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Front means rainy week ahead

Over an inch fell today on already soaked county.

By **TONY BRITT**
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A front pushing its way to the east coast from the Gulf of Mexico is expected to dump more than

two inches of rain on the area in the next few days.

The biggest downpour was expected for today, said Shayne Morgan, Columbia County Emergency Management director.

As of 6 p.m., about an inch and a quarter had fallen in Columbia County, where floodwaters from Debby haven't fully receded.

The National Weather Service

forecast indicated Columbia County could get up to two inches of rain by the weekend as a result of the front.

The rains, storms and inclement weather are slated to make their way across Florida by today and impact the Atlantic Coast throughout the weekend with rains and storms.

Morgan said the rainfall may affect local roads.

"This is something we're definitely monitoring," he said. "The road department will make the call as to whether roads need to be re-closed or whatever. Roads that have had water on them people need to be careful as they travel those roadways because we're still wet around the area. It's definitely something that would cause a decision to be made if water is ponding on road-

ways." The National Weather Service is forecasting a 30 percent chance of showers today and tonight. The chance of rain increases to 40 percent Thursday and Thursday night, with a 50 percent chance of rain Friday during daytime hours, decreasing to 20 percent chance of rain Friday night.

Jones faces charges in Egypt over film



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Egyptian protesters hurl stones at riot police in downtown Cairo, Egypt, early Saturday, before police cleared the area after days of protests against a film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad.

Gainesville pastor, seven others referred to trial over anti-Muslim film.

By **SARAH EL DEEB**
Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's general prosecutor issued arrest warrants Tuesday for a Gainesville-based pastor and seven Egyptian Coptic Christians, and referred them to trial on charges linked to an anti-

Islam film that has sparked riots across the Muslim world.

The case is largely symbolic since the seven men and one woman are believed to be outside of Egypt and unlikely to travel to the country to face the charges. Instead, the prosecutor's decision to take legal appears aimed at absorbing at least some of the public anger over the amateur film, which portrays the Prophet Muhammad as a fraud, womanizer and buffoon.

The prosecutor's office said in a statement that the accused, which includes the film's alleged producer, face charges of

harming national unity, insulting and publicly attacking Islam and spreading false information. The office said they could face the death penalty, if convicted. No date for the trial has been set.

Among those charged is Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, an Egyptian Copt living in southern California and believed to be behind the film. Gainesville-based pastor Terry Jones, who has said he was contacted by the filmmaker to promote the video, as well as Morris Sadek, a conservative

FILM continued on 3A

Chicago teachers vote to return to class

Strike ends after more than a week; teachers will vote on contract.

By **SOPHIA TAREEN and TAMMY WEBBER**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The city's teachers agreed Tuesday to return to the classroom after more than a week on the picket lines, ending a spiteful stalemate with Mayor Rahm Emanuel that put teacher evaluations and job security at the center of a national debate about the future of public education.

Union delegates voted to formally suspend the strike after discussing details of a proposed contract settlement worked out over the weekend. Classes could resume as early as Wednesday.

Delegates poured out of a South Side union hall singing "solidarity forever."

"I'm very excited. I miss my students. I'm relieved because I think this contract was better than what they offered," said America Olmedo, who teaches fourth- and fifth-grade bilingual classes. "They tried to take everything away."

Said Shay Porter, a teacher at the Henderson Academy elementary school: "We ignited the labor movement in Chicago."

The walkout, the first in Chicago in 25 years, shut down the nation's third-largest school district just days after 350,000 students had returned from summer vacation. Tens of thousands of parents were forced to find alternatives for idle children, including many whose neighborhoods have been wracked by gang

STRIKE continued on 3A

Rough ride

Lorenzo Andrews (right) makes a phone call after an incident that sent his wife, Topeka, and their 2-month-old daughter, Zorie, off the road Tuesday morning as his coworkers, Scott Carter (from left) and Josh Wockenfuss, attempt to pull the truck out of the ditch alongside U.S. 41 in northern Columbia County. Topeka Andrews said the truck slid into the ditch after an ambulance attempted to pass them. She said she didn't hear the ambulance as it was approaching. No one was hurt and the vehicles did not make contact. 'I don't like it,' Lorenzo Andrews said. 'I don't like what happened and I don't even know what condition the truck is in.'



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Tuesday:
 Afternoon: 5-5-0
 Evening: N/A

Play 4
Tuesday:
 Afternoon: 8-2-3-7
 Evening: N/A

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Monday:
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Prince William, Kate aggressive over photos

LONDON
 Prince William and Kate Middleton's aggressive legal strategy over topless photos of Britain's likely future queen is the first salvo in what could be a decades-long tug-of-war over their family's privacy.



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Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, smile as they watch a shark ceremony as they arrive at Marapa Island, Solomon Islands on Sept. 17.

A French court ruled in favor of the royal couple on Tuesday in their fight over the photos, but the scope of that ruling will be limited.

The unauthorized topless photos of Kate have already been widely published in France, Italy, Ireland and on the Internet — lessening the impact of Tuesday's court injunction against future publication inside France.

The royals' strong stance also included a bid to persuade French prosecutors to launch a criminal inquiry to target the offending photographer.

The wealthy royal couple did not gain much on paper — the court-imposed fine was about \$2,500 — but legal experts and royal watchers say the action was designed to demonstrate their willingness to use all legal means to prevent future press intrusion.

That will become even more important when the couple have a child, who would become third in the line of succession to the British throne, said Joe Little, the managing editor of Majesty magazine.

"This was done because they want to set a benchmark for the future," he said.

Newman writes new satirical, political song

NEW YORK — Randy Newman is weighing in on the presidential election, and he's playing the race card through a song he wrote called "I'm Dreaming."

The piano tune features the refrain: "I'm dreaming of a white



Newman

president." It is full of satirical, sarcastic — and signature — Newman anecdotes about someone who votes for the president because he is white.

Newman is openly supporting President Barack Obama and wants the public to find comedic relief in the song, but to also know he's serious about his thoughts that racism is well and alive in the world and in the current presidential race.

O'Reilly, Stewart debate presidential race

NEW YORK — Pick your pundit when Bill O'Reilly and Jon Stewart face off for a special 90-minute debate about the 2012 presidential race.

The host of Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" and the anchor of Comedy Central's fake newscast "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"



Stewart

have announced they will clash in the event, dubbed "The Rumble in the Air-Conditioned Auditorium."

This live debate will be streamed online on Oct. 6 from

George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Captain America gets new job title: president

PHILADELPHIA — Captain America has a new job with perks, a spacious office and a new title that others spend millions to get: Mr. President.

The sentinel of liberty has been one of Marvel Entertainment's best-known heroes since he socked Adolf Hitler in the jaw in 1941. He will move into the White House in the pages of "The Ultimates," where America is riven by factionalism.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Actress Salma Hayek is 46.
- Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 42.
- Cyclist Lance Armstrong is 41.

Daily Scripture

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

— Philippians 2:3-4

Thought for Today

"If Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed were to bump into each other along the road and go have a cup of tea or whatever, I think we all know they would treat one another far different and far better than a lot of their followers would."

— Brian D. McLaren,

Christian pastor and author (1956-present)

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AROUND FLORIDA

Girl's mom, sister killed in crash

HOMELAND — Central Florida authorities said a 14-year-old was behind the wheel in a multi-vehicle crash that killed her mother and 8-year-old sister.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said the teen was driving Monday afternoon through Homeland when she turned into the path of a van. Both vehicles then hit another car.

The sheriff's office said the teen's sister died at the scene. The girls' 42-year-old mother was pronounced dead at a hospital. The teen was hospitalized in stable but critical condition.

Search continues for missing woman

MIAMI — U.S. Coast Guard crews are still looking for a 21-year-old Tennessee woman who fell off a cruise ship into the Atlantic Ocean off Florida.

Royal Caribbean said the Allure of the Seas was headed to Nassau, the Bahamas, when "a guest witnessed another guest going overboard" Sunday night. A surveillance camera also caught the woman's fall.

Two other nearby cruise ships initially joined the search for the woman.

The Coast Guard said the woman is from Bartlett, Tenn.

Exotic beetle killing trees

PALM HARBOUR — Officials said an exotic pest is killing hundreds of trees in the Tampa Bay-area.

Pinellas County officials said Monday that the red bay ambrosia beetle had been found in John Chestnut Park and was



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A shuttle's No. 1 fan

Kennedy Space Center employees, Bonnie and Jim Ekey pose for friends wearing Pittsburgh Steeler NFL football gear in front of space shuttle Endeavour atop a modified jumbo jet in the mate/demate structure at the Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday in Cape Canaveral. Jim Ekey grew up in the Pittsburgh area and remains a Steeler fan.

spreading to the adjacent 8,000-acre Brooker Creek Preserve. It also has been found in northwestern Hillsborough County.

The insect spreads laurel wilt disease in red bay laurel, swamp bay and avocado trees. There is no cure.

No new trial in burning case

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Florida judge refused Tuesday to grant a new trial, for now, for the alleged ringleader in an attack in which a teenager was drenched in alcohol and set on fire.

But Broward County Circuit Judge Matthew Destry nevertheless left the door open for a second trial for Matthew Bent, 18, based on allegations of juror misconduct, including racial animosity. The judge plans to interview the jurors at an Oct. 12 hearing — exactly three years after the attack on Michael Brewer, who was then 15.

Bent was originally charged with attempted second-degree murder.

Two other teenagers pleaded no contest to that charge for their roles in the attack, but a jury in June opted to convict Bent of the lesser aggravated battery charge. He faces a potential 15-year prison sentence.

Wrongly convicted are compensated

TALLAHASSEE — Only three people wrongly convicted of crimes have been compensated a total of \$3.2 million under a Florida law passed four years ago.

An advocate for those and others imprisoned for crimes they didn't commit said it's unlikely many more will be paid.

Innocence Project executive director Seth Miller said that's because the law excludes those with prior felonies or those committed while in prison.

He said that's blocked at least six other exonerated convicts from obtaining compensation.

Legislation has been filed in the Florida Senate every year since the law was passed to repeal.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER

19 WEDNESDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 88 LO 66	20 THURSDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 88 LO 65	21 FRIDAY CHANCE STORMS HI 87 LO 66	22 SATURDAY ISOLATED T-STORMS HI 88 LO 66	23 SUNDAY ISOLATED T-STORMS HI 87 LO 65
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Wednesday, September 19
 Wednesday's high/Wednesday night's low

City	Thursday	Friday
Cape Canaveral	86/74/t	86/73/t
Daytona Beach	87/71/t	87/71/t
Ft. Lauderdale	88/79/t	89/79/t
Fort Myers	89/74/t	90/74/t
Gainesville	87/66/t	87/67/sh
Jacksonville	85/70/t	86/71/sh
Key West	88/79/sh	88/80/t
Lake City	88/65/t	87/66/sh
Miami	89/78/t	90/79/t
Naples	89/74/t	90/75/t
Ocala	87/67/t	88/68/sh
Orlando	89/73/t	90/72/t
Panama City	84/68/s	83/69/pc
Pensacola	85/66/pc	84/66/s
Tallahassee	86/62/pc	86/64/pc
Tampa	89/73/t	89/73/t
Valdosta	86/63/pc	87/64/pc
W. Palm Beach	88/77/t	88/78/t

LAKE CITY ALMANAC TEMPERATURES High Tuesday 77 Low Tuesday 71 Normal high 87 Normal low 69 Record high 97 in 1925 Record low 58 in 1910 PRECIPITATION Tuesday 1.14" Month total 4.24" Year total 46.35" Normal month-to-date 2.82" Normal year-to-date 38.39"	SUN Sunrise today 7:17 a.m. Sunset today 7:30 p.m. Sunrise tom. 7:18 a.m. Sunset tom. 7:29 p.m. MOON Moonrise today 11:05 a.m. Moonset today 10:02 p.m. Moonrise tom. 12:11 p.m. Moonset tom. 10:55 p.m.	UV INDEX 6 HIGH 30 minutes to burn Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.	FYI An exclusive service brought to our readers by The Weather Channel. The Weather Channel weather.com
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Don't like FEMA ruling? Appeal it.

From staff reports

Tropical Storm Debby survivors can appeal the amount or type of help provided by FEMA by submitting a written appeal within 60 days, say officials.

Within 60 days of a decision letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, survivors of Tropical Storm Debby can ask the agency to review their case again. Survivors may ask for another review to appeal the amount or type of help provided or any other decision about

federal disaster assistance.

Before asking for an appeal, survivors should review the "Help After a Disaster" applicant's guide. The guide was mailed to each applicant but also is available online at www.fema.gov/help-after-disaster.

When appealing, applicants should explain in writing why they disagree with a decision along with any new or additional documents supporting the appeal.

Appeal letters for Tropical Storm Debby also should include:

- Federal disaster declaration number

4068-DR-FL on all pages of documents;

- Applicant information, including;
- Nine-digit FEMA application number on all pages of documents,
- Name
- Date and place of birth
- Address of the damaged dwelling
- Copies of verifiable documentation that supports the appeal. All receipts, bills and estimates must include contact information for the service provider. Keep all originals for your records
- A copy of a state-issued identifica-

tion card, unless the letter is notarized or includes the following statement: "I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

- The applicant's signature

The appeal letter should be mailed to:
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National Processing Service Center
P.O. Box 10055
Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055

Judge: Police to enforce Ariz. immigration law now

By JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A judge in Arizona ruled Tuesday that police can immediately start enforcing the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, marking the first time officers can carry out the so-called "show me your papers" provision.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton is the latest milestone in a two-year legal battle over the requirement. It culminated in a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that upheld the provision on the grounds that it doesn't conflict with federal law.

Opponents responded to the Supreme Court decision by asking Bolton to block the requirement on different grounds,

arguing that it would lead to systematic racial profiling and unreasonably long detentions of Latinos if it's enforced. She said early this month she wouldn't block it, and gave the go-ahead Tuesday for the law to take effect.

The section of the law requires that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally. The "show me your papers" name comes from opponents.

Arizona's law was passed in 2010 amid voter frustration with the state's role as the busiest illegal entry point into the country. Five states — Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah — have adopted variations on Arizona's law.

