lake City

The Ichetucknee Alliance's 2018 Water Voices program, "Clear Choices for Clean Water," focuses on creating solutions for the problems that plague the Ichetucknee. Two programs are set for the coming weeks.

The first session will be offered in Alachua County from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24, at the High Springs New Century Woman's Club, 23674 U.S. Highway 27. The second session of the same program will be offered in Columbia County from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Columbia County Public Library main branch, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Admission to both events is free and everyone is invited to attend.

After reviewing the Ichetucknee's 2016 Report Card and identifying the problems that are harming the river, Florida Springs Institute Executive Director Robert L. Knight will talk

about two new efforts focused on solutions, FSF's Blue Water Audit project and his idea for an Aquifer Protection Fee.

Following Knight's talk, award-winning documentary filmmaker Eric Flagg will present the premiere of three new short videos, "Ichetucknee Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow." The videos are designed to spark discussions about different ways that citizens could show leadership for restoring the Ichetucknee River System, one element in the largest concentration of freshwater springs in the world and a vital part of North Florida's ecology, economy and environmental heritage.

"Audiences will learn who makes which water-related decisions in Florida and why scientists think the Ichetucknee might be the easiest spring system in the state to restore," said Ichetucknee Alliance President John Jopling.

"People will find out how to determine their aquifer footprints. We'll explore the idea that leadership for the Ichetucknee begins at home."

"We're happy that one of the Alliance's ideas that is presented in the videos—the idea of 'right crop, right place' with state-funded financial incentives for farmers to plant water-friendly crops—is now being tried in a pilot program by the Suwannee River Water Management District," Jopling added. "Like that idea, we hope our other ideas will spark conversations and gain traction. If we make the right choices about how we're living with water now, we will make sure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy the Ichetucknee tomorrow."

For more, go to ichetuckneealliance.org/events or call Lucinda Merritt, 386-454-0415.

— From staff reports

Three reappointed to FGC board

Governor Rick Scott on Thursday announced the reappointments of Lindsey Lander, Miguel Tepedino and James Surrency to the Florida Gateway College District Board of Trustees.

Lander, 45, of Trenton, is the owner of Lindsey Lander Attorney at Law P.A. He received his bachelor's and law degree from the University of Florida. Lander is appointed for a term beginning September 6, 2018 and ending May 31, 2022.

Tepedino, 39, of Lake City, is a physician with North Florida Family Medicine and a residency and associate clinical professor at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He received his bachelor's degree and medical doctorate from the University of Florida. Tepedino is appointed for a term beginning September 6, 2018 and ending May 31, 2022.

Surrency, 66, of Trenton, is the retired executive

director of the North East Florida Educational Consortium. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Murray State University, and his doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University. Surrency is reappointed for a term beginning September 6, 2018 and ending May 31, 2022.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

— From staff reports

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience."

— Titus 2:2 (KJV)

Thought for Today

Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world.

— Archimedes, 267 BC-212 BC, Greek mathematician

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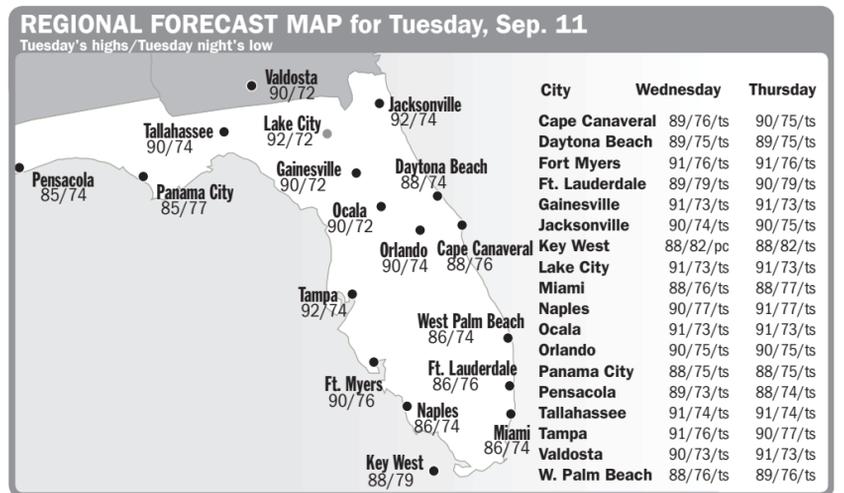
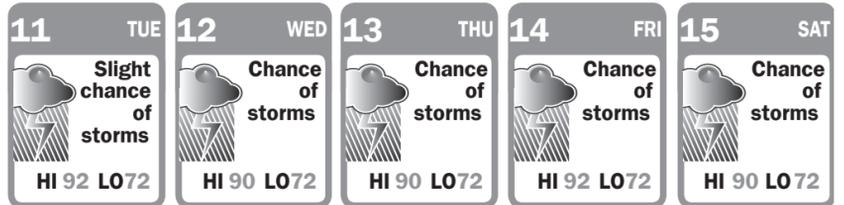
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 Normal low 70
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 Record low 60 in 1963

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Monday 0.00"
 Month total 9.26"
 Year total 58.31"
 Normal month-to-date 1.67"
 Normal year-to-date 37.24"

SUN

Sunrise today 7:13 a.m.
 Sunset today 7:40 p.m.
 Sunrise tom. 7:14 a.m.
 Sunset tom. 7:39 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today 9:07 a.m.
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 Moonset tom. 9:59 p.m.



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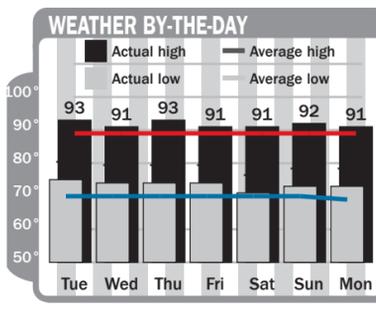
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Hurricane Iniki came ashore on the island of Kauai on this date in 1992 with wind gusts to 160 mph. The strong gusts delayed the filming of Jurassic Park and Steven Spielberg and crew were stranded on the island.

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Traffic stop ends in arrest

A Columbia County Sheriff's Office deputy escorts Kristy Lynn Bartley, 30, to a police cruiser after she was arrested during a traffic stop Monday afternoon and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia when officers reportedly found a hypodermic needle and digital scales in her purse.

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in the area just before LCPD received calls to the scene.

Carrie Alexander said she attends Souls Harbor and helps with its maintenance.

Around 1:30 p.m., Alexander said she drove by the church and saw vehicles, at least one a pickup truck, parked at the church when it should have been empty.

"I didn't feel right about it," said Alexander.

Another man who lives nearby said he was outside at the time and saw first responders arrive.

Public Information Officer Mike Lee said Lake City Police received calls about a shooting at 1:52 p.m. and arrived at the scene about five minutes later.

He said the victim, a male, was in stable condition and was transported to UF Health Shands.

Lee posted on the LCPD Facebook page a description of the suspect and the direction he reportedly took off in.

"When we arrived we were able to identify that the suspect had left the area on foot in the direction of Melrose Park Elementary School," said Lee.

He said he was an African American male and it was thought his name was Joe or Joseph, and that he was around 5 feet 10 inches tall. The suspect was last seen wearing a black shirt, shorts and shoes walking south toward SE Ermine Ave, Lee said.

The direction the man took off in prompted the lockdown of Melrose Park Elementary School for roughly 10 minutes, and security measures taken at nearby Niblack Elementary School as well.

Florence growing in size, strength

Course could change, but appears headed toward the Carolinas.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Florence exploded into a potentially catastrophic Category 4 hurricane Monday as it closed in on North and South Carolina, carrying winds up to 130 mph and water that could wreak havoc over a wide stretch of the eastern United States later this week.

Communities along a stretch of coastline that's vulnerable to rising sea levels due to climate change prepared to evacuate the storm, which forecasters expect to be close to Category 5 strength by Tuesday. The South Carolina governor ordered the state's entire coastline to be evacuated starting at noon Tuesday and predicted that 1 million people would flee. And

Virginia's governor ordered a mandatory evacuation for some residents of low-lying coastal areas.

The storm's first effects were already apparent on barrier islands as dangerous rip currents hit beaches and seawater flowed over a state highway.

For many people, the challenge could be finding a safe refuge: If Florence slows to a crawl just off the coast, it could bring torrential rains to the Appalachian mountains and as far away as West Virginia, causing flash floods, mudslides and other dangerous conditions.

The storm's potential path also includes half a dozen nuclear power plants, pits holding coal-ash and other industrial waste, and numerous hog farms that store animal waste in massive open-air lagoons.

Airlines, including American

and Southwest, have started letting passengers change travel plans that take them into the hurricane's possible path.

National Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham warned that Florence was forecast to linger over the Carolinas once it reaches shore. People living well inland should prepare to lose power and endure flooding and other hazards, he warned.

"It's not just the coast," Graham said. "When you stall a system like this and it moves real slow, some of that rainfall can extend well away from the center."

A warm ocean is the fuel that powers hurricanes, and Florence will be moving over waters where temperatures are peaking near 85 degrees, hurricane specialist Eric Blake wrote. And with little wind shear to pull the storm apart, Florence's hurricane wind field

was expected to expand over the coming days, increasing its storm surge and inland wind threats.

