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Event to honor memory of student

Inaugural Unity Day will address issues related to bullying.

By **TONY BRITT**
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The unexpected death of a Richardson Middle School student, Davion Markhel Smith, has sparked a community reaction

resulting in the birth of "Unity Day" — an event to address bullying as well as honor the memory of Smith, who died just days before he would have entered eighth grade.

Friday, representatives from the Lake City Police Department, MOMS Club of Lake City, Girl Scouts of Columbia County, Party Down 4 Less, Fiesta Creations Event Planning, Columbia County School Board and Columbia

County school resource officers met at the police station where residents and officials worked to coordinate the community event.

The inaugural Unity Day event will take place 5-7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 10 in the Lake City Mall, center court.

"We'll have a few activities outside the mall as well, but the main activities will take place inside," said Genovese Terry, Genovese Terry, a parent who organized

and initiated the Unity Day meeting.

Terry said Smith's mother, Charita Johnson, believes Davion's death was the result of bullying. Neither police nor school officials have released information on the circumstances surrounding Smith's August 21 death.

Terry said she and the others planned the Unity Day event as a way of educating parents on the

signs of bullying and educating children on how to handle bullying situations.

"I heard about the story and it broke my heart," Terry said. "I have two children about to enter the Columbia County school system and the story touched me."

Preliminary Unity Day event activities include an opening ceremony and a moment of silence

BULLYING continued on 3A

Missing escrow funds called 'horrible mess'



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The office Sierra Title, LLC of Lake City has been closed since Aug. 17 after it was discovered that about \$190,000 was missing from the company's escrow accounts, according to court records. A sign posted on the door instructs those with claims to contact, via email, titleclaims@fnf.com.

\$190K said gone from title company's accounts

By **ROBERT BRIDGES**
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A Lake City-based title company could face legal trouble over funds allegedly missing from its escrow accounts, according to court papers filed in Jacksonville.

About \$190,000 is missing from the accounts of Sierra Title, LLC, of Lake City, plaintiff Chicago Title Insurance alleges. Sierra Title, which formerly had an office in Jacksonville, was a policy-issuing agent for Chicago Title.

Money in the account was from third-party depositors for the purchase of real estate or in connection with real estate closing transactions, and may include payments for title insurance, Chicago Title says.

"It's a horrible mess," said Kristy Harrington, an Orlando attorney representing the Lake City Board of Realtors. She said she knows of 20-25 area transactions that may have been compromised.

Harrington said she is aware of at least three cases throughout



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

FUNDS continued on 3A Sierra Title is seen at the Branford Crossing shopping plaza.

Johnson, Hill still at odds

Negative evaluation of city manager nixed by council.

By **TONY BRITT**
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By a 4-1 vote, the city council disqualified Councilman Jake Hill's personnel evaluation for City Manager Wendell Johnson after Hill gave Johnson the lowest possible score on each criterion, without listing a reason for the scores.

Council members were tasked with giving Johnson evaluation scores in two areas: General Performance Evaluation and Supervisory Performance Evaluation. The reporting period for the evaluation was from July 6, 2011- July 5, 2012.

Councilman Jake Hill's scores evaluating Johnson's performance during the past year were disqualified and tossed away, by a council vote of 4-1 at the Sept. 17 city council meeting, with Hill casting the dissenting vote.

Hill gave Johnson a score of "1.2" on all General Performance areas,

CITY continued on 3A

Another look at life in the Civil War

By **TONY BRITT**
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OLUSTEE — Civilian life and a look into life at a Civil War military encampment were key features of Saturday's Olustee Civil War Expo.

The Olustee Civil War Expo was held at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park in Baker County and drew more than 200 people from around the area.

Tents were set up where exhibitors showed weapons from the era, military uniforms and where merchants also showed goods used from the period.

In addition, a group of men practiced military drills and living historians gave demonstrations showcasing how daily tasks were done in the 1860s.

"The Expo helps promote awareness and to get people excited about the Olustee Re-Enactment Battle that we're going to have in February," said Andrea Thomas,

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AROUND FLORIDA

Ryan condemns contraception requirement

ORLANDO — Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan on Saturday derided President Obama's space program and called his administration's requirement that hospitals and universities, including Catholic ones, be required to offer contraception an "assault on religious liberty."

Ryan promised at a town hall meeting in Orlando that GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney would reverse the contraception mandate on "Day 1" if he is elected president. The mandate requiring all insurance plans to include access to contraception was part of Obama's health care overhaul.

Ryan's comments came in a response to a woman's question about whether he would ask Vice President Joe Biden in a debate how he reconciles his views as a Roman Catholic with the Democratic Party platform.

Both Ryan and Biden are Catholic.

"It will be gone. I can guarantee you that," Ryan told the crowd of 2,200 supporters in an arena at the University of Central Florida.

Ryan answered a series of questions from supporters at the town hall meeting. He derided the Obama administration's space program, a sensitive subject in central Florida where thousands of jobs have been lost since the



Republican vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan greets people at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Lakeland on Friday.

end of the space shuttle program last year.

Obama in 2010 cancelled the Constellation program, which was launched under President Bush's administration as a successor to the shuttle program. The goal of the Constellation program had been to send astronauts

back to the Moon and eventually on to Mars. Obama's space initiatives emphasize cooperation with private companies in sending supplies and astronauts to the international space station and beyond.

"He has put the space program on a path where we're conceding our posi-

tion as the unequivocal leader in space," Ryan said.

The Obama campaign in Florida fired back immediately, sending out a statement just minutes after Ryan's speech ended that accused Ryan of repeatedly voting against NASA funding.

"In the past, Mitt Romney has criticized Washington politicians for pandering to Florida voters by making empty promises about space," the statement said. "After his event today, it's probably time for Romney to have a talk with Paul Ryan."

At a campaign stop in

Miami earlier Saturday, Ryan courted Cuban-American voters with promises that a Romney administration would support pro-democracy groups in Cuba and "clamp down" on the island's communist, Castro-led government with tougher policies than President Barack Obama has followed.

Florida is the biggest up-for-grabs state in the November election, and Ryan's promises come just days after two polls of likely Florida voters, one by Fox News and one by NBC, showed Obama leading 49 percent to 44 percent. Such promises play well among Miami's older, Cuban-American voters who can have an impact in competitive races.

Obama has eased restrictions to allow Americans to travel to Cuba and Cuban-Americans to send money to family on the island. But the president has stopped well short of discussing lifting the 50-year-old economic embargo, which is widely viewed in Latin America as a failure and has complicated U.S. relationships in the region. Obama's call for democratic change in Cuba during April's Summit of the Americas in Colombia drew criticism from the Castro government.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beav's brother Tony Dow now an artist

TOPANGA, Calif. — He is, and likely forever will be, best known as good old Wally Cleaver, the big brother who had to bail out a goof-ball sibling facing one dilemma after another on the classic TV series "Leave it to Beaver."

For the last dozen years, though, Tony Dow has been carving out a new career, as a sculptor with pieces that have shown at numerous venues, including what is arguably the world's premier art museum — the Louvre in Paris.

This weekend, more than 30 of Dow's pieces in bronze, steel and wood go on display closer to home at the Debilzan Gallery in Laguna Beach, and they could fetch several thousand dollars each from collectors. But despite his respected reputation as a sculptor, Dow acknowledges there could be as many people at Saturday's opening reception wanting to rub shoulders with the Beav's brother as see his art.

"I think it's hard, especially with the Wally image, to be taken seriously at pretty much anything other than that," he says with a chuckle and a shake of his head.

At 67, Dow has a head of grey hair and lives with his wife, Lauren, in the wooded Southern California arts colony of Topanga Canyon.

His reputation as a sculptor reached a new height four years ago when he had one of his bronze pieces accepted at 2008's Societe Nationale des Beaux-Arts, a 150-year-old art show staged annually at the Louvre.

The modest, soft-spoken Dow is quick to point out that the work — a distinctive abstract piece titled "The Warrior" — was not placed in the museum's permanent collection. And if you went to see the show that year you would not have found it anywhere near Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa."

"But it was a show that was represented by 20-some nations, and the U.S. had 14 pieces there, and there were two sculptors, and I was one of them," Dow says between sips of mango-flavored lemonade as he

relaxes on a recent hot, end-of-summer day in the living room of his home.

"So it was a big deal," he adds softly with a shy smile.

Dow doesn't complain that he's still associated with his "Leave it to Beaver" character. He loved playing Wally opposite Jerry Mathers' Beaver from 1957 to 1963, so much so that he reprised the role as an adult for a TV movie and 104 more episodes of "The New Leave it To Beaver" during much of the 1980s.

Even now, he still keeps in touch with all the old gang.

"Jerry, I talked to him just a couple days ago," he says of Mathers.

Dressed in a T-shirt, shorts and flip-flops, Dow still looks about as fit as the teenage Wally did. But you probably wouldn't recognize him as that character otherwise — except for an occasional Wally expression or mannerism.

Denzel: Eastwood still 'my hero'

WASHINGTON — Clint Eastwood has taken a lot of barbs over his empty chair routine at the Republican National Convention, but Denzel Washington still holds the film legend in high regard.

"I have the utmost respect for him as an actor and as a director," Washington said. "He's my hero."

Although Washington supported Obama in 2008, he graciously declined to address an empty chair or do any "Eastwooding," as it's come to be known on the Internet. He calls himself an independent and said in this election he isn't committing to either side.

"I listen to both sides of the argument and try to make an assessment," he said.

Washington was in the nation's capital along with Olympic champion Michael Phelps and R&B singer Ashanti for an event sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of America.

'Lone Ranger' crew member drowns

LOS ANGELES — Authorities are investigating the apparent drowning of a crew member who was working on a set for upcoming "The Lone Ranger" film.

Coroner's spokesman Ed Winter says a 48-year-old man was pronounced dead around 10 a.m. Friday. He was cleaning a pool that was going to be used in the film in Acton, which is in northeast Los Angeles County. Winter says it appears the man suffered a heart attack.

The man's identity was not released.

Walt Disney Studios is producing the film starring Johnny Depp. It expressed its condolences, saying the studio's thoughts are with the man's family, friend and co-workers. The studio is also cooperating with the investigation, which will include an autopsy to determine his cause of death.

Amanda Bynes to face new charges

BURBANK, Calif. — Prosecutors have charged Amanda Bynes with knowingly driving on a suspended license. It's the third court case the actress has racked up in recent months.

Bynes was charged Friday in Burbank, Calif., with two counts of driving on a suspended license. The charges stem from an incident Sunday that led to her car being impounded.

Bynes faces two other cases — a drunken driving case and a hit-and-run case involving two accidents. Bynes' driver's license was revoked in August, and a judge last week ordered her to stop driving.

The 26-year-old starred in the Nickelodeon series "All That" and the 2010 film "Easy A." She has pleaded not guilty in the DUI case.

■ Associated Press

Daily Scripture

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.'" Romans 15:7 NIV.

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EXPO: Look at everyday life during the Civil War attracts crowd of 200-plus

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park services specialist. "The Expo also allows people to find out if they want to be re-enactors and to learn about what the re-enactment is all about."

Thomas said a "steady trickle" of people visited the park for the event.

"We had quite a few new members sign-up at our tables to be re-enactors," she said. "The benefits of an event like this is it provides us with more awareness. People stop by, they get excited and they're ready to come back for the re-enactment in February."

Jen Volz walked through the Olustee Battlefield Historic Park area and stopped at several booths to look at exhibits and talk to exhibitors in her first visit to the Olustee Civil War Expo.

"I'm enjoying myself," she said. "We had a look at the exhibits, had some lunch and we're going to go check out the rest of the place. I'm very interested in period re-enactments in general and I'm looking forward to coming out in February to the actual battle re-enactment."

Volz said she learned about the Olustee Battle Re-enactment by talking to exhibitors and getting a variety of pamphlets detailing the event.



John Ingalls, an exhibitor during Saturday's Olustee Civil War Expo, delivers the "burning Bible" demonstration for audience members.

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

CITY: Councilman's negative evaluation of city manager thrown out

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where the scoring scale is 1.2 - 12.0.

Hill also gave Johnson a score of "1.0" in all of the supervisory performance evaluation categories, where the scoring scale is listed at 1.0 - 10.0.

Hill declined comment on the scores he gave Johnson, though he and the city manager have been at odds on numerous occasions, with Hill calling for Johnson's resignation at a July council meeting. Hill lost his bid for reelection during the August 14 primary election, and will be replaced by Zack Paulk.

According to a memo from Gene Bullard, city human resources and risk management director, the reason for the disqualified evaluation was because the low scores given without any explanation or justification. The City Policy Manual states that evaluations should show a "standard of fairness," the memo stated.

According to the City of Lake City personnel manual policy, which was adopted

by the city council Nov. 15, 2010, the purpose of the personnel evaluation program is to assess employee work performance. The evaluation procedure is designed to measure an individual's accomplishments against reasonable work standards and provides an historical account of events and accomplishments utilized by management concerning a variety of personnel actions within the city work force.

Where performance has been such that it needs improvement, or is unsatisfactory, clearly explain and document in the "comments section" the appropriate steps the employee should take to bring performance up to an acceptable and/or fully satisfactory level.

According to the documents, Hill did not give an explanation for his evaluation scores and the evaluation was later disqualified.

City documents indicate when the Personnel Policy Manual was adopted in

November 2010, a "standard of fairness" was implemented regarding employee annual evaluations.

"This standard is designed to protect all employees during their annual evaluation from biased or hostile comments and unfair ratings with intent to punish," the document said. "The standard also prevents supervisors from deliberately rating employees higher than they deserve..."

Councilwoman Melinda Moses, on the other hand, gave Johnson a perfect score, 12.0, in each category on the General Performance Evaluation section, where the highest possible score is 12.0.

Moses also gave Johnson a perfect score, 10.0, in each category of the Supervisory Evaluation, where the highest possible score was a 10.0.

Moses' scores included comments which explained why she felt Johnson deserved the highest scores possible.

Moses did not immediately return tele-

phone calls seeking comment.

The city council annually reviews the performance of Johnson August of each year. Upon a favorable evaluation of Johnson's performance during the preceding year and subject to budgetary constraints, the city may, but is not obligated to, give Johnson a salary increase where the amount is determined by city council. Only a majority of council votes is required for Johnson to get the salary increase.

The salary increase, if granted by the city, becomes effective the first day of the city's new fiscal year.

Johnson was hired July 6, 2009 at an annual salary of \$105,000.

Johnson's current annual salary is \$108,160. He has only received one salary increase since being hired.

Johnson's salary will rise to \$113,200 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13.

FUNDS: \$190,000 said missing from local title company's escrow accounts

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the region in which money was sent to Sierra to pay off the mortgage of a home being sold. However, she said, it appears the funds were not used as intended, meaning the sellers could end up in foreclosure on a home he no longer thought he owned. Meanwhile, the buyers could be caught in the middle and might end up on the street.

Chicago Title was granted an emergency injunction in a Duval County Circuit Court last month to freeze all funds in Sierra's escrow accounts. The injunction

also ordered Sierra to preserve all its records and files for continued review by Chicago Title and others.

"Chicago Title is uncertain and unable to determine at this early stage in the investigation which real estate transactions have been affected, which transactions may give rise to claims and what its loss exposure is," the the plaintiff argued in court briefs. "[H]owever, the continued disbursement of escrow funds ... is likely to give rise to claim liability to Chicago Title...."

An earlier, voluntary freeze on the accounts was not honored, court records show.

The injunction was issued August 24 after an audit of Sierra's books the previous week. On August 16, according to Chicago Title, Sierra's principal owner, Matthew Rocco of Lake City, told auditors that \$190,000 was missing from the accounts. Chicago Title severed its relationship with Sierra that day and Sierra's Lake City office closed the next day. A sign on the door instructs those with

claims to submit them by email to titleclaims@fnf.com.

The funds went missing between 2007-10, Chicago Title claims in court documents.

Also listed in the injunction were Robert Stewart, also of Sierra Title, and TD Bank, home to some of Sierra's escrow accounts.

Calls made to telephone listings for Matt Rocco and Robert Stewart were not immediately returned Saturday.

Harrington said it's uncommon for title companies to be caught short

in their accounts, as is alleged here.

"This is a very rare type of situation," she said.

She said an informal

poll of real estate attorneys she knows revealed just one such Florida case, some years back in Palm Beach County.

BULLYING: Inaugural event will raise awareness

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for Davion Markhel Smith.

There will be a role-play bullying scenario performed by Columbia High School students, martial arts demonstrations, in addition there are guest speakers who will address the audience about bullying and their experiences with bullying.

"It (the event) is in remembrance of Davion, but it is also designed as a reminder to keep this from happening to other children," Terry said. "The events that are going on locally will be going on in conjunction with anti-bullying events nationwide."

Jessica Sheely, chapter president of MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club of Lake City, said she thinks it was important to organize an event to discuss bullying.

"We felt that the community, being as close knit as it is, there wasn't really an outreach and awareness

program for bullying and we really wanted to partner with the organizations that are already here (to establish something)," She said.

Sheely said the Unity Day event organizers want to show there were several

organizations and programs in the area to support the eradication of bullying.

"I think that Unity Day is going to give parents and teachers more of the warning signs so they can take actions and interventions

when it's needed," Sheely said. "It will also help the other kids speak up and stand up for each other. We just want everyone to get along."