A call to the office of Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the measure into law, wasn't

immediately returned Tuesday afternoon.

A coalition of civil rights groups is awaiting a ruling from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on their latest effort to prevent the questioning requirement from taking effect.

"Our next step is seeing what happens with that," said Linton Joaquin, a lawyer for National Immigration Law Center, one of the groups in the coalition.

Some backers of the law questioned the level of cooperation they will get from federal immigration agents, who will be called to verify people's immigration status and be responsible for picking up illegal immigrants from local officers.

Federal immigration officers have said they will help, but only if doing so fits with their priorities, including catching repeat violators and identifying and remov-

ing those who threaten public safety and national security.

If federal agents decline to pick up illegal immigrants, local officers in some cases will likely have to let them go unless they're suspected of committing a crime that would require them to be brought to jail.

Bolton is the judge who initially blocked the law after the Obama administration challenged it on the grounds that federal immigration law trumps state law.

The case made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. There, justices barred police from enforcing other parts of the law, including a requirement that immigrants obtain or carry immigration registration papers. But they allowed the questioning requirement — to supporters the most important part — to move forward.

STRIKE: Chicago teachers will return to class, vote on contract proposal

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violence in recent months.

Tuesday's vote was not on the contract offer itself, but on whether to continue the strike. The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the full membership of more than 25,000 teachers.

The walkout was the first for a major American city in at least six years. It drew national attention because it posed a high-profile test for teachers unions, which have seen their political influence threatened by a growing reform movement. Unions have pushed back against efforts to expand charter schools, bring in private companies to help with failing schools and link teacher evaluations to student test scores.

The strike carried political implications, too, raising the risk of a protracted labor battle in President Barack Obama's hometown at the height of the fall campaign, with a prominent Democratic mayor and Obama's former chief of staff squarely in the middle. Emanuel's forceful demands for reform have angered the teachers.

The teachers walked out Sept. 10 after months of tense contract talks that for a time appeared to be headed toward a peaceful resolution.

Emanuel and the union agreed in July on a deal to implement a longer school day with a plan to hire back 477 teachers who had been laid off rather than pay regular teachers more to work longer hours. That raised hopes the contract would be settled before the start of fall classes, but bargaining stalled on other issues.

Emanuel decried the teachers' decision

to leave classrooms, calling the walkout unnecessary and a "strike of choice."

Almost from the beginning, the two sides couldn't even agree on whether they were close to a deal. Emanuel said an agreement was within easy reach and could be sealed with school in session. The union insisted that dozens of issues remained unresolved.

Chicago's long history as a union stronghold seemed to work to the teachers' advantage. As they walked the picket lines, they were joined by many of the very people who were most inconvenienced by the work stoppage: parents who had to scramble to find babysitters or a supervised place for children to pass the time.

To win friends, the union representing 25,500 teachers engaged in something of a publicity campaign, telling parents repeatedly about problems with schools and the barriers that have made it more difficult to serve their kids. They described classrooms that are stifling hot without air conditioning, important books that are unavailable and supplies as basic as toilet paper that are sometimes in short supply.

As the strike entered its second week, Emanuel turned to the courts to try to force teachers back to the classroom by filing a lawsuit that described the walkout as an unlawful danger to the public.

The complaint sought a court order to end the strike, saying it was illegal because it endangered the health and safety of students and concerned issues — evaluations, layoffs and recall rights — that state law says cannot be grounds

for a work stoppage.

A judge set a hearing for Wednesday, but the case was likely to be moot if teachers went back to class.

The strike upended a district in which the vast majority of students are poor and minority. It also raised the concerns of parents who worried not just about their kids' education but their safety. Chicago's gang violence has spiked this year, with scores of shootings reported throughout a long, bloody summer and bystanders sometimes caught in the crossfire.

The district staffed more than 140 schools with non-union workers and central office employees so students who are dependent on school-provided meals would have a place to eat breakfast and lunch. But most parents refused to leave their children at unfamiliar schools where they would be thrown together with kids and supervising adults they may never have met.

When the two sides met at the bargaining table, money was only part of the problem. With an average salary of \$76,000, Chicago teachers are among the highest-paid in the nation. After weeks of talks, the district proposed a 16 percent raise over four years — far beyond what most American employers have offered in the aftermath of the Great Recession.

But the evaluations and job security measures stirred the most intense debate.

The union said the evaluation system was unfair because it relied too heavily on test scores and did not take into account outside factors that affect student per-

formance such as poverty, violence and homelessness.

The union also pushed for a policy to give laid-off teachers first dibs on open jobs anywhere in the district. The district said that would prevent principals from hiring the teachers they thought best qualified and most appropriate for the position. The tentative settlement proposed giving laid-off teachers first shot at schools that absorbed their former students.

Emanuel did not personally negotiate but monitored the talks through aides.

The strike was just the latest and highest-stakes chapter in a long and often contentious battle between him and the union.

When he took office last year, the former White House chief of staff inherited a school district facing a \$700 million budget shortfall. Not long after, his administration rescinded 4 percent raises for teachers. He then asked the union to re-open its contract and accept 2 percent pay raises in exchange for lengthening the school day for students by 90 minutes. The union refused.

Emanuel, who promised a longer school day during his campaign, attempted to go around the union by asking teachers at individual schools to waive the contract and add 90 minutes to the day. He halted the effort after being challenged by the union before the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

FILM: Gainesville pastor who promoted anti-Muslim movie faces charges

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Coptic Christian in the U.S. who pushed the video on his website, are also among those charged.

The connection of the other five accused in the case to the film was not immediately clear.

Ultraconservative Salafi lawyer Mamdouh Ismail praised the prosecutor's decision. While recognizing that the eight will be tried in absentia, Ismail said referring them to trial will help curb public anger.

"Now these are legal measures instead of angry reactions, whose consequences are undetermined," he said. "This would also set a deterrent for them and anyone else who may fall into this" offense.

The prosecutor's state-

ment, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, said that after studying the film investigators have determined that it contains scenes offensive to Islam and state institutions. It also says they questioned 10 plaintiffs before issuing the charges.

Nakoula, 55, told the AP in an interview last week outside Los Angeles that he was the manager of the company that produced "Innocence of Muslims." Jones also told AP that he was contacted by Nakoula to promote the movie.

The film, clips of it appeared on YouTube, mocked the Prophet Muhammad and drew small but angry crowds to protest outside the U.S.

Embassy in Egypt and an attack on the American Consulate in Libya that killed the U.S. ambassador. Other protests have erupt-

ed across the Muslim world over the video, including Afghanistan, Yemen and Indonesia.

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OPINION

Another myth about Romney

The liberal media is pushing a narrative that the Romney campaign is crippled by poor management and indecision. Central to this storyline is the premise that Republican challenger Mitt Romney should be headed for a landslide victory given the economy and President Obama's low approval ratings. A neck-and-neck race is thus a GOP loss before the final lap is run. Never mind that Mr. Romney is up by 2 points nationwide in the latest Rasmussen Reports survey, and forget that a majority of Americans disapprove of the job the president has done over the past four years. The pro-Obama media campaign is trying to convince the public this election is over before voting has started.

Of course, the reality of modern American politics is the leftwing media juggernaut in favor of Democrats is a major handicap for Republicans, making it an uphill battle for any conservative to win nationally. The 2012 election might be the most extreme example yet of overt media bias. The networks, almost all cable news channels and most big-city newspapers are going all out, leaving no stone unturned, to try to make Republicans look bad and Democrats good. Helping their case are skewed polls based on flawed methodology that surveys significantly more Democrats than Republicans. It's no surprise Mr. Obama comes out on top when significantly more Ds than Rs are asked who they will vote for in November, which was done by several prominent polling firms.

It's true the electorate has yet decide who the next president will be, but there is still a lot of time left in this race. That provides ample opportunity for Mr. Romney to score points by holding Mr. Obama accountable for his broken promises and the broken economy

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bullying: Symptom of a broader problem?

To the Editor:

RE: Bully in the Schools

Dear Ms. Nash:

In response to the article which appeared in the Lake City Reporter on Sunday, September 9, 2012, I applaud your efforts toward the growing problem of bullying in the schools. In my recent research I find that this problem is generally addressed through awareness programs that educate on how to recognize bullying, self-protection, and empowerment speeches that convince a child for about 30 minutes they do not deserve to be bullied.

The one thing that continues to elude people is that it is virtually impossible to be a bully, if you are in fact practicing good manners and common courtesies. That is elementary common sense. While respect is earned, every individual is entitled to good manners and common courtesies.

A by-product of someone that has applied the usage of good manners and common courtesies throughout life is someone who has self-confidence and self-esteem. The early teachings of these should come from the home and family, if they are known. If not, they are learned to some extent through observation. Yet a child may not be able to determine if the observation is a good observation or bad observation.

When a child learns, via observation that intimidation and fear yield results they have a tendency to mimic those observations - giving birth to another bully. When the bully is not removed or disciplined, the observer witnesses success and will mimic the bullying actions. Through "awareness" training the observer may recognize the symptoms of bullying but will also observe the success and mimic anyway.

In the recent past I wrote a book, "Because It's Just Good Manners" and offered it to schools as a training tool. I even challenged students, classes, grades and schools to practice good manners for a week.

The response I received from superintendents, principals and teachers across the nation, was that there is no requirement to teach good manners.

Teachers were in fact dissuaded from doing so. It was felt that to correct a student for using bad manners could psychologically scar a student to the point where the student might bring a weapon into the school and retaliate or do harm to him or herself.

The concept of teaching good manners and common courtesies was perceived as a negative rather than a positive means to help a child build confidence and assurance in all things in his or her future. The idea of teaching a child compromise, how to negotiate, and diplomacy are unheard of. What they are learning is how to "strong arm" or bully to get what they want.

Bullying, as you know, is a behavioral condition which exists in adults as well as children. It is both learned and taught by example. When the behavioral condition is permitted to exist in the general population of a school either through a teacher and/or student, without consequences, the problem is not remedied. Awareness programs that educate individuals on the different types of bullying, and empowerment speeches telling a person they do not deserve bullying, are truly not remedies.

Awareness is not a solution. However, it does give schools an additional project in which to spend mandatory budget monies; and additional projects in which the students can participate. The students, as well as the faculty and staff may learn from these projects, but no solution or positive steps are reached toward remedying the problem.

The tone and demeanor used by a teacher, staff person or

faculty member, in the process of questioning or disciplining a student, may be interpreted as bullying and will set the tone for reactive students. While the "awareness" programs are directed toward the students, the teachers and faculty may be equally guilty.

A simple question spoken in the classroom setting such as, "Why didn't you do your homework?", depending on the tone, may cause embarrassment and a negative reaction from the student as well as giggling from his or her peers. The better way to address the problem is to ask the student one-on-one, after class. Then no one is embarrassed and the teacher does not come across as a bully. The student could have a difficult home life that interferes with being able to complete homework assignments.

Even when there is a policy against teaching good manners and common courtesies, there is no excuse for the teachers, faculty or staff not to set an example by using good manners and common courtesies. If they know them?

As the saying goes, when we treat people like heathens, they will act like heathens. Does a teacher know the difference? The student is there to learn, but is the teacher able or qualified to teach these life skills? That statement is not meant to put-down a teacher. We truly take for granted that people know the difference or have been taught good manners, common courtesies, diplomacy, how to compromise, and how to negotiate; and that simply is not true.

We, the people, stopped teaching basic good manners and common courtesies a long time ago. If you do not believe me, just sit back watch and listen to people for a few minutes. Observe how they walk, talk, conduct themselves, and dress. Without a child having the proper training in the basic life skills, they do not or may not have the necessary self-confidence and self-esteem to succeed in higher education, the work world, or to later teach their own children and set an example for them. Education is not just teaching reading, writing and arithmetic!

It does not matter if a student is an absolute genius and graduates college at the age of 12. If the student does not know the basic life skills then the educational system has failed and the student is not prepared for the real world. A diploma or degree does not make a person capable of interacting and communicating in expected ways, if the education does not include basic life skills.

The question that should be addressed, seeing as how good manners and common courtesies cannot be, are not being, taught in American public schools, is what can be done to get the individuals out of the general population of a school, who are causing the static? Are teachers audited on how they communicate with the students? Are the teachers who are supposed to be all-influential, too burned-out, intimidated, feeling hopeless and helpless?

A student that is not in school to learn or who is a repeat offender must be removed from the general population. The school system has a legal and ethical responsibility to provide a safe environment in which to education and house these students; as well as a safe work environment for faculty and staff. If the bullies are not removed from the general population, the schools are sanctioning this behavior and endangering the students, faculty and staff! That is just basic, elementary, common sense!

Parents appreciate that there are awareness programs, but, they are also fully aware that these awareness programs are not solving the problem. It is called "busy work". As long as it

looks like you are doing something then you really are doing something - right! While your mission statement may state that you want to provide a "safe" environment, unless you actually do, they are just words on paper. Unless you actually remove the threats from the environment, they are still threats to the faculty, staff and teachers.

Well, in the past two years, while the schools were supposed to be working on the bullying problem, nothing has changed - it is actually worse.

Because, the bullies are still in the general population! Parents continue to complain about bullies in the general population, and the school systems continue to not listen.

If you want to see how bad the situation is in any school, or class, regardless of the grade, have a "good manners day" and observe how poorly the adults and children are educated on life's basic principles of good manners and common courtesies.

Bullies generally lack self-confidence and self-esteem but may in the proper setting, have some knowledge of good manners and common courtesies. A bully will seek out the weakest link and attack that weakest link. The weakest link is going to be another person who does not have self-confidence and self-esteem.

When the schools are not prepared to teach the basic life-skills, the rest loses some of its impact, capability or importance. If schools are not prepared to provide safe working and educational environments, by removing the threats, then all is for naught. The answer is obviously not to put armed guards and x-ray machines at the doors, and search the students. That doesn't work well in our own prisons, why would it work in our schools?

Better schools, academies, and private institutions have prided themselves around the world on teaching and practicing good manners and common courtesies within their walls. Consequently their dropout ratios are low and their graduate success is very high.