By 5 p.m. Monday, Florence was centered about 1,170 miles east-southeast of Cape Fear, North Carolina, and moving west at 13 mph. Its center will move between Bermuda and the Bahamas on Tuesday and Wednesday and approach the coast of South Carolina or North Carolina on Thursday, the National Hurricane Center said.

Two other storms were spinning in the Atlantic. Hurricane Isaac was expected to lose strength as it reaches the Caribbean, and Helene, much farther out to sea, may veer northward into the open ocean as the 2018 hurricane season reaches its peak.

— Associated Press

WRECK

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trucks blocked some of the east-bound lanes of US 90 and traffic was allowed to trickle into US 90 from State Road 247 where another police vehicle blocked lanes of traffic.

The crash occurred around 11:58 a.m. The driver of the Acura, who police did not identify, was taken to Lake City Medical Center for observation, while the driver of the dump truck was unhurt.

According to preliminary reports, the Acura turned in front of the dump truck. Traffic at the intersection was rerouted until 12:30 p.m. when the roadway was reopened.

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backed away from a property tax hike that would have increased the millage rate from 8.015 to 8.87 to fund loans for the jail project, estimated at \$30 million.

On Monday, Scott provided a breakdown of where he slashed spending.

Nearly \$221,000 of the cuts were to the general fund, which includes the Board of County Commissioners and most county departments.

The Board of County Commissioners saw \$40,000 cut

from capital outlay, \$14,707 from personnel services and \$25,000 from professional services — licensed fields such as accounting, engineering, surveying and legal work.

The facilities management department saw a \$22,000 reduction to rentals and leases, \$5,000 to operating expenses and \$5,000 to repairs and maintenance.

The safety department saw a \$62,695 cut to personnel services and \$12,400 to "Other Current Expenses" — which can mean anything from gas to office supplies, Scott said.

A total of \$5,000 was cut from maintenance and repair funds for detention center facilities.

Emergency communications saw a \$1,000 cut to funds for operating supplies.

Code enforcement saw a \$5,000 cut to contractual services.

For landscaping work, \$20,000 was cut from repair and maintenance and \$3,000 from contractual services.

The Transportation Trust Fund was slashed by \$184,000.

"A lot of people know it as public works or our road department," Scott said. "That's where all your road maintenance happens."

The biggest cut in the Transportation Trust Fund was to gas expenses, which were reduced by \$50,000.

Next up was administration and overhead, which saw a \$37,500 cut — \$35,000 for professional services and \$2,500 for operating supplies.

A total of \$30,000 was cut from the transportation trust's repair and maintenance funds, followed by a \$25,000 cut to concrete work and another \$25,000 to roadway stabilization.

The county cut \$15,000 from road materials and supplies related for stormwater services.

For maintenance and improvement of graded roads, expenses on operating supplies were cut by \$1,500.

The county's economic development fund saw a \$563,300 cut.

Of that, \$25,000 came from slashing the advertisement budget.

Another \$38,300 came from paying off a debt early this fiscal year, freeing up the money set aside for the coming budget cycle.

The county had set aside \$500,000 in the economic development fund for "early debt retirement" unrelated to the jail project, but that money was repurposed for the debt service on the new detention facility.

The county also took \$41,898 from surplus revenue — money that wasn't allocated toward any other project — and put it toward the jail project.

OBITUARIES

Maria K. Rogers

Maria K. Rogers, 85, of Lake City, passed away on Friday, September 7, 2018, at the Haven Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center in Lake City. She was born in Budapest, Hungary to the late Stvan



and Maria Rauth Kornoth. Mrs. Rogers was raised in Hungary during the German occupation of WWII and she spent 3 years in a German concentration camp. She lived many years abroad with her late husband of 60 years, Walter L. Rogers, during his Army career and permanently settled in Lake City in 1972. Mrs. Rogers owned and operated the Darby Rogers Century 21 in Lake City

for many years. She was raised in the Catholic Church and for many years also attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church as well as Southside Baptist Church where she enjoyed her time serving in the children's church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter L. Rogers, one sister, Elisabeth Karnoth Keller and one brother, Frank Karnoth.

Survivors include her son,

Walter L. Rogers, Jr., Lake City; one sister, Katharina Karnoth Hassa; eight grandchildren, Walter Brandon Rogers, Chase Matthew Rogers, Victoria Michelle Rogers, Anna Meghan Rogers, Abigail Morgan Rogers, Katherine Elizabeth Read, Jonathan Money Read and Anne Michaela Read; and one great grandson, Walter Henry Rogers.

A funeral will be conducted

on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Epiphany Catholic Church with Father Rob Trujillo officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Suwannee County, FL. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday evening from 5-7:00 PM at the funeral home, with an honor service at 6:00 PM in the chapel. Arrangements are under

the direction of **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025, 386-752-1954. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com

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OUR OPINION

9/11 at 17

A terrible memory turns 17 today. It was on this date in 2001 that a cadre of well-organized killers boarded four U.S. airliners and set out to bring America to her knees.

They failed. Make no mistake, the pain still lingers, and not just for those lost that day. American troops are still at war in the wake of the attacks, and their continued sacrifice, though not in the daily headlines, is made fresh with frightening regularity.

But America was neither beaten nor discouraged.

Our nation faces new challenges, of course. Television personalities masquerading as patriots tell us we have reached a breaking point with our internal squabbling.

They only aim to stir the pot, in our view, and distract from the real issues at hand. Having survived Osama bin Laden, we can surely survive fools of this sort — and on both sides of the aisle.

God bless our land, this day and ever.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1777, during the American Revolution, forces under Gen. George Washington were defeated by the British in the Battle of Brandywine.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

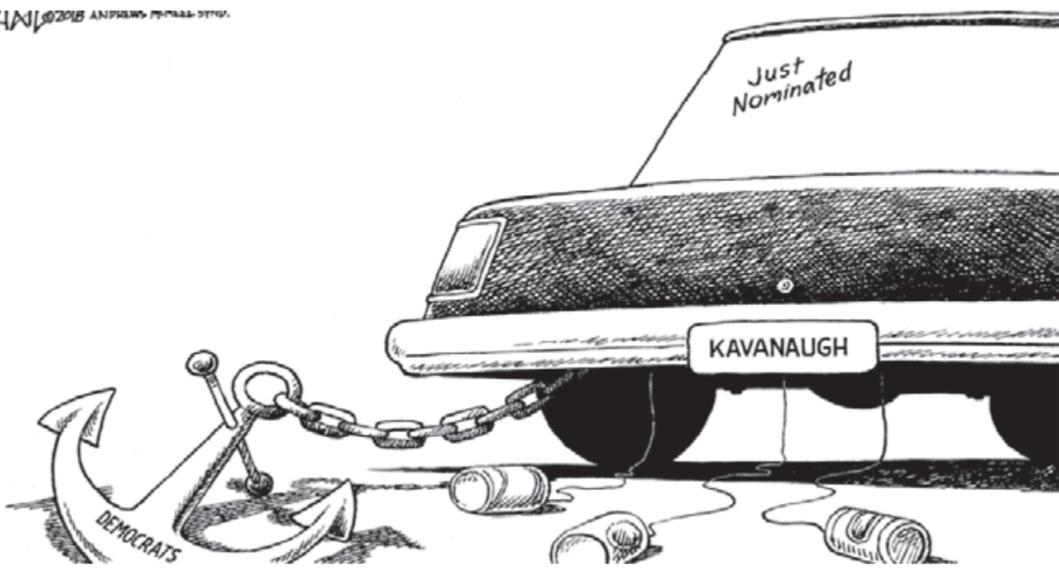
In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1962, The Beatles completed their first single for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI studios in London.

In 2001, America faced its worst day of terrorism. Nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida members hijacked four passenger jetliners. Two planes smashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to fall; one plowed into the Pentagon; and the fourth was crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania.

■ Associated Press

ANIMATED BY ANDREW MICHAEL STEFF



I'm liking Brett Kavanaugh

I tried to pay attention to what Judge Brett Kavanaugh was saying during the hearings this week. For anyone as addicted to the Supreme Court as I am, a nomination hearing is more exciting than the return of Halley's Comet, and only slightly more common. This was one of the major reasons that I was disappointed by the Senate's refusal to give Merrick Garland a fair hearing in 2016, along with the fact that it was petulant, mean-spirited, partisan, and on the razor-thin edge of unconstitutional.

But I've moved on, even if the Democrats haven't. That became very clear the moment the gavel came down on Tuesday morning. Before the nominee even had a chance to say, "My name is Brett, and I'm a judicial conservative," a band of screaming banshees filled the air with their guttural, desperate whelps. Oh, no, I thought, did an itinerant group of Women's March alums get lost on their way to Pat Toomey's office?

Alas, no, they were exactly where they'd been paid to be, these professional mourners of soon-to-be abolished reproductive rights. Knowing that Kavanaugh is a fairly sure vote to overturn Roe v. Wade if he gets on the court (I mean, yadda yadda, it's precedent, yadda yadda, wink wink, yadda yadda, sorry Sen. Feinstein), the women and the men who support them had come to make life miserable for the nominee, even though they knew he'd be confirmed.