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OPINION

Church sets a good example

Members of the Unified Body of Christ Church, led by Pastor Willie Brown, set a good example for all of us by pitching in to clean up the grounds at a local apartment complex recently.

By "clean" we don't just mean spruce the place up, either.

Brown and his flock worked to cut away undergrowth where children play – and also, he said, where drug use and other illicit activities occur.

Brown himself once lived near the Cedar Creek apartment complex and often played there with school friends.

While he said he wants residents there to know that someone cares for them, he realizes full well that some people didn't appreciate his efforts.

Speaking of some of the overgrown areas, Brown said, "It's their getaway when the police come around." However, he noted, "I'll make sure it stays cleaned up."

We wish him success and applaud him and his flock for their efforts.

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Sept. 23, the 267th day of 2012. There are 99 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard, commanded by John Paul Jones, defeated the HMS Serapis in battle.

In 1908, an apparent baserunning error by Fred Merkle of the New York Giants cost his team a victory against the Chicago Cubs and left the game tied 1-1. (The Cubs won a rematch and with it, the National League pennant.)

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A time for truth, not word games

Perhaps now, in the wake of the heat that Mitt Romney is taking over the leaked 4-month-old "47 percent" video, he can better appreciate the position of Todd Akin, the conservative Missouri congressman running for U.S. Senate.

Romney is being accused of writing off "47 percent" of voters as not paying taxes and "dependent upon government," who "believe government has a responsibility to care for them."

Of course Romney's words, recorded behind closed doors at a fundraiser, were not, as he admitted, well chosen. No candidate would call half the electorate deadbeats.

But when Missouri Senate candidate Akin used the unfortunate phrase "legitimate rape" in answering a question about his pro-life stand, the leadership of his own party pulled the rug from under him, despite his immediate clarification and apology.

Akin had a significant lead over his Democratic opponent, incumbent Claire McCaskill, before his own party wrote him off for his bad phrasing.

Now Democrats are having a field day trying to nail Romney for his bad phrasing.

Only 30 percent of Americans, according to a recent Gallup poll, are satisfied with the way things are going in the nation.

Our nation, dangerously, and many fear fatally, is losing its way.

The greatest concern for all at this critical time should be truth. Not word games.

It is fair to say that at this moment Republicans are in a state of disbelief.

With things this bad, with



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Americans this dissatisfied, with a president whose performance has been this dismal, how can this presidential race even be close?

Yet it is. It appears that, in the true spirit of Groucho Marx, Barack Obama has said, "Who are you going to believe – me or your own eyes?" And half the people are choosing him over their own eyes.

Barack Obama has charisma. Mitt Romney doesn't. And this poses a great challenge to the Republican candidate.

Here is how my dictionary defines charisma: "a special quality of leadership that captures the popular imagination and inspires unswerving allegiance and devotion."

Is there anything Romney can do? I believe there is. The question is if he is willing.

Charisma in a biblical sense implies divine grace. It is the radiance of an individual who connects to and becomes a vessel for divine truth.

However, there are false prophets. And a false prophet, who truly believes his own personally conjured up vision, can be charismatic.

The only weapon against a false prophet is hard, unvarnished truth.

We have indeed become a government-dependent nation. And we have indeed become a nation in which the sanctity of family and the sanctity of life are widely disregarded.

The growth of government dependency, the displacement of personal responsibility for government responsibility, and the unraveling of the American family all have moved in lockstep.

And our moral bankruptcy and fiscal bankruptcy are occurring together.

The fiscal viability of entitlement programs is driven by the assumption that those who work can pay for those who are retired. But as life spans increase while we produce fewer children, as a result of self-centered lifestyles and abortion, our moral bankruptcy produces our fiscal bankruptcy.

The most recent trustees report for Social Security and Medicare shows the unfunded liabilities of these programs at \$63 trillion, four times the size of our gross domestic product.

We have a false prophet leading the nation whose only message is "trust me."

Democrats want to play with words and spin while the country is drowning. They are selling the status quo by appealing to natural human fears of change.

Entitlement programs as we have known them must change. Moral relativism mistakenly called freedom must be labeled for what it is.

Republicans need to embrace, not run, from the truth and tell it to the American people. This is a time for truth, not word games.

■ Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (www.urbancure.org).

ANOTHER
VIEW

Obama and the Muslim day of love

The results are in: Friday's "Day of Love" in Pakistan ended with 20 dead and hundreds wounded from anti-American rioting. That's some tough love.

The White House doggedly maintains the violence sweeping the Islamic crescent over the last two weeks was sparked by the low-budget YouTube video "Innocence of Muslims" and that this has nothing to do with U.S. policies. Even if that were true, the region had long been a powder keg brimming with pent-up radical rage. President Obama believes he can rise above the violence, but the Islamists keep dragging him back down to earth. One protester in Malaysia held a sign that read, "Obama, our patience has its limit. Don't blame us if your citizens die. Blame yourself. U started it!"

This was not the future Mr. Obama promised or expected. When running for the White House in November 2007, then-Sen. Obama asserted, "The day I'm inaugurated the Muslim world will look at the U.S. differently." Since the inauguration, that difference has been a negative one. A Pew Global Attitudes Project survey from the spring of 2012 showed U.S. favorability in Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan and Jordan ranges from 12-19 percent. In Pakistan the number who see the United States as an enemy has risen from 64 percent to 74 percent on Mr. Obama's watch, unfavorability has risen from 68 percent to 80 percent and confidence in Mr. Obama is down to 7 percent. Pakistan has no days of love for America.

Mr. Obama's ongoing end-zone dance over the operation that took down Osama bin Laden is also failing to win the hearts and minds in the Islamic world. According to a poll by Gallup International taken in the month after the killing, a third of those surveyed in Pakistan opposed the raid, almost half did not believe bin Laden was actually killed, and 51 percent said they felt more negatively about Mr. Obama. Only 7 percent viewed Mr. Obama more favorably. The demonstrators who assaulted the U.S. Embassy in Cairo chanted, "Obama, Obama, there are a billion more Osamas."

The Muslim critique of U.S. policy focuses on the scope of counterterrorist operations, drone strikes and their collateral damage, and the belief that the United States plays favorites with Israel. More extreme elements denounce American cultural imperialism, charge the U.S. with "stealing" oil and natural gas resources from the region, and claim that Washington is simply using terrorism as a pretext to mount an assault on Islam. No amount of White House outreach, apology, empathy, special events, holiday observances or other obsequiousness has shaken that belief.

The mad mullahs across the globe continue to incite their followers to engage in demonstrations, riots and attacks on U.S. interests. The hatred in the streets aimed at America is worse now than it was at the height of the war on terrorism under President Bush. If the Muslim world looks at the U.S. differently, it is not with loving eyes.

■ The Washington Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Errors still occur in newspaper

To the Editor:

Hello, it's me again. I have two items to discuss.

The first one was about two years ago I sent a letter to the editor about the mistakes being made in the Lake City Reporter by their staff.

Tom Mayer (editor at that time) called me and I went to his office. We discussed about the errors, staff, old days of printing, etc. He agreed with me that errors were being made and he would look into the problem. Well, he no longer works there and misspelled words, missing words, repeated words, punctuation errors, etc., are still being made in our hometown paper.

We discussed things as simple as "spell check" after a story is completed. Also, I told him if the staff would just "proofread" their story before it was to be printed more errors would be caught. A lot of people see me around town and say, "Johnny, mistakes are still being made in the paper."

The other item is about the discontinuation of the Saturday paper. My wife went to the office to pay the bill and one of the staff members said it was the same price as before. The office staff said they added back in the T.V. guide, number and word puzzles. WOW, what a bargain. It should have been about 17 percent less or a lesser price.

The problem with the dis-

continuation of Saturday's paper is events happening on Thursday evening or night will not be printed in the paper until Sunday. (This just recently happened.)

Same for Saturday evening or night, if something happens it will not be put in the paper until Tuesday. There will be a lot of disappointed Tiger, Indian, NASCAR, baseball, etc. fans when sporting events are printed two days later.

As Elvis would say, "Thank you, thank you very much. Also, Paul Harvey would say, "Good day."

Johnny E. Starling
Lake City

Mauled man: I wanted to be one with tiger

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Before his now-infamous tangle with a Bronx Zoo tiger, David Villalobos adorned his Facebook page with New Age odes to Mother Earth and affirmations like, "Be love and fearless."

Police said Saturday that Villalobos had told detectives that it was without fear that he leaped from an elevated train into the animal's den. His reason, they said, was that "he wanted to be one with the tiger."

Villalobos also recounted how, after he landed on all fours, the 400-pound beast attacked him and dragged around by his foot, said New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne. Despite serious injuries, he claimed he was able to get his wish and pet the tiger — a male Siberian named Bashuta — before his rescue, the spokesman added.

Based on those admissions and a complaint from the zoo, police were planning to arrest the hospitalized Villalobos on trespassing charges, Browne said. It was unclear when that would happen or if the 25-year-old real estate agent had an attorney; attempts to reach relatives on Saturday were unsuccessful.

Villalobos' big-cat exploits Friday afternoon were an instant tabloid sensation: A front page New York Post story on Saturday was headlined "MAULED!" The

Daily News countered with "ZOO-ICIDE," based on speculation of a death wish.

Police had said earlier that Villalobos admitted to a police officer at the scene that he made a conscious decision to jump — "Everyone has a reason for what they do in life," he was quoted as saying — but that his motives were murky and an arrest uncertain.

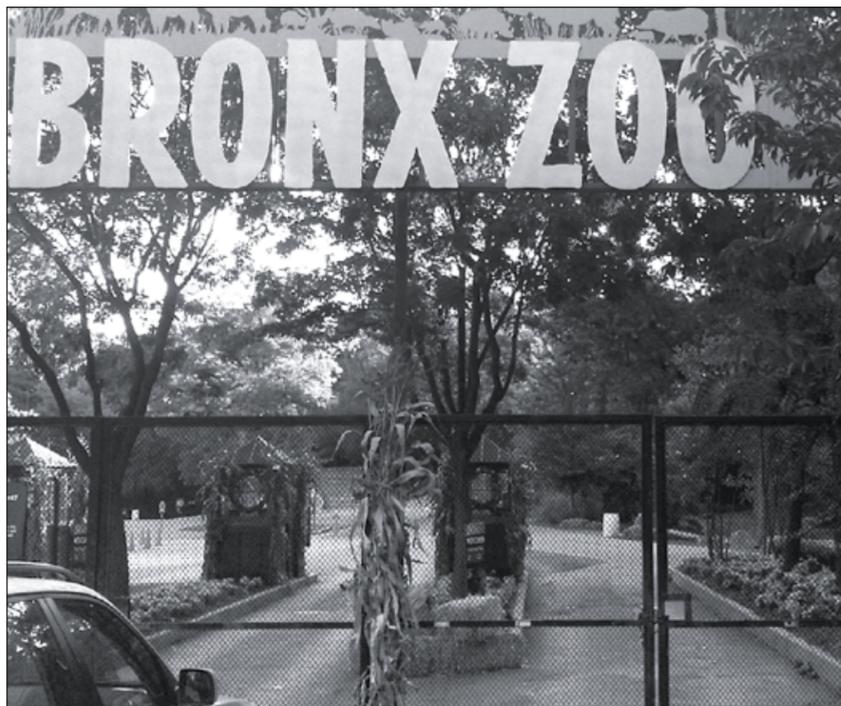
That changed when, during a follow-up interview Saturday, Villalobos told detectives that "his leap was definitely not a suicide attempt, but a desire to be one with the tiger," Browne said.

Villalobos remained hospitalized with bites and punctures on his arms, legs, shoulders and back, and a broken arm and a leg caused by the jump.

The Wild Asia exhibit that's home to the tiger was operating as usual on Saturday, zoo officials said, declining to comment further.

Villalobos' own bizarre encounter began with a ride on the elevated train that takes unrestrained visitors over the Bronx River and through a forest, where they glide along the top edge of a fence past elephants, deer and a tiger enclosure. Without warning, he apparently jumped out of his train car and cleared the 16-foot-high perimeter fence.

He was alone with Bashuta for about 10 minutes before he was rescued by zoo officials, who used a fire extinguisher to chase the animal away.



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The ticket booths are empty and the gates are chained shut at an entrance to the Bronx Zoo in New York on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012. Zoo officials say a visitor who leaped into an exhibit and was mauled by a tiger was alone with the 400-pound beast for about 10 minutes before being rescued.

OBITUARIES

Marie G. Fritz

Marie G. Fritz of Lake City passed away on September 15th 2012 at the Haven Hospice after a brief illness. A resident of Lake City for the past 23 years, Marie was born to the late Sarah M. and William J. Collins in November 1925 in Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania. Marie graduated from the Central High school in Newark New Jersey in 1943. She met and was married to husband David W. Fritz while working at the Newark Wire Cloth Company in 1948. A devoted wife and mother, Marie spent the following years in Newark, Edison, Old Bridge, and Highland Park, New Jersey raising two children and working as an administrative assistant at Douglass College. Marie and David relocated to Hatfield, Pennsylvania in 1973. Marie worked as an administrative assistant for the Brooks Electronics Company and for her church during her years there. Marie and David relocated to Lake City following his retirement. In her later years, Marie found time to travel and pursue her love of painting and reading.

Marie was predeceased by her husband in May, 2010. Marie is sadly missed by all of us. She is survived by her daughter Linda and son-in-law Douglas Litchfield of Coplay, Pennsylvania; son Alan and daughter-in-law Sharon of South Brunswick, New Jersey; 4 grandchildren and 2-great grandchildren. Marie is also survived by brother-in-law Floyd and sister-in-law Lois Fritz of Lake City. Marie is predeceased by brother-in-law Roland and sister-in-law Elizabeth Fritz. Funeral arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Haven Hospice in Lake City in Marie's memory.

Pearl Elizabeth Stamper

Mrs. Pearl Elizabeth Stamper, age 93, of Lake City, Florida, died Friday, Sept. 21, in the Suwannee Valley Care Center, Lake City, Fla. following an extended illness. She was a native of Obrien, Fla. and had lived in Lake City since 1936. She worked as a cook with the V.A. Medical Center and as a seamstress until her retirement. She was a charter member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church and loved sewing, reading her Bible and visiting with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents Barry N. and Laura Ruth Miller Bonds, her late husband Johnnie Norris Stamper and her two sons Bobby Stamper and Frank Stamper. She is survived by three Daughters Ruth (Bob)

Coffee, Diane (Ray) Hodges and Susan Nettles all of Lake City, Fla.: Four sons Harry Stamper of Milton, Fla., Murray (Maggie) Stamper of White Springs, Fla., Bill (Betty) Stamper of Burlington, VT, and Allen Stamper of Lake City, Fla.: Two sisters Bessie (Alfred) Pope and Diane (Bob) Thompson both of Lake City, Fla.: One brother Jerry Bonds of Chico, Ca.; Daughter-in-law, Linda Stamper of Lake City, Fla.: Numerous grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 P.M. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Pine Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Thompson officiating and assisted by Rev. Jerry Tyre and Mr. Larry Coates. Interment will be in Memorial Cemetery, Lake City, Fla. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 P.M. Monday, Sept. 24, at GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, 2659 S.W. Main Blvd., Lake City, Fla. www.guerryfuneralhome.net

John M. "Johnny" Cone, Sr.

Mr. John M. "Johnny" Cone, Sr., 61, of Lake City, died unexpectedly at his home on Friday, September 21, 2012 following a brief illness. A native of Colquitt County, Georgia, Mr. Cone was the son of the late Robert and Dorothy Herndon Cone. Mr. Cone had been employed as a driver for U.P.S. for the past twenty-seven years. He enjoyed spending his spare time with his family and was an avid hunter. Mr. Cone was a member of the Church of Je-

sus Christ of Latter Day Saints Branford Ward and had held numerous positions in the church. Mr. Cone is survived by his wife of thirty-six years, Susan Richardson Cone; his sons, John Malcolm Cone Jr. and his wife, Annie of Jacksonville, Florida; and Christopher John Cone of Lake City; his daughter, Tiffany Rochelle Redd (Zachary) of Lake City; his grandchildren, John Michael Cone, Haydn Cone, Kynadal Cone and Khloe Rochelle Redd; his mother-in-law, Loretta Richardson Hubert and her husband, Don of Lake City; his sister, Brenda Langston of Lake City and a brother, Tom Cone of Tallahassee, Florida. Numerous nieces, nephews and other family members and friends also survive. Funeral services for Mr. Cone will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, September 24, 2012 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Old Country Club Road in Lake City with Bishop Bob Cabral officiating. Interment will follow in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends for One Hour prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025, (386)752-1234 please sign the online family guestbook at parishfamilyfuneralhome.com

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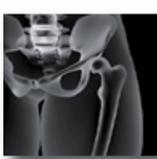
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As Obama aims for Wisconsin, Romney seeks California cash

BY JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A breeze of momentum on his side, President Barack Obama was trying to shore up support in a pivotal state Saturday while he and rival Mitt Romney argue over who can change the country's political culture and best protect the financial and health security of older Americans.

Obama was traveling to Wisconsin, which his campaign had considered safely in his column, for his first visit since February. Obama aides seem eager to fortify that hold in case Romney's running mate, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, can erode some of the president's support as the candidates' first debate, on Oct. 3, fast approaches.

Facing some second-guessing within his own party over his strategy, Romney planned to raise money in California in hopes of recovering his fundraising advantage. Last month, for the first time, Obama and the Democratic Party raised more than Romney and the Republican Party, \$114 million to \$111.6 million.