As I said, I applaud your awareness efforts but think you might gain more mileage if you addressed the problem, not the symptom. The problem may not be the bully - that may just be a symptom. The problem may be the school systems refusing to deal with the bully, and to remove them from the general population.

The bottom line, the schools are not doing what needs to be done, and what they are required to do under federal law - provide safe environments for the faculty, staff and students just like any other corporation or company in America. It is hard to believe the teachers are tolerating this blatant snubbing of the law, but the parents as well. Every student, parent, and teachers organizations across the country should be up in arms about the school systems obvious disregard for their safety by not removing the threats from the environment.

This issue of removing threats from the school environment has nothing to do with the "Leave no child behind" law. Hopefully, the school system has given the child a choice. Hopefully, the school system has given the child a choice. Hopefully, the school system has given the child options. Outside those considerations, whatever the child's problems are, they rest with the parents and legal authority - not the school!

Schools are not medical facilities with personnel trained to deal with behavioral problems.

All students "can" learn, but what is the school system teaching them, by example?



Robert Bridges
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Glad to be back

Today marks the midpoint of my first full week back at the Reporter after suffering a heart attack followed by triple bypass surgery early last month. I'm darned glad to be here.

Many thanks to everyone who called, wrote or came by during my convalescence.

A special thanks to Reporter controller Sue Brannon, who dialed 911 the morning of Saturday, August 4 despite my insistence it was just a bad case of indigestion.

Thanks as well to the Lifeguard paramedics - Lt. Ryan Carpenter and Sarah Weed - who got to our offices less than three minutes later and, despite an EKG reading that said everything was fine, realized it wasn't and booked me fast on a flight to Gainesville.

The folks at North Florida Regional were great too, but I doubt you know any of them.

My biggest concern throughout remained the Reporter.

Thankfully, my boss, publisher Todd Wilson, was glad to take on my duties along with his own during my absence. He did a great job and has my lasting gratitude.

Finally, many thanks, as always, to our readers. In the end, you're the ones that matter most of all.

■ Robert Bridges is editor of the Lake City Reporter.

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, September 19, the 263rd day of 2012. There are 103 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1356 - The English under Edward, the Black Prince, defeat the French at Poitiers and take King John II prisoner.

1777 - Americans defeat a British force at the First Battle of Saratoga, a turning point in the American War of Independence.

1783 - At Versailles near Paris, the Montgolfier brothers send up the first balloon with live passengers: a sheep, a rooster, and a duck.

1881 - James A. Garfield, the 20th president of the United States, dies of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

1955 - Argentina's President Juan Peron is ousted after revolts by army and navy.

1959 - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, on a visit to Los Angeles, reportedly becomes furious when informed that he can't visit Disneyland for security reasons.

1968 - Czech Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek resigns under Soviet pressure.

1978 - Egypt's Cabinet unanimously approves President Anwar Sadat's Camp David agreement to sign a peace treaty with Israel within three months.

1984 - China and Great Britain announce their agreement to transfer Hong Kong to Chinese rule in 1997.

2001 - Islamic clerics urge terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily, but set no deadline for him. The United States threatens to attack the Taliban, if they don't turn in bin Laden.

■ Associated Press

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horton
Lake City

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Laura Hampson at 754-0427 or by e-mail at lhampson@lakecityreporter.com.

Sept. 20

Adult spelling bee

The 9th Annual Columbia County Adult Spelling Bee is Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm at the Lake City Mall. Please come out and cheer for your favorite team while supporting local literacy efforts! Help the Friends of the Library raise money for a good cause.

Garden workshop

Starting Your Fall Vegetable Garden, a free workshop with research-based gardening tips will be Thursday, Sept. 20 at 5:45 p.m. at the Fort White Public Library on State Road 47. Grow your best-ever North Florida Vegetables with tips from UF/IFAS Master Gardener, Gerry Murphy. Everyone is welcome to attend, learn, and share with other gardeners.

Educators meeting

The Columbia County Retired Educators will meet 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Adult Education Center, 409 SW Saint Johns St., room 120. There will reports from the district board meetings. For more information contact Will Brown 752-2431.

Sept. 21

Retiree luncheon

The I.B.E.W Retiree Luncheon will begin at 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at Old Time Buffet in the Lake City Mall. All classifications are invited and encouraged to attend. Anyone planning to attend should contact Douglas Dagley at (386) 719-4842.

Sept. 22

CHS reunion

Columbia High School Class of 1977 celebrates "A Step Back in Time" 35th reunion Sept. 28-30. There

will be an alumni bonfire, banquet and church service. Itineraries and tickets will be forwarded when rsvp is received. Cost is \$35 per person, after Sept. 22 prices increases to \$50 per person. RSVP to CHS Class of 77, 244 SE Pine Dr. Lake City 32025, or nancytrogers@msn.com. For information call 867-1271.

Blackout canceled

Gold Standard Chapter 48 PHA Order of the Eastern Stars has canceled their 2nd Annual Blackout at Winfield Community Center in Lake City. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Journey to the Swamp

Whether you are coming to cheer on the University of Florida Gators or the visiting team, the shuttle service allows fans to enjoy the convenience and comfort of a luxury coach provided by Fabulous Tours. Local fans can enjoy the ride by purchasing a round-trip ticket for \$25. Reservations can be made by calling (866)-257-4697. Reservations are required prior to game day.

Seeking vendors

Providence Village Baptist Church is seeking vendors for their 5th Annual Ladies Expo planned for Sat., Nov 3rd. Please contact Debbie at delyatt.5956@gmail.com or 386-752-6209 by Oct 1st if interested.

Sept. 24

Lake City Aglow

Lake City Aglow will meet 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Christ Community Church. It will be a time of fellowship, singing, testimonies and a hat making workshop in preparation for our 1920s Tea Part next month. Our hostess, Georgia Adams, will help us decorate our hats for that event. Please

bring a hat or headband, flowers, ribbons, feathers, scissors and glue. There will be extras to share. All are welcome. For information call 935-4018.

Sept. 25

Author program

The Friends of Columbia County Public Library welcome author Deborah

Sharp, live via Skype, on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Deborah Sharp is the author of Mama Sees Stars, Mama Gets Hitched and other titles in the Mace

Bauer Mystery Series. A former USA Today writer who, post-9-11, traded in a career in journalism to write humorous Florida mysteries.

OBITUARIES

Diana Irene Mate

Mrs. Diana Irene Mate, 43, of Lake City, went to be with her Lord on Monday, September 17, 2012 at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Lake City. She was born in Lamar, Colorado in 1969 and had lived in Lake City for the past six years having moved here from Fairview Heights, Illinois.



She proudly served her country in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Wellborn. Mrs. Mate was preceded in death by her mother, Judy Bentley Bolser in 2003, her twin sister, Denise Bentley, at birth and one

brother, Greg Bentley in 2011. Survivors include her husband, David J. Mate, Lake City; two daughters, Tizah and Sarah Mate both of Lake City; her father, Roger Bentley, Eads, CO; her mom, Adele Silva, Lincoln, CA; her paternal grandparents, Merlin and Eva Bentley; her maternal grandparents, Clark and Charlotte Beeson; three brothers, David Bentley, Richard Rector and Kenneth Bolser; and one sister, Candace Phelps. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, September 21, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Wellborn with Rev. Bob Hazel officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow at 2:00 PM at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Visitation with the family will be from 6-8:00 PM Thursday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers dona-

tions may be made to the UCSF CJD Research, Attn: Kendra Bechtel, Research and Administration Coordinator at 675 Nelson Rising Lane, Suite 190, San Francisco, CA 94117, in memory of Diana Mate. Arrangements are under the direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, Lake City. Please sign the guestbook at www.guerryfuneralhome.net

Lebbeus G. Pomeroy

Lebbeus G. Pomeroy, 97, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Saturday, September 15, 2012. He was born in Unionville, Michigan to the late Ralph and Edith (Nelson) Pomeroy and lived in Cass City, Michigan for years before moving to Bradenton, Florida and then settling in Lake City, Florida 13 years ago. He was a lifelong farmer and a skilled finish carpenter

and tool & die maker. He loved to play golf and was a Florida State Shuffleboard Champion and referee. He was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church and will be deeply missed by his family and extended church family. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife Hazel Pomeroy in 2008. Survivors include his son, Mick Pomeroy of Lake City, Florida and his daughter, RaeMarie Vainavicz of Kent City, Michigan. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 21, 2012 at Kranz Funeral Home Chapel in Cass City, MI (989) 872-2195. Local arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S. HWY 441, Lake City.

Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Lake Shore Hospital Authority has tentatively adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012, at 5:15 p.m., at Lake Shore Hospital Authority, Administrative Complex, 259 NE Franklin Street, Suite 102, Lake City, Florida.

LAKE SHORE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Budget Summary

October 1, 2012 Through September 30, 2013

	Patient Care Funds		Operating Fund	Capital	Total
	Hospital	Clinics		Improvement Fund	
REVENUES AND BALANCES					
Ad valorem taxes					
.962 mills	\$1,354,370	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 14,673	\$ 2,119,043
Lease income	-	-	479,070	-	479,070
Interest earnings	5,000	5,000	20,000	10,000	40,000
Transfers in	1,175,000	-	-	-	1,175,000
Total revenue	2,534,370	755,000	499,070	24,673	3,813,113
Estimated beginning cash	100,000	800,000	3,400,000	500,000	4,800,000
	\$2,634,370	\$1,555,000	\$3,899,070	\$ 524,673	\$ 8,613,113
EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES					
Administration	177,000	-	407,100	-	584,100
Healthcare services					
Indigent patient care	2,360,000	750,000	10,000	-	3,120,000
Transfers out	-	-	675,000	500,000	1,175,000
Total appropriations	2,537,000	750,000	1,092,100	500,000	4,879,100
Ending cash reserves	97,370	805,000	2,806,970	24,673	3,734,013
	\$2,634,370	\$1,555,000	\$3,899,070	\$1,024,673	\$ 8,613,113

The Tentative/Adopted, and/or Final Budgets are on file in the Office of the above-mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

Study suggests tie between BPA and child obesity

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — A provocative new study suggests a connection between the BPA chemical used in food packaging and childhood obesity, but the researchers say their findings don't prove it's the cause.

While most people have traces of the plastics chemical in their bodies, the study found that children with the highest levels in their urine were twice as likely to be obese as those with the lowest.

There are other factors that could explain the results, and many reasons why children gain too much weight, the researchers said.

"Clearly unhealthy diet and poor physical activity are the leading factors contributing to obesity in the United States, especially in children," said lead author

Dr. Leonardo Trasande of New York University.

But the study does hint that causes of childhood obesity may be more complicated, he added. He said it is the first national research to tie a chemical from the environment to childhood obesity, and seems to echo what some studies have seen in adults.

One puzzling result: Significant differences were detected only in white children. For black and Hispanic kids, obesity rates were similar for those with the lowest levels of BPA as those with the largest amount. The researchers couldn't explain that finding.

The study was released Tuesday and is in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

BPA, or bisphenol A, has been used since the 1960s

and become so widespread that it's found in virtually all Americans. Government health officials have deemed low levels of it to be safe, but haven't been able to decide what amount of BPA — if any — would be a health concern.

BPA is used to make hard plastics for food and beverage containers and many consumer goods and for metal can linings. Environmental groups have worried it interferes with children's development. Makers of baby bottles and sippy cups stopped using it, and this year the Food and Drug Administration announced it could no longer be used in those baby products.

Some experimental studies on animals have found that BPA can aid obesity by disrupting metabolism and helping to make fat cells larger. And studies have suggested a possible tie

between urinary BPA levels and obesity-related illnesses in adults, including diabetes and heart disease.

In the new study, Trasande and his colleagues used information from an annual federal health survey, which includes weighing and measuring participants and taking blood and urine samples.

Their study involved more than 2,800 children ages 6 through 19, who took the survey in the years 2003 through 2008. They compared BPA levels in their urine to their weight, and divided them into four groups based on BPA amounts.

The key finding: About 22 percent of the children with highest levels of BPA were obese, compared to just 10 percent of kids with the lowest levels.

Was the reverse true? Did the heaviest kids have more BPA in their urine,

and the thinnest kids less? Yes, Trasande said. But he did not include those numbers in his study, and declined to provide them.

The study raised more questions than it answered:

—The body excretes the chemical in a matter of hours. It's possible that the study is simply indicating that heavier kids are more likely to have recently consumed something from a BPA container.

—Only one urine sample was taken from each child, and the youngest children in the study were 6. What isn't known is how much BPA they were exposed to when they were infants — the time in life when the chemical theoretically could have had the greatest effect in triggering weight gain.

All this means is that the study raises some interesting questions, but at this

point it's impossible to say BPA causes childhood obesity, said Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a federal agency involved in research on BPA.

"It's a hypothesis that needs further exploration," she said.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents chemical manufacturers, called the study speculative and noted lab animal studies that found no evidence that BPA causes obesity.

"Attempts to link our national obesity problem to minute exposures to chemicals found in common, everyday products are a distraction from the real efforts under way to address this important national health issue," the organization said in a statement.



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A customer eats a slice at Pizza Brain in Philadelphia. Hundreds of people turned out for the grand opening of Pizza Brain this month in Philadelphia's Fishtown neighborhood. It's a restaurant where visitors can eat a slice or two of artisan pie while gawking at a pizza-related photos, records, knickknacks and videos.

Philly pizza museum serves up slices, memorabilia

By KATHY MATHESON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — How much does Brian Dwyer love pizza?

Let us count the ways: He holds the Guinness World Record for largest collection of pizza memorabilia; he has a caricature of himself, eating pizza, tattooed on his back with the phrase "Totally saucesome!"; and he is the driving force behind Pizza Brain, which he describes as the nation's first pizza museum.

The quirky but unassuming establishment that Dwyer just opened with three partners in Philadelphia is part art gallery, part eatery. It's a place to enjoy a slice or two of artisan pie while gawking at pizza-related photos, records, knickknacks and videos.