And the reason he'll be confirmed is because Harry Reid decided to invoke the nuclear option back in 2013, when he ruled the Senate, and Democrats were in the majority. Angered by what he saw as GOP obstructionism in refusing



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to confirm President Obama's lower court picks, Reid decided to go all Hiroshima on his colleagues and eliminate the 60-vote super-majority that was once necessary to confirm federal judicial nominees. Now, only a simple majority of one vote is needed. And that useful filibuster? It's as dead as Kellyanne Conway's chance of being hired as the newest panelist on "The View," or Sarah Huckabee Sanders' chance of getting any meal but takeout.

But the screaming banshees aren't angry at Reid and his Democratic brethren. They're livid that a Republican president has once again found a way to put a conservative white Christian male within arm's length of the highest court in the land. Say what you will about him, Trump has been incredibly effective in reshaping the bench. His first pick, Neil Gorsuch, is in his 50s and has already placed himself next to Clarence Thomas as one of the two most conservative justices. If Kavanaugh, who is also in his 50s, is confirmed, he will be a formidable addition to the "starboard" side of the judicial ship.

The protesters know this. They almost make you feel sorry for them with their hand-painted signs, their defiant chants, their cute little "Handmaid's Tale" get-ups and their

Chicken Little warnings. You want to tell them that it will be OK, that it's possible to survive even when you feel as if your civil rights are being violated, and that adversity makes you stronger. We in the pro-life movement have been getting stronger every day for the past 45 years. Now it's time for the other side to enjoy that same sense of exhilaration as you fight against laws that violate your sense of humanity.

Because even though I didn't get to hear much of Brett Kavanaugh's comments on Roe v. Wade, I heard enough to convince me that he's not as impressed with that "super-precedent" as the late, great Arlen Specter. Kavanaugh made all the right rhetorical concessions, but it's pretty clear that if the opportunity presents itself, he will vote to overturn our generation's Dred Scott.

Precedent is only binding on the people who don't make it. And Kavanaugh is interviewing for a job that will put him squarely in the position of making it. The screamers know this.

There are reasons to wish that this nomination process was cleaner, fairer, not so rushed. And the spirit of Merrick Garland, ironically a good friend of Kavanaugh's, hangs over the proceedings. I can't deny there's a slightly bitter taste in my mouth.

But then I see the crazy people exercising their First Amendment rights between hits of Thorazine, and all that matters is the prospect of getting one vote closer to overturning Roe.

■ Christine M. Flowers is a lawyer and columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No season or age limit for tennis

To the Editor:

Thank you for the recognition of USTA Florida's naming me Florida Volunteer of the Month in the September 5 & 6 edition of the Lake City Reporter. It is a privilege to represent the dedicated volunteers of the Lake City Columbia Community Tennis Association, LCCCTA.

The purpose of our not-for-profit corporation is to promote the development of Tennis as a means of healthful recreation and physical fitness for all Columbia County residents and to foster a sense of community between adults and children by reaching healthy, happy life styles as individuals and families, and to cooperate with United States

Tennis Association and other associations, such as the Youth Tennis Foundation of Florida, in pursuit of these aims.

We believe that healthful, public recreational opportunities, such as Tennis, are an integral part of the quality of life in a hard-working community such as ours. Tennis has no season or age limit.

It can be enjoyed year round by children and adults, families and individuals.

In the past, there were more tennis courts available to the public in Columbia County with opportunity for successful tournaments, lessons and recreational play. In recent years, courts have been neglected and even turned into a parking lot.

Recently, with grants from the USTA and YTF, Cooperation with the recreation departments of Lake City, Columbia County, Richardson Community Center and Tennis Forever, we have been able to offer instruction and activities for the youth and adults of our community.

Interest is high but limited space limits the number of participants and the opportunity to actually play on a full court.

My competitive tennis days have passed but I sure would like to see the youth and adults of our community have a Place to enjoy the sport as I have!!

Dolly Robinson
LCCCTA

Hard work is what gets you ahead here

To the Editor:

I find it interesting the younger you are, the less patriotic you are from recent survey. WHY?

Being an old person when I went to school we were taught American history. We learned all about the good, the bad, taxes without representation, slavery, Indian Wars and the First and Second World Wars. We were the greatest nation! A republic based on the Constitution. It appears the schools do not teach what made us great. We followed

the laws and our elected officials followed the constitution. Legal immigrants flowed here to become successful and brought other family here and they became successful.

Today our educated public and elected officials do not like what made us the best. They want to change us to be nice, don't insult anyone, and give help to illegals coming here. That's nice, let's help the people HERE, not the ILLEGALS. For those that are underpaid, improve your education, work harder than the others, if you don't get a pay raise

change jobs where you can make more. I know it works; I have quit the same job 2 times and got pay raises to stay. Then I went to night school and got a better job. This was before everyone was nice and gave handouts. I worked or my family and I wouldn't eat.

Employers in every field are searching for HARD WORKERS, not job seekers whose feelings get hurt.

Irv Crowetz
Lake City

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

Catholic charities

Do you have a passion for helping others? Do you need volunteer hours for Bright Futures or community service? If so, we want YOU!

Catholic Charities of Lake City needs volunteers to operate our food pantry Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

If meeting new people, making new friends, and supporting your local community is what you are looking for, then please come by the office for an application. 553 NW Railroad St, Lake City, FL 32055. 386-754-9180.

Seed Library in Fort White

The Columbia Seed Lending Library is open at the main library in Lake City on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. The CCSL meets at the Fort White library on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteers are also on hand the first and third Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the West Branch library located at 435 NW Hall of Fame Drive (off IS Hwy 90 just West of I-75).

Volunteers needed

Lake City Medical Center Auxiliary needs volunteers who have a heart to serve. The auxiliary need volunteers for all positions. Those interested in participating in the program may pick up an application at the Lake City Medical Center Gift Shop or the H2U office. For more, call 386-719-7713.

Club registration

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

Golf cart drivers needed

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

GeriActors

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

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.



COURTESY

Open house at Westside

Westside Elementary students T'raeha Burch (from left), Layliyana Burch and Ariyana Burch enjoy open house at the school on Thursday.

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 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 about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

Bingo at Amer. Legion

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

Friday

Suicide Prevention

Suicide Prevention Awareness events will be held on Friday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Lake City VAMC (619 S Marion Avenue, 32025).

Included during the Suicide Prevention

Awareness Events is manned tables with information and resources. Resources available at each table will include #BeThere campaign materials, gun safety information and gun locks, Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) materials (brochures/wallet cards), Florida Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Day campaign flyers, and other items.) The event is open to the public.

In addition to participating in the planned fair activities, Veterans and their loved ones, friends, and others are encouraged to download, post and share the posters available at: www.visn8.va.gov/SaveALife.asp.

Spaghetti dinner

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a spaghetti dinner this Friday, from 3:30-6:30 pm. Dine in or take out \$7 donation. Our Redeemer is located at 5056 SW SR 47, Lake City, one mile south of I-75

Dinner and dancing

Dances are held each Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court (behind Baya Pharmacy). \$7 admission. Bring a dish or dessert to share. All proceeds benefit the center. Call 386-755-0235 for more.

'Baby & Me'

"Baby & Me," a library

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

Upcoming

Art exhibition

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be presenting their annual fine arts exhibition September 10-21, 2018. All artists, age 18 or older, are eligible and invited to submit an application.

Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library, from September 24 to October 5.

149th homecoming

Siloam United Methodist Church located at 969 SW Siloam Street off of SW State Road 247 will be celebrating its 149th homecoming. on

September 23, 2018 at 11:00 am with guest speaker Bill Peeler. A covered dish luncheon will follow the morning service. Pastor George Swearengin and congregation welcome all. Any questions may be directed to 386-752-3523.

Take Time to be Kind

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!

All donated books will go to support the Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses and will be redistributed to children in other programs. Booths will be set up by Columbia County and High Springs libraries.

There will be entertainment aplenty - storytelling, children's activities and a ranger led river walk. Hot dogs and burgers will be available for purchase.

Also featured will be Sunrise Wildlife Rehabilitation, Opossum Trivia featuring "Nova" the Virginia opossum, and storytelling, an antique toy demonstration, arts and crafts by the Dudley Farm Staff. The Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses will begin at noon with Ranger Scout and others.

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

CARS to Hold Auction

The Columbia Amateur Radio Society (CARS) will have an auction for the ham radio equipment that was donated to the club. The donation was made by Roger Elliot, N1RE to help support the radio group. The equipment includes mobile and fixed base transceivers, power supplies and antennas along with the associated test equipment.

The auction will be staged as part of the club's membership drive. A list of the equipment will be posted to the NF4CQ.com website before the August 20 meeting. Paid-up club members will be bidding on the items at the September 17 meeting and then anyone interested in bidding will be invited to attend and bid at the October 15 meeting. Minimum bids will be established at 1/3 of the market price determined by the auction committee.

For more, go to the club's website at NF4CQ.com or call 386-752-0987.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER PLEA

Don't burn your Nikes - give 'em to the poor

Chris Walters calls it a shame to waste usable clothing.