Romney has opened a new line of attack against Obama, saying the president has failed to deliver on his promise of change. Ryan, campaigning Saturday in Miami, reinforced that message by poking at Obama's recent comment that it's hard to change Washington from the inside without mobilizing public pressure on Congress from the outside.

"Why do we send presidents to the White House in the first place?" Ryan asked. "We send presidents to change and fix the mess in Washington, and if this president has admitted that he can't change Washington, then you know what, we need to change presidents."

Biden said it was because of unions that the U.S. has a strong middle class, and he accused Romney and Ryan of having "a completely different value set, a completely different vision."

"They're doubling down on everything that caused the economic crisis in the first place," he said.

Romney on Friday tried to put an end to an old sticking point by releasing his 2011 tax returns and his past tax rates. The disclosures reinforced his status as one of the wealthiest candidates ever to seek the presidency. Obama tried to gain an edge with older voters and near-retirement baby boomers by renewing his criticism of Romney's Medicare proposals.

Obama countered with a new line of his own: "What kind of inside job is he talking about?" He suggested that Romney would rubber-stamp the agenda of congressional Republicans or let oil companies run the country's energy policy.

"We don't want an inside job in Washington," Obama said. "We want change in Washington."

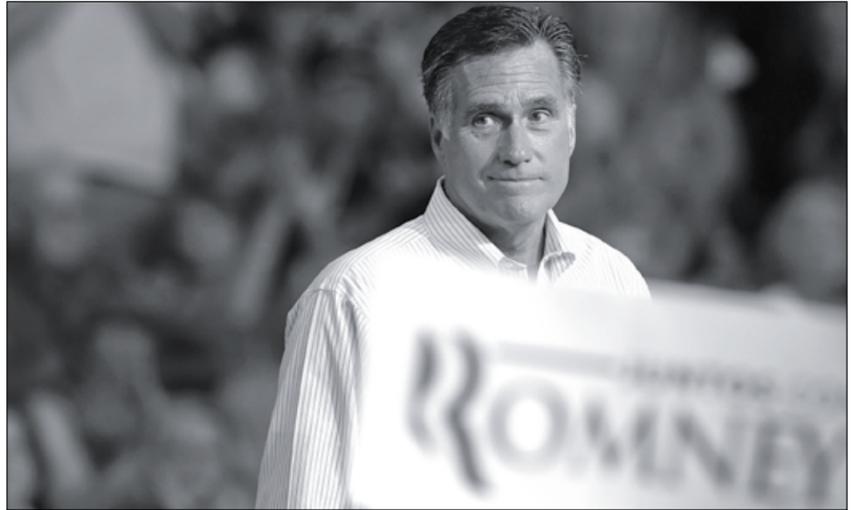
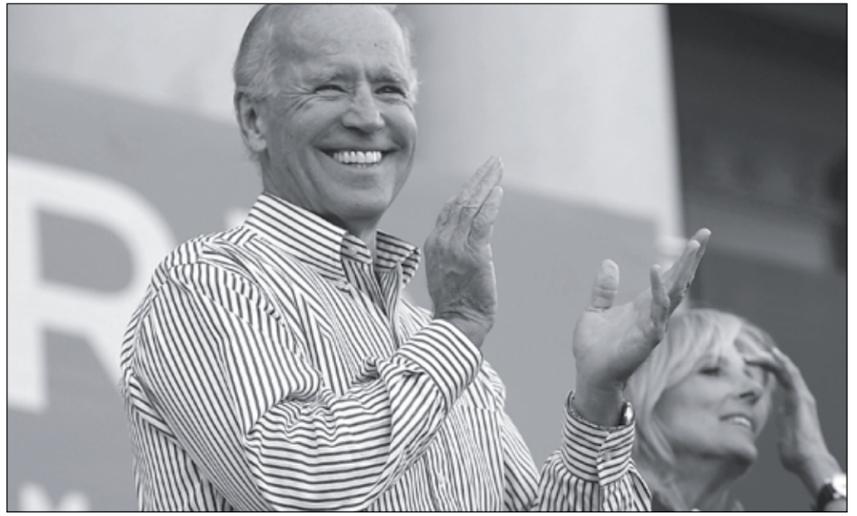
Obama won Wisconsin easily in 2008 but Ryan is popular. Some Republican pollsters detected a bump for Romney in the state shortly after Ryan was named his running mate. Wisconsin's 7.5 percent unemployment rate is below the national average, but the state's manufacturing industry has been hit hard in recent years.

Obama's campaign is focused on running up big margins in Milwaukee and Madison, both Democratic strongholds. Obama and Romney will be closely watching the Green Bay region, a swing area that could tip the balance in a close contest.

On Friday, Wisconsin's Republican governor, Scott Walker, said that immediately after Romney chose Ryan, the campaign displayed a new sense of enthusiasm, excitement and adrenalin.

"I haven't seen that as much lately," he said, "and I think they need to get back to that if they're going to win this election."

Associated Press writers Jennifer Kay in Miami, Julie Pace in Washington, Steve Peoples in Las Vegas and Holly Ramer in Manchester, N.H., contributed to this report.



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TOP: Vice President Joe Biden, with wife, Dr. Jill Biden, applauds on the steps of the State House in Concord, N.H., Friday. ABOVE: Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney pauses as supporters cheer to remarks during a rally Friday in Las Vegas.

Romney gives Dems support for their tax deductions claim

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney has given Democrats plenty of support for their claim he manipulated his deductions to keep his overall 2011 federal income tax rate above a certain threshold for political purposes.

The Republican presidential nominee, whose wealth is estimated as high as \$250 million, seems hemmed in by a comment to reporters in August that he had never paid less than 13 percent in taxes in any single year over the past 10. Had he taken the full charitable deduction last year, it would have pushed his tax liability below 13 percent.

The former Massachusetts governor and his wife, Ann, could have claimed more in deductions, the trustee of Romney's blind trust said when the candidate's 2011 tax returns were released.

But, Brad Malt acknowledged, the couple "limited their deductions of charitable contributions to conform to the governor's statement in August, based on the January estimate of income, that he paid at least 13 percent in income taxes in each of the last 10 years."

The tax returns had become a distraction for his campaign, with Democrats and even some fellow Republicans this summer urging Romney, who earlier had released 2010 data and a preliminary 2011 return, to disclose more than two years of information. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had kept the issue alive by making an unsubstantiated and roundly criticized claim that Romney had not paid any taxes for 10 years.

Romney's statement about the 13 percent level had come in reaction to Reid's assertion.

Romney probably also will be reminded by the Democrats by something else he said in August. Defending his right to pay no more taxes than he owed, he said, "I don't pay more than are legally due, and frankly if I had paid more than are legally due I don't think I'd be qualified to become president."

The decision of Romney's trustee to limit the use of charitable deductions in 2011 in order to adhere to the candidate's claim raised the eyebrows of several tax law experts. They noted that the trustee's use of numerous tax strategies gives Romney the rare ability to loosen or limit his tax payments at will.

The Romneys donated roughly \$4 million to charities last year, but only claimed a deduction of \$2.25 million on their tax return, filed with the

Internal Revenue Service on Friday.

That information, Reid said, "reveals that Mitt Romney manipulated one of the only two years of tax returns he's seen fit to show the American people - and then only to 'conform' with his public statements. That raises the question: What else in those returns has Romney manipulated?"

Romney made \$13.7 million last year and paid \$1.94 million in federal income taxes, giving him an effective tax rate of 14.1 percent. That was a bit above the 13.9 percent rate paid on 2010 income.

More precisely, the returns showed that the couple paid \$1,935,708 in taxes on income of \$13,696,951.

Romney, one of the wealthiest candidates ever to seek the presidency, paid taxes at a rate lower than taxpayers whose income was mostly from wages, which can be taxed at higher rates.

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Romney gets clean bill of health

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney's longtime physician declared that he's healthy and physically fit to meet the rigorous demands of a presidency, in a letter released by the Republican's presidential campaign on Friday.

Dr. Randall Gaz of Massachusetts General Hospital wrote that Romney's heart appears healthy, and he takes a baby aspirin and medicine to treat high cholesterol to help keep it that way.

He doesn't smoke or drink, or have any serious illnesses, Gaz wrote in a letter dated a few weeks after Romney's last check-up in August.

Romney's total cholesterol currently is a normal 169, but his triglycerides, another kind of fat, are borderline high, Gaz wrote. The presidential candidate does have a slow resting heart rate — it was 40 at his last check-up, in the range of well-trained athletes — and Gaz attributed that to his past intensive exercise.

Romney is 6 feet 1½ inches tall and weighs 184 pounds. His blood pressure was 130 over 80. Normal is less than 120 over 80, but high blood pressure doesn't begin until the top number hits 140 or the bottom one hits 90.

Gaz wrote that Romney, 65, will continue to undergo regular cardiac evaluations and prostate checks because of a family history of heart disease, including irregular heartbeats, and prostate cancer.

"He is a vigorous man who takes excellent care of his personal physical health," Gaz concluded.

A cardiologist not connected to the campaign said Romney's numerous heart exams and other tests that are normal for his age, including colon and prostate cancer screenings, show no cause for concern.

"I'd say looks good," concluded Dr. Robert J. Applegate, acting chief of cardiology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

The campaign also released a health summary for Romney's running mate, Paul Ryan, which declared his health excellent.

Ryan has said his father, grandfather and great-grandfather all died of heart

attacks in their 50s — and at 42, Ryan pays close attention to his own heart health. Ryan exercises vigorously and has good heart health and lung function although he sometimes uses an albuterol inhaler, said the report from Congress' attending physician. He doesn't smoke and uses alcohol only infrequently, wrote Dr. Brian P. Monahan.

Presidential and vice presidential candidates routinely release summaries of their medical standing and the White House releases results from President Barack Obama's annual physical. At his last exam last fall, Obama's physician also declared him in excellent health and found he had quit smoking.

Ann Romney's plane makes emergency landing in Colorado

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

DENVER — A plane carrying Ann Romney, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's wife, made an emergency landing Friday afternoon after smoke filled the cabin. No injuries were reported.

An apparent electrical fire forced the detour on the flight from Omaha, Neb., to Los Angeles, campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul said. The candidate and his wife spoke immediately after the incident, said Saul, who shared photographs on Twitter of firefighters boarding the private jet.

Rick Gorka, a spokesman traveling with Mitt Romney, said Mrs. Romney told her

husband that everyone was fine.

Secret Service spokesman Max Milien in Washington said there were no injuries on the plane and everyone deplaned after the 2:25 p.m. local time landing. He declined to provide other details.

Airport spokeswoman Laura Coale said the plane, a Challenger 600, was routed to Denver around 2:20 p.m. local time with smoke in the cabin. The plane landed on runway 35L and was greeted by Denver fire and police officials.

Romney was in Nevada, appearing at a fundraiser and rally on Friday. He did not mention the incident during a rally, but aides said he spoke to his wife from a car on the way to the event.



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In his photo released by Romney for President Press Secretary Andrea Saul via Twitter, firefighters enter the plane carrying Anne Romney, wife of Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney, after the plane made an emergency landing Friday.

Obama, in election mode, tightens his UN diplomacy

BY BEN FELLER
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The world's leaders are gathering in New York, but President Barack Obama has no plans to meet privately with any of them.

He will make time for "The View," a freewheeling TV talk show more likely to reach voters than Obama would with the diplomacy he is skipping at the United Nations.

Just six weeks until the election, the realities and priorities of campaign politics hang prominently over Obama's final turn on the world stage before facing voters.

Unlike his predecessors, he is skipping the face-to-face meetings with counterparts where much of the U.N. work gets done, leaving Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to pick up more of those sessions herself.

Obama's itinerary on Monday and Tuesday is compressed so that he can get back to campaigning in some of the most contested states such as Ohio and Virginia.

Obama's address to the U.N. General Assembly, while avoiding any references to Republican rival Mitt Romney, will be viewed in more of an election context by many observers. Those include the more than 130 heads of state and government who are keenly interested in who will be in the White House next year.

Obama's two worlds will collide in his speech Tuesday. He will have a chance to distinguish his world vision from Romney's at a time when foreign crises have intruded in an election focused primarily on the economy.

Obama campaign officials privately welcome the imagery of the president commanding the U.N. stage and making his case about a stronger U.S. position in the world. But the speech is less anticipated this year, seeming also to

be squeezed into a pursuit of a second term built more on domestic concerns.

Obama is expected to explain, explore and defend U.S. engagement in the world as anti-American rage has run high in many nations, fueled by anti-Muslim film that was made in the United States but unconnected to and denounced by Obama's administration.

More than 40 people, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya, have been killed in violence linked to the protests over the film, raising hard questions about the transitions to democracy in the Middle East and North Africa.

At the U.N., Obama will try to differentiate himself from Romney by projecting a less aggressive tone toward the world, while also defending America and not seeming like an apologist, said Shibley Telhami, a Middle East scholar and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Associated Press writer Matthew Lee and AP News Researcher Judith Ausubel in New York contributed to this report.

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Budget Summary Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2012-2013			
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total All Funds
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$2,572,597	\$1,503,298	\$4,075,895
ESTIMATED REVENUES			
TAXES			
Ad Valorem Taxes (Millage per \$1000 / 0.4143 Mills)	\$5,200,000	\$0	\$5,200,000
Documentary Stamp Taxes	\$0	\$2,165,494	\$2,165,494
PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
OTHER INCOME			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Wetlands Grant	\$0	\$247,000	\$247,000
DEP Santa Fe River Nutrient Reduction	\$0	\$900,000	\$900,000
ERP Grant	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000
Delineated Areas Grant	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
Water Protection & Sustainability Grant	\$0	\$891,500	\$891,500
FEDERAL GRANTS			
FEMA Grants	\$0	\$1,110,000	\$1,110,000
NRCS Grants	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest and General Sales	\$158,000	\$0	\$158,000
Timber Sales	\$0	\$644,583	\$644,583
Madison Blue Monitoring	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
PCA Monitoring	\$0	\$21,600	\$21,600
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$5,428,000	\$6,598,177	\$12,026,177
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$8,000,597	\$8,101,475	\$16,102,072
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Salaries And Benefits	\$3,752,764	\$1,848,433	\$5,601,197
Other Personal Services	\$2,351,358	\$4,107,942	\$6,459,300
Expenses	\$1,243,475	\$260,500	\$1,503,975
Operating Capital Outlay	\$219,000	\$9,000	\$228,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Interagency Expenditures	\$434,000	\$625,600	\$1,059,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$8,000,597	\$8,101,475	\$16,102,072
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$8,000,597	\$8,101,475	\$16,102,072
THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.			

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Suwannee River Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

This notice is applicable to the following counties:

All of: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union
Parts of: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy, Putnam

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on
Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
at:

Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49 (corner of US 90 and CR 49)
Live Oak, FL

THE WEATHER

23 SUNDAY PARTLY CLOUDY HI 90 LO 60	24 MONDAY PARTLY CLOUDY HI 87 LO 62	25 TUESDAY ISO. SHOWERS HI 86 LO 63	26 WEDNESDAY ISO. T-STORMS HI 87 LO 64	27 THURSDAY ISO. T-STORMS HI 88 LO 65
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, September 23

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	83/75/pc	84/74/t
Daytona Beach	84/72/pc	85/71/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	87/78/t	87/80/pc
Fort Myers	90/72/t	89/71/pc
Gainesville	86/64/pc	85/65/pc
Jacksonville	83/63/pc	82/64/pc
Key West	87/78/t	88/79/sh
Lake City	87/62/pc	86/63/pc
Miami	87/77/t	87/78/sh
Naples	92/72/t	91/73/pc
Ocala	87/65/pc	86/66/pc
Orlando	87/72/pc	89/70/pc
Panama City	84/65/s	84/69/s
Pensacola	82/62/s	84/68/s
Tallahassee	86/58/s	86/62/s
Tampa	91/71/pc	90/72/pc
Valdosta	85/59/s	86/62/s
W. Palm Beach	87/77/t	86/76/sh

NATIONAL FORECAST: Chilly air will continue to overspread the Great Lakes and Northeast today, helping to trigger lake effect showers from parts of Michigan to New York. Showers and thunderstorms will continue to affect central and southern Florida as a frontal boundary stalls over the state. Expect scattered thunderstorms across the Intermountain West, as well.

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES
High: 103°, Yuma, Ariz. Low: 16°, Tioga, N.D.