"We thought it was a funny idea, and we started doing some research," Dwyer said. "And when we discovered that nowhere on earth was there a physical place, a monument built to pizza, we said, 'This is going to be huge.'"

He was right: Hundreds of people turned out for the Sept. 7 grand opening of Pizza Brain, which occupies a pair of rowhouse storefronts in the city's Fishtown neighborhood.

One wall is covered with framed pizza-related photos and magazine covers; another boasts dozens of vinyl records, like the soundtrack to "Mystic Pizza" and a holiday album from Domino's. Display boxes

are scattered throughout the eclectic space — including built into the floor — to show off pizza-bearing figurines from Homer Simpson and Spider-Man to the Tasmanian Devil and Pillsbury Doughboy. A cluster of small TVs plays pizza-related shows, while a huge pizza mural surrounds the back patio.

Dwyer, 28, said he had a nominal assemblage of mementoes a couple of years ago when friends decided to create an art exhibit called "Give Pizza Chance." Reaction was so positive that he continued collecting, becoming the world-recorder holder with 561 items in July 2011. He now owns a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles "Pizza Drop" arcade game and Star Trek Enterprise pizza cutter.

A few months later, Dwyer quit his supermarket job to work on Pizza Brain full time. He and his team bought the rowhouses and raised some dough online — more than \$16,500 — through the crowd-funding website Kickstarter. Grassroots publicity and social media created major local buzz.

Dwyer said he was caught completely off-guard by the overwhelming response. At the same time, he added that it's not surprising so many people identify with pizza, which he calls "the great equalizer" and "the only food synonymous with the word 'party.'"

"I think that's why pizza is so powerful — it's inherently communal," Dwyer

said. "Pizza is one of the few things that everyone can agree on."

But only a sliver of the ever-growing memorabilia collection is on view. Dwyer values curation over quantity and plans to rotate exhibit items at Pizza Brain, noting the beauty of the project is that it's not stagnant.

"I think, at the end of the day, it's this big art installation masquerading around as a pizza shop," Dwyer said.

Speaking of which, what about the pizza? The menu offers pies with an array of artisan ingredients and offbeat toppings, including beef brisket, pulled pork and meatloaf; one pizza made with gruyere, mozzarella, caramelized onions and fresh thyme tastes like French onion soup.

On his first visit to the shop last week, customer Sean McGettrick said that while he'd heard talk about the fancy pies, he wanted to play it safe. He downed a plain slice garnished with basil leaves, gave it a thumbs-up and pledged to return.

As for the decor, McGettrick said, "obviously they can't have it all out at once. But it's nice what's out there ... As a pizza fan, I enjoyed it, especially the Ninja Turtles memorabilia."

And in case you're looking for dessert, Pizza Brain shares space with Little Baby's Ice Cream, a specialty purveyor of flavors like Earl Grey Sriracha, blueberry ginger and — yes — "pizza."

Scott wants to remove hurdles, reduce regulations on schools

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott is shifting his focus on cutting state regulation to Florida's schools.

Scott said Tuesday that he'll appoint a panel of five local school superintendents to suggest ways for freeing teachers from red tape so they can spend more time with their students.

The governor said it's the result of his recent travels across the state on an education "listening tour."

He said he heard many suggestions from teachers and administrators for reducing unnecessary requirements and regulations.

The former hospital chain executive set out to

cut regulation of private businesses when he took office last year in hopes that would encourage them to expand and create jobs.

Scott said his new initiative is aimed at removing similar hurdles preventing schools from preparing students for college or employment. ■ Associated Press

Police search for head-butting beer thief

BOYNTON BEACH — Boynton Beach police are looking for a head-butting beer thief.

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying the man seen in a surveillance video trying to leave a convenience store without paying for two packs

of beer.

Police say the suspect grabbed the beer from a cooler last week and put it underneath his shirt. He then walked up to the front counter and asked the clerk if he could "slide" and not pay for the beers. The clerk said no, but the

suspect left the store with the beers. When the clerk chased after him and told him he called police, the suspect head-butted him and took off.

The man is described as having blonde hair and a goatee. ■ Associated Press



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Section B

GAMES

Thursday
 ■ Columbia High boys golf vs. St. Francis Catholic High at Quail Heights Country Club, 4 p.m.
 ■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Santa Fe High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)
 ■ Columbia High volleyball vs. Wolfson High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)
 ■ Fort White High JV football at Union County High, 7 p.m.

Friday
 ■ Columbia High football at Oakleaf High, 7 p.m.
 ■ Fort White High football at Wakulla High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
 ■ Fort White High, host Columbia High cross country in Alligator Lake Invitational, girls-7:45 a.m., boys-8:15 a.m.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Courtney Britt spits out water as she competes against Baker County High in the 50 free event Tuesday at the Columbia Aquatic Complex.

CHS swim teams pick up easy victories

Tigers pick up win over Baker County Tuesday.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High's swim teams swept the lanes on Tuesday at the Columbia County Aquatic Complex defeating the visiting Baker County High Wildcats.

The Lady Tigers improved to a perfect 3-0 on the season while the Tigers improved to 2-1.

Individual winners for Columbia were: Sara

Woodfield (200 free), Andrew Fortier (200 free), Lindsay Lee (200 IM), Justin Shaw (200 IM), Courtney Britt (50 free), Joseph Piccioni (50 free), Stephanie Silva (100 butterfly), Andrew Fortier (100 butterfly), Sara Woodfield (100 free), Cody Smith (100 free), Lee (500 free), Jacob Finley (500 free), Hannah Burns (100 backstroke), Cody Smith (100 backstroke), Burns (100 breaststroke) and Piccioni (100 breaststroke).

"Baker County is in its

SWIM continued on 3B

BRIEFS

FORT WHITE FOOTBALL Charter bus for Wakulla game

Fort White High is sending a charter bus to the football game at Wakulla High on Friday. Cost is \$20. The bus will leave the school at 3:30 p.m.

For details, call DeShay Harris at 497-5952.

Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Night

The Fort White Quarterback Club has Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Night on Thursdays through September. Present the Quarterback Club's GiveBack flyer at the Ruby Tuesday on SW Commerce Drive and 20 percent of the bill will be donated to the Quarterback Club.

For details, call Harold Bundy at 365-5731.

OUTDOORS Hunter safety course offered

A Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hunter safety Internet-completion course for Columbia County is 6-9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report. Firearms, ammunition and materials are provided. Students should bring pen and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16.

Class locations will be given to those who register in advance. Call the regional office at 758-0525 or go to www.myfwc.com/HunterSafety.

RUNNING Alligator Lake run Saturday

The Alligator Lake Invitational is Saturday in Lake City. There will be team competition, along with an elementary run and community run. Cost for the elementary and community is \$5 with registration beginning at 6:30 a.m. on race day.

For details, call Dusty Smith at (386) 697-1195.

■ From staff reports

Next man up

Despite injuries Columbia hasn't taken step back.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
bfinley@lakecityreporter.com

To say that Columbia High has been dealing with the injury bug this year would be an understatement.

Luckily for the Tigers, they have been able to deal with the adversity to the tune of a 3-1 record and the sixth-ranked team in the state.

Last week, the Tigers lost two more starters with strong safety Trey Marshall going down with a high-ankle sprain and Darren Burch suffering a small puncture to his lung.

Head coach Brian Allen expects Burch to miss the next two weeks with the injury, but all signs point to a full recovery.

Braxton Stockton will take snaps at fullback while Burch recovers.

Marshall's status for Friday's game at Oakleaf High is still uncertain.

"He's probably out with the high-ankle sprain," Allen said. "He's still limping around pretty good, but the X-ray was negative. Unless he makes a miraculous recovery, we don't expect him to play on Friday."



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood breaks into open field against Buchholz High in the Tigers' 55-14 win on Friday.

These injuries are just the most recent in a string of injuries that have taken place throughout the Tigers' locker room this season.

Tyrone Sands and Charles Combs have also

missed significant time with injuries as well.

"Sands is still limping around on his knee," Allen said. "We need to make sure there's no damage floating around in there. Charles Combs is still prob-

ably two weeks away from being able to return."

Allen did say that the injuries have given other players a chance to step up.

"We've moved some guys around like Javere Smith

moving from a three to a five technique," Allen said. "Brett Nukem and Carlos Vega have moved around. Malechi Jean has done a good job of rotating in

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PREP ROUNDUP

Columbia stays undefeated with win over Stanton Prep

Lady Tigers earn four-set victory in road match.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High is showing that its a team to be reckoned with this season as the Lady Tigers moved to 4-0 on the season with a four-set win at Stanton Prep.

The Lady Tigers also improved to 2-0 in the district with the 22-25, 25-12, 25-11 and 25-19 victory.

Annie Milton led the

team in kills with 12 in the contest and added six blocks.

Kelbie Ronsonet had 10 kills and five blocks in the contest and Hanna Baker had eight kills.

Jessie Bates led the Lady Tigers in assists with 40 in the match.

Sierra Vanderpool had three aces to lead Columbia.

"It was a little ugly in the forced game as we had unforced errors and we were finding ways to defeat ourselves," Columbia High head coach Rebecca Golden said. "The good news is

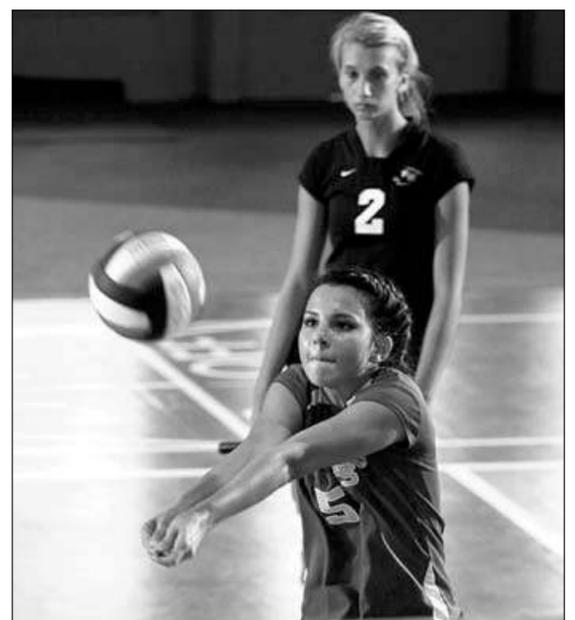
that we were able to pull it together after that and pull out the win."

The Lady Tigers return home on Thursday for their third district match of the season when Columbia hosts Wolfson High at 6:30 p.m.

The junior varsity picked up a victory in three sets against Stanton Prep, 25-16, 11-25 and 15-17.

Alanif Koberlein led the junior varsity with three aces in the match.

Grace Harry led in kills with four in the match and Lacey King had three kills.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Jara Courson (5) makes a return while playing against Fort White.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel looks for an open receiver in a game earlier this season.

Driskel making progress for Florida

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Quarterback Jeff Driskel wasn't even sure he would play in Florida's season opener.

Three weeks later, he has locked down the starting job, been named the Southeastern Conference's offensive player of the week and drawn comparisons to Tim Tebow.

Yes, that Tebow. Driskel made significant strides while winning both starts — at Texas A&M and at Tennessee — and showed why the 14th-ranked Gators (3-0, 2-0 SEC) picked him over Jacoby Brissett following the season opener.

He has completed 71 percent of his passes for 495 yards, with three touchdowns and no turnovers, heading into Saturday's game against Kentucky (1-2). He also has 113 yards rushing, creating as many big plays with his feet as his right arm.

"He's grown up tremendously in the past couple weeks," offensive lineman Kyle Koehne said. "You could tell last week he was more comfortable sitting in the pocket and checking his reads and stuff. I

just think every week he's going to keep getting better and better."

His coaches agree. "He's just starting to see the whole picture," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "He's understanding what defenses are doing to him, how the moving parts are going to take place at the snap of the ball. (His) anticipation is much better. Before, he might have been waiting for things to happen, hoping for his receivers to get there. Now, he's seeing his receivers get open, knowing what zones they're getting into, seeing the man matchups before they actually happen."

Coach Will Muschamp said he always felt like Driskel had the potential to be successful. But proving it on the field, especially on the road in the SEC, is easier said than done.

Driskel, though, has made progress in every game this season.

Coming off the bench in the opener, he completed 10 of 16 passes for 114 yards and a touchdown. He looked uncertain at times, but settled down late and found Frankie Hammond on a 50-yard, catch-and-run play that sealed the victory. Muschamp named

Driskel the starter two days later, and the following week against the Aggies, the sophomore completed 13 of 16 for 162 yards. It wasn't all pretty, though.

Driskel was sacked eight times in that one, and the coaches blamed him for six of them. He vowed to have been pocket presence last week in Knoxville and did, completing 14 of 20 passes for 219 yards and two scores. He also ran for 81 yards in the 37-20 victory, earning the league's offensive player of the week honor.

He had several key plays, none more memorable than the 23-yard TD pass to Jordan Reed near the end of the third quarter. Driskel had two defenders in his face, but still managed to hit Reed in stride while throwing off his back foot.

"The game has slowed down for him," Muschamp said. "He's able to anticipate things more. He's able to see things more. He understands a little bit more about coverage concepts. There's so many things in the learning process of being a young player, but even more so at that position because you've got to understand how the other 10 are working on that side of the ball and also have a great understanding of what's happening on defense."

Allmendinger reinstated after NASCAR suspension

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The first phase of his comeback complete, an optimistic AJ Allmendinger is ready to get on with his life.

He's hopeful that includes another job in racing.

Allmendinger on Tuesday was reinstated by NASCAR, which said he successfully completed its rehabilita-

tion program after testing positive for a banned substance. The process took a little over two months, and Allmendinger said he learned a lot about himself while participating in the "Road to Recovery" program.

"I knew I didn't have a problem, I knew it was a one-time mistake," Allmendinger told *The Associated Press*. "I'm going to use the word 'educated' because I feel like I

was educated on a lot of things and a lot of things about myself. I just needed to get my priorities straight and my life straightened out.

"And learn to be happy as a person away from the race track," he added. "If you are not happy away from the race track, you aren't going to be happy at the race track. So much of what I was doing at the race track was dictating the person I was."