By COREY ARWOOD
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Responding to nationwide outrage and acts of merchandise mutilation by those protesting a clothing company's ad campaign, a local charity director pleaded with any local boycotters to donate their Nikes to those in need.

Chris Walters said he wasn't weighing in on the Nike-Colin Kaepernick debate when he took to social media.

Instead, he was aiming to divert much-needed clothing to the homeless and others in need throughout the area.

However, he did have something to say about the deliberate destruction of wearable clothing.

"When I first saw it I thought it was ridiculous," said Walters, executive director of Christian Service Center of Columbia County. "You have people in need and here you are destroying what someone could use."

He said his post to Facebook last week caught fire compared to others published by the charity. But, it did little by way of donations.

"Actually we haven't had any donations," Walters said in reference to the shoes.

His message was an appeal to anyone inclined to dispose of Nike-related clothing to do so by donating it to the nonprofit.

"There have been recent reports of individuals burning and disposing of perfectly good shoes in response to a recent chain of events," Walters' message said. It continued on to say, "Consider this, why not donate those shoes to a better cause?"

The controversy caused by Nike's 30th anniversary ad campaign, featuring the NFL player turned activist, spurred some to burn shoes and cut "swoosh" emblems from clothing and share the images online. The campaign continues to generate major headlines.

Walters, in his fourth year as CSC executive director, said the charity's move was a gamble and one he weighed heavily before making.

"Should I do this or not, I didn't want to get too political," Walters said. "I was curious as to if we would see anything out of it."

He said their need for



Photos by COREY ARWOOD/Lake City Reporter

Christian Service Center Executive Director Chris Walters displays CSC's current stock of tennis shoes, which he says are always in demand, especially by the homeless. He says anyone wishing to protest Nike's decision to feature Colin Kaepernick in their 30th anniversary ad campaign should donate unwanted shoes or apparel to CSC rather than destroy it.



Gerri Robinson, left, and Eva Varga are among more than 70 Christian Service Center volunteers who pitch in to keep the operation running. With fall coming, CSC is gearing up to meet the demand for cold-weather clothing, especially coats.

shoes was constant, and with a seasonal change approaching the need was multiplying.

"We never have enough tennis shoes, especially men's tennis shoes," Walters said. "We don't specifically focus on the homeless, but we always

get a lot of homeless that come through."

The charity was formed in 1982 and provides several services to those in need, including food, furniture, baby items, assistance with power bills, prescriptions and even bus tickets.

Walters said last year

CSC helped roughly 600 homeless men and women in the area.

In his four years with the organization he said he has learned something about the depth of the poverty in this county.

"I never, until I was actually involved in it, realized

how big the need was in Columbia County," Walters said. "You just have no idea how bad it is."

He talked about homeless camps set up at numerous locations in and around Lake City.

"It's a small town with big city problems," Walters said.

The CSC operates largely through the activity of its volunteers, which Walters said could number anywhere from 70-80 daily with those who have volunteered decades.

Open Monday-Friday, CSC is located at 421 NW Washington St.

3 teens face charges: drugs, more

By STEVE WILSON
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Three Jacksonville teens are facing alcohol, narcotics and contributing to the delinquency of a minor charges stemming from a chance encounter with Lake City Police last week.

Tucker Gombert, 18, Keaton Miller, 19 and Jacob Winters, 18, were arrested and have been

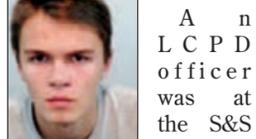
charged with possession of marijuana



Gombert

under 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and possession of liquor by persons under the age of 21.

As of Saturday afternoon all three have been released on bond.



Miller

An LCPD officer was at the S&S store on SW State Route 247 at approximately 8:20 p.m. Sept. 3 when he spotted a vehicle with three white male occupants.

"He could smell the marijuana," said Sergeant



Winters

Keith Heston on Saturday regarding the incident, adding that homemade moonshine was also found in the vehicle. "That's how it started."

DEATH

Continued From 1A

Lake City around 9 p.m. Aug. 30, Lee said.

Emergency medical responders transported the woman from the scene prior to her death, he said.

LCPD had the body sent to a medical examiner and is awaiting the results, Lee said.

"Once we get the results from that, that will guide our investigation," he said.

Further details, including the woman's name, age and circumstances of her death, could not be released publicly as of Monday afternoon, Lee said.

When investigators respond to a death, their first step is determining whether the circumstances surrounding it

are suspicious, he said.

If the death appears to have been from natural causes — take an elderly hospice patient, for example — investigators typically reach out to a doctor familiar with the deceased person, Lee said.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, investigators may find a body lying on the middle of the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to the chest.

"That's not really suspicious, that's just plainly criminal," he said.

When the death is somewhere in the middle, LCPD may have to wait for a medical examiner to weigh in, Lee said.

Representatives of Another Way could not be reached for comment on Monday.

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Section B

PREP FOOTBALL

AIMING HIGHER



Photos by BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia quarterback Jordan Smith unloads a pass under pressure against Buchholz on Friday night.

Columbia's offense wants to start faster, be sharper against Robert E. Lee this Friday.

By JORDAN KROEGER
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They came out slacking and they came out slow.

That's how quarterback Jordan Smith described the Columbia Tigers' slow start on offense against Buchholz on Friday night.

Smith and company found a groove after the first quarter, scoring 32 of the 39 points in a shutout victory. But the Tigers want to start faster this Friday and know they need to against District 2-7A

rival Robert E. Lee, which has beaten Columbia three times in the past two seasons.

"We need to make better decisions," Smith said. "I need to make better reads as a quarterback, wide receivers catching the ball, the offensive line blocking their assignments."

Before Smith could finish his thought, receiver Bobby Fulton finished it for him.

"It's the little stuff," Fulton said.



Columbia receiver Marquez Bell tries to avoid Buchholz tacklers after a catch on Friday night.

CHS continued on 6B

NFL

Jaguars play to identity in win at Giants

Defense rises to occasion again in season opener.

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville's formula for success was evident in the season opener.

It's relying on their strengths. It's playing to their identity. It's surely not the last time they'll win like that, either.

Sure, the Jaguars would like to have done more offensively in a 20-15 victory at the New York Giants.

But after losing running back Leonard Fournette to a hamstring injury early, being without leading receiver Marqise Lee (knee) and having the starting offensive line together for first the time in a game, the team will gladly take the performance and hope to build on it heading into the home opener against New England (1-0).

"Everybody has a role in how we're supposed to win football games," quarterback Blake Bortles said. "Mine is making sure we're hitting the right run plays, delivering the ball, letting guys make plays, not turning it over and keeping the wheels greased up and spinning."

The Jaguars finished with 305 yards and 13 points offensively, with all of the points coming in the first half.

They really struggled with Fournette in street clothes, converting one third-down play and managing just 91 yards in the second half. It didn't help that Jacksonville finished with 11 penalties for 119 yards.

Coach Doug Marrone defending the play-calling

JAGUARS continued on 6B

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Florida vows to be much tougher after getting 'slapped in mouth'



Colorado St. (1-2) at Florida (1-1)

When, TV: Saturday, 4 p.m.
TV: SEC Network
Betting line: UF by 20



Gators will try and rebound against Colorado State after losing to Kentucky.

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida coach Dan Mullen wants to be clear: He never intended to call his players soft after a 27-16 loss to Kentucky.

Mullen said Monday he was referring to how they played while losing to the Wildcats for the first time in more than three decades.

"It wasn't a challenge on their character," Mullen said Monday. "I'm not calling them soft people. I said our lack of toughness was in our performance. And that gets back to practice and your mindset and all that."

"I'm not saying, 'You guys aren't tough. You're a bunch

of softies.' I'm saying our performance wasn't very physical and tough. And the only way you change that is by changing the habits of what you do at practice."

Mullen said repeatedly after the game Saturday that a lack of physicality was the biggest issue for Florida (1-1), which dropped its first Southeastern Conference opener since 2004.

The Gators got whipped on both lines of scrimmage, allowing 303 yards rushing and failing to establish much of a ground game.

"They came and slapped us in the mouth," said defensive back Chauncey Gardner-

GATORS continued on 6B

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Struggling Seminoles see plenty of areas for improvement this week

FSU nearly lost to Samford on Saturday and hasn't clicked in first two games.

By BOB FERRANTE
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Willie Taggart's dream was to be the coach at Florida State. His first games have been a nightmare.

Taggart's mistake-prone Seminoles (1-1, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) look to clean up nearly every area after they were overwhelmed in the opener by Virginia Tech and then needed a rally in the fourth quarter to take the lead and hold off Samford.

Next up is a road game at Syracuse (2-0) on Saturday.

"We've got to play cleaner, we've got to play smarter, if we're going to be a championship football team like we aspire to be," Taggart said.

The sample size is small, but Florida State is far from a championship-caliber team. There are concerns on offense, defense and special teams. Florida State has struggled to establish a ground game behind an injury-depleted offensive line, seen its pass defense thrashed in the first half and watched its kicker miss 3 of 4 field-goal attempts.