LAKE CITY ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	89
Low Saturday	70
Normal high	87
Normal low	68
Record high	96 in 1925
Record low	48 in 1897

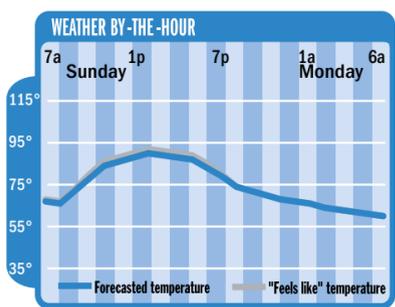
PRECIPITATION	
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	6.26"
Year total	48.37"
Normal month-to-date	3.37"
Normal year-to-date	38.94"

UV INDEX

9
VERY HIGH
15 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.

Saturday		Today		Saturday		Today	
CITY	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Hi/Lo/Pcp.
Albany NY	71/56/0	67/40/pc	Des Moines	59/43/0	65/42/s	Omaha	60/42/0
Albuquerque	83/58/0	88/58/pc	Detroit	61/51/09	59/45/pc	Orlando	86/73/0
Anchorage	63/50/01	57/49/r	El Paso	89/64/0	90/60/s	Philadelphia	83/60/0
Atlanta	85/63/0	78/52/s	Fairbanks	61/50/0	65/40/pc	Phoenix	99/78/0
Baltimore	84/64/0	71/46/pc	Greensboro	83/64/0	73/46/s	Pittsburgh	90/57/02
Billings	74/48/0	80/49/s	Hartford	73/48/0	72/45/pc	Portland ME	67/55/01
Birmingham	86/62/0	77/47/s	Honolulu	80/74/0	87/74/s	Portland OR	65/49/0
Bismarck	53/22/0	69/36/s	Houston	89/68/0	91/72/pc	Raleigh	85/63/0
Boise	76/51/0	75/50/t	Indianapolis	63/51/0	60/38/s	Rapid City	64/35/0
Boston	67/56/0	73/53/pc	Jackson MS	87/60/0	82/54/pc	Reno	77/55/0
Buffalo	59/55/90	61/44/sh	Jacksonville	88/70/0	88/65/pc	Richmond	85/62/0
Charleston SC	86/65/0	84/59/s	Kansas City	66/48/0	68/47/s	Sacramento	83/55/0
Charleston WV	77/69/01	64/37/pc	Las Vegas	88/74/0	97/74/pc	St. Louis	68/55/0
Charlotte	84/64/0	76/47/s	Little Rock	85/63/0	74/51/pc	Salt Lake City	77/54/0
Cheyenne	68/38/0	77/51/pc	Los Angeles	83/67/0	76/65/pc	San Antonio	85/60/0
Chicago	56/44/02	59/43/s	Memphis	84/62/0	74/50/s	San Diego	78/69/0
Cincinnati	71/59/41	63/38/s	Miami	85/73/3.03	88/75/t	San Francisco	64/51/0
Cleveland	62/53/14	60/46/pc	Minneapolis	56/40/0	58/40/s	Seattle	59/55/01
Columbia SC	87/65/0	80/53/s	Mobile	87/65/0	89/57/s	Spokane	73/53/0
Dallas	94/66/0	93/68/pc	New Orleans	86/69/0	87/66/pc	Tampa	86/73/0
Daytona Beach	87/72/0	87/71/pc	New York	76/60/0	72/52/pc	Tucson	98/73/0
Denver	74/45/0	83/55/pc	Oklahoma City	92/68/0	81/58/pc	Washington	84/66/0



WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1989, seventeen cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Devils Lake, N.D., with a reading of 22 degrees.

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INTERNATIONAL

Saturday		Today		Saturday		Today	
CITY	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Hi/Lo/Pcp.
Acapulco	88/79/0	90/78/t	La Paz	63/32/0	60/38/sh	Rio	75/68/0
Amsterdam	59/46/0	60/50/sh	Lima	68/61/0	68/60/pc	Rome	77/59/0
Athens	75/59/0	84/65/s	London	61/43/0	56/53/r	St. Thomas VI	89/79/0
Auckland	61/46/0	62/55/c	Madrid	88/63/0	85/65/pc	San Juan PR	93/78/0
Beijing	79/64/0	85/63/pc	Mexico City	70/57/0	72/58/t	Santiago	81/39/0
Berlin	61/46/0	62/47/pc	Montreal	66/59/0	61/45/c	Seoul	79/55/0
Buenos Aires	68/43/0	62/51/c	Moscow	63/50/0	59/45/r	Singapore	88/79/0
Cairo	88/72/0	88/66/s	Nairobi	82/54/0	83/55/sh	Sydney	68/55/0
Geneva	72/59/0	77/56/pc	Nassau	88/79/0	89/78/t	Tel Aviv	86/72/0
Havana	88/70/0	89/73/t	New Delhi	95/75/0	96/75/s	Tokyo	77/70/0
Helsinki	59/48/0	51/45/sh	Oslo	46/36/0	52/35/c	Toronto	61/52/0
Hong Kong	90/81/0	88/78/sh	Panama	88/75/0	87/76/t	Vienna	63/50/0
Kingston	91/79/0	89/80/pc	Paris	64/43/0	70/64/c	Warsaw	55/43/0

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy, dr=drizzle, f=fair, fg=fog, h=hazy, i=ice, pc=partly cloudy, r=rain, s=sunny, sh=showers, sn=snow, ts=thunderstorms, w=windy.

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Section B

GAMES

Monday

■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Newberry High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

Tuesday

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Oak Hall School at Gainesville Country Club, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High swimming at Ridgeview High with Baker County High, 4:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Keystone Heights High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

Wednesday

■ Fort White High bowling vs. Columbia High at Lake City Bowl, 4 p.m.

Thursday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Chiles High, Leon High at Quail Heights Country Club, 3 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Santa Fe High at The Country Club at Lake City, 4 p.m.

■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Interlachen High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Columbia High volleyball at Atlantic Coast High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)

Friday

■ Columbia High cross country in frunners.com Invitational at Titusville

■ Columbia High football at Vanguard High, 7:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High football vs. Union County High, 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

CHS CHEERLEADING

Youth clinic planned at gym

Columbia High has a cheerleading clinic for all children pre-K through eighth grade from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 29 at the CHS gym. Cost of \$25 includes T-shirt, snack and drink. Clinic participants will perform with the cheerleaders at the CHS home football game on Oct. 5.

For details, call Debbie Godbold at 755-8080.

RUNNING

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K

Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness Association has a 5K run/walk set for 8 a.m. Oct. 6 at Olustee Park in downtown Lake City. Entry fee is \$25 or \$30 day of race (6:30-7:30 a.m.), with proceeds going to those in the community battling cancer or experiencing financial hardship associated with the disease.

Register online at www.onestoprace.com or www.jax365.com. For details, call Shannon Thomas at 288-4692.

Chomp Cancer Foundation 5K

Chomp Cancer Foundation has its second Chomp Cancer 5K Run/Walk planned for 8 a.m. Dec. 15 in Fort White. UF Shands Cancer Center is the beneficiary. There will be an award ceremony and a silent auction/raffle. Sponsorships at several levels are available.

For details, call Lauren Valentine at (321) 501-9526.

■ From staff reports

CHS escapes Knight-mare

Tigers defeat Oakleaf, 19-13, in first district game.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**

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ORANGE PARK — Sometimes in football a team simply needs to survive. That's exactly what Columbia High did at Oakleaf High to pick up its first district win of the season.

The Tigers jumped out to a 19-7 halftime lead before being shut out in the second half, but the early difference was enough as

Columbia prevailed 19-13.

It was up and down for Columbia all night. The Tigers opened by holding strong on defense and forcing the Knights into a three and out, but Jayce Barber took a sack on Columbia's first offensive play. Ronald Timmons then responded with a 15-yard run, but bobbed the pitch on the next play resulting in an eight-yard loss.

The drive ultimately stalled, but Austin Williams nailed a 45-yard punt inside the 9-yard line giving the Knights a long field ahead.

CHS continued on 6B



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia High's Ronald Timmons cuts through the Oakleaf High defense during the Tigers' 19-13 win against the Knights in Orange Park on Friday.

FSU swats Clemson

Seminoles take charge in second half for 49-37 win.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**

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TALLAHASSEE — Clemson may have thrown the first punch, but Florida State landed the knockout in the ACC's version of a heavyweight title fight as the Seminoles defeated the Tigers 49-37 behind EJ Manuel's career high 380 passing yards and 103 rushing yards.

Clemson head coach Dabo Sweeney said at the half, "We talked about throwing the first punch" and it was apparent on the game's first drive. But by the second half, the Tigers had punched themselves out.

Tajh Boyd connected on a 60-yard fly route to DeAndre Hopkins to open an electric first half of offense and put the Tigers up 7-0 after a Catanzara extra point. It was the first touchdown allowed by the Seminoles' defense in 13 quarters.

It was the first of three consecutive scoring drives to open the contest.

The Seminoles took the more methodical approach as Florida State moved the ball into the end zone on six plays and 85 yards taking

2:37 off the clock.

Andre Ellington capped a scoring drive for Clemson with a six-yard score at 6:55 remaining in the first quarter to take a 14-7 lead.

Chris Thompson rushed 41 yards and Manuel hit Nick O'Leary for 28 yards to set up a James Wilder touchdown for FSU from the 5-yard line.

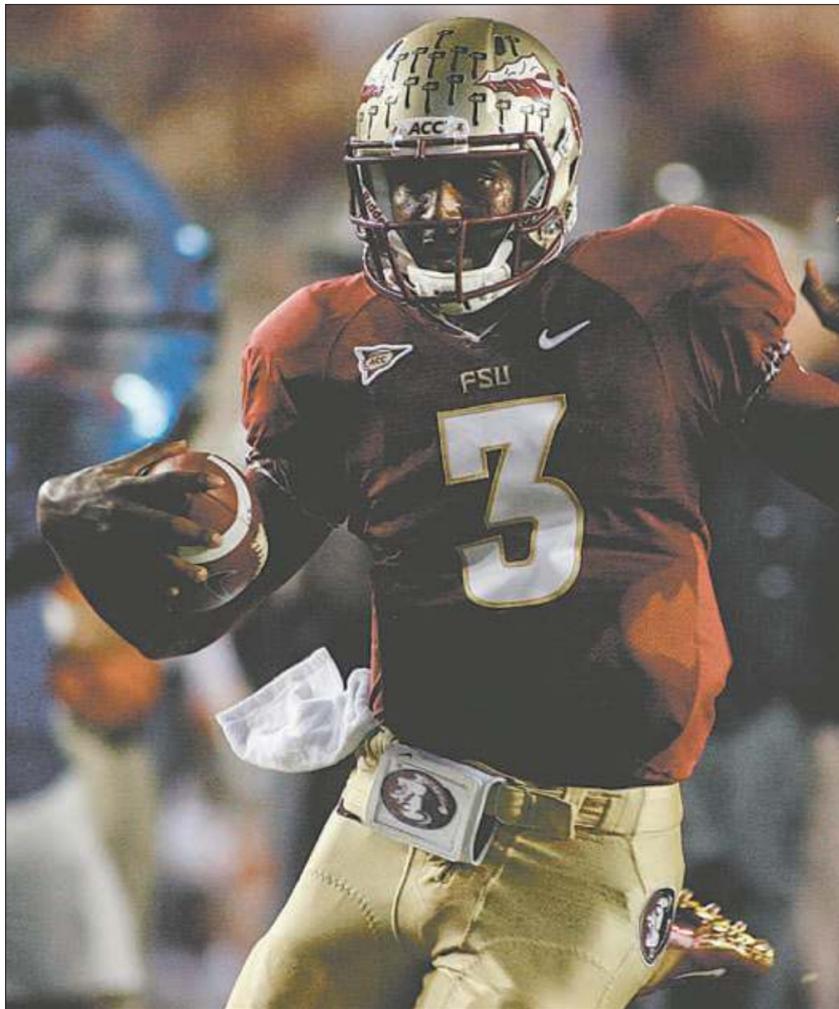
Trailing 28-14 after Clemson opened the second half with a wide-receiver pass from Sammy Watkins to Andre Ellington for 52 yards, the Seminoles looked out of it.

But just as the Tigers had answered throughout the first half, Florida State countered every shot threw at it.

Manuel hit Kelvin Benjamin for 64 yards and then optioned to Chris Thompson for a nine-yard score to cut the lead to 28-21.

After digging in on defense, the Seminoles kept the momentum rolling with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Manuel to Rodney Smith and Florida State took its first lead of the night at 35-31.

Florida State made it four straight scoring drives with James Wilder Jr. pulling off a highlight filled 35-yard run to set up his five-yard score and put the Seminoles up 42-31 with 14:07 remaining.



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Florida State quarterback EJ Manuel (3) runs for a 28-yard gain during a football game against Clemson in Tallahassee on Saturday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Wakulla High's Dequon Simmons (15) fights with Fort White High's Reginald Williams (10) for a loose ball.

Indians handed first loss of year

Fort White falls to Wakulla in 37-26 contest on road.

By **TIM KIRBY**

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CRAWFORDVILLE — Playing up two classes against a team coming off a state championship appearance is no time to give any help.

Fort White High turned the ball over eight times and lost, 37-26, to Wakulla High in Crawfordville on Friday.

"You can't beat a good team making those mistakes," Indians head coach Demetric Jackson said. "It was way too many and we couldn't overcome it."

It appeared Fort White might overcome after trailing 18-6 at the half. The Indians struck for two

touchdowns in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the third quarter to take a one-point lead.

Fort White (3-1) received the second-half kickoff and on the second play quarterback Andrew Baker hit Michael Mulberry on a throwback screen and Mulberry raced 56 yards for a touchdown and an 18-12 score.

On the War Eagles ensuing third down, Fort White linebacker Kellen Snider blitzed up the middle and hit Wakulla quarterback Caleb Stephens to force a fumble. Cameron White picked up the ball and ran 11 yards to the end zone.

After two misfires caused by high snaps, kicker Nathan Escalante hit the first of his two PATs and the Indians took a 19-18 lead.

INDIANS continued on 5B

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

TV sports

Today
AUTO RACING
7:30 a.m.
 SPEED — Formula One, Grand Prix of Singapore

2 p.m.
 ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Sylvania 300, at Loudon, N.H.

10 p.m.
 SPEED — FIA, World Touring Car Championship, at Sonoma, Calif. (same-day tape)

GOLF
11:30 a.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour, Tour Championship, final round, at Atlanta

1:30 p.m.
 NBC — PGA Tour, Tour Championship, final round, at Atlanta

2 p.m.
 TGC — Navistar LPGA Classic, final round, at Prativille, Ala.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 TBS — Oakland at N.Y. Yankees

2:10 p.m.
 WGN — St. Louis at Chicago Cubs

8 p.m.
 ESPN — L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati

MOTORSPORTS
12 Midnight
 SPEED — AMA Pro Racing, at Homestead, Fla. (same-day tape)

NFL FOOTBALL
1 p.m.
 CBS — Regional coverage
 FOX — Regional coverage

4 p.m.
 FOX — Regional coverage

4:25 p.m.
 CBS — Doubleheader game

8:20 p.m.
 NBC — New England at Baltimore

SOCCER
2 p.m.
 FOX — Premier League, Manchester United at Liverpool (same-day tape)

WNBA BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Seattle at Phoenix

Monday
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
8 p.m.
 MLB Network, (regional coverage)
 Oakland at Texas or NY Yankees at Minnesota

NFL FOOTBALL
8:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Green Bay at Seattle

Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels (n)
 Texas at Seattle (n)

Today's Games

Minnesota (Diamond 11-8) at Detroit (Porcello 9-12), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
 Oakland (Griffin 6-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 14-10), 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Tillman 8-2) at Boston (Doubtront 11-9), 1:35 p.m.
 Toronto (Jenkins 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-9), 1:40 p.m.
 Cleveland (D.Huff 1-0) at Kansas City (Odorizzi 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Floyd 10-10) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 18-4), 3:35 p.m.
 Texas (Dempster 6-2) at Seattle (Vargas 14-10), 4:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Walters 2-4) at Detroit (Smyly 4-3), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

Monday's Games

Toronto at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
 Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

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 Buffalo 1 1 0.500 63 65

South

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 Indianapolis 1 1 0.500 44 61
 Tennessee 0 2 0.000 23 72
 Jacksonville 0 2 0.000 30 53

North

W L T Pct PF PA
 Baltimore 1 1 0.500 67 37
 Cincinnati 1 1 0.500 47 71
 Pittsburgh 1 1 0.500 46 41
 Cleveland 0 2 0.000 43 51

West

W L T Pct PF PA
 San Diego 2 0 0 1.00060 24
 Denver 1 1 0.500 52 46
 Kansas City 0 2 0.000 41 75
 Oakland 0 2 0.000 27 57

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East

W L T Pct PF PA
 Philadelphia 2 0 0 1.00041 39
 N.Y. Giants 2 1 0.667 94 65
 Dallas 1 1 0.500 31 44
 Washington 1 1 0.500 68 63

South

W L T Pct PF PA
 Atlanta 2 0 0 1.00067 45
 Tampa Bay 1 1 0.500 50 51
 Carolina 1 2 0.333 52 79
 New Orleans 0 2 0.000 59 75

North

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 Green Bay 1 1 0.500 45 40
 Detroit 1 1 0.500 46 50
 Minnesota 1 1 0.500 46 46
 Chicago 1 1 0.500 51 44

West

W L T Pct PF PA
 Arizona 2 0 0 1.00040 34
 San Francisco 2 0 0 1.00057 41
 St. Louis 1 1 0.500 54 55
 Seattle 1 1 0.500 43 27

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 1 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 New England at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

NL standings

East Division

W L Pct GB
 z-Washington 92 59 .609 —
 Atlanta 87 65 .572 5½
 Philadelphia 77 75 .507 15½
 New York 68 83 .450 24
 Miami 66 86 .434 26½

Central Division

W L Pct GB
 x-Cincinnati 92 60 .605 —
 St. Louis 81 71 .533 11
 Milwaukee 78 73 .517 13½
 Pittsburgh 74 77 .490 17½
 Chicago 59 93 .388 33
 Houston 50 102 .329 42

West Division

W L Pct GB
 San Francisco 88 63 .583 —
 Los Angeles 78 74 .513 10½
 Arizona 75 75 .500 12½
 San Diego 72 79 .477 16
 Colorado 58 92 .387 29½

z-playoff berth; x-clinched division

Saturday's Games

Washington 10, Milwaukee 4
 St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings
 N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 3
 Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 2
 Cincinnati 6, L.A. Dodgers 0
 Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1
 Arizona at Colorado (n)
 San Diego at San Francisco (n)

Today's Games

Miami (Nolasco 12-12) at N.Y. Mets (C.Young 4-8), 1:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (T.Hudson 15-6) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 6-7), 1:35 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Gallardo 16-8) at Washington (Wang 2-3), 1:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 15-8) at Houston (Lyles 4-11), 2:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Lohse 15-3) at Chicago Cubs (Germano 2-8), 2:20 p.m.
 Arizona (I.Kennedy 14-11) at Colorado (Francis 5-6), 3:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Stults 6-3) at San Francisco (Linccum 10-14), 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Harang 9-10) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 12-9), 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
 Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division

W L Pct GB
 New York 88 63 .583 —
 Baltimore 87 64 .576 1
 Tampa Bay 82 70 .539 6½
 Boston 82 85 .444 21
 Toronto 66 84 .440 21½

Central Division

W L Pct GB
 Chicago 81 69 .540 —
 Detroit 80 70 .533 1
 Kansas City 70 81 .464 11½
 Minnesota 62 89 .411 19½
 Cleveland 62 90 .408 20

West Division

W L Pct GB
 Texas 89 61 .593 —
 Oakland 85 66 .563 4½
 Los Angeles 82 69 .543 7½
 Seattle 71 80 .470 18½

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 10, Oakland 9, 14 innings
 Baltimore 9, Boston 6, 12 innings
 Detroit 8, Minnesota 0
 Kansas City 5, Cleveland 3
 Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 5

Football

NFL schedule

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W L T Pct PF PA
 N.Y. Jets 1 1 0.500 58 55
 New England 1 1 0.500 52 33

Lady Tigers, Lady Falcons excel in Alligator Lake run

By TIM KIRBY
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The Alligator Park Invitational was Saturday at Alligator Lake Park in Lake City.