SWIM: Columbia defeats Wildcats

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first year, so I thought they did pretty well considering that," Columbia head coach Mary Kay Mathis said. "Overall, we had some of our best times and a couple of double winners. Sarah Woodfield did a very nice job for us today as well as Hannah Burns and Lindsay Lee. We have a lot of newbies this year and they're also doing a great

job." Other Columbia swimmers that finished in the top three were: Joana Mata (200 free), Randal Soltis (200 free), Aleena Fields (200 IM), Kelcey Mclean (50 free), Randal Soltis (50 free), Jordan Morrill (50 free), Brianna Pope (100 butterfly), Reilly Morse (100 freestyle), Finley (100 freestyle), Micheala

Polhamus (500 free), Silva (500 free), Courtney Britt (100 backstroke), Mata (100 backstroke), Sydney Morse (100 breaststroke), Reilly Morse (100 breaststroke) and Morrill (100 breaststroke).

Columbia travels to Ridgeview to take on the Panthers and Baker County at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Jacksonville.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Joana Mata takes a breath while competing in the 200 free on Tuesday.

CHS: Tigers overcoming adversity

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and we moved up Timothy Mallard from the junior varsity to give us depth. If we're moving guys up to the varsity, it's for a reason and that's they can help us."

Allen pointed out Drew Clark and Dugan Dotson as other players that have stepped up their involvement with the Tigers' defense.

But one player that definitely made a difference

in last week's 55-14 win against Buccholz High was Bryan Williams.

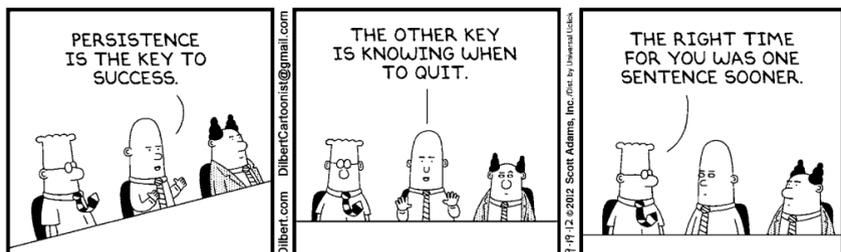
"There's no better example than Bryan Williams," Allen said. "After his performance Friday, he's only going to get better with the more snaps he takes. We made an adjustment to move Ben Kuykendall over to strong safety and he was also playing just as big."

Of course the Tigers will only get better given the added depth once players begin to return from injury.

With the 7 p.m. contest in Jacksonville on Friday and Ocala's Vanguard High to round out a four-game road stretch, the Tigers are shooting for that to happen against defending district champion Ridgeview High on Oct. 5.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program listings for Wednesday Evening, September 19, 2012. Includes programs like TV20 News, ABC World News, Entertainment Ton., Inside Edition, The Middle, Suburgatory, Modern Family, etc.

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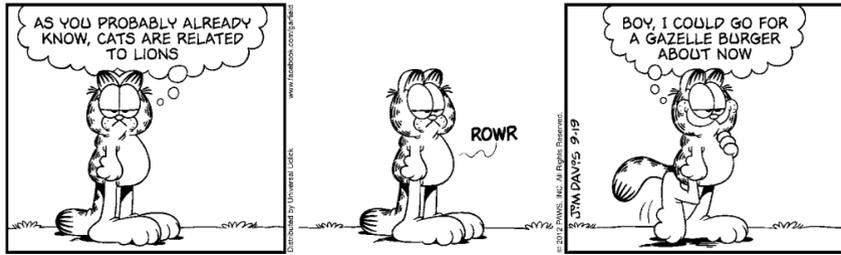
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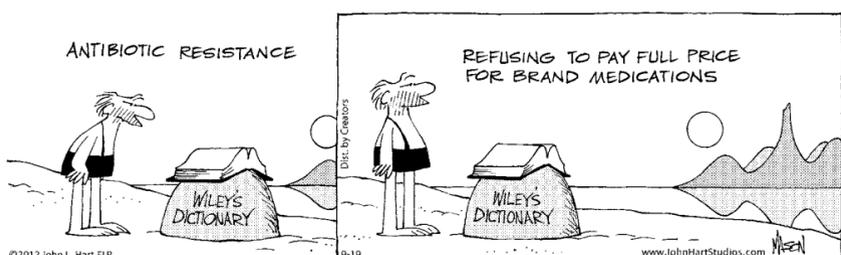
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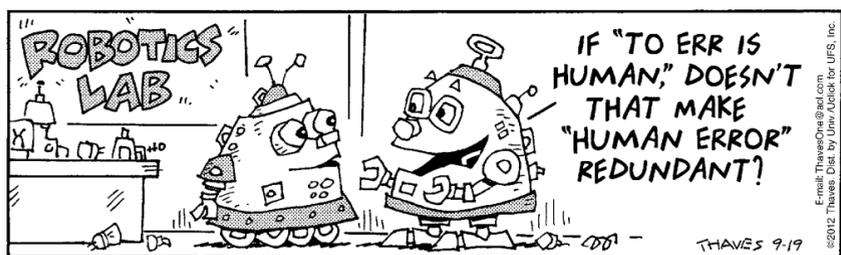
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Little-boy flasher tries to cover up his exposure



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Anissa" is 3 and has an older cousin, "Billy," on my fiance's side who is 5. Billy has been caught on several occasions showing his "manhood" to little girls, and we recently found out he took Anissa into a pop-up tent and showed her as well. This was not on my watch, because I don't feel comfortable leaving them alone together.

After I learned about the incident, I was told that Billy had done this with another cousin and told her it was a "secret" and not to tell.

Abby, as far as I know, Billy was spoken to at great length and reprimanded after the first few occurrences, but he continues to do this, it seems, at every opportunity he gets.

Is this normal behavior for boys? I think the parents are burying their heads in the sand. They get defensive when the subject is brought up. Personally, all I can do is keep Anissa within arm's reach when Billy is around. What do you think? - NOT ON MY WATCH

DEAR NOT: I think that's intelligent. Although children are naturally curious when they learn there's a difference

ing? Most of these women were strangers, but I couldn't think of tactful wording even when it happened to a friend. - JUST TRYING TO HELP

DEAR JUST TRYING: If it's a friend, say, "Honey, I can see the pattern of your underwear through your slacks," and it will probably be appreciated. However, if it's a stranger, keep your comment to yourself because it probably won't be.

DEAR ABBY: My late partner and I had matching wedding rings, as we had a civil marriage. Since my partner's death, I have met someone else. We have become a couple and also want to have a civil same-sex marriage.

Do you think it would be wrong to use the same wedding rings I had with my first partner? I'm not sure how I feel about it and need some input. - ALLEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR ALLEN: Far more important than what I think about it is what your significant other thinks. Personally, I would "retire" the rings from your former marriage and start with new ones.

DEAR ABBY: I need your assistance resolving an awkward situation. I have noticed other women experiencing "wardrobe malfunctions." In each instance, they were otherwise tastefully dressed but seemingly unaware of the sheerness of their clothing. For example, one was wearing white slacks through which the patterned fabric of her underwear could be seen clearly.

Is there a polite way to alert them of the problem, or is it better to say nothing?

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD
Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Discretion and moderation will help you stick to your goals. Find a creative way to do something for less and you will not only feel satisfied, but also make an impression on someone who can help you get ahead in the future. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Reconsider sharing a secret. It's important to protect your ideas from someone who has the potential to revise what you've done and take credit for your hard work. A personal situation mustn't be allowed to cloud your vision. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take time to fix up your digs or to improve your relationship with someone you care about. Talks will lead to solutions, and sharing your plans will help you move things along much faster and more efficiently. Avoid parting with your cash. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let temptation lead you down the wrong path. Think matters through to the end before you make a change that is irreversible. A physical or emotional problem will develop if you don't take care of personal responsibilities. Stick to the truth. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Don't expect anything from anyone and you won't be disappointed. Someone you deal with daily will be impatient and cause problems for you. A change of location or routine will help you see personal issues clearer. Avoid confrontations. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Interact with people from different backgrounds or those who can offer a different perspective on a situation you face. A personal problem will develop if you don't take care of pressing matters quickly. A past incident will come back to haunt you. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remember the past before you delve into a situation that possesses a similar consequence. Open talks will help you avoid problems when you execute your plans. Love and romance are highlighted and will enhance your life and things you do. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be emotional and must find a way to channel your energy into a creative project that will temper jealousy or resentment. There is no chance to win if you are busy being revengeful. Your success is your best

recourse. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid secrets and excessive behavior. Protect what you have and go after what you want with knowledge, wisdom and truth. Changes you make at home will improve your personal life and the relationships you have with those you love. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let money issues come between you and a friend. Discuss matters openly in order to maintain equality. Disagreements will lead to disappointments and won't resolve pending problems. Solutions will only come through responsible actions. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a wait-and-see approach when dealing with others or picking up skills that can help you advance. Everyone deserves a chance to express an opinion. A moneymaking investment or project will help ease financial stress. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Gear up and get ready to make headway. Focus on contracts, agreements and pending legal problems. Make your move and you will gain back some of the losses you experienced in the past. Push someone who can influence your options. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "All children alarm their parents, if only because you are forever expecting to encounter yourself." — Gore Vidal

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Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COLUMBIA, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION, File No. 12-203-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM WESLEY WORKS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of William Wesley Works, deceased, whose date of death was July 2, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 7903, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is September 12, 2012.
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September 12, 19, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2012-86-CA
TD BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
FIRST KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.,
Defendant.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the real property located in Columbia County, Florida described as follows:
Lot 1 of West Meadows Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 208, Public records of Columbia County, Florida.

shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure rendered in the above styled action dated September 4, 2012, at the Columbia County Courthouse, in Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, to the best and highest bidder for cash.
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WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 4th day of September, 2012.

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Defendants.
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September 12, 19, 2012

REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAMES

We the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of SCRUBBIN BUBBLEZ CLEANING SERVICE, P.O. BOX 3781, LAKE CITY, FL 32056
Contact Phone Number: (386) 590-2897 and the extent of the interest of each, is as follows:

Name: CRYSTAL WILLIAMS
Extent of Interest: 100%
by:/s/ CRYSTAL WILLIAMS
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of September, A.D. 2012.
by:/s/ DEBORAH E. BLACKWELL

05534904
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAMES

We the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of BABY QT QUILTZ, 210 SW AINSLEY GLEN, LAKE CITY, FL 32024
Contact Phone Number: (386) 243-8293 and the extent of the interest of each, is as follows:

Name: KELLIE REEVES
Extent of Interest: 100%
by:/s/ KELLIE REEVES
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September, A.D. 2012.
by:/s/ KATHLEEN A. RIOTTO

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Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 11-419-CA
TD BANK, N.A., as successor by merger with Carolina First Bank, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank, as successor by merger with CNB National Bank,
Plaintiff,

vs.
STEVEN K. STAFFORD, JR., et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 5/17/2012 entered in Civil Case No. 11-419-CA of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A., is Plaintiff, and STEVEN K. STAFFORD, JR.; et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Columbia County Courthouse 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Courtroom 1, Lake City, Columbia County, Florida at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 24TH day of October, 2012 the following described properties as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Parcel 1
Begin at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 16 East, Columbia County, Florida and run thence North 01°22'56" East along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section 25, 625.47 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad; thence North 87°43'33" West along said South right of way line 404.73 feet; thence South 00°45'00" East, 658.99 feet to a point on the South line of the northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 25; thence North 87°33'00" East, along said South line, 411.52 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Parcel 1 Street address: 4 Coleman Lane, Lake City, Florida 32025
Parcel 2

A part of the Lot 27 of "Brady Park" an unrecorded plat in Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 16 East, Columbia County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 25, and run thence South 87°33'00" West along the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 25, 67.19 feet; thence South 01°07'20" East, 21.56 feet; thence North 77°47'28" East, 68.45 feet to a point on the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 25; thence North 01°07'19" West along said West line, 9.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2 Street address: 371 NW Brady Circle, Lake City, Florida 32025
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. DATED this 21th day of August, 2012.
P. DeWITT CASON
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: B. Scippio
Deputy Clerk
Daniel S. Mandel, Esq.
DANIEL S. MANDEL, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2700 N. Military Trail, Ste. 355
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Tel: (561) 826-1740
Fax: (561) 826-1741

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September 12, 19, 2012

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

TO: Brian A. Seamer
Case No: 201201003
A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.

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September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

TO: Dale L. Williams
Case No: 201202656
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September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 12-193-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF RUBEN HOWARD THOMAS, III, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of RUBEN HOWARD THOMAS, III, deceased, whose date of death was March 18, 2012; File Number 12-193-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: September 12, 2012
Personal Representative:
/s/ Paula Terrell Thomas
PAULA TERRELL THOMAS
173 NW Maxmore Drive
Lake City, Florida 32055
Attorneys for Personal Representative:
FEAGLE & FEAGLE, ATTORNEYS, P.A.
/s/ Mark E. Feagle
MARK E. FEAGLE
Florida Bar No. 0576905
153 NE Madison Street
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Lake City, Florida 32056-1653
386/752-7191
386/758-0950

05534729
September 12, 19, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP-2012-01

Sealed proposals will be accepted by the City of Live Oak, Florida, 101 S.E. White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 until September 28, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. for:
AUDIT SERVICES
RFP documents may be viewed on the City website <http://www.cityofliveoak.org>; or by contacting [jgill](mailto:jgill@liveoak.org) or by phone (386) 362-2276.

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September 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2012

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Older drivers face confusing array of license laws

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With limited transportation options, hanging up the car keys for good is a huge loss of independence for area seniors. Across the county, older drivers face varying license laws.

"It's very hard on them," said Carol Shanklin, public relations representative for Columbia County Senior Services.

While Senior Services provides transportation to the Lifestyle Enrichment Centers, shopping areas and medical appointments, the ability to drive where and when you want is a mark of independence, she said.

Giving up driving is a dreaded decision that ranks among moving to an assisted living center, Shanklin said.