FSU continued on 6B



Florida St. (1-1) at Syracuse (2-0)

When, TV: Saturday, 12 p.m.
TV: ESPN
Betting line: FSU by 3 1/2



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MLB BASEBALL
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2:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — UEFA Nations League, Spain vs. Croatia, at Elche, Spain
8:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Men, International friendly, United States vs. Mexico, at Nashville, Tenn.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE		East		South		North	
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L
Miami	1	0	0.1000	27	20	Jacksonville	1
New England	1	0	0.1000	27	20	Houston	0
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0.1000	48	17	Tennessee	0
Buffalo	0	1	0.0000	3	47	Indianapolis	0
West		T		Pct		PF	
Baltimore	1	0	0.1000	47	3	Cincinnati	1
Cincinnati	1	0	0.1000	34	23	Cleveland	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	1.5000	21	21	Kansas City	1
West		T		Pct		PF	
Kansas City	1	0	0.1000	38	28	Denver	1
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0.0000	28	34	Oakland	0
Oakland	0	0	0.0000	0	0	NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
East		T		Pct		PF	
Washington	1	0	0.1000	24	6	Philadelphia	1
Philadelphia	1	0	0.1000	18	12	N.Y. Giants	0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0.0000	15	20	Dallas	0
Dallas	0	1	0.0000	8	16	South	
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Tampa Bay	1	0	0.1000	48	40	Carolina	1
Carolina	1	0	0.1000	16	8	New Orleans	0
New Orleans	0	1	0.0000	40	48	Atlanta	0
Atlanta	0	1	0.0000	12	18	North	
East		T		Pct		PF	
Green Bay	1	0	0.1000	24	23	Minnesota	1
Minnesota	1	0	0.1000	16	16	Chicago	0
Chicago	0	1	0.0000	23	24	Detroit	0
Detroit	0	1	0.0000	17	48	West	
East		T		Pct		PF	
Seattle	0	1	0.0000	24	27	San Francisco	0
San Francisco	0	1	0.0000	16	24	Arizona	0
Arizona	0	1	0.0000	6	24	L.A. Rams	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0.0000	0	0	Thursday's Games	
Philadelphia 18, Atlanta 12		Sunday's Games		Cincinnati 34, Indianapolis 23		Jacksonville 20, N.Y. Giants 15	
New England 27, Houston 20		Minnesota 24, San Francisco 16		Tampa Bay 48, New Orleans 40		Baltimore 47, Buffalo 3	
Cleveland 21, Pittsburgh 21, OT		Kansas City 38, L.A. Chargers 28		Washington 24, Arizona 6		Denver 27, Seattle 24	
Carolina 16, Dallas 8		Miami 27, Tennessee 20		Green Bay 24, Chicago 23		Monday's Games	
N.Y. Jets 48, Detroit 17		L.A. Rams at Oakland, 10:20 p.m.					

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE		East Division		Central Division		West Division			
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Boston	98	46.681	—	Cleveland	81	63.563	—		
New York	89	54.622	8½	Minnesota	65	77.458	15		
Tampa Bay	79	64.552	18½	Detroit	59	85.410	22		
Toronto	65	78.455	32½	Chicago	56	88.389	25		
Baltimore	41	102.287	56½	Kansas City	48	95.336	32½		
Central Division		W		L		Pct			
West Division		W		L		Pct			
Houston	90	54.625	—	Oakland	87	57.604	3		
Oakland	87	57.604	3	Seattle	79	64.552	10½		
Seattle	79	64.552	10½	Los Angeles	71	72.497	18½		
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West Division		W		L		Pct			
Atlanta	79	64.552	—	Philadelphia	74	68.521	4½		
Philadelphia	74	68.521	4½	Washington	71	72.497	8		
Washington	71	72.497	8	New York	65	77.458	13½		
New York	65	77.458	13½	Miami	56	86.394	22½		
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Chicago	83	59.585	—	Milwaukee	82	62.569	2		
Milwaukee	82	62.569	2	St. Louis	79	64.552	4½		
St. Louis	79	64.552	4½	Pittsburgh	71	71.500	12		
Pittsburgh	71	71.500	12	Cincinnati	62	83.428	22½		
Cincinnati	62	83.428	22½	West Division		W			
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Colorado	78	64.549	—	Los Angeles	78	66.542	1		
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Arizona	76	67.531	2½	San Francisco	68	76.472	11		
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L.A. Angels 1, Chicago White Sox 0		Minnesota 3, Kansas City 1		Oakland 7, Texas 3		Seattle 3, N.Y. Yankees 2			
Boston 6, Houston 5		N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 4		Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 3		L.A. Dodgers 9, Colorado 6			
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Miami at N.Y. Mets, ppd.		Houston 3, Detroit 2		Cincinnati 10, L.A. Dodgers 6		Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5			
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.		Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 10 innings		N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.		Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.			
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.		Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.		Atlanta at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.		Today's Games			
Houston at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.		L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.		Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.		Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.			
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.		Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.		Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.		Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.			
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Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.		San Diego at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.		Atlanta at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.					

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Associated Press Top 25		Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (54)	2-0	1517	1	
2. Clemson (6)	2-0	1430	2	
3. Georgia	2-0	1407	3	
4. Ohio St.	2-0	1288	4	
5. Oklahoma	2-0	1263	6	
6. Wisconsin (1)	2-0	1227	5	
7. Auburn	2-0	1224	7	
8. Notre Dame	2-0	1022	8	
9. Stanford	2-0	992	10	
10. Washington	1-1	884	9	
11. Penn St.	2-0	836	13	
12. LSU	2-0	830	11	
13. Virginia Tech	2-0	794	12	
14. West Virginia	2-0	793	14	
15. TCU	2-0	678	16	
16. Mississippi St.	2-0	654	18	
17. Boise St.	2-0	500	20	
18. UCF	2-0	494	19	
19. Michigan	1-1	385	21	
20. Oregon	2-0	301	23	
21. Miami	1-1	299	22	
22. Southern Cal	1-1	250	17	
23. Arizona St.	2-0	139	—	
24. Oklahoma St.	2-0	119	—	
25. Michigan St.	1-1	104	15	

Others receiving votes: Utah 92, Texas A&M 90, Boston College 45, Houston 32, Maryland 30, Colorado 25, Iowa 23, Kentucky 19, Duke 10, NC State 9, Mississippi 5, Hawaii 5, Washington St. 4, **South Florida 3**, South Carolina 2, **Florida St. 1.**

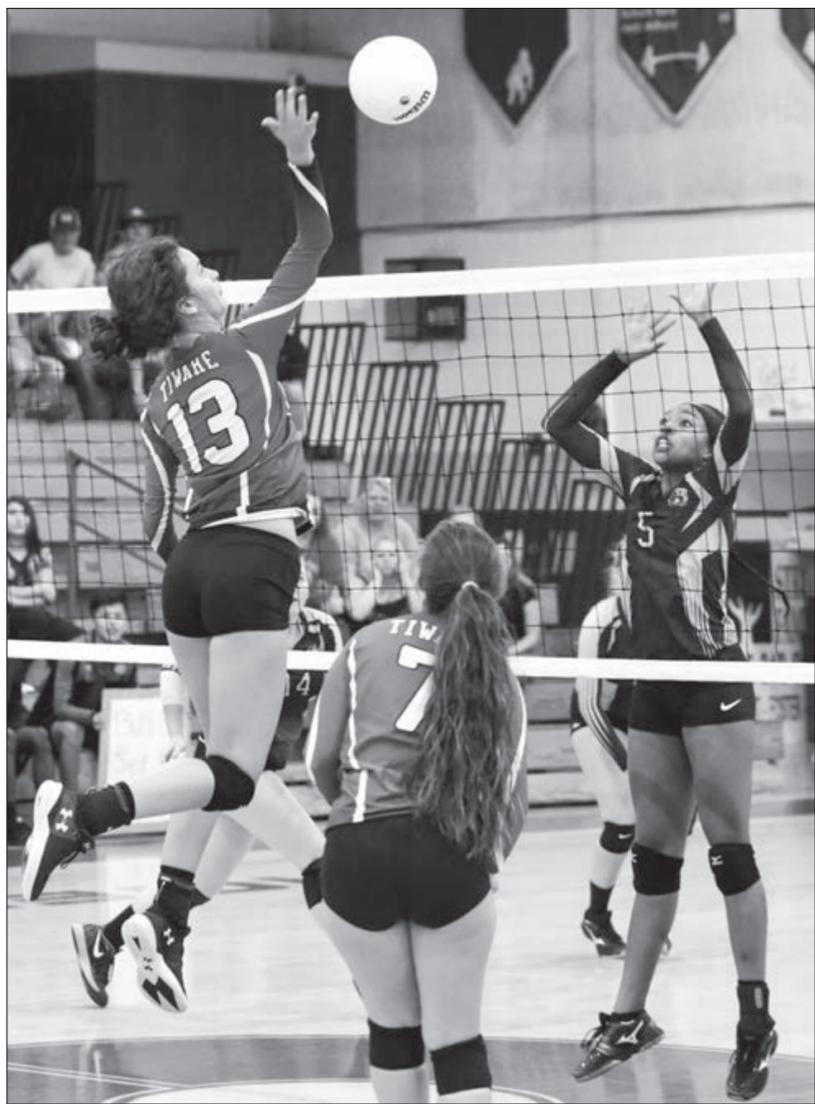
NASCAR

Monster Energy Points Leaders	
Through Sept. 10	
1. Kyle Busch, 2050	2. Kevin Harvick, 2050
3. Martin Truex Jr., 2035	4. Brad Keselowski, 2019
5. Clint Bowyer, 2015	6. Joey Logano, 2014
7. Kurt Busch, 2014	8. Chase Elliott, 2008
9. Ryan Blaney, 2007	10. Erik Jones, 2005
11. Austin Dillon, 2005	12. Kyle Larson, 2005
13. Denny Hamlin, 2003	14. Aric Almirola, 2001
15. Jimmie Johnson, 2000	16. Alex Bowman, 2000
17. Ryan Newman, 532	18. Paul Menard, 524
19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 521	20. Daniel Suarez, 511