The cross country event for high school, middle school, elementary and community runners was hosted by Columbia High and Half-Mile Timing.

"We are expecting 55 schools, eight from Georgia, and more than 1,600 runners," Dusty Smith of Half-Mile Timing said. "It is the fourth or fifth largest invitational in Florida not attached to a university. It has the biggest middle school field in the state and is a state qualifier for middle schools."

The Lady Tigers competed in the Varsity Girls Invitational division and placed fourth out of 17 schools in the 5K. Walton High won with Stanton Prep in second and Lassiter High in third. Emma Zee Abrahams won in 19:03.47.

Columbia's runners were: Emma Tucker, 8th place-20:04.76 time; Samantha Ziegaus, 19th-21:23.45; Michaelle Charlotan, 40th-22:08.67; Ashley Jones, 43rd-22:19.24; Abby Williams, 44th-22:19.98; Nicole Morse, 45th-22:20.00; Sydni Jones, 62nd-22:53.11; Ashlyn Martin, 23:20.68.

The Lady Indians compet-

ed in the Varsity Girls Open division and placed sixth out of 17 teams. Gainesville High won team and Rachel Valentine of Canterbury School won individual in 20:29.17.

Fort White High's runners were: Carolee Morrow, 28th-24:47.31; Seaira Fletcher, 41st-25:36.30; Sheridan Plasencia, 44th-25:52.52; Sitia Martinez, 45th-25:53.71; Katrina Patillo, 88th-30:24.06; Issabelle Hair, 98th-32:56.55.

Columbia's boys competed in the Varsity Boys Open division and placed ninth out of 20 teams. Gainesville won team, while Kentre Patterson of Episcopal School won individual in 17:17.37.

CHS runners were: Timothy Pierce, 14th-18:26.49; Shaykheim Griffin, 46th-19:52.02; Octavious Buiey, 52nd-19:55.80; Shawn Ziegaus, 57th-20:04.56; Tim Jewett, 76th-21:08.52; Noah Henderson, 77th-21:09.08; Wyatt Snook, 90th-21:29.85; Dominique Cason, 22:04.03; Dill Beckelheimer, 22:13.53; Zach Peterson, 22:34.08.

Fort White's Jeremie Thompson (24:04.04) and Joshua Compton (26:44.27) were in the field.

Columbia also competed in the JV divisions. The girls placed eighth out of 16 teams, while the boys were 17th out of 19.

Lady Tigers runners

were: Dimple Desai, 18th-25:02; Cory Calyniuk, 27th-26:23; Jordan Gompers, 41st-27:07; Danielle Mathis, 69th-29:10; Kaitlyn Daniel, 83rd-30:08; Rachel Umstead, 85th-30:12; Caroline Cribbs, 97th-32:33; Myriah Furber, 34:34.

Columbia's boys were: David King, 88th-22:33; Javontae Foster, 92nd-22:39; Kelly Varnell, 95th-22:52; Chris Sellers, 115th-24:44; Lee Peterson, 123rd-25:42; Kevin Lauder, 127th-26:32.

Lake City Middle School's girls placed first in their division, ahead of six other teams. Lake City's boys were fourth out of with teams, which was won by Episcopal. Rafaella Gibbons and John Coleman-Davis were individual winners.

Lady Falcons runners were: Cassie Pierron, 1st-11:52; Bridget Morse, 2nd-11:53; Jillian Morse, 3rd-12:32; Bernita Brown, 8th-13:31; Grace Kolovitz, 9th-13:32; Christen Odum, 13th-14:18; Brandy Wachua, 25th-15:09. Kassady McLean, 16:46; Sarah Griffin, 17:50; Sydney Griffin, 17:50; Reagan Morse, 18:59; Victoria Napolitano, 19:50.

Lake City's boys were: Michael Perez, 4th-12:18; Dalton Devers, 10th-12:39; Tyler Pierce, 14th-12:53; Spencer Henderson, 35th-14:39; Chase Martin, 36th-14:41; Joseph Creeley, 37th-14:50; Jordan Harris, 50th-19:54.

Reds clinch NL Central title

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Jay Bruce was Mr. Clinch again, hitting the homer that got the Reds' championship party started on the second try.

Bruce's 34th homer put the Reds ahead to stay, and they made good on their second chance to win the NL Central title by beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-0 on Saturday without Dusty Baker, who was missed in the frothy beer-and-champagne shower in the clubhouse.

The 63-year-old manager spent another day in a Chicago hospital getting treated for an irregular heartbeat. The Reds brought him his fifth division title as a manager, including two during the last three years with Cincinnati.

He missed a clinching game that featured a familiar swing.

Bruce's first-pitch, leadoff homer in the ninth off Houston's Tim Lincecum clinched the title for Cincinnati in 2010. On Saturday, he led off the fourth inning with a first-pitch homer off rookie

Stephen Fife (0-2), and Cincinnati's main offseason pitching acquisition made it stand up.

Mat Latos (13-4) allowed six hits and didn't walk a batter in eight innings. Left-hander Aroldis Chapman made his first appearance since Sept. 10 — a tired shoulder — and finished it off by getting Hanley Ramirez to hit into a double play off a 99 mph fastball.

"A couple of years ago, we were a surprise," said Joey Votto. "It kind of crept up on us. We didn't expect it. This year, we felt we had something to prove."

Snedeker states his case

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brandt Snedeker gave himself the opportunity he wanted in the FedEx Cup. He also has the company he expected.

Snedeker played one of his best rounds this year at just the right time Saturday, making a collection of tough putts and relying on his short game to pick up a couple of other birdies on his way to a 6-under 64 that gave him a share of the lead with Justin Rose in the Tour Championship.

That means he now only has to win Sunday at East Lake to claim the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize, the richest payoff in golf.

So does Rory McIlroy, who was only three shots out of the lead.

Ditto for Tiger Woods, four shots behind. The Tour Championship has never had so much at stake for so many top players.

"It's going to be one of the most exciting Sundays of the year," McIlroy said after a 68. "Great to be in the mix."

McIlroy, who won the last two FedEx Cup playoff events, had his 11th consecutive round in the 60s. Woods salvaged an important par after his shot ricocheted off a Georgia pine and wound up with a 67.

Snedeker, McIlroy and Woods were among the top five seeds coming into the Tour Championship, giving each the best shot at the \$10 million because they only have to win the Tour Championship no matter what anyone else does at East Lake.

They won't be the only players with a chance to win at least one trophy — the Tour Championship — on Sunday. Rose will be in the final group with Snedeker, and while it's unlikely he can win the FedEx Cup, the

Englishman would settle for his second win of the year against a strong field.

Snedeker and Rose were at 8-under 202.

Ryan Moore spoiled his round with a bogey on the 17th and still had a 65, putting him alone in third at 6 under.

Jim Furyk, the 36-hole leader, was tied for the lead until he pulled his tee shot into the water on the 17th, hit the next tee shot into the gallery, his fourth shot into a bunker and made triple bogey.

JUMBLE

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

SADIY

SWONH

SLIEIM

BEMMUL

Answer: "WOUND NOVEL DOOMED SUNKEN"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: WOUND NOVEL DOOMED SUNKEN
 Answer: What snobby birds with big egos do — LOOK DOWN ON US

ACROSS

1 Knock flat
 5 That woman
 8 Hong —
 12 Post-kindergarten
 13 Stone Age tool
 14 Mishmash
 15 Sheik colleague
 16 Chili pepper
 18 Helicopter blade
 20 Went first
 21 Downcast
 22 Grape grower
 25 R-V connector
 28 Analyze
 29 Impulse
 33 Checked off
 35 Ski lifts (hyph.)
 36 Paperless exams
 37 Miter wearer
 38 Freighter hazard
 39 Altitude measure

DOWN

1 Hoofed animal
 2 Brat in "Blondie"
 3 Voucher
 4 Bolshoi rival
 5 Uris novel "The —"

41 Diver's milieu
42 Glossy paints
45 Byron work
48 Author Umberto —
49 Diplomat
53 Loses the right to
56 Missouri neighbor
57 Without value
58 — up (abate)
59 Left the coop?
60 Layered cookie
61 Ben & Jerry rival
62 Come clean, with "up"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

6 Extols
 7 Soften
 8 Keystone
 9 Bullring shouts
 10 Girl in Madrid

11 Yummy
 17 Fruit drink
 19 Ceremonies
 23 — Beatty of films
 24 Applies salve
 25 Dirty air
 26 Fictional plantation
 27 Europe-Asia range
 30 Team cheers
 31 Empathize
 32 Glimpse
 34 "Fish Magic" artist
 35 Proof of ownership
 37 Hairy insect
 39 Slick
 40 Overacted
 43 Once called
 44 Take a whiff
 45 Point — — return
 46 Morose
 47 Whodunit name
 50 Meadow rodent
 51 Feels grateful
 52 Wobbles, as a rocket
 54 Andy Capp's wife
 55 Pigpen

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Tigers survive scare



Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23) tries to break a tackle during the Tigers' 19-13 win against Oakleaf High in Orange Park on Friday.

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Columbia High's Laremy Tunsil (77) makes a block against Lamar Brown of Oakleaf High.

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Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood (24) rumbles for a first down against Oakleaf High.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter



Columbia High's Alex Webber hauls in a reception against Oakleaf High in the Tigers' 19-13 win on Friday.

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Columbia High's Braxton Stockton makes a first-down reception late in Friday's game.

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Crawfordville calamity



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Tavaris Williams (2) is sent airborne after Wakulla High's Bryan Nichols (33) makes a tackle in the War Eagles' 37-26 home win on Friday.



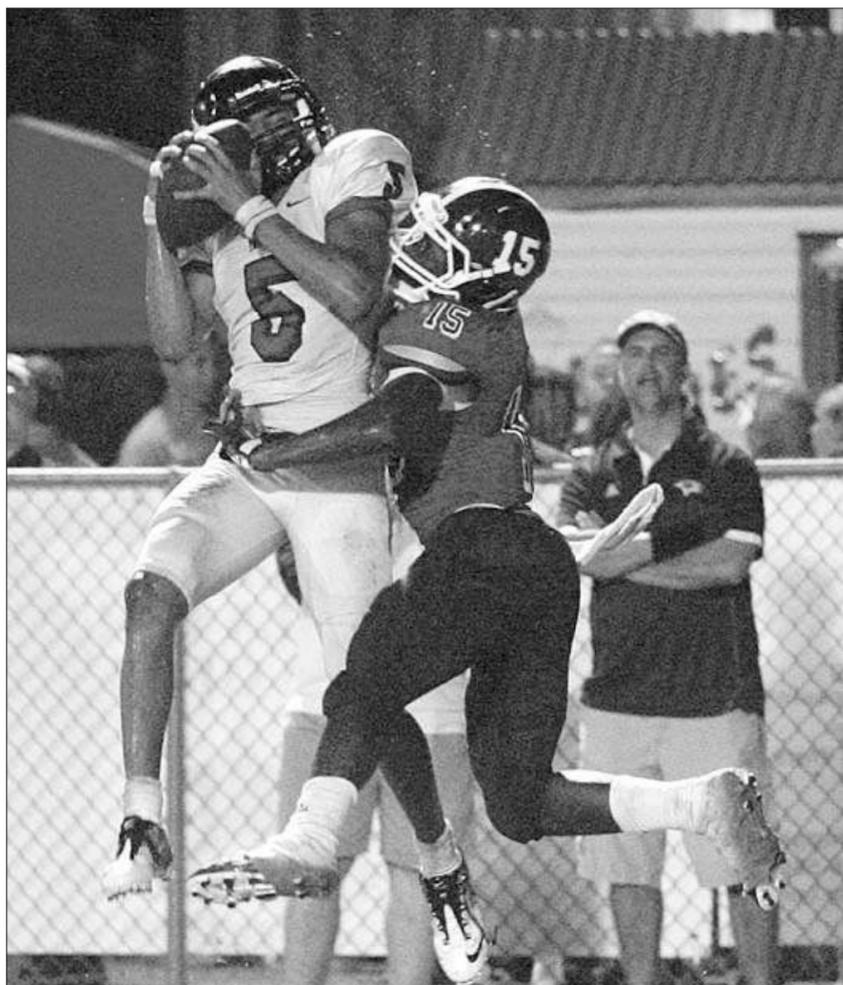
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Andrew Baker (12) is tackled as he attempts to steer away from a group of Wakulla High defenders on a pass attempt.



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Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) is chased by Wakulla High's Dequon Simmons.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) catches a touchdown pass from an Andrew Baker over Wakulla High defender Dequon Simmons.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High quarterback Andrew Baker (12) dives for yardage while looking for first down against Wakulla High.

High hopes for Wakulla after fast start to 2012

By **TIM KIRBY**
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CRAWFORDVILLE — The game was played at J.D. Jones Stadium at Jerry Reynolds Field.

Watching Fort White High take on Wakulla High from his 50-yard line seat was Wakulla coaching legend J.D. Jones. Jones left at halftime with the War Eagles leading and would be please they produced the win.

Jones, who won back-to-back state championships in 1980-81, might not have recognized the start under his former assistant, Scott Klees. The War Eagles threw the ball on their first three downs.

"We are trying to keep it more balanced," Klees said. "We've got some guys who can catch it and a quarter-

back who can sling it. It helps when you are more balanced."

After Fort White shocked Wakulla with two quick touchdowns in the third quarter to take a one-point lead, Klees shelved the passing attack.

"The run is our bread and butter," he said. "It is what we do. We are just trying to compliment it."

After taking over for Jones, Klees has had the War Eagles in the playoffs five times and last year went to the championship game. He would like to make another run.

"We definitely have high hopes and there is no excuse," Klees said. "We have got to stay healthy, but we want to get back there."

After butting heads with Madison County High

for six years, Fort White High head coach Demetric Jackson settled with Klees on a two-year contract. Both coaches like the competition.

"Our defense had a great game plan," Jackson said. "They were hurting us with the counters and sweeps, so we changed the front and they hurt us with the blasts and traps. Every team has got weaknesses and they spotted ours. We spotted theirs too and exploited them."

Klees likes the Fort White challenge.

"Coach Jackson is a phenomenal coach," Klees said. "He gets the most out of his kids and they play physical. When the kids play hard, that's a reflection on the coach. If his team stays healthy, 3A better watch out."



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Wakulla High's Demetrius Lindsey (11) is brought down on a diving tackle by Fort White High's Devonte Levy (1) during a game Friday.

Defense stretched to limit

By **TIM KIRBY**
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CRAWFORDVILLE — Dealing with seven quality ball carriers and an improved Wakulla High passing attack, Fort White High's defense already had its hands full.

Eight turnovers kept the defense on the field and led to season highs in yardage and points for an opponent. Fort White was giving up 176 yards and eight points per game; Wakulla totaled 371 yards and 37 points.

"No matter what, we are not supposed to let them on the board," Indians defensive coordinator Ken Snider said. "They are the No. 3 team in 5A and we came into a packed house and we were right with them to the end."

Fort White's defense had an interception by Melton Sanders and two fumble recoveries. Cameron White returned one of the fumbles for a touchdown to give the Indians a lead early in the second half.

Wakulla answered the lead with a 10-play scoring drive, but a bobbled, bounding kickoff gave the War Eagles the ball back on the Indians 20. After another touchdown, Fort White fumbled the kickoff again and the defense faced four more plays.