More older drivers are on the road than ever before, and an Associated Press review found they face a hodgepodge of state licensing rules that reflect scientific uncertainty and public angst over a growing question: How can we tell if it's time to give up the keys?

Thirty states plus the

District of Columbia have some sort of older-age requirement for driver's licenses, ranging from more vision testing to making seniors renew their licenses more frequently than younger people. At what age? That's literally all over the map. Maryland starts eye exams at 40. Shorter license renewals kick in anywhere from age 59 in Georgia to 85 in Texas.

The issue attracted new attention when a 100-year-old driver backed over a group of schoolchildren in Los Angeles late last month. That's a rarity, but with an imminent surge in senior drivers, the federal government is proposing that all states take steps to address what the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration calls "the real and growing problem of older driver safety."

Here's the conundrum: "Birthdays don't kill. Health conditions do," said Joseph Coughlin, head of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab, which develops technologies to help older people stay active.

Healthy older drivers aren't necessarily less safe than younger ones, Coughlin points out. But many older people have health issues that

can impair driving, from arthritis to dementia, from slower reflexes to the use of multiple medications. There's no easy screening tool that licensing authorities can use to spot people with subtle health risks. So some states use birthdays as a proxy for more scrutiny instead.

Senior driving is a more complicated issue than headline-grabbing tragedies might suggest. Older drivers don't crash as often as younger ones. But they also drive less. About 60 percent of seniors voluntarily cut back, avoiding nighttime driving or interstates or bad weather, said David Eby of the University of Michigan's Center for Advancing Safe Transportation throughout the Lifespan.

Measure by miles driven, however, and the crash rate of older drivers begins to climb in the 70s, with a sharper jump at age 80, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Only teens and 20-somethings do worse.

That rising risk reflects the challenge for families as they try to help older loved ones stay safe but still get around for as long as possible, which itself is

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Sandy and Jerry Wiseman pose in the driveway with one of their two cars, in Schaumburg, Ill. Jerry Wiseman and his wife, Sandy, took refresher driving classes to help them stay safe behind the wheel for many more years. More older drivers are on the road, and they face a hodgepodge of state licensing rules that reflect scientific uncertainty and public angst over a growing question: How can we tell if it's time to give up the keys?



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This undated image released by CMT shows Kitten Dowden (left) and Gerald Dowden from the CMT series "Bayou Billionaires." Few states can boast more reality shows than Louisiana, and the state's specialty appears to be rough-hewn, blue-collar types.

La. boasts many Southern-focused reality shows

By STACEY PLAISANCE
Associated Press

NEWORLEANS—Cable networks are featuring a growing list of reality shows with outrageous characters who play up Southern stereotypes, but few states can boast more programs than Louisiana and its reputation for rough-hewn, blue-collar casts.

Georgia has Alana Thompson, the 7-year-old beauty pageant regular who stars in TLC's "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo." Alabama has "Rocket City Rednecks" who make moonshine-fueled rockets for fun in the National Geographic Channel series, and Florida is the site of A&E's "Lady

Hoggers," about women who wrestle and hunt wild boars.

But Louisiana is home to a number of programs. Besides the alligator-wrangling Cajuns on History's "Swamp People," the bayou state now has a series about men who trap swamp rodents on Spike TV's "Rat Bastards" — the second "A" is replaced by an asterisk in the show's logo — and another about a family of duck-hunters who earn a living making duck calls and decoys on A&E's "Duck Dynasty."

"It's a bastion of colorful, larger-than-life characters that are authentic, unfiltered and live by their own rules," said Eliot

Goldberg, executive producer of CMT's "Bayou Billionaires," which premiered its second season Saturday.

Goldberg, who is also CMT's senior vice president for development and original programming, said the network's two highest-rated TV series — "Bayou Billionaires" and "My Big Redneck Vacation" — are both filmed in Louisiana.

The reason for Louisiana's popularity is two-fold: Networks can take advantage of the state's generous TV and film tax credit program and tap into a rich and colorful culture, said Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne,

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Complaints about automated calls up

By JENNIFER C. KERR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — So much for silence from telemarketers at the cherished dinner hour, or any other hour of the day.

Complaints to the government are up sharply about unwanted phone solicitations, raising questions about how well the federal "do-not-call" registry is working. The biggest category of complaint: those annoying prerecorded pitches called robocalls that hawk everything from lower credit card interest rates to new windows for your home.

Robert Madison, 43, of Shawnee, Kan., says he gets automated calls almost daily from "Ann, with credit services," offering to lower his interest rates.

"I am completely fed up," Madison said in an interview. "I've repeatedly asked them to take me off their call list." When he challenges their right to call, the solicitors become combative, he said.

Madison, who works for a software company, says his phone number has been on the do-not-call list for years. Since he hasn't made any progress getting "Ann" to stop calling, Madison has started to file complaints about her to the Federal Trade Commission, which oversees the list.

Amid fanfare from consumer advocates, the federal do-not-call list was put in place nearly a decade

ago as a tool to limit telemarketing sales calls to people who didn't want to be bothered. The registry has more than 209 million phone numbers on it. That's a significant chunk of the country, considering that there are about 84 million residential customers with traditional landline phones and plenty more people with cellphone numbers, which can also be placed on the list.

Telemarketers are supposed to check the list at least every 31 days for numbers they can't call. But some are calling anyway, and complaints about phone pitches are climbing even as the number of telemarketers checking the registry has dropped dramatically.

Government figures show monthly robocall complaints have climbed from about 65,000 in October 2010 to more than 212,000 this April. More general complaints from people asking a telemarketer to stop calling them also rose during that period, from about 71,000 to 182,000.

At the same time, fewer telemarketers are checking the FTC list to see which numbers are off limits. In 2007, more than 65,000 telemarketers checked the list. Last year, only about 34,000 did so.

Despite those numbers, the FTC says the registry is doing an effective job fighting unwanted sales calls.

"It's absolutely working,"

Lois Greisman, associate director of the agency's marketing practices division, said in an interview with The Associated Press. But, she said, "the proliferation of robocalls creates a challenge for us."

Greisman said prerecorded messages weren't used as a major marketing tool in 2003, when the registry began. "In part because of technology and in part because of greater competitiveness in the marketplace, they have become the marketing vehicle of choice for fraudsters," she said.

For people trying to scam people out of their money, it's an attractive option.

With an autodialer, millions of calls can be blasted out in a matter of hours, bombarding people in a struggling economy with promises of debt assistance and cheap loans. Even if a consumer does not have a phone number on the do-not-call list, robocalls are illegal. A 2009 rule specifically banned this type of phone sales pitch unless a consumer has given written permission to a company to call.

Political robocalls and automated calls from charities, or informational robocalls, such as an airline calling about a flight delay, are exempt from the ban.

But those exemptions are being abused, too, with consumers complaining of getting calls that begin as a legitimate call, say from a charity or survey.

Woman once feared swimming, now instructor

By HELENA OLIVIERO

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Donna McIntosh spends so much time at the hotel pool, some of her younger students think she lives there.

McIntosh teaches lessons at the Holiday Inn Express in Alpharetta every day but Sunday. She keeps a purple suitcase with her, in case she's too tired to drive home after a long day of classes.

Her life revolves around swimming. She's the former director of the Dynamo swim school in Chamblee, one of the nation's premier swimming clubs. One of her former students made it to the Olympic trials this year. Through the years, she guesses there have been others. Two of her three children are swimming instructors.

With a wet auburn ponytail, and towel draped over her petite frame, the blue-eyed woman from Cumming calls pools her "happy place."

But getting to this place followed terrifying moments in water, and in life.

Few people know that McIntosh, a leader in the Atlanta swimming community, almost drowned as a teenager in rural Mississippi, sinking to the bottom of a muddy stream. A relative saved her life, but the panic took hold of her young life and nearly wouldn't let go.

For most of her early life, she was so afraid of the water that she had difficulty showering.

Some people fear the edge of a cliff or the confines of an elevator. For McIntosh, it was anything to do with water. Even now, panic can set in if a student in the pool playfully pushes her head beneath the surface.

McIntosh learned to swim at age 35. The fear of water and the panic she experienced around it became her personal Everest. After years of running away, she resolved to conquer the fear that had defined her life for nearly 20 years.

She never could have imagined how successful she would be, and how facing the thing that frightened her the most would change her life — and even save her marriage.

McIntosh grew up poor in rural Mississippi. McIntosh's father died when she was just 7 years old. Her house didn't have running water or even a bathroom. Still, her mother, who only completed the ninth grade, raised her daughters to believe they could do just about anything — including play basketball and go to college.

At the same time, McIntosh's mother taught her daughters to avoid bodies of water. She couldn't swim, and she repeated the warnings often: Don't go in the water. It's dangerous. You can't swim.

"All I learned about swimming was to be afraid," McIntosh said.

But one sticky summer day, McIntosh couldn't resist a cool dip in a nearby creek.

She was 15 and fearless. She wouldn't push it. She'd get her feet wet, maybe let the water reach her waist.

As she stood on the edge of a Mississippi creek, so inviting with its promise of relief from the heat, she didn't hesitate: She stepped in.

And slipped.

The creek closed over her head.

Lying motionless within arm's length of the creek's edge, she could have reached dry land and pulled herself out. But she didn't. She froze. Her body sunk deeper.

She barely moved as she surfaced for a moment.

McIntosh held her

breath, and went under the water again. Darkness surrounded her. I am dying, she thought.

McIntosh's brother-in-law, Ricky Craft, a capable swimmer, was in the water a short distance away when he noticed McIntosh was in trouble.

"I was trying to help her and the water was over my head; and as I tried to help her, I felt like I was getting in trouble myself," said Craft, some 40 years after the incident. "And then, I somehow managed to get underneath her and, it was almost an accident, but she was almost sitting on my shoulder, and I was able to get my feet down and push her out of the water."

McIntosh gasped for air. She was alive.

Most people can survive only about two or three minutes of submersion. Drowning can happen very quickly. Without the constant flow of oxygen, people can lose consciousness, suffer brain damage — and die.

McIntosh was OK physically. But mentally?

Not long after Donna McIntosh married her husband, Michael, in 1978, they stayed at a hotel with a pool.

Michael McIntosh was surprised his wife didn't just dive in. His wife's reluctance didn't seem to fit her feisty, high-energy personality. Though small in stature, she played basketball in college and preferred to play pickup games with men. She spoke her mind. She loved hiking and zip-lining and even mused about skydiving.

McIntosh thought he could teach his wife to swim. He moved his arms, kicked his legs and coaxed her to come in.

"I couldn't move," said McIntosh. "I wanted to slap him."

Her husband soon realized he was ill-equipped to teach his bride to swim.

"I just thought you just jumped in and no big deal," he said. "I didn't appreciate what was going on in her head and in her heart."

McIntosh hurried out of the water, her phobia unabated.

When Christopher, her first son, was born McIntosh developed yet another anxiety: would she transfer her fear of the water to him? Would he live his life afraid of stepping into a swimming pool, or even taking a bath?

Whatever her own anxieties, McIntosh wanted to break the cycle in her family.

She wouldn't tell her children about her near-drowning experience or about her water phobia.

Her children, she was sure of it, would learn to swim.

But she wasn't sure about herself.

A fear overcome, a life unexpected

Every year, about 3,500 people (or about 10 a day), drown in the United States, according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Drownings are the leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4. And for every child who drowns, another five receive emergency care for a near drowning, with many of these youngsters facing severe brain damage; some remain in a permanent vegetative state.

If a parent does not know how to swim, there is only a 13 percent chance that a child in that household will learn how to swim, according to one study.

McIntosh signed up Christopher for swim lessons when he was 3 years old at a friend's day care in Lilburn.

At the pool, McIntosh stood behind the fence to watch the supervised lesson unfold.

And then she watched in horror as her son, fully-clothed, was tossed in the pool. He thrashed about.

"They threw my baby in the water," she said. "I couldn't believe it. It was so terrible. I was standing behind a fence that seemed 10 feet high and I couldn't get to my baby."

McIntosh didn't realize her son was enrolled in a "water-survival program."

Her son made it to the other side. But not without leaving him with a new fear of water.

A couple years later, when Christopher started kindergarten, McIntosh decided to try swimming lessons again.

But this time, she took the lead.

"I thought to myself: 'How can I expect him to get in the water at 5 if I can't at 35?'" said McIntosh.

When McIntosh spotted a swim school on her way home from school in Lilburn, she decided it was time.

She called the swim school and enrolled in twice-weekly private lessons.

"I just thought, I have to bite the bullet and do this," she said. "And once I make up mind to do something, I just do it."

"I was just petrified that the instructor would not be able to keep me from drowning," she said.

McIntosh's swimming instructor, Henry Morrow, has taught thousands of people of all ages to swim. He remembers McIntosh well.

"She was scared to death," said Morrow, who is now a swim coach in Kansas City, Kan., in a recent interview.

Morrow knew the only way he could get McIntosh to swim was to get her to relax. It was a gradual process. First, he got her comfortable in the water, beginning with her feet and working up to her waist.



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Donna McIntosh (rear) gives swimming lessons to Sheetal Bhatt at the indoor swimming pool of a Holiday Inn Express in Alpharetta, Ga.

"She kept coming back," he said. "Even though she was scared to death. It was something she kept trying and something she would learn to do. At first, she needed somebody to hold her because of her fear and gradually I pulled away, and it's something she got a feel for, like riding a bike."

In the pool, McIntosh learned she could contain her fear. She liked that the water was clear and that she could see the bottom. When she swam freestyle, she started in the deep end and swam to the shallow end, knowing if she got tired and needed a break, she'd be able to stand up in the water.

She floated on her back. She learned the breast stroke and then the butterfly. She took lessons for close to a year.

Her children joined swim teams at Dynamo Swim School. She was there so much, she took a job as a part-time receptionist.

McIntosh finds her place as a teacher

The job at Dynamo assumed greater urgency after her husband, Michael McIntosh, who had long suffered from depression, started to come undone in 1998.

A computer programmer with his own consulting firm, he'd travel out of state on assignments for weeks.