XFINITY Points Leaders	
Through Sept. 10	
1. Justin Allgaier, 943	2. Cole Custer, 894
3. Christopher Bell, 891	4. Daniel Hemric, 888
5. Elliott Sadler, 874	6. Tyler Reddick, 731
7. Brandon Jones, 713	8. Matt Tifft, 700
9. Ryan Truex, 679	10. Ryan Reed, 585
11. Ross Chastain, 570	12. Austin Cindric, 552
13. Michael Annett, 495	14. Jeremy Clements, 448
15. Ryan Sieg, 436	16. John Hunter Nemechek, 426
17. Alex Labbe, 398	18. Kaz Grala, 386
19. Garrett Smithley, 375	20. Joey Gase, 371

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NFL

Darnold recovers from 1st-play pick-6, helps Jets rout Lions

By LARRY LAGE
 Associated Press

DETROIT — Sam Darnold made a stellar debut despite throwing a pick-6 on his first NFL pass and the New York Jets intercepted five passes while routing the Detroit Lions 48-17 in their season opener Monday night.

The 21-year-old Darnold became the youngest quarterback to start a season opener since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, and he got off to an inauspicious start. Quandre Diggs intercepted his ill-advised lob down the left sideline on the first play from scrimmage and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown 20 seconds into the game.

The former USC star shook off the rough start by completing 16 of 21 passes for 198 yards and two touchdowns. He helped the Jets set a franchise record for points on the road, surpassing the 47 points they scored in 1967 against the Boston Patriots, and outplayed 30-year-old Matthew Stafford.

Stafford threw four interceptions — one shy of his career high — and left the game briefly in the third quarter after being hit from the front and back. He was mercifully taken out of the game midway through the fourth quarter and replaced by Matt Cassel with Detroit down 31. Stafford was 27 of 46 for 286 yards and a TD pass

to Golden Tate early in the third quarter to tie it at 17. The Jets dominated in all phases. They scored 31 straight in the third quarter to pull away, sending Detroit's fans for the exits and setting off a jolly green party in the Motor City.

It was the highest-scoring third quarter in team history and trailed only the 34-point second quarter the Brett Favre-led team scored in 2008 against Arizona.

Linebacker Darron Lee had two of New York's interceptions, including one he ran back 36 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Trumaine Johnson, Morris Claiborne and Jamal Adams also picked off passes in a big opener for the Jets' "New Jack City" secondary.

Titans' Pro Bowl tight end Delanie Walker on IR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Three-time Pro Bowl tight end Delanie Walker will have surgery on his right ankle in the next few days, and Tennessee coach Mike Vrabel said the Titans will decide if the veteran might be able to return later this season.

Walker was hurt with 3:33 left in the Titans' 27-20 loss in Miami when Dolphins safety T.J. McDonald tackled him at the end of a 15-yard reception. Walker was carted off after having his right ankle wrapped in an air cast.

Choi hits 2-run HR with 2 outs in 9th as Rays win

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — Ji-Man Choi hit a two-run homer off Brad Hand with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Cleveland Indians 6-5 on Monday night to set a team record with their 12th straight victory at home.

Jamie Schultz (2-0) worked a scoreless ninth to get the win.

TUESDAY EVENING

Comcast		Dish		DirecTV		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3-ABC	3	-	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition (N)	Bachelor in Paradise "After Paradise" (N) Ⓢ	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Castaways "My True Rescue" (N)	News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
4-IND	4	4	-	News4JAX at 6PM	News4JAX	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	American Masters Ⓢ (DVS)	The 10 O'Clock News (N) Ⓢ	News4JAX	(:35) DailyMailTV				
5-PBS	5	-	-	DW News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓢ	The Great American Read	The Great American Read	NCIS: New Orleans Ⓢ (DVS)	Bull "Reckless" Ⓢ (DVS)	NCIS: New Orleans Ⓢ (DVS)	Action News	Late Show-Colbert				
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	All Access	Family Feud (N)	The Flash "Therefore She Is" Ⓢ	The Flash "Therefore She Is" Ⓢ	The Outpost "Beyond the Wall" (N)	Dateline "The Root of All Evil" Ⓢ	Impactical Jokers	The Game Ⓢ				
9-CW	9	17	17	The Game Ⓢ	Mom Ⓢ	The Mark Brunell Show	Access (N) Ⓢ	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" (N)	Love Connection "Michael & Diane" (N)	Action News	Action News	Action News	(:35) Page Six TV				
10-FOX	10	30	30	Action News	Action News	TMZ (N) Ⓢ	Access (N) Ⓢ	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" (N)	Love Connection "Michael & Diane" (N)	Action News	Action News	Action News	(:35) Page Six TV				
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Semi Finals 2" Semifinalists perform. (N) Ⓢ	Brooklyn Nine-Nine Presents NBC Fall	Brooklyn Nine-Nine Presents NBC Fall	News	News	Tonight Show				
WGN-A	16	239	307	Blue Bloods "Down the Rabbit Hole"	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ				
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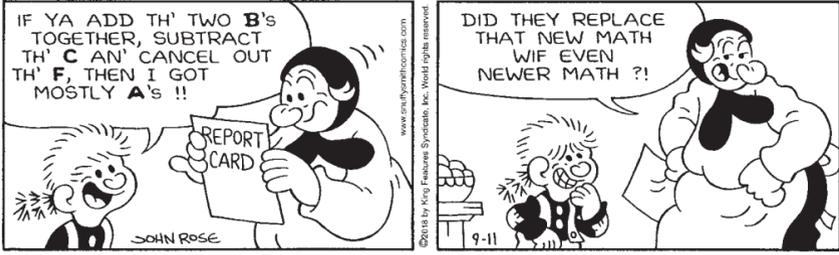
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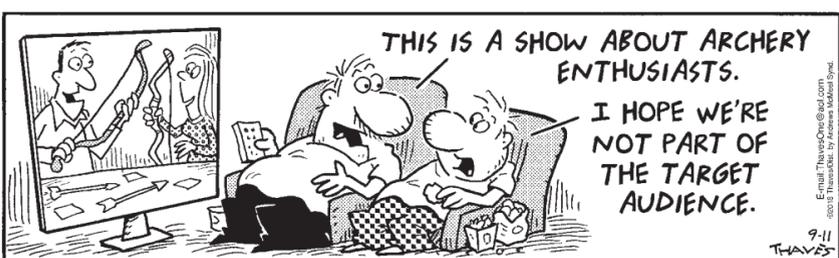
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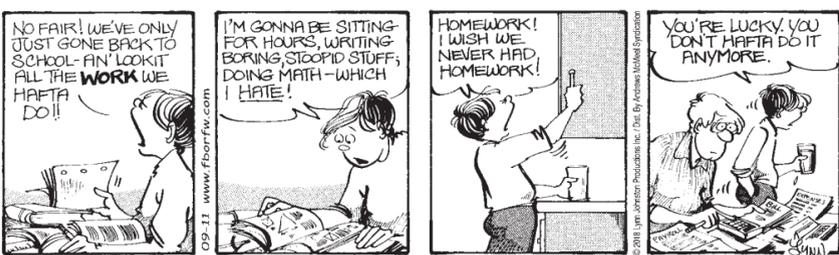
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Jealousy, misunderstanding chip away at relationship



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I love each other very much. But we are both so jealous we fight every day. The only time we get along is during sex and right after. Recently, he found an email I had written when we first got together in reply to a message I had received about becoming an escort. I didn't follow through with it, and I have never cheated. I was broke at the time, and he had just been sent back to prison. I didn't know what to do. How can I earn his trust and keep our relationship from becoming toxic? -- **TRYING TO MAKE IT WORK**

DEAR TRYING: If the only time you and your boyfriend get along is during sex or right after, your relationship is already toxic. Rather than fight and accuse each other of infidelity every day, couples in healthy relationships build each other up and support one another. Total honesty between partners is essential. If he can't believe what you tell him, there can be no love, because there is no trust.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl and I hate my family. I have had an eating disorder for three years, and my parents haven't noticed. (It doesn't show because I'm

regular-sized.) I think my parents hate me. They try to stuff me into a mannequin shell that doesn't fit. It's like I am a doll and not a person. I don't know what to do, and I am suicidal. But when I think about all the ambitions I have, I'm able to withstand another day, even though it is hard. Please help me. -- **DEPRESSED TEEN IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR TEEN: Because you feel your parents may not take you seriously, be brave and tell a trusted teacher or counselor at school everything you have written to me, including your thoughts of suicide. Eating disorders can be very serious, and they are not always obvious. Because your feelings of depression are so strong that you sometimes feel you can't go on, you need more help than an advice columnist can give you in a letter. Please don't wait, and please let me hear from you

again.