"We don't worry about

the turnovers," Snider said. "Our job is to get out and stop them. Obviously we didn't — they put 37 points on the board."

After winging the ball around nine times in the first half, Wakulla went back to the run and threw just two incompleting passes after intermission while chalking up 208 yards.

"They have run the same thing for years and they are good at it," Snider said. "They have one of the better offensive lines we will face."

Snider saw some positives.

"We rotated in a lot and our guys never quit," he said. "It is a good learning experience. When you play tough teams, it only helps you down the line. We will try to shore up things we were doing wrong. It was a disappointment, but you can't be down for very long. Union County is not going to feel sorry for us."

Fort White hosts the Class 1A No. 1 Tigers at 7:30 p.m. this Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Melton Sanders (16) charges down the field after making an interception early in the game against Wakulla High on Friday. Fort White fell to Wakulla 37-26.

INDIANS: Unable to hold 19-18 lead

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Wakulla (4-0) responded with a 75-yard scoring drive in 10 plays. Demetrius Lindsey had 45 of the yards and Malik Thomas scored on a five-yard run. The touchdown came at 4:09, but suddenly the clock jumped to 4:44.

The War Eagles recovered the bounding kickoff that followed at the Fort White 20. Four plays later Lindsey scored from nine yards out and, with 2:58 left in the quarter, Wakulla had pushed its lead back to 12 points, 31-19.

Fort White fumbled on the next kickoff, but this time the Indians defense held on four plays from their 34.

Tavaris Williams ripped off a 50-yard run on a first-down draw play to get the Indians to the Wakulla 22. Baker and Trey Phillips hooked up on a 15-yard touchdown pass and the Indians were within five points, 31-26, at 11:15 of the fourth quarter.

Wakulla answered with a touchdown drive. Malik Thomas scored on a 47-yard run to produce what would be the final score.

Fort White used 11 plays to march to the War Eagles 3, but could not get the ball in the end zone, and Wakulla ran out the clock.

Despite an early Wakulla bomb and six turnovers,

the Indians only trailed by 12 points at intermission.

The War Eagles came out throwing and Stephens found Jordan Franks all alone in the middle of the field on the second play of the game for a 75-yard touchdown.

The teams then traded interceptions. Melton Sanders got the pick for Fort White at the goal line and returned it 24 yards.

From there, the Indians settled in with Baker completing 4-of-5 passes for 57 yards to help move the ball to the Wakulla 7. Phillips scored on a reverse around the right side at 7:59 to tie the game at 6-6.

Fort White sniffed out and stopped a fake punt, then forced another punt after the Indians lost a fumble.

Sheldon Johnson intercepted a pass and returned it 41 yards to the Indians 14. Stephens scored on a keeper from two yards out for a 12-6 lead.

Fort White lost fumbles on its next two drives. The Indians defense got one of the fumbles back at their 30.

A Wakulla interception gave the ball back and this time Stephens scored on a 24-yard keeper.

"You have to give credit," Jackson said. "They came out a little more physical

than us and they put their helmets on the ball. We have got to have more ball security. Our guys made some great plays and they fought to the very end. I am proud of their effort."

Wakulla 12 6 13 6 — 37
Fort White 6 0 13 7 — 21

First Quarter

W—J. Franks 75 pass from Stephens (kick failed), 11:35
FW—Phillips 7 run (pass failed), 7:59
W—Stephens 2 run (pass failed), 4:5

Second Quarter

W—Stephens 24 run (pass failed), 2:47

Third Quarter

FW—Mulberry 56 pass from Baker (kick failed), 10:56
FW—White 11 fumble return (Escalante kick), 9:26
W—Thomas 5 run (run failed), 4:44
W—Lindsey 11 run (Di. Norman kick), 2:58

Fourth Quarter

FW—Phillips 15 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 11:15
W—Thomas 47 run (pass failed), 8:23

	Fort White	Wakulla
First downs	14	11
Rushes-yards	30-126	48-289
Passing	185	82
Comp-Att-Int	14-25-4	2-11-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	2-30
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-35	12-94

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Fort White, T. Williams 17-112, Phillips 4-14, Baker 6-12, R. Williams 1-1, Levy 1-0, Sanders 1-(-13). Wakulla, Lindsey 10-85, Thomas 5-76, Simmons 7-61, Loggins 11-38, Stephens 7-16, F. Franks 4-10, Johnson 3-9, Nichols 1-(-6).
PASSING—Fort White, Baker 14-25-185-4, Wakulla, Stephens 1-5-75-1, F. Franks 1-6-7-0.
RECEIVING—Fort White, Phillips 9-84, Mulberry 2-77, Sanders 2-20, T. Williams 1-4, Wakulla, J. Franks 1-75, Lindsey 1-7.

JUMBLE

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

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STURHH

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Answer here: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: DAISY SHOWN SIMILE MUMBLE
Answer: Their lobster in Bangor was a — "MAINE" DISH

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

ACROSS

- 1 1950s auto feature
- 4 Over one's head
- 8 Handy abbr.
- 11 Ms. Lupino
- 12 Buenos —
- 13 — Paulo
- 14 Famous
- 16 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
- 17 Diminishes
- 18 Unkind
- 20 Was on a jury
- 21 Channels 2-13
- 22 Walkie-talkie OK
- 25 Horse's "lunchbox"
- 29 Pelt
- 30 Hang back
- 31 Conquistador's quest
- 32 Comic strip prince
- 33 Ms. Hagen
- 34 Fortune-teller

DOWN

- 35 Tropical snakes
- 38 Waterfall effect
- 39 Shoe width
- 40 Narrow inlet
- 41 Occasion
- 44 Swamps
- 48 Disposed of
- 49 Romantic escapade
- 51 Place to sleep
- 52 "The Kiss" sculptor
- 53 Size above med.
- 54 RV haven
- 55 Got a ticket
- 56 A-Team guy (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DECK	HER	KONG
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ROTOR	LED	SAD
	VINTNER	
STU	TEST	URGE
MARKED		TBARS
ORALS		BISHOP
GALE	FEET	SKY
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Battle tested

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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ORANGE PARK — It wasn't a pretty game for Columbia High, but in the end it was special as the Tigers' third unit came up big to set up a 19-13 win over Oakleaf High on Friday.

The man of the night was Roc Battle, as the junior cornerback came up with the two game-defining plays to make the difference.

While Columbia didn't score in the second half, it was the special teams' play made by Battle that set the score apart.

Leading 13-7 in the second quarter, Battle came off the edge to block a punt and Solomon Bell recovered it for a 30-yard touchdown scoop-and-score with 4:51 remaining in the half.

"The coaches told me that they saw they weren't blocking the guy coming

off the end," Battle said. "As soon as they snapped it, I saw that I wasn't going to be blocked and knew I was going to get it. When the ball hit the ground, I was looking for it, but luckily Solomon picked it up and ran it in for the score."

With Oakleaf driving inside the Tigers' 20-yard line in the second half, Battle made another impact on the game to knock the Knights back.

Oakleaf was set up with a first down and was moving the ball on a nine-play drive at the time, but Battle's sack of Austin Chipoletti forced the Knights to settle for a 36-yard field goal that would come up short. Before that play, the Knights were averaging 7.25 yards per play on the drive.

"We called the blitz and I knew I would have a shot coming from the short side of the field," Battle said. "I kind of backed up before the

play so I didn't show it and then when they snapped it, I made the play to change their field-goal position."

It was another solid week for a player that made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of winning games for the team. Coming into the year, Battle was a running back, but switched to corner to shore up a position the Tigers desperately needed help.

"My heart has always been at running back, but this isn't about me," he said. "It's all about helping the team out, and that's why I made the move. In turn, it has helped me more, because I'm getting more looks from colleges. But most importantly, it's helping the team."

On Friday, the move was the difference as the Tigers moved to 3-1 on the season and picked up their first district win in as many games.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia High's Roc Battle leaps to the top of a pile during the Tigers' win over Oakleaf High.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber attempts a pass during the Tigers' district win.

CHS: Tigers come up with 19-13 win

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A second three-and-out by the Columbia defense gave the Tigers the ball on the 40-yard line for their second possession. After a 22-yard run by Lonnie Underwood, Barber hit Shaq Johnson for a 24-yard touchdown reception. Brayden Thomas nailed the extra point to make it 7-0 at 4:44 remaining in the first quarter.

But the Tigers couldn't get too high as Austin Chipoletti responded on the Knights' first offensive play with an 80-yard pass to Robert Mims to even the score after a Kyle Wade extra point. Mims would torch the Tigers all night to the tune of nine receptions for 176 yards and a score.

"We definitely didn't execute the way we talked about," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "We wanted to eliminate the explosive plays and we gave up two huge ones."

Columbia responded in the face of adversity, however, with its only other offensive score of the evening.

This time it was Ronald Timmons who paced the drive with his runs and capped it off with a 35-yard touchdown run. The extra point failed, leaving Columbia up 13-7.

The Tigers avoided disaster when the snap sailed 15 yards over Williams' head on Columbia's next punt. Williams recovered at the 20-yard line leaving the Knights in the red zone to begin their next drive.

Felix Woods would recover a fumble on the first play of the Oakleaf possession, however, and Columbia dodged its first bullet.

Columbia moved the ball on its next possession, but faced a fourth-and-1 at midfield. An offside penalty forced Columbia to punt, however, and Williams again changed the field position by downing the punt at the Knights' 7-yard line.

After an Aaron Duckworth run of 23-yards to begin the series, Javere Smith stalled the Knights' possession with a key sack on third down. It led to Rakeem Battle coming off the edge on Oakleaf's punt and Solomon Bell scooping and scoring the blocked ball for a touchdown from 30 yards out. The failed two-point attempt left Columbia up 19-13.

"We identified that Zedrick Woods almost blocked the punt earlier coming off the edge, so we decided to send someone that was just a little faster," Allen said. "When you get a spread-punt formation like that, you know you'll have someone coming off the edge free."

The third quarter turned into a stalemate, other than one long drive by the Knights. After driving inside the Tigers' 20-yard line, Battle came up with a big sack off a corner blitz to force the Knights into a longer field-goal attempt which they missed.

Columbia went three-and-out on its next possession, however, and the Knights responded with their second explosive play of the evening. This time, Duckworth took the hand-off and responded with 53 yards of open field to draw Oakleaf within 19-13.

Two drives ate up the entirety of the fourth quarter. Both were critical for the Tigers.

Oakleaf drove inside the Tigers' 1-yard line before an offside penalty backed the Knights up on third down. A bad snap left C.J. Mitchell looking to recover the ball at Columbia's 19-yard line. On fourth down, the Tigers sunk their claws in and held Oakleaf without a score.

The Tigers didn't score in the second half, but their drive in the fourth quarter was as crucial as any score on the night. Receiving the ball with 5:21 remaining in the game, the Tigers were able to run out the clock. The pivotal play of the drive came with Columbia facing a fourth-and-one situation at midfield.

Instead of punting, Columbia made the decision to rush to the line and executed a quarterback sneak from Barber for nine yards. After another first down came when Barber hit Braxton Stockton for 18 yards out of the backfield, and Columbia was able to enter the victory formation.

Knights could make impact in district

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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ORANGE PARK — Oakleaf High may be 1-2 on the season, but the strides the Knights are making under first-year coach Derek Chipoletti are quite obvious.

On Friday, the Knights pushed Columbia High to the limit in a 19-13 loss on their home field.

It's a far cry from a team that won its first game in 14 contests in a 30-17 win over Clay County High last week.

"We talked all week about playing an opponent without a name," Chipoletti said. "We wanted a faceless opponent."

Chipoletti didn't want his team buying into Columbia's top-10 ranking in the state and the concept worked for the Knights. Oakleaf had a chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter by reaching

the Tigers' 1-yard line, but failed to punch it in.

"We have to find a way to get that stuff corrected," Chipoletti said. "We're still not there and did some things to lose this game, but we're miles and miles ahead of where we've been. We put forth a great effort and there was a lot of hard work from this team. We just made some key mistakes. The effort, however, was why we were in it."

Another big reason was the connection of his son, Austin, who plays quarterback, and receiver Robert Sims. Sims was obviously the younger Chipoletti's favorite target and had nine receptions for 176 yards.

"When I got here, the talk was how fast he was," Chipoletti said. "Now, he's not only fast, but he's a polished receiver. Obviously, the speed helps as well. With Austin, he's been tie the game late in the four years. He uses every

ounce of God-given ability that he has and I'm proud that he's my son, but every one of these kids feel like my sons."

The Knights had an unexpected life lesson heading into the game and Chipoletti said it helped focus Oakleaf going into the game.

"On Monday, this game looked like a daunting task," he said. "On Wednesday, I lost my aunt to cancer and it really put this thing in perspective after watching her fight and persevere. In the end, this is just a game and she was fighting for her life. It showed us that we're going to face adversity, but there's nothing we couldn't face after watching that. That's not to take anything away from Columbia or any team in the district, but we're a tougher program now."

Surely, the Knights proved that they were contenders for Friday.



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Columbia High's Terry Calloway (3) sacks Oakleaf High's Austin Chipoletti on Friday.

Vanguard beats Buchholz, up next week against CHS

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While Columbia High was taking on the Oakleaf High Knights, the other group of Knights that the Tigers will take on next week, Vanguard High, was dismantling common opponent Buchholz High.

Quarterback Adam Robles threw for 206 yards and four touchdowns to improve the Knights to 2-1 on the season.

Gainesville 44, Lake Weir 22

The Hurricanes made easy work of Lake Weir

High as Gainesville jumped out to a 44-0 lead before sitting its players.

Quarterback Mark Cato threw for 225 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Hurricanes.

Ridgeview 41, Orange Park 27

The defending District 3-6A Panthers also picked up their first district win last night with an easy win against Orange Park High.

Stanley Dye only touched the ball five times, but the running back made the best of his opportunities with three touchdowns and 54 yards rushing.

Baker County 34, Clay 19

Since falling to the Tigers, the Wildcats have been on a roll and Baker County continued to excel against Clay County High in a 34-19 win on Friday.

Quarterback Corey Lawler rushed for 184 yards and two touchdowns while throwing for another to pace the Wildcats.

Elsewhere ...

Middleburg High picked up a district win over Leon High after the Broncos jumped out to a 10-0 win. Middleburg won 16-8.

LSU survives at Auburn

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — LSU's defense delivered a first-quarter safety and shut out Auburn in the second half to give the second-ranked Tigers a 12-10 victory Saturday night.

Auburn led 10-9 at half-time but managed only 183 yards.

A fumbled punt return by Auburn's Quan Bray set up Drew Alleman's 30-yard field goal late in the third quarter that gave LSU (4-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) a 12-10 lead.

Alleman missed a 34-yarder with 39 seconds remaining.

Auburn (1-3, 0-2 SEC) managed only one first down on its final possession. Kiehl Frazier's final pass was intercepted by Tharold Simon as the game ended.

LSU's Zach Mettenberger had two first-half fumbles but threw a 33-yard pass to running back Spencer Ware on a key third-down late in the game.

Sam Montgomery tackled Tre Mason in the end zone midway through the first quarter and Michael Ford's 1-yard TD run four minutes later made it 9-0 LSU.

Onterio McCalebb scored Auburn's touchdown on 4-yard run on the last play of the first quarter to make it 9-7 and from there it was nothing but field goals and defense.

No. 1 Alabama 40, Florida Atlantic 7

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — AJ McCarron threw three touchdown passes, including an early 85-yarder to Kenny Bell, and No. 1 Alabama routed Florida Atlantic.

Eddie Lacy rushed for 106 yards in the first half for the Crimson Tide (4-0), which rolled to 134 consecutive points and two shutouts before allowing a late touchdown.

The Owls (1-3) managed only one first down through three quarters and were outgained 503-110 in total yards. McCarron was 15-of-25 passing for 212 yards before leaving midway through the third quarter.

The 85-yarder came 1:42 into the game and is tied for the fifth-longest touchdown pass in Tide history.

The only suspense late was whether Alabama could complete a third straight shutout for the first time since Bear Bryant's unbeaten 1966 team.

No. 15 Kansas St. 24, No. 6 Oklahoma 19

NORMAN, Okla. — John Hubert ran for 130 yards and a touchdown, Jarell Childs scooped up a fumble and returned it for a score and No. 15 Kansas State beat No. 6 Oklahoma on Saturday night to avenge



Georgia running back Todd Gurley (3) rushes against Vanderbilt safety Kenny Ladler (1) and linebacker Chase Garnham (36) during the football game in Athens, Ga., on Saturday.

a wrenching loss from last season.

Collin Klein picked up 228 yards of total offense and ran for the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter in a solid performance that outshined and error-filled night by Sooners quarterback Landry Jones.

Jones threw for 298 yards and a late touchdown to get Oklahoma (2-1, 0-1 Big 12) within five but also fumbled and threw an interception that put Kansas State (4-0, 1-0) in position to go ahead.

The Wildcats waited for Oklahoma's players to leave the field and then celebrated with their fans after earning redemption for a 58-17 blowout loss last season that ended their undefeated run.

No. 7 South Carolina 31, Missouri 10

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Connor Shaw completed 20 straight passes and threw for two touchdowns and Marcus Lattimore ran for two scores as South Carolina manhandled Missouri in the Tigers' first Southeastern Conference road game.

Shaw missed his first pass to Lattimore on the game's first series, then hit his final 20 for the Gamecocks (2-0 SEC).