Donna McIntosh, who was home-schooling her kids, couldn't reach her husband for days at a time. On multiple occasions, she had to travel to Mississippi and found him holed up in motels. He was getting nothing done, his mental state shifting wildly from the highs of mania to profound hopelessness.

Her family faced losing everything — including their house.

So in 1998, she approached her boss about teaching lessons.

She had long taken advantage of her time at the pools. She'd shadowed swim instructors. She

became a certified life-guard and had read every manual she could find.

Still, she was nervous about teaching others to swim. But she needed the money.

"From the very first day of teaching lessons, I felt like I had found my place," said McIntosh who briefly taught science after college. "I felt like I had come home and I was doing what was meant to be."

Gradually, she came to view the pool water not as something to be tolerated, but as something that made her feel good. She loved the feeling of buoyancy and weightlessness in the water.

She also loved the focus teaching swim lessons required. It allowed her to lock into something positive, while her husband struggled with mental illness.

She also had a career, a way to support her and her children. In 2000, McIntosh became the director of Dynamo's swim school.

"All my life, I believe God puts things in our life to help us grow, or survive," she said. "I am not sure I could have made it without swimming. I would have survived for my kids, but I would not have been the best mother without swimming."

Her husband was eventually diagnosed with bipolar disorder and now takes medication for his condition.

McIntosh left Dynamo six years ago and now runs Swim with Donna Swim School. Many of her clients come to her to face their own fear of the water, while learning how to swim.

McIntosh has learned that the deepest fears never go away entirely. To this day, McIntosh herself remains averse to swimming in water that is dark or murky, such as lakes, the oceans — even the muddy streams of her childhood.

At the hotel pool in Alpharetta where she

conducts her lessons, McIntosh tosses toys and dolls to make lessons fun for her younger students.

She places orange sea creatures at the bottom of the pool to help remind children to take breaths while swimming freestyle. She pokes holes in pails and creates a waterfall effect to get kids comfortable with the sensation of water before getting them to put their heads under water.

McIntosh's son, Andrew, recently turned to his mother for help teaching swimming lessons to a child with autism. The child was particularly averse to water getting in his ears, so he took it slow, singing songs, blowing bubbles. Before long, the child was enjoying the water and learning to swim.

"He now does backflips in the water," he said.

McIntosh has also developed a special connection with adults who are afraid of the water and come to her later in life to learn how to swim.

Cherie Anderson, 51, had been fearful of water since she was 7. She resolved to overcome her fear in part so that she could enjoy water activities with her husband.

With nine lessons under her belt, Anderson has mastered getting in the water, floating on her back, and she's learning how to freestyle. She said it's a lot to focus on — kicking legs, taking breaths, turning her head. And she's trying to have a sense of humor about it.

McIntosh, now 59, is sometimes moved to tears when she talks about her students learning to swim.

And on a recent afternoon, she looked at the shimmering clear waters of a chlorinated pool, and smiled.

She has turned her greatest fear into an enduring source of comfort. As she slips into the water, she pauses and says, "It's like my cocoon."

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Orangutan's cancer treatment similar to humans

BY SUZETTE LABOY
Associated Press

MIAMI — Peanut is an 8-year-old orangutan and a star attraction at Miami's Jungle Island. These days she's also got a team of cancer doctors huddling around her, watching as the chemo drip flows into her veins.

Peanut, who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, is not the first great ape to be treated for cancer like a human. An orangutan with advanced stage cancer at the National Zoo in Washington had surgery to remove a cancerous intestinal tumor in 2000. In 2009, two female gorillas at the North Carolina Zoo underwent radiation therapy. All three cases involved much older apes, in their 30s or 40s, and all had to be euthanized.

But while other animals are treated with chemotherapy, it's not common among orangutans.

Dr. Ryan DeVoe, senior veterinarian at the North Carolina Zoo where the two female gorillas lived, said he has found no record of other great apes being treated with chemo. But he also noted that many cases involving great apes with cancer are not reported or documented.

DeVoe said another unique aspect of Peanut's case is that, unlike the older apes, she has age on her side for either being cured or at least experi-

encing remission and living normally and comfortably for a long period of time.

The orangutan has been undergoing chemotherapy to treat the aggressive lymphoma since August.

Peanut's diagnosis came by chance when her veterinary team found she had an intestinal obstruction and further testing revealed the cancer. The private zoo had no board certified veterinary oncologist on staff and turned to the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. A team there, along with UM's Division of Comparative Pathology, which specializes in wildlife, confirmed the diagnosis and is now providing guidance for Peanut's treatment.

"I've never had the same combination of fear and enthusiasm in one patient before," said Dr. Joseph Rosenblatt, one of the doctors treating Peanut. "We don't know what to expect and yet we're intensely curious and potentially hopeful that we can help the animal."

Working on an orangutan is a first for Rosenblatt, who has never worked on an animal larger than a mouse.

"When the animal looks at you in the eye, it's both a sympathetic as well as a look that radiates intelligence," he said.

Peanut has a fraternal twin named Pumpkin, a rarity in the animal kingdom.



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Jungle Island volunteer Linda Jacobs comforts Peanut, one of the orangutans from a private zoo, as she is treated with R-CHOP therapy, a combination of drugs used in chemotherapy to treat her aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma in Miami. Human medical specialists are treading new ground in applying a standard chemotherapy regimen to treat cancer in an orangutan. Orangutans share about 96 percent of a human's genetic makeup, and Peanut's treatment plan is closer to that of what a human would receive for the same type of cancer, making this the first documented case of an orangutan being treated with this type of therapy.

They are the youngest of six orangutans at Jungle Island and a hit with park visitors. Both are highly intelligent and have been taught to use sign language and an iPad to communicate with their trainers, but

they have distinct personalities. Peanut is welcoming and demanding, offering her doctor a twig in return for his water bottle. Pumpkin is quiet and her hair hangs low over her forehead. Pumpkin has not been diagnosed with the disease.

Rosenblatt said doctors chose a plan for treatment that has been most effective in humans, adding that they are treating Peanut's lymphoma with slightly reduced doses in an effort not to overshoot. The process that might take four to five hours in a human takes about three hours in Peanut, who will get six doses — 21 days apart — unless her body can't handle it.

Peanut's doctors caution against raising expectations about her future and how effective the treatments will be.

"They work very well in human beings, but we don't know if they will work as well in this setting," Rosenblatt said.

Unlike humans, Peanut must be sedated for her treatments at an animal clinic in Miami. And although doctors know anesthesia causes nausea in animals, it is not clear if that or the chemo caused Peanut to vomit after her first treatment. She stays indoors out of sight of park visitors soon after the treatments and comes outside into an enclosure only when she feels up to it.

Her caretakers say explaining cancer to a human is difficult, but explaining it to a highly intelligent animal such as Peanut who communicates with her trainers and park visitors is nearly impossible.

"That is one part of cancer we do not have to deal with," said veterinarian Jason Chatfield, Jungle Island's general curator. "We made it a point not to even talk about the cancer in front of her because she may not comprehend cancer, disease, lymphoma and all these fancy words. She absolutely knows something is wrong, something is different with her." He said the team wants to keep a positive attitude around her.

Born in captivity, Peanut and Pumpkin came to the zoo when they were 6 months old.

"I have been with her since she was born," said Linda Jacobs, Peanut's trainer, holding back tears. "So I really am very sensitive to her needs and her moods."

Jacobs said Peanut is fatigued but hasn't lost much of her reddish-orange hair "and she still has that twinkle in her eye."

Despite possible complications and an uncertain outcome, Rosenblatt said Peanut is still a model patient "and God willing, she will be a cancer survivor."

DRIVING: More older drivers on the road than ever before

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important for health.

The good news: Fatal crashes involving seniors have dropped over the past decade, perhaps because cars and roads are safer or they're staying a bit healthier, said the Insurance Institute's Anne McCartt. Yet the oldest drivers, those 85 and up, still have the highest rate of deadly crashes per mile, even more than teens. And more often than not, they're the victims, largely because they're too frail to survive their injuries.

And seniors are about to transform the nation's roadways. Today, nearly 34 million drivers are 65 or older. By 2030, federal estimates show there will be about 57 million — making up about a quarter of all licensed drivers. The baby boomers in particular are expected to hang onto their licenses longer, and drive more miles, than previous generations.

Jerry Wiseman notices it's harder to turn and check his car's blind spots at age 69 than it was at 50. So the Illinois man and his wife took a refresher driving course, hunting tips to stay safe behind the wheel for many more years — a good idea considering their state has arguably the nation's toughest older-driver laws.

Specialists say more seniors need to be planning ahead like Wiseman and his wife Sandy.

"Absolutely we want to be as good drivers as we can possibly be for as long as we can," said Wiseman, of Schaumburg, Ill.

At an AARP course, Wiseman learned exercises to improve his flexibility for checking those blind spots. He takes extra care with left-hand turns, which become riskier as the ability to judge speed and distance wanes with age. He knows to watch for other changes.

"We'll be ready when it's time for one of us to stop," he said.

Where you live determines what extra requirements, if any, older adults must meet to keep their driver's license.

Among the most strict rules: Illinois requires a road test to check driving skills with every license renewal starting at age 75 — and starting at age 81, those renewals are required every two years instead of every four. At 87, Illinois drivers must renew annually.

In Washington, D.C., starting at age 70, drivers must bring a doctor's certification that they're still OK to drive every time they renew their license.

In senior-filled Florida, 80-year-olds renew their licenses every six years instead of every eight, with a vision check each time. New Mexico requires annual renewals

at 75.

Geographic variability makes little sense, said Jake Nelson, AAA's director of traffic safety advocacy and research. "Either I'm safe to drive or I'm not. Where I live shouldn't matter," he said.

Yet when Iowa drivers turn 70, they must renew their license every two years instead of every five. Neighboring Missouri lets the 70-year-olds renew every three years instead of every six.

Some states introduce age requirements after high-profile accidents. Massachusetts now requires drivers to start renewing licenses in person at age 75, with proof of an eye exam. The change came after an 88-year-old driver struck and killed a 4-year-old crossing a suburban Boston street in 2009.

This summer, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposed a national guideline for older driver safety that, if finalized, would push states to become more consistent. Among the recommendations: Every state needs a program to improve older driver safety; doctors should be protected from lawsuits if they report a possibly unsafe driver; and driver's licenses should be renewed in person after a certain age, tailored to each state's crash data.

Still, many states say their main focus should be on inexperienced teen drivers and problems such as texting behind the wheel.

"Teens are risk takers. Our older drivers are risk avoiders," said Alabama state Rep. Jim McClendon. Alabama drivers renew licenses every four years, with no older age requirements.

New Hampshire last year stopped requiring road tests when 75-year-olds renewed their licenses. The law was repealed after an 86-year-old legislator called it discriminatory.

It's not the only state worrying about age discrimination.

"You don't want to go around and say, 'This person is 85. We've got to take them off the road.' That wouldn't be fair," said Assemblyman David Gantt of New York, where licenses last for eight years.

On the other side is the family of a Baltimore college student who died last year after being run over by an 83-year-old driver who turned into his bike lane. Maryland next month begins issuing licenses that last longer — eight years instead of five — despite an emotional appeal from the mother of Nathan Krasnopoler that that's too long for the oldest drivers.

"You should be looking at your drivers to be sure they're able to safely drive. There's plenty of

research that as we age, things do change and we may not be aware of those changes," said Susan Cohen, who now is urging Maryland officials to study adding some form of competency screening, in addition to the required eye exams, to license renewals.

"Do we have to lose a 20-year-old with an incredible future ahead of him in order to determine that this particular driver shouldn't be driving?" she asked.

Traffic challenges change for older drivers, who are less likely than younger ones to be in crashes involving alcohol or speeding. Instead, they have more trouble with intersections, making left turns, and changing lanes or merging, because of gradual declines in vision, reaction times and other abilities, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Scientists are hunting screening tests to check for such things as early warning signs of cognitive problems that might signal who's more at risk. But such screenings are a long way from the local license office. In a closely watched pilot project, California tried a three-step screening process to detect drivers who might need a road test before getting their licenses renewed — but it didn't reduce crashes, sending researchers back to the drawing board.

Today, AAA's Nelson said in-person renewals are "the single most effective thing states can do to improve safety."

That's because workers in the driver's license office can be trained to look for signs of confusion or trouble walking as people come in — two big clues that they may have trouble behind the wheel — and refer those drivers for a road test or a medical exam to see if there's really a problem.

Virginia, for example, lets even the oldest drivers hold a license for eight years, but starting at 80 they must renew in person and pass an eye test. California has five-year renewals, and starting at 70 they must be in-person with both a written test and eye check.

Those eye tests can make a difference. A study found highway deaths among Florida's older drivers dropped 17 percent after the vision test was mandated in 2003.

How long between renewals is best? There's no scientific consensus, but Nelson recommends every four to six years.

Another big key: Programs that make it easy for doctors, police and family members to alert licensing officials to possibly unsafe drivers of any age, so the experts can investigate. But in states that don't

allow confidential reporting, families in particular hesitate in fear of backlash if upset relatives learn who turned them in.

Utah adopted confidential reporting in 2008 "to encourage more people to report problematic drivers without the risk of retaliation of repercussion," said Chris Caras of Utah's Department of Public Safety.

Nor should the question be only whether someone should drive or not: Iowa is leading a growing number of states that customize license restrictions to allow people to stay on the road under certain conditions. People with early-stage Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, for instance, may qualify for a one-year license; people with other health conditions may be allowed to drive only during the day or within a few miles of home.

In California, older drivers who fail a regular road test sometimes get a re-test on familiar neighborhood roads to qualify for a restricted license. State traffic researchers expect demand for that option to grow, and are preparing to study if that tailored testing really assures safety.

Meanwhile, how can people tell how they do on the road?

—The University of Michigan developed an online self-test to help drivers detect safety changes: <http://um-saferdriving.org/>.

—AAA and AARP offer websites with similar tools and links to driving courses: <http://seniordriving.aaa.com/> and http://www.aarp.org/home-garden/transportation/driver_safety/

But ultimately, "the only way you can assess any driver at any age is to sit in the seat next to them and watch them drive," said Coughlin.