DEAR ABBY: When did it become someone's right to walk into a business with a pet? People walk in and never ask. Some of those animals hike their leg, and their owners giggle and never offer an apology or to clean it up. Dogs have jumped up on other customers while their owners stood there and said, "Don't worry. He won't bite." The last customer came in with a full-grown German shepherd! I've gone through training on service animals, and these are definitely not service animals. What happened to common courtesies? -- **TAKEN ABACK IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: The demise of common courtesies happened right around the time when people began believing they were the exception to the rules. When ADA legislation was passed, it was so that people with disabilities would have access to things that able-bodied people take for granted. What you are experiencing is an abuse of that law by dishonest, uncaring individuals who have no sense of shame.

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

HOROSCOPES | THE LAST WORD BY EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let emotions get in the way. Size up what's at stake and how much you can accomplish. If you stay focused on what's important instead giving a play-by-play account of what you are doing, you will avoid unnecessary interference. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Listen, compare and be willing to make reasonable changes. An emotional situation will arise with one of your peers if you share too much personal information. Look for options that won't jeopardize your reputation or make you feel uncomfortable. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Cover all aspects of a situation necessary to ensure you do a decent job. Observe what others are doing and avoid letting anyone tamper with your affairs. A change will turn into a learning experience. Be careful what you wish for. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take time to figure out how you can make things better at home. A look at your relationships with loved ones will help you redefine how you restructure your everyday routine. Accommodating someone you love will pay off. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a close look at your relationships with others, and consider who brings out the best in you and who doesn't. Draw the line with anyone who is unpredictable or urges you to make poor choices. Be honest and cut ties. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't hesitate to make subtle changes to the way you look or how you live. Doing your most to be your best will make an impression and attract people eager to work alongside you. Romance is highlighted. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keeping up shouldn't be your concern. Do what feels comfortable and suits your budget. Letting someone else's expectations be your guide will lead to disappointment. Satisfy your needs

and set goals that are reasonable, and satisfaction will be yours. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put greater emphasis on how you feel, and fit better health and diet practices into your everyday routine. If you look and feel your best, it will encourage you to do your own thing. Romance is in the stars. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch what others do and listen to what they say. Someone will misinterpret or lead you astray, causing conflict with a friend, relative or peer. Don't let emotions intervene in your communication. Be direct regarding your thoughts and feelings. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid getting into heated discussions that can cause unwanted personal change. Stay focused on your personal papers, finances and legal matters. Refuse to let an emotional plea sway you from doing what's right. Stick to the script you prepared. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't show anger or act impulsively when dealing with joint ventures. Protect against insult or injury and focus on positive change that will bring you greater stability. Take time out to rejuvenate and to rethink the best way to move forward. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A financial gain looks promising. Make personal changes that will offset some of the problems or situations you want to put behind you. Use your imagination, and you will come up with an idea that will lead to success. ★★

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 11: Actor Earl Holliman is 90. Movie director Brian De Palma is 78. Actress Lola Falana is 76. Drummer Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead is 75. Actress Amy Madigan is 68. Guitarist Tommy Shaw of Styx is 65. Songwriter Diane Warren is 62.

CIPHER

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" W P W Y D R L N W L M G N W R G V W B D G Y T ,
L Y W N W N A W Y X G B E G B W Y C S I R X W
F E L Y L R G C R X L F M L R D L F . . . V D M , L
I G P W D G S . " — W I I W V Z W J W V W Y W F

Previous Solution: "An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." — Bill Vaughn

TODAY'S CLUE: G s i a n b e r

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CLASSIC PEANUTS



OKINAWAN KARATE**Lake City native Diggers brings home 3 titles**

From staff reports

Under the guidance of Sensei Chris Hovey and the teaching at Sensai Shuri International, Daniel Diggers competed in the 2018 Dixieland Nationals in Augusta, Georgia this past weekend. He brought back with him to Lake City the honor of 2018 Dixieland Nationals Triple Crown Divisional World Champion after winning three titles in one day. Diggers won first place in weapons out of eight competitors, first in forms out of eight and first in fighting out of 10.

In July, Diggers also competed in the Martial Arts U.S. Open in Orlando. He won overall grands for weapons and forms for the 14-17 division and became the Overall Grand Champion for his division.



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COURTESY PHOTOS



Daniel Diggers is pictured with his US Open trophy.



Daniel Diggers is pictured with his Sensei Chris Hovey.

AUTO RACING**Brad Keselowski makes it a Penske sweep at Indianapolis**

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — First, Brad Keselowski figured out the secret to restarting at the Brickyard 400.

Then he safely and strategically bumped his way into the lead and sped to the finish line.

One year after settling for second in a chaotic, crash-marred race last year, Keselowski redeemed himself by earning his second straight major win and finally giving team owner Roger Penske the elusive Brickyard win.

The 2010 Cup champion got past race leader Denny Hamlin on the second-to-last lap and beat Erik Jones to the finish line by 0.904 seconds. Hamlin finished third.

"Last year, I lost this race almost the exact same way. To bring it home this way, after messing up last year, is just incredible," Keselowski said. "We were hoping this would be No. 500 and the Brickyard, but that's all right."

Penske certainly won't be

complaining about getting win No. 499 on the same historic 2.5-mile oval where he has won a record 17 Indianapolis 500 crowns.

His first win 25 Cup tries at his favorite racing venue came on one of the rare days he wasn't actually attending in the pits for the rain-delayed race.

But Penske now joins Chip Ganassi as the only owners to win the Indy double in the same season. Will Power captured his first 500 win in May, while Dario Franchitti and Jamie McMurray both won at the Brickyard in 2010 for Ganassi.

The timing couldn't be better for Keselowski. He heads into the first round of the playoffs with momentum following wins at the Southern 500 and the Brickyard.

And he earned this one the hard way.

He stayed close off the final restart with three laps to go, then quickly chased down Hamlin, running side by side with the race leader briefly on Lap 159. At one point,

the cars touched but both drivers maintained control and Keselowski made the decisive move in the front straightaway just as the white flag started to come out.

Nobody got close again. "Not having guys in the back wreck," Hamlin said when asked what could have gone differently, referring to the late crash involving Landon Cassill and Jeffrey Earnhardt. "That allowed all the guys who take tires to come back up there at the end. It happens sometimes."

Hamlin's consolation prize will be joining Keselowski and Jones in the first round of the playoffs next week.

Seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and Alex Bowman captured the final two open playoff spots in the 10-race sprint to the championship.

Kurt Busch clinched the regular-season title with an eighth-place finish in the No. 18 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing. A crowd remained sparse for the rare weekday race.

PGA TOUR**Bradley holds off Rose in playoff to win at Aronimink**

By **DAN GELSTON**
Associated Press

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Keegan Bradley held off Justin Rose in a sudden-death playoff to win the rain-plagued BMW Championship on Monday for his first PGA Tour victory in six years.

Though Rose was runner-up at the FedEx Cup playoff event at Aronimink, he didn't come up short in the world ranking. Rose hit No. 1 in the world and became the 22nd player to reach the top spot since the ranking began in 1986.

Bradley, who shot a final round 6-under 64 to finish at 20-under par, thrust his arms toward the gray sky and drizzle in celebration and waved his family onto the 18th hole. He tossed into the air his young son, Logan, who hadn't even been born in 2012, the last time Bradley won on the tour.

"A lot has happened to me over these six years," Bradley said. "I kind of fell off the radar there for a little while. It's tough to go from

being on Ryder Cup teams, being on Presidents Cup teams to being outside the top 100 in the world."

Bradley finished with his fourth career victory and first since the 2012 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational. He gets a trip to Maui to start next year for the winners-only Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Rose could have won in regulation but lipped out on the last hole to force the playoff.

He fell short again in the playoff, missing a 5-foot par putt that would have kept him alive. The 38-year-old Rose had grown to love the suburban Philadelphia golf courses. He won the 2010 AT&T National at Aronimink and the 2013 U.S. Open at Merion.

He didn't get a trophy on this trip. But a No. 1 ranking will do. Rose, who overtook Dustin Johnson, joins Nick Faldo, Lee Westwood and Luke Donald as the only Englishmen to reach No. 1.

"I'm delighted to be world No. 1," Rose said. "Boyhood dreams, you

know what I mean?" Rose trails Bryson DeChambeau, who won the first two playoff events, in the FedEx Cup standings.

It was amazing play even finished Monday after rain soaked the course overnight and pushed up tee times. But it rained only lightly and the players had few complaints about the condition of the course, even if the walking paths became a muddy, soggy mess for the gallery.

As usual, it crowded around Tiger Woods.

Woods caused some more noise — he's been doing that a lot in recent months before the largest galleries at every course — and got within one shot of the lead when he made birdie on No. 9 to go out in 31.

But he missed the green on the 10th and made bogey. He found a bunker on the par-3 14th for another bogey. And this was the kind of day when more than one mistake was going to be costly. Woods wound up with a 65.