Missouri (2-2, 0-2) struggled against a Gamecocks defense that has given up three touchdowns all year. The Tigers had a season-low 254 yards.

Lattimore rushed for 85 yards. His touchdowns gave him South Carolina's

career mark with 33 rushing scores, a record Lattimore shared with Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers and Harold Green.

No. 8 West Virginia 31, Maryland 21

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Doug Rigg returned a fumble 51 yards for West Virginia and Tavon Austin had another remarkable game against his home-state Terrapins.

The Baltimore native caught 13 passes for 179 yards and set a school record for career receptions.

Still, West Virginia looked flat at times on offense, after averaging 56 points and 612 yards in its first two games. Geno Smith had as many incompletions in the first half (nine) as he did in the first two games combined before getting on track. He finished with 338 passing yards.

For Maryland (2-2), Hills threw three touchdowns, two to freshman Stefon Diggs.

No. 11 Notre Dame 13, No. 18 Michigan 6

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Manti Te'o had two interceptions as No. 11 Notre Dame picked off five Michigan passes and backup quarterback Tommy Rees sparked the Fighting Irish offense in a win over the 18th-ranked Wolverines Saturday night.

Denard Robinson, who amassed 948 yards of total offense in victories over the Irish past two years, wasn't

as effective this time as the Irish repeatedly forced him into mistakes.

He threw four interceptions in the first half, then lost a fumble at the Notre Dame 8-yard line on the first drive of the second half.

The victory by Notre Dame (4-0) ended a streak of three straight games in which Michigan (2-2) beat the Irish in the final 27 seconds.

Notre Dame didn't give the Wolverines a chance to pull it out this time, running out the clock after a Brendan Gibbons field goal with 3:27 left in the game made it 13-6.

Rees scored the game's only touchdown on a quarterback draw late in the first half and engineered a late drive that ended in Kyle Brindza's 39-yard field goal to give Notre Dame a 13-3 cushion.

No. 16 Ohio State 29, UAB 15

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Braxton Miller ran for two touchdowns and Ohio State overcame a lethargic, mistake-filled effort to hold off UAB.

UAB (0-3) more than held its own against the Buckeyes (4-0), who committed drive-killing penalties, had a punt blocked for a touchdown and had trouble scoring against a defense giving up 44 points and 477 yards a game.

The Blazers picked up points on special teams and started the second half by recovering an onside kick, but were undone by four

chop-block penalties and a giveaway that led to a score.

Miller completed passes for 12, 14 and 18 yards and ran for 26 yards to set up his own clinching 1-yard TD run with 5:03 left.

No. 17 TCU 27, Virginia 7

FORT WORTH, Texas — Brandon Carter had a 68-yard touchdown on one of his two one-handed catches, linebacker Kenny Cain recovered a fumble along with two interceptions and TCU won its 11th straight game.

Casey Pachall threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns for the Horned Frogs (3-0), whose winning streak is the longest among FBS schools.

Josh Boyce had his TCU-record 18th touchdown catch. Freshman Jaden Oberkrom had field goals of 46 and 47 yards, the second field goal set up by Cain's 40-yard interception return.

The Frogs hadn't allowed a touchdown this season until Virginia (2-2) finally scored with 4½ minutes left, when backup quarterback Phillip Sims threw a 5-yard TD to E.J. Scott.

Carter had five catches for 128 yards, his second consecutive 100-yard receiving game.

Oregon State 27, No. 19 UCLA 20

PASADENA, Calif. — Sean Mannion passed for a career-high 379 yards and two touchdowns as Oregon State beat UCLA to start

the teams' Pac-12 seasons.

The victory was the 74th at Oregon State for coach Mike Riley, matching the school record set by Lon Stiner, the Beavers' coach from 1933-48.

Riley is in his 12th year with Oregon State (2-0).

Mannion completed 24 of 35 passes with one interception. Markus Wheaton had nine receptions for 150 yards, Brandin Cooks had six catches for 175 yards, and Storm Woods rushed for 96 yards on 21 carries and scored once for the Beavers.

Johnathan Franklin, the country's leading rusher with a 180.3-yard average, was held to 45 yards on 12 carries for UCLA (3-1, 0-1).

Brett Hundley completed 27 of 42 passes for 372 yards and a touchdown.

No. 21 Michigan State 23, Eastern Michigan 7

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Le'Veon Bell rushed for a career-high 253 yards and a touchdown to help stagnant Michigan State avoid a major upset.

Dan Conroy kicked three field goals for the No. 21 Spartans (3-1), who failed to score a TD for more than seven quarters until Andrew Maxwell hit tight end Dion Sims on a 10-yard pass with 7:19 left.

Michigan State struggled mightily through most of its final tuneup for next week's Big Ten opener against unbeaten Ohio State. But Maxwell finally found Sims three times for 73 yards in the fourth quarter.

The Spartans finished with a 428-183 edge in total offense over the Eagles (0-4), who came as close they ever have to beating a ranked opponent.

No. 25 Nebraska 73, Idaho State 7

LINCOLN, Neb. — Rex Burkhead ran for 119 yards and two touchdowns and Nebraska made quick work of Idaho State.

The Cornhuskers (3-1) led 35-0 after the first quarter and 45-0 at half.

The Bengals (1-2), of the Football Championship Subdivision, have lost 34 straight road games.

Burkhead, playing for the first time since he sprained his left knee in the opener, broke a 61-yard touchdown run on his third carry.

His 2-yard touchdown in the second quarter made it 42-0.

Nebraska also got touchdowns on Ciente Evans' 29-yard interception return and Ameer Abdullah's 81-yard punt return, making it the first time since the 2009 game against Colorado that the Huskers scored on offense, defense and special teams.

Idaho State's score came on CJ Reyes' 28-yard pass to Luke Austin in the fourth quarter.

Miami wrecks Tech in OT

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After Georgia Tech lost in overtime Saturday for the second time this season and the third time in five games dating to last year's Sun Bowl, Yellow Jackets head coach Paul Johnson sounded nearly despondent.

Tech's 42-36 loss Saturday to Miami was like a kick into an oft-battered gut.

The Yellow Jackets (2-2, 1-2 ACC) stormed back from a 19-0 deficit with 36 straight points, but then looked nearly helpless as the Hurricanes (3-1, 2-0) rode Stephen Morris and his career-best 436 passing yards while scoring the game's final 23 points. Johnson decided to go

for it on fourth-and-inches from the Miami 1 in overtime, but Tevin Washington — who had scored three touchdowns already — was stuffed. Two plays later, Miami running back Mike James went untouched from 25 yards for his fourth score of the day.

The Yellow Jackets' last three losses have all come in overtime. In each case, Tech led well into the fourth quarter.

Miami forced overtime when Morris completed a 10-yard pass to James with 27 seconds left in regulation. That capped an eight-play, 91-yard drive that took just 1:33.

"I don't know what to say," Johnson said. "I think I'm as disappointed as I've

ever been ... You look back and it just seems like it wasn't meant to be for us."

Tech has lost four straight times to Miami after beating the Hurricanes in four consecutive years. The previous three were blowouts.

This one looked like another rout early.

Morris found wide receiver Phillip Dorsett wide open for a 65-yard touchdown pass on the game's third play, and Dorsett added a 40-yard reception a few minutes later. That led to Jake Wieclaw's 38-yard field goal with 4:11 left in the first quarter, and a 10-0 Miami lead.

Morris completed 10 of 14 passes for 153 yards in the quarter. He completed 31 of 52 on the day.



Georgia Tech quarterback Tevin Washington (13) is sacked by Miami defensive lineman Anthony Chickillo (71) in a college football game in Atlanta on Saturday.

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The beat goes on

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — The latest game in the Kentucky-Florida series went about like the previous four: the Gators took the lead early and won in lopsided fashion.

Jeff Driskel accounted for two touchdowns, and No. 14 Florida beat Kentucky 38-0 Saturday for its 26th consecutive win in the Southeastern Conference series.

The Gators (4-0, 3-0 SEC) also recorded their first shutout in conference play since a 52-0 victory against Mississippi State in 2001.

"Any time you get a shutout, man, those things are hard to come by in this day and age of football, regardless of who you're playing," Florida coach Will Muschamp said.

Florida struggled early, not a great sign with No. 2 LSU up next in two weeks. The slow start also was a rarity against the Wildcats (1-3, 0-1). The Gators had outscored Kentucky 94-3 in the first quarter in the last four meetings, essentially sealing games before some fans settled into their seats.

It took just a little longer Saturday.

The Gators scored three touchdowns in the second quarter, enough to put Kentucky away and extend the nation's longest winning streak in a current series between two teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Wildcats haven't beaten Florida since 1986, haven't won in Gainesville since 1979 and haven't been all that competitive in the last five meetings. Florida has



Florida running back Mike Gillislee (23) is chased by Kentucky's Alvin Dupree during the Gators' 38-0 win at Florida Field on Saturday. Gillislee rushed for 56 yards and a touchdown.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

outscored Kentucky 238-36 in those five games.

"We didn't mention it," Driskel said of the streak. "That stat didn't really make us want to play any harder or play any different. We were going to come out and prepare like it's another SEC East team and they're just another team in the way of our goal."

Kentucky hardly had a chance in this one.

The Wildcats, who entered with the league's top passing attack, played

without quarterback Maxwell Smith. He sat out with a shoulder injury. Backup Morgan Newton missed open receivers early and often, diminishing his team's already slim chance at an upset.

"I think Morgan was throwing it to the right person; we just weren't very accurate," Kentucky coach Joker Phillips said. "Again, for us to be successful in this offense, you have to be able to throw and catch, and we weren't able to do

that today."

Kentucky finished with 60 yards passing.

Newton completed 7 of 21 passes for 48 yards, with three interceptions. He was benched in favor of Jalen Whitlow in the fourth. Smith watched from the sideline — unable to do anything to help.

"To run the risk of him being out for a long period of time if he got hit and injured today, I was not ready to do that," Phillips said. "I'm treating him as

if he's my kid and I just did want to do that. The risk was not worth the reward."

De'Ante Saunders, Jaylen Watkins and Michael Taylor each picked off passes from Newton in the decisive second quarter.

The Gators, though, only turned one of them into points.

Watkins anticipated Newton's pass in the flat, made the interception and returned it 26 yards for a 17-0 lead.

Florida could have turned

Taylor's pick into points, but Muschamp decided to have his offense run a play with no timeouts and 16 seconds remaining in the half. The Gators could have attempted a 46-yard field goal — well within Caleb Sturgis' range — but tried to get closer.

Driskel got sacked, allowing the clock to run out.

Driskel completed 18 of 27 passes for 203 yards, with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran eight times for 35 yards and a score. His 38-yard run in the first quarter seemed to spark Florida after two three-and-out drives to start the game.

"Every game is really a building block in development," Driskel said. "The more experience, the more reps you get, the more you're going to learn. I did some nice things today, but there's definitely some things I need to clean up. ... I think I did a nice job with the opportunities I got."

Driskel hooked up with Dunbar for a 19-yard TD pass in the second quarter and plunged across the goal line for a 1-yard sneak in the third as the Gators built a 31-0 lead.

Backup Jacoby Brissett played most of the fourth. His 1-yard sneak made it 38-0.

Mike Gillislee ran 13 times for 56 yards before giving way to Matt Jones and Mack Brown.

Florida's defense gave up chunks of yards early, but settled down and shut Kentucky down late.

Fort White High's A.J. Legree, now a freshman at Kentucky, caught one pass for 12 yards.



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Lake City to host annual Brangus sale



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Make sure sales staff is earning its own way

There is no more fascinating business in this world than that of selling.

Without salesmen there would be little progress made. Selling is behind every successful enterprise of whatever character.

– George Mathew Adams

I have written numerous columns on the importance of sales and how every business needs to be sales driven. Profits are important, but they just do not happen without sales.

In order to have sales, you need an effective and efficient sales force. There is no question about that. However, just having a sales force is not adequate. You need to make sure that your sales force is compensated on actual sales and that they are measurable so you can appropriately reward them for their efforts.

Obviously, the best thing to do with sales compensation is to reward them based on actual sales.

For many businesses this consists exclusively of sales-based commission or incentives. The disadvantage here is that the staff will focus only on making sales – which earns them their incentives – and neglect those other important tasks that support the sales function.

The best sales forces work together as a team to reach their sales goals, but an incentive program that rewards only direct sales undermines the team dynamic. People are not going to be excited to work together as, typically, only one person receives a commission.

I prefer a compensation structure that consists of a low-base salary and direct sales incentives. That way the staff is compensated for their individual efforts but is also paid for doing tasks that benefit the firm but not necessarily them individually.

An important consideration when determining how to reward your sales force is whether they are paying their own way. I was helping a firm that had two sales people. Including benefits, these employees were being paid \$230,000 annually, with the majority of their compensation predicated on incentives. When we looked at the gross profit margin before sales incentives, the firm was only earning \$150,000.

Obviously, in this case, the sales staff was not adding value to the firm. This could have been because the sales incentive was too high, the market just was not big enough for two sales people, they were asking them to do too many tasks not related to

SALES continued on 2C

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Sixty-four purebred cows, several with calves at their side, are headed for Lake City this week.

The Columbia Livestock Market will host the the 2012 Southeast Brangus Breeders Association Showcase Sale Saturday, Sept. 29. It will be the first time the market has hosted the annual event and the Columbia County is expected to see an influx of business as cattle buyers and breeders come from all over the southeastern U.S.

Livestock market owner John Willis said the market has worked with the SBBA for a number of years with special bull sales, but has never hosted their female Brangus sale or youth show.

"It's really an honor to have it happen," he said.

Held in conjunction with the sale, the Southeast Regional Junior Brangus Breeders Show will be Friday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m.

The showcase sale is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Both events are open to the public.

Cattle will trucked in from all over the southeast by Thursday for sale, he said.

About 750 people were notified about the sale and Willis expects about 200 to attend. Buyers will mostly be purebred producers with some commercial pro-

ducers.

Purebred, Brangus cattle can sell from \$1,800 to \$4,000, Willis said. "They do well," he said.

Buyers and sellers will have a positive economic impact on the county by staying in hotels, eating at restaurants and filling up at gas stations, Willis said.

"It kind of showcases our cattle in our part of the world," he said. The group will also have their annual banquet at an area hotel.

The Columbia Livestock Market, which opened in 1936, is the oldest in the state, Willis said. His family has been in it since the mid-'60s. Willis said they have been painting and washing to spruce up the market for the big event.

"I'm really looking forward to it," he said.

Each year the sale is held in a different part of the southeast for the closeknit community of breeders, he said. "It's a chance for them to all get together and have their annual meeting," Willis said.

"It's a nice experience. There are a lot of nice people in the SBBA," he said.

The Brangus breed was developed as early as 1912 by stabilizing the best characteristics of Brahman and Angus cattle.

The breed is produced worldwide, but is especially beneficial in the southeast as it is heat tolerant and insect resistant. Brangus have superior mothering instincts, milking abil-



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The Columbia Livestock Market will host the the 2012 Southeast Brangus Breeders Association Showcase Sale Saturday, Sept. 29.

ity, longevity and are early maturing, according to the SBBA website.

"It's important to have these quality cattle available to keep the industry vibrant," Willis said.

Breeders carefully consider each cow's genetics to get the best possible benefit when breeding, he said. "It's pretty good science," Willis said.

For the junior breeders show, youth between 7 and 21 years old will show cattle they have raised, similar to a county fair, he said.

The children pick a cow

from the herd, halter break it and spend hours each day taking care of the animal, he said.

Five producers from North Florida will have cattle in the sale.

Michael Chandler, of River Bend Brangus in Live Oak, said having the sale close to home is a money- and time-saver. Usually producers have to transport their cattle several days early, which means staying extra days in a hotel, he said.

"It's going to bring some business to Lake City," said

Chandler, who will have six cows in the sale. The sale will be good exposure for the area, he said.

Representatives from the International Brangus Breeders Association will be in Lake City for the sale, he said.

About 50 children are expected to participate in the youth show, he said. "That's the future of the cattle business," he said.

The Columbia Livestock Market is located at 4557 S U.S. Highway 441 in Lake City.

Census data shows economy has bottomed out

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More young adults are leaving their parents' homes to take a chance with college or a job. Across the nation, people are on the move again after putting their lives on hold and staying put. Once-sharp declines in births are leveling off, and poverty is slowing.

A new snapshot of census data provides sociological backup for what economic indicators were already suggesting: that the nation is in a tentative, fragile recovery.

"We may be seeing the beginning of the American family's recovery from the Great Recession," said Andrew Cherlin, a professor of sociology and public policy at Johns Hopkins University. He pointed in particular to the upswing in mobility and to young men moving out of their parents' homes, both signs that more young adults were testing out job prospects.

"It could be the modest number of new jobs or simply the belief that the worst is over," Cherlin said.

The new 2011 census figures released Thursday show progress in an economic recovery that technically began in mid-2009. The annual survey, supplemented with unpublished government figures as of March 2012, covers a year in which unemployment fell modestly from 9.6 percent to 8.9 percent.