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who sponsored the 2002 bill granting tax credits for television and film production in Louisiana. Four new shows launched this year alone.

While some say the programs sensationalize Southern culture for entertainment, others maintain the shows are all in good fun.

"Why be offended?" said "Bayou Billionaires" star Gerald Dowden, who said he takes it as a compliment when his show is compared to a modern-day "Beverly Hillbillies." It centers on a working middle-class Louisiana family — Dowden, his wife, Kitten, and their extended family — that comes into money after discovering their home sits on top of the Haynesville Shale.

Dowden said he has no hang-ups about why he's on TV: "We talk slow. We smile a lot, and we just enjoy life. That's why people like us."

Other shows have not been well-received or have run into trouble off-camera.

A&E's "Cajun Justice" followed Terrebonne Parish sheriff's deputies in south Louisiana, but the department's new sheriff refused to sign on for a second season.

"It was a joke," said Sheriff Jerry Larpenter, who was not sheriff when "Cajun Justice" was filmed. He said he was disappointed with the results that aired this summer. "It was ridiculous and a horrible insult to the people of south Louisiana."

William "Billy" Bretherton, star of the A&E show "Billy the Exterminator," and his wife, Mary, were arrested in June on drug possession charges. The Brethertons have pleaded not guilty. The show, which follows Bretherton as he eradicates roaches, mice, snakes and other pests from Louisiana homes and businesses, remains on the air.

Still, new shows keep coming.

"Big Easy Justice" premiered in April on Spike TV, featuring a bounty hunter known as "Tat-2" who tracks New Orleans criminals. "Rat Bastards" debuted in July, also on Spike TV, and follows a group of men who hunt nutria.



Bright foliage expected after disappointing 2011

By LISA RATHKE
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MONTPELIER, Vt. — An optimistic forecast has inn owners expecting brisk business when leaf peepers visit the Northeast this fall, with some hoping to recoup losses from last year after images of Tropical Storm Irene swallowing up bridges and roads scared visitors away from Vermont and other affected areas.

The Woodstock Inn & Resort had to cancel reservations for all of September last year due to flood damage. After multimillion-dollar renovations, it's quickly filling up for the five-week season and nearly booked for Columbus Day weekend.

"There's almost pent-up demand from people that missed out last year and they're very excited to be here this year," said Courtney Lowe, the inn's marketing director.

After Irene tore through Vermont at the end of August 2011, national news showed images of floodwaters carrying away roads and bridges, including several of Vermont's iconic covered bridges. Some would-be tourists from Texas and California canceled last fall at the Round Barn Farm in Waitsfield, and the inn was down nearly 25 percent in September.

"When they saw the covered bridge go down the river, and in their world, from Oklahoma to California (to) Texas, every bridge in Vermont" was destroyed, even though only pockets of the state were battered, said Round

Barn Farm co-owner Tim Piper.

The inn made up some of the business in October, though, Piper said, when visitors from other parts of New England and from New York made the trek, partly to see the foliage, partly out of curiosity, and partly to help the economy. Vermont reaps more than \$300 million from the foliage season, and fall tourism brings in an estimated \$1 billion in neighboring New Hampshire.

Now, the inn is nearly full for the foliage season.

"This year, our numbers are back on track to where they should be," he said.

Several couples who were stranded at the Notchland Inn in Hart's Location in the White Mountains of New Hampshire for two days during last year's storm are returning this fall.

"We should have a decent foliage season as long as Mother Nature cooperates," said co-owner Ed Butler.

Visitors should see the show they're expecting.

Dry spells this summer aren't likely to hamper the fall colors in forests and mountains, experts predicted, and could even heighten them in some spots.

Light and the length of days are the chief factors for when trees start revealing the yellows, oranges and reds of fall. The key to the deepreds are cold snaps that stimulate the development of another pigment, said Michael Snyder, commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Visitors could see some brown patches where trees



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Colorful leaves hang on a tree in Craftsbury, Vt. After images of Tropical Storm Irene scared away leaf peepers last fall, tourists are heading back to see the Northeast's fall foliage a year later and aren't worried about how the dry summer might affect the color.

growing in thin soils are dry or where trees are under some other stress and have turned early.

But the dryness also could enhance the color in some spots.

"We've had nice dry, hot summer," said Maine's foliage spokeswoman, Gale Ross. "We're setting ourselves up for an ideal foliage season." She's already fielded numerous inquiries from potential leaf peepers, even one from China.

The bulk of Maine's trees will turn color within the next few weeks.

The season's first online foliage report Wednesday

showed leaves still green in the lower two-thirds of Maine. But in the far northern and northwestern parts of the state, 10 to 30 percent of the leaves had changed, marking the start of the season.

Tourism officials in New York's Adirondacks and Catskills said the storms didn't deter visitors overall last year, especially after word spread that a key road in the Adirondacks was quickly repaired.

But there were pockets of disruption.

Christman's Windham House is in an area of the Catskills that was hit hard

by Irene.

Owner Brian Christman said there was damage around the 49-room hotel and 27-hole golf course in the Greene County town of Windham, but he was ready to accommodate visitors during the foliage season.

"When they put it on CNN that Windham was devastated, that pretty much stopped business," he said. "We had people come. It was just a fraction of normal."

He figures about a quarter of his annual business comes from leaf-peepers and said this year's reser-

ervations are much better.

No matter what Mother Nature produces, it's still spectacular, particularly to guests who come from far away, said Piper, co-owner of the Round Barn Farm.

"In our worst foliage season that I've ever had, they've been in total awe of what Mother Nature gave them. We have variations on what is good, but for these people it's still remarkable thing of nature," he said.

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Retirees head to unconventional destinations

By CLARKE CANFIELD
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CAMDEN, Maine — When Peg Davis was ready to find a retirement community to move to, she looked north — not south — for a place to spend her later years.

Rather than set her sights on Florida, Arizona or some other warm-weather locale, she packed up and moved from Big Flats, N.Y., to the small coastal Maine town of Camden.

Davis, 73, was in search of the slow pace of a small town with natural beauty, cultural opportunities and "a sense of place." She hasn't been disappointed since arriving in 2010.

"I wouldn't go south of Pennsylvania," said Davis, who vacationed here for years before making the move. "My mind operates like a Mainer. It doesn't operate like people who escape to Southern comfort."

The idea of people who uproot and move when they retire conjures up images of warm, sunny Florida or Arizona. But some of the older members of the baby boom generation, the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964, are looking elsewhere, and a number of towns in cooler climates from Maine to Washington have become popular retirement destinations.

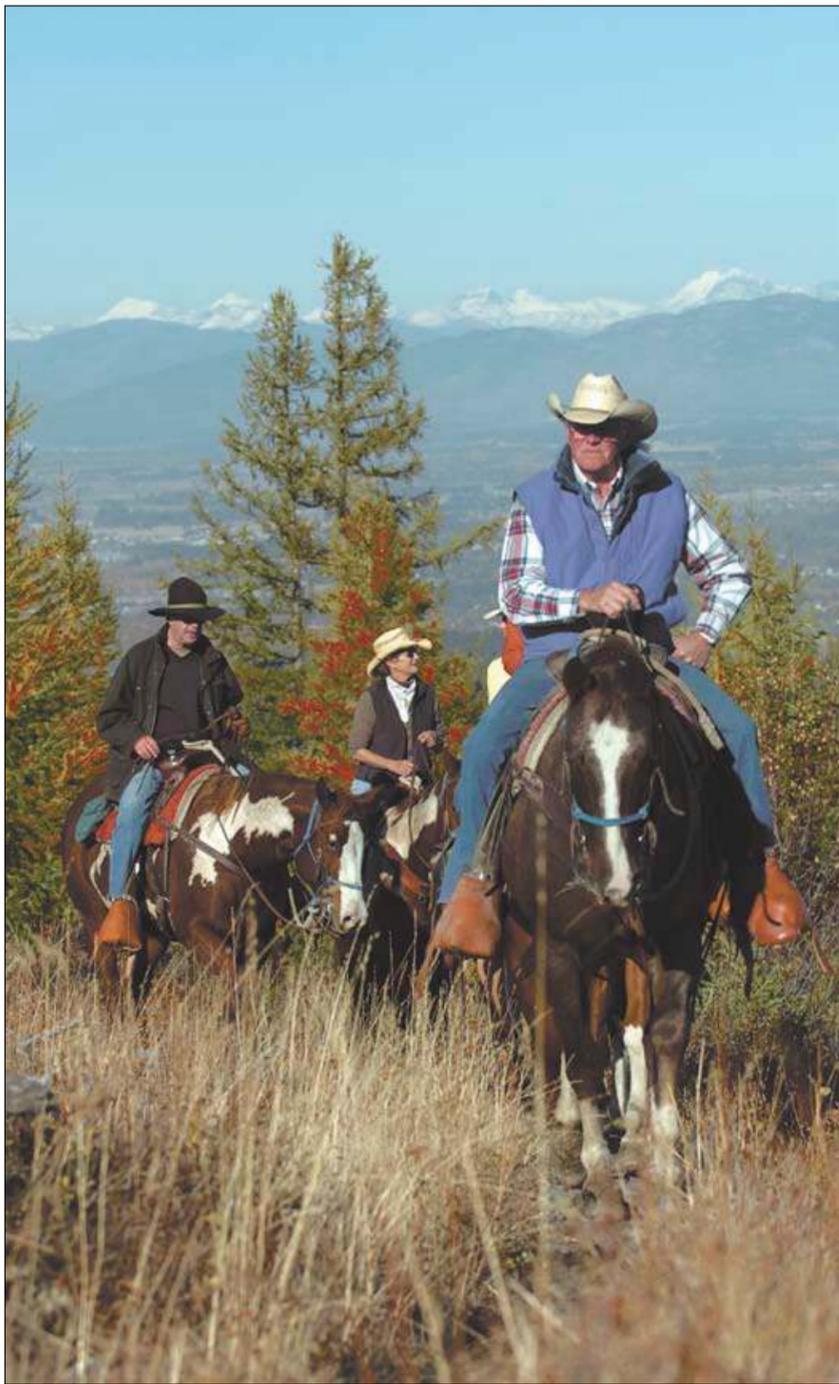
Camden is frequently cited in lists of best places for retirees. Others that have merited mention include Asheville, N.C.; Ruidoso, N.M.; Durango, Colo.; the San Juan Islands in Washington's Puget Sound; St. George, Utah; Medford, Ore.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Kalispell, Mont.; and towns along lakes Superior and Michigan in northern Michigan.

"Boomers and retirees these days are considering a much wider range of destinations for retirement, often choosing states that don't commonly come to mind, such as Maine and Montana," said Mary Lu Abbott, editor of Where to Retire magazine. "Yes, the Sun Belt remains popular, but many people prefer a four-season climate and enjoy the changing of seasons. They seek towns that are safe and have active, appealing downtowns and good hospitals nearby, and increasingly they're looking for places with a lower cost of living and lower overall tax rate."

Maine doesn't have a low income tax rate and housing prices are high in Camden. But the town fits the bill in most other regards, drawing more and more retirees over the years, many of whom have some previous connection to the town, spending summers or vacations in the area.

Camden, with a population of 4,850, has a picturesque harbor that is home to historic windjammers in summer and fall. Nestled at the base of the Camden Hills, the town has its own ski mountain. The downtown has stores and restaurants that are locally owned. Crime is low and incomes and education levels are high.

In 1990, about 33 percent of residents



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Cecil Noble, co-owner of Artemis Acres ranch, leads riders Bill and Sally Herndon of Bigfork up a mountain southwest of Kalispell, Mont. The idea of people who uproot and move when they retire conjures up images of warm, sunny Florida or Arizona. But some of the older members of the baby boom generation (the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964) are looking elsewhere, and a number of towns in cooler climates from Maine to Washington have become popular retirement destinations.

were 55 and older, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. By 2010, nearly half were 55 and over. By last count, Camden has more people in their 60s than in their 20s

and 30s combined.

Camden's median age is 53, which is old even by Maine standards. The Pine Tree State, with the nation's oldest residents,

has a median age of 42.7 years.

Smaller, far-flung places aren't for all retirees, of course.

They can have long, cold, snowy winters and high housing costs. Many are remote, even isolated. Public transportation often isn't available, and doctors can be in short supply in the more rural locales.

Some have a shortage of cultural opportunities, good restaurants and part-time jobs.

Different people have different ideas of retirement, said Leigh Smith, who moved to a Camden retirement community with her husband, Ron, from the Boston area in 2003. While Smith and her husband moved to Maine for retirement, a cousin of hers wasted no time moving away from Maine, to Florida, when he stopped working.

"You think, my goodness, why would you retire to Maine? It's snowy, icy," she said. "But the winters here, I have found, are better and milder than Boston."

The idea of going to Florida didn't appeal to the 66-year-old Smith because of the humidity, crowds and hurricanes. She likes that life here has a slower pace but that there's still plenty to do.

"It's like the 1950s here," she said. "People trust each other. People don't lock their homes or cars, although we do because we're from Boston and it's ingrained."

She and her husband like that they can walk to downtown, that performance centers and museums are nearby, and that people are active around here — be it walking, biking, kayaking, boating, hiking or volunteering their time for community groups. It's also important that a hospital is located nearby and there's bus service from town when they want to go to Portland, Boston or New York.

"When we first visited Camden, neither of us had heard of the town," said Ron Smith, 70. "But when we were shown the area, we were sold on it pretty quickly."

With baby boomers now reaching retirement age, they're looking for places that are walkable with good restaurants, volunteer opportunities and perhaps college courses they might be able to take, said David Savageau, author of "Retirement Places Rated," now in its seventh printing. They're also looking for places with familiarity, where they've visited on vacation or perhaps spent summers as a child.

For many retirees nowadays, the idea of a "golf kind of idle recreation" retirement associated with Florida isn't appealing, he said.

"That's the old view of retirement," Savageau said. "And it's kind of dying out, the desert Southwest and South Florida. That was for our parents; for us it might be somewhere closer to home, a college town, a ski resort or a historical area that gets some kind of tourism in season."