GATORS

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Johnson, who incorrectly predicted a 32nd consecutive victory in the series. "We are going to respond. Trust me, we are going to respond."

The Gators host Colorado State (1-2) on Saturday. It's a fitting matchup considering Florida is in this position partly because the school hired Jim McElwain away from the Rams in December 2014.

McElwain brought two assistants with him from Fort Collins, Colorado, with the first one being strength and conditioning coordinator Mike Kent.

Players, athletic director Scott Stricklin and even McElwain blamed Kent for the team's struggles last season, saying Kent failed to develop an adequate weightlifting program.

The Gators spent the last six months raving about new strength coach Nick Savage, and they expected so see instant results this fall. But Kentucky proved Florida still has some room for growth in the trenches.

"Change takes time," Mullen cautioned. "If you don't like how things are, you got to change. Well, change is uncomfortable. However you want to change is uncomfortable because you're kind of used to this way and I'm used to it and I can't do it how I'm used to doing it."

Mullen plans to address the team's issues with tougher, more physical practices.

The Gators would like to quick turnaround, especially since the Rams beat another SEC opponent, Arkansas, by seven points last week.

"It comes from an internal drive," Mullen said. "I mean, for us to be successful it has to come internally. I can tell if it's fake. When it is fake, you'll know. ... Sometimes, unfortunately, you might not know until Saturday. I've learned that lesson as a head coach."

"You think, 'Boy, this team's saying and doing the right things.' And then you get punched in the nose and we reacted a little bit differently than what we were saying and how we were pretending to act during the week when reality hit us right in the face."

Florida will pay Colorado State \$2 million to make the trip to the Swamp. The arrangement was part of a \$7 million buyout to lure McElwain away from the Rams. McElwain agreed to pay Colorado State \$2 million, with Florida chipping in \$3 million and adding the payday game.

McElwain and Florida parted ways last October, with the coach agreeing to a \$7.5 million buyout.

No one expected the coach to be gone by the time his former team rolled into town for the McElwain Bowl.

"I'll be honest. I look at who we got to play and let's go find a way to go play them," Mullen said. "So I never really thought of it that way."

For Mullen, the week is all about how his players respond.

"I want to see now that we got punched in the face with a little bit of adversity how we handle that aspect," he said. "Are we still taking the steps forward necessary to be successful?"

NOTES: Mullen confirmed that cornerback Marco Wilson will miss the rest of the season with a torn ligament in his left knee. ... Mullen said running back Adarius Lemons has left the team but will remain in school to maintain his eligibility before transferring. ... Mullen expects linebacker David Reese and cornerback C.J. McWilliams to return from injuries against Colorado State.



Columbia receiver Bobby Fulton dives into the end zone for a touchdown against Buchholz.

Photos by BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

CHS

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"We've got to emphasize all the little stuff. All the little stuff counts. It's going to count this week."

Smith pointed to a few instances Friday night that bothered him against Buchholz, especially after watching film on Monday. Besides his one interception, Smith overthrew TJ Jones for a touchdown, admitted he took off from the pocket too quickly when he had more time to throw and at times missed some reads on certain routes.

There were also drops by receivers but Smith doesn't want to hear it. He wants to be perfect, even when his team is up 39-0.

That's an attribute any coach loves.

"The conversation for me is stay calm and collected. You don't have to do anything extra," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "Just do what's in the system and the offense will go. It's definitely interesting when you put up 32 points and the offense sputtered. But I thought they were able to settle in and come out and play good second-half football. If 32 isn't enough to win a football game then we've got problems somewhere else. I think it's just the expectation of these guys right now in themselves, which is a good thing. We've just got to make sure we're fixing the things that are on tape where there's a level of disappointment at the conclusion of the night."

The Tigers don't want disappointment again on Friday. Robert E. Lee defeated Columbia 48-28 last season in Jacksonville and two times the year before — 28-7 in the regular season and then 43-7 in the playoffs.

Columbia is desperate for revenge. Fulton even called Friday's contest "bigger than just a game."

There's a lot riding in the matchup. The winner has won the district the past three seasons.

"I don't even want to go to school this week. I'm ready for it to be 7:30 on Friday so we can come out and play," Fulton said. "They've beaten us three times in the last two years and we haven't been within 20 points of their score each time. They're going



Columbia running back Kylen Callum hits the hole against Buchholz.

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Monday, saying the team didn't get conservative.

"I don't know if that was the way we felt," he said. "It might have been the way it looked. ... I think you have to be able to adjust, depending on what goes on in the game."

Marrone said Fournette's injury is considered minor, but couldn't guarantee he would be ready to play against the Patriots in a rematch of last season's AFC title game.

"If he is ready to go, we will ease him back in there," Marrone said. "We will see how he feels. I think a lot of it depends on that."



Columbia receiver Lanadrick Bradley makes a catch on the sidelines against Buchholz.

to try and put 50 on us. We've just got to come out and play how we play and we can easily put 50 on them."

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Smith received offers from Georgia Southern, Chattanooga and FAMU in the spring but more colleges are starting to put their eyes on the junior prospect. Although he hasn't received any more offers yet, schools have been sending him mail on a regular basis.

Allen says there were at least five letters for Smith on Monday.

"Obviously the buzz is out there that there's this kid at Columbia so they're getting him on the radar," Allen said. "Mail doesn't mean a whole lot but mail when you haven't been getting mail means that your name is getting out there...when you have a kid that may not have gotten as much interest in the spring but now he's the full-time starter and he's doing these things, you'll see him start to pick up more as we get towards the end of the season and as he goes to camps in the offseason. When spring rolls around, that's when you'll start seeing Jordan start taking off a lot more than he is."

INJURY REPORT

Columbia linebackers Ethan Umstead and Marlon Pollock as well as safety Brandon Scott are all questionable for Friday's game against



Columbia receiver TJ Jones looks for extra yardage after a catch against Buchholz.

Robert E. Lee. All three are dealing with ankle injuries, with Umstead's injury lingering from a fractured ankle over the summer.

Allen says all three will be game-time decisions but is hopeful all will play. "This is one of those games you don't want to miss for anything," Allen said. "Although they're game-time decisions, I'm expecting those guys to be back ready to go for this type of ball game. These are the ones that make you district champions and hosting the first round. You want all your bullets loaded in this type of game."

PREP ROUNDUP
Columbia's girls golf team rolled in a tri-match on Monday, combining for a 191 to defeat Creekside (223) and Oakleaf (284) at Julington Creek.

Tiara Carter led the Lady Tigers again, shooting a 42 to take home medalist honors. Erika Lloyd was right behind her with a 46, followed by Reece Chasteen with a 50 and Emma Ward with a 53.

Columbia's boys golf team fell to Fleming Island 152-166 on the road Monday.

Lance Minson was a co-medalist with a 36 to lead the Tigers. Cameron Widergren shot a 40 while Chas Cribbs and Dylan Cannon both shot a 45.

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Florida State was expected to have some growing pains with a new coaching staff but the aches have been more than anticipated. The Seminoles must prepare for Syracuse, which has scored 117 points in wins over Western Michigan and Wagner.

While the Seminoles are 10-1 all-time against Syracuse, including eight wins by double figures, it shapes up to be a pivotal division matchup.

"At the start of the season people circled (the game) as probably we don't have a very good chance of being successful," Syracuse coach Dino Babers said. "It's going to be a tough task, but we welcome the opportunity to see how we can do."

The Seminoles are averaging 390 yards of total offense, which is tied for 87th nationally, and the Seminoles' 3.62 yards per rush ranks them 101st in the FBS.

Injuries have made the Seminoles' growth difficult. Coaches frequently have been forced to move players from guard to tackle. But no matter who has been blocking, Florida State has had breakdowns up front that contributed to six sacks and 20 tackles for loss. Sophomore tailback Cam Akers had an 85-yard run against the Hokies but just 73 yards on his 27 other carries over two games.

"We've got a lot of guys going in and out and it's hard to get a rhythm," Taggart said.

So is not converting on third down situations.

Florida State is converting just 9 of 30 third-down conversions, ranking 111st out of 128 FBS programs. Many of the problems stem from not getting in good position on first or second down. Florida State faced third-and-6 or longer on 19 situations in two games.

Taggart hasn't been able to get his up-tempo offense rolling simply because they can't consistently move the chains.

"We all can see offensively we're not where we need it to be," Taggart said. "A lot of it is gaining yardage on certain downs. When you get it you can continue to go fast."

While the offense has struggled, the defense hasn't exactly been stellar.

Florida State allowed Samford's Devlin Hodges to throw for 475 yards on Saturday, which was the most against the Seminoles since Arizona State had 532 passing yards in 1984.

"I knew early on we was playing too soft, some guys, and we weren't getting to the quarterback," Taggart said. "(Hodges) did a good job getting it out of his hands and got us beat a couple times with the deep ball."

There has been one silver lining on defense. The Seminoles have adjusted well after halftime, allowing just a touchdown and a field goal on 14 combined second-half drives.

Special teams have also not consistently played well either.

The most noticeable special teams mistake was a Virginia Tech blocked punt that was returned three yards for a touchdown. But Ricky Aguayo, who made 18 of 21 field-goal attempts in 2017, has already missed three in two games (32, 40 and 42 yards).