Not all is well, however. The jobless rate remains high at 8.1 percent. While housing sales have more recently gained, home ownership last year dropped for a fifth straight year to 64.6 percent, the lowest in more than a decade, due to stringent financing rules and a shift to rent-



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In this Sept. 17, photo, job applicants wait for the opening of a job fair held by National Career Fairs in Fort Lauderdale. The U.S. economy is showing signs of finally bottoming out: Americans are on the move again after record numbers had stayed put, more young adults are leaving their parents' homes to take a chance with college or the job market, once-sharp declines in births are leveling off and poverty is slowing. New 2011 census data being released Thursday, Sept. 20 offer glimmers of hope in an economic recovery that technically began in mid-2009.

ing. More Americans than ever are turning to food stamps, while residents in housing that is considered "crowded" held steady at 1 percent, tied for the highest since 2003.

Fresh economic data released Thursday added to the mixed picture. The Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, designed to forecast future economic activity, dipped 0.1 percent in August after rising 0.5 percent in July and dropping 0.5 percent in June. And the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell only slightly last week.

Taken as a whole, however, analysts say the census data, which track changing patterns in everyday life, provide the latest evidence of a stabilizing U.S. economy. Coming after the

devastating housing bust in 2006, such a leveling off would mark an end to the longest and most pernicious economic decline since World War II.

Richard Freeman, an economist at Harvard University, said the data point to a "fragile recovery," with the economy still at risk of falling back into recession, depending in part on who is president and whether Congress averts a "fiscal cliff" of deep government spending cuts and higher taxes in January. "Given the situation in the world economy, we are doing better than many other countries," he said. "Government policies remain critical."

The census figures also show slowing growth in the foreign-born population, which increased to 40.4 million, or 13 percent of the

U.S. population. Last year's immigration increase of 400,000 people was the lowest in a decade, reflecting a minimal gain of Latinos after many Mexicans already in the U.S. opted to return home. Some 11 million people are estimated to be in the U.S. illegally.

The bulk of new immigrants are now higher-skilled workers from Asian countries such as China and India, contributing to increases in the foreign-born population in California, New York, Illinois and New Jersey.

Income inequality varied widely by region. The gap between rich and poor was most evident in the District of Columbia, New York, Connecticut, Louisiana and New Mexico, where immigrant or minority groups were more numerous. By county, Berkeley in West

Virginia had the biggest jump in household income inequality over the past year, a result of fast suburban growth just outside the Washington-Baltimore region, where pockets of poor residents and newly arrived, affluent commuters live side by side.

As a whole, Americans were slowly finding ways to get back on the move. About 12 percent of the nation's population, or 36.5 million, moved to a new home, up from a record low of 11.6 percent in 2011.

Among young adults 25 to 29, the most mobile age group, moves also increased to 24.6 percent from a low of 24.1 percent in the previous year. Longer-distance moves, typically for those seeking new careers in other regions of the country, rose modestly from 3.4 percent to 3.8 percent.

Less willing to rely on parents, roughly 5.6 million Americans ages 25-34, or 13.6 percent, lived with Mom and Dad, a decrease from 14.2 percent in the previous year. Young men were less likely than before to live with parents, down from 18.6 percent to 16.9 percent; young women living with parents edged higher to 10.4 percent, up from 9.7 percent.

The increases in mobility coincide with modest improvements in the job market as well as increased school enrollment, especially in college and at advanced-degree levels.

Marriages dipped to a low of just 50.8 percent among adults 18 and over, compared with 57 percent in 2000. Among young adults 25-34, marriage was at 43.1 percent, also a new low, part of a longer-term cultural trend in which people are opting to marry at

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Ugly Snowball

Q What's "forced selling"? — S.C., Warren, Ohio

A Forced selling can happen when the market tanks, and it can make things worse because once it starts, it tends to snowball.

Imagine you own shares of a mutual fund that has fallen sharply in value. It's often best to just hang on, waiting for a recovery — provided you still have faith in the managers. But many shareholders will bail out, in fear or anger. When they do, the managers have to sell off some of the fund's holdings to generate the cash needed for withdrawals.

When many funds are selling lots of stocks, that can further depress the stocks' prices. This can then cause more investors to sell, putting more pressure on stocks. It's frustrating for fund managers because while they may see lots of bargains, they're forced to sell, not buy.

Meanwhile, other investors may have bought stocks "on margin" — i.e., with borrowed money. If those stocks fall sharply, those investors will need to put in more money or sell. Many will sell, exacerbating the problem.

Q Can you explain what the Federal Reserve is and does? — N.B., Strasburg, Va.

A "The Fed" is the central bank of the United States, founded by Congress in 1913. In its own words, it has four main responsibilities: "conducting the nation's monetary policy by influencing money and credit conditions in the economy in pursuit of full employment and stable prices," "supervising and regulating banks and other important financial institutions ...," "maintaining the stability of the financial system and containing systemic risk that may arise in financial markets," and "providing certain financial services to the U.S. government, U.S. financial institutions and foreign official institutions."

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The term "hedge fund" might have you imagining a cautious fund hedging its bets and limiting its downside. But while some hedge funds are indeed conservative, many are very risky and volatile.

Hedge funds have seen their assets surge in recent years, totaling more than \$2.3 trillion today. By contrast, U.S. mutual funds hold more than \$11 trillion. There are more than 8,000 mutual funds in existence and more than 10,000 hedge funds.

Like mutual funds, hedge funds pool the money of multiple investors, which is then invested by one or more professional money managers. However, hedge funds are far less regulated, and less disclosure is required of them. They're also open only to "accredited investors" — folks earning upward of \$200,000 per year or those worth more than a million dollars.

Since hedge fund managers are less restricted, they can take more risks than ordinary investors or mutual fund managers. Many invest aggressively in options and futures,

short stocks, buy on margin (in other words, invest with borrowed money) and make currency bets. Because of their frequent trading, hedge funds can also rack up considerable taxable capital gains.

In the right hands, hedge funds can work. Billionaire philanthropist George Soros' Quantum Fund, for example, reportedly averaged more than 30 percent annually over several decades — though even he has had bad years, some of them recently. But Soros is not average, and with more hedge funds opening for business, it's harder to find winners.

Some hedge funds do deliver. But those most likely to do well in them are their managers, who frequently take around 20 percent of all fund profits for themselves, on top of charging investors 1 percent to 2 percent per year in fees. If a fund has performed well, managers can reap hundreds of millions or billions in profits in a single year (although that's rare).

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) may soon make it easier for hedge funds to advertise to the general public. Look before you leap — and learn more at sec.gov/answers/hedge.htm.

My Dumbest Investment

Bad Advice

When I wanted to buy stock in Apple at \$206 per share, my broker talked me into Kodak stock instead. Ouch! I no longer use a broker. — B., online

The Fool Responds: Ouch indeed. Apple stock has approached \$700 per share recently, so you would have more than tripled your money by now. And Eastman Kodak, sadly, filed for bankruptcy earlier this year. Of course, no one knows exactly what any given company's future will hold, and even the best investors make bad calls on occasion. That said, not all brokers are necessarily looking out for your best interests, and it's often best, regarding your hard-earned money, if you call the shots.

In this situation, if you were interested in both companies or just not sure, you might have split your money and bought shares of both. (Just be sure that you're not buying such small amounts that the trading commissions represent more than 2 percent or so of your investment.) Remember that Apple didn't always look like a winner. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Apple and its newsletters have recommended it.)

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to TheMotleyFool@mydumbestinvestment.com c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to a breakfast nook in California in 1958. My name used to look like a rabbit describing how it moves, but my new name, as of 2008, resembles FoodStock. With about 3,500 restaurants in 18 countries, I call myself the world's largest full-service dining company. I bought Applebee's in 2007 and am working to make it 99 percent franchised. My ticker symbol is a loud noise. Over the past 20 years, my stock has averaged annual growth of more than 11 percent — rather fresh and fruity results, wouldn't you say? Who am I? (Answer: DineEquity)

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CENSUS: Births up, poverty slowed

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later ages and often cohabitate with a partner first.

Births, on the other hand, appeared to be coming back after years of steep declines. In 2011, the number of births dipped by 55,000, or 1 percent, to 4.1 million, the smallest drop since the pre-recession peak in 2008, according to Kenneth Johnson, a sociology professor and senior demographer at the University of New Hampshire. More recent data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also show that once-precipitous drops in births are slowing.

"There are signs that young adults have turned a corner," said Mark Mather, associate vice president at the Population Reference Bureau. "More young adults are staying in school, which will increase their potential earnings when the job market bounces back. It's going to take some time, but we should see more young adults entering the labor force, buying homes and starting families as economic conditions improve."

While poverty slowed,

food stamp use continued to climb. Roughly 14.9 million, or 13 percent of U.S. households, received food stamps, the highest level on record, meaning that 1 in 8 families was receiving the government aid. Oregon led the nation at 18.9 percent, or nearly 1 in 5, due in part to generous state provisions that expand food stamp eligibility to families making 185 percent of the poverty level — roughly \$3,400 a month for a family of four. Oregon was followed by more rural or more economically hard-hit states, including Michigan, Tennessee, Maine, Kentucky and Mississippi. Wyoming had the fewest households on food stamps, at 5.9 percent.

Government programs did much to stave off higher rates of poverty. While the official poverty rate for 2011 remained stuck at 15 percent, or a record 46.2 million people, the government formula did not take into account noncash aid such as food stamps, which the Census Bureau estimates would have lifted 3.9 million people above the poverty line. If counted,

that safety net would have lowered the poverty rate to 13.7 percent. And without expanded unemployment benefits, which began expiring in 2011, roughly 2.3 million people would have fallen into poverty.

Some 17 states showed statistically significant increases in the poverty rate, led by Louisiana, Oregon, Arizona, Georgia and Hawaii. Among large metropolitan areas, McAllen, Texas, led the nation in poverty, at 38 percent, followed by Fresno, Calif., El Paso, Texas, and Bakersfield, Calif. In contrast, the Washington, D.C., metro area had the lowest level of poverty, about 8 percent, followed by Bridgeport, Conn., and Ogden, Utah.

"There are signs among all these measures that the multiple downsides of the Great Recession have bottomed out, which is good news especially for young people who have seen their lives put on hold," said William H. Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution. "There is some light at the end of the tunnel."

New app is rare Apple flub

By PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — With a touch of geek whimsy, Google Maps warns anyone who seeks walking directions to Mordor — the land of evil in "The Lord of the Rings" — to use caution. "One does not simply walk into Mordor," it says. Apple is finding this week that creating an alternative to Google Maps isn't a simple walk, either.

Apple released an update to its iPhone and iPad operating system on Wednesday that replaces Google Maps with Apple's own application. Early upgraders are reporting that the new

maps are less detailed, look weird and misplace landmarks. It's shaping up to be a rare setback for Apple.

"It's a complete failure," said Jeffrey Jorgensen. "It's slower, its directions are poorer and its location data doesn't seem to be accurate. All around, it's not quite there yet."

Jorgensen, a user interface designer for a San Francisco-based startup, began using Apple Maps months ago, because Apple made it available early to people in its software development program. He said he finds himself relying on Google Maps running on his wife's Android phone instead.

The most-hyped feature of the new app is a "Flyby" mode that shows three-dimensional renderings of buildings and other features.

It presents a convincing depiction of the canyons of Manhattan, but has a hard time rendering bridges and highway overpasses, which tend to look wobbly or partly collapsed.

The Apple app also has a tendency to judge landscape features by their names.

For instance, it marks the hulking Madison Square Garden arena in New York as green park space because of the word "Garden" in its name.

SALES: Maximize effort and return

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individual sales, the profitability of the firm was not adequately structured or a combination of these factors.

In this case, the firm realized that their sales commission was too high and they had to lower it. This can be very tricky as you are cutting the income of your sales force and it can appear as though the firm is just being greedy.

This firm decided to reduce the commission but, in exchange, picked up 95 percent of each

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Farming practices that have been sound and sustainable in Florida's past may be extremely valuable to gardeners in the present and future.

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Organic material also increases soil fertility and tilth. While it is growing, the cover crop protects the garden from soil loss due to wind and water erosion. When legumes are appropriate to use, available nitrogen is actually increased for the next vegetable crop due to the activity of nitrogen-fixing bacteria living in root nodules.

Winter annual cover crops that can be planted now through mid-November to suppress nematode and weed populations include pearl millet, cereal rye, hairy vetch and wheat.

These benefits are in addition to those mentioned earlier. These particular cover crops mature in 2 to 3 months, so there's plenty of time for them to grow, be incorporated into soil, and partially decompose before most vegetables are planted.

For more information, contact the Master Gardeners at 752-5384 or read the UF/IFAS publication 'Cover Crops' at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/aa217>.

■ Nichelle Demorest is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Couple's prison ministry awarded

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Life behind bars and barbed wire is lonely. "You feel rejected. You feel no one really cares," said Clyde Anderson, a Lake City Correctional Facility volunteer.

Anderson, of Glen St. Mary, said while he doesn't condone an inmate's crimes, "I don't look at him as a criminal. I look at him as a man that needs help, needs God."

Anderson and his wife, Mary Lou Anderson, both 72, were awarded the Pete Spackman Volunteer of the Year Award, selected from volunteers among Corrections Corporation of America's 60 facilities.

The couple started volunteering at the Lake City facility 15 years ago, with just a few inmates participating in their ministry program.

Now, the Andersons lead between 20 and 60 inmates in gospel and song every Thursday night.

Anderson said as an ex-offender himself, entering the prison ministry was a calling from God. Overall, he has worked in prisons for 35 years.

On Saturday nights, the couple volunteers at the Baker Correctional Institution.

Anderson said the inmates come to the non-denominational-Christian program on their own free will. "That is their choice. My choice was to turn my life around and do better,"



Clyde Anderson (from left), Lake City Correctional Facility Warden Joseph Taylor and Mary Lou Anderson pose together during a recognition breakfast at the prison. The Andersons were awarded the Pete Spackman Volunteer of the Year Award for their 15 years of ministry work.

he said.

While counseling inmates, the couple tries give the men hope and an understanding that there is a way out, he said.

Through the years, Anderson said he has seen men turn their lives around after prison. They have held good jobs, gotten married and converted to Christ, the most rewarding aspects of the job, he said.

"It makes me feel that the Lord has accomplished something through this ministry," Anderson said.

Men have told Anderson that he has been a father

figure in their lives, he said. He keeps in contact with some men, even years later.

Youthful offenders are the toughest to reach, he said. "Sometimes you see results, most of the time you don't have a good idea," he said.

A retired equipment operator, Anderson said age has slowed down his work, but not stopped it completely.

Working inside a prison, Anderson said there have been a few potentially dangerous situations, but he has never been afraid.

"I've never been fearful, from day one," he said.

"Really, the prison ministry is not for everybody," he said.

"You have to love people," Anderson said.

Mary Lou Anderson, a retired school cafeteria worker, usually leads the service in song and sends out birthday and Christmas cards to the men who participate.

Sometimes it's the only card they get while in prison, she said. When an inmate misses a service, she sends a card out too. Inmates who attend the

services respond well to the the couple's message, she said.

Anderson, who has three children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, said she feels that the inmates like grandsons to her. "They are the age of my grandchildren," she said.

"It feels good," Anderson said of receiving the award, although she doesn't feel they deserve it.

"It just feels so good to go in there and see those young men turn their lives around," said she said.

"We at Lake City Correctional Facility are grateful to the efforts of local residents who donate their time to some of our society's most forgotten people", said Warden Joseph Taylor. "Their service is a welcome support to our professional staff of teachers, instructors and principals."

Individuals, nonprofit organizations and churches volunteer to help inmates learn to read, attain life skills key to independent living, maintain sobriety and other skills.

"Clyde and Mary Anderson are dedicated and awesome people. We are honored to have this dedicated couple spend their free time inspiring our employees as well as the youthful offenders," Taylor said.

Individuals or organizations interested in volunteering at Lake City Correctional Facility may call 386-755-3379.

Lofty NYC art venue not for the faint-hearted

By ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Most New Yorkers can only dream of an apartment like this. Spectacular views of midtown Manhattan. An iconic work of art in the living room. Prime Columbus Circle location.

That 70-foot climb from the ground floor could be a problem, though. And it couldn't be a long-term lease, or any lease actually, because it's not even a real residence. It's the latest creation by Japanese artist Tatzu Nishi, turning the Columbus Monument into a piece of conceptual art.

"Discovering Columbus" is a 27-foot by 30-foot living room — complete with couch, lamps, television and coffee table — wrapping around the statue, situated atop a six-story column at one of Manhattan's busiest intersections near Central Park.

Starting Thursday, up to 25 people at a time can enter the living room by using the stairs inside the scaffolding and enjoy a rare opportunity to see the 1892 marble figure of the great Italian explorer up close. An elevator is available for those who can't climb the stairs.

The spacious room with contemporary furnishings is so authentic looking it is easy to forget you're standing on top of a huge monument in Manhattan. Its pink wallpaper, designed by Nishi, features small illustrations of Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, Mickey Mouse, cowboys and other pop culture images.

Burgundy drapes hang on large picture windows. Visitors can sit on the purple couch, at the foot



Scaffolding surrounds the statue of Christopher Columbus, Tuesday, Aug. 21 in New York's Columbus circle. Japanese artist Tatzu Nishi is constructing "Discovering Columbus," a contemporary living room around a statue of Columbus as a way to intimately engage the public with the iconic figure which looms six stories above a busy intersection of mid-Manhattan. But some Italian-Americans say the art project makes a mockery of the great explorer and trivializes history.

of Columbus, and watch a flat-screen TV tuned in to CNN.

But not everyone is enthused about the artwork.

"It looks like a trailer park. The only thing missing are the pink flamingos," said John Mancini, executive director of the Italic Institute of America, which represents about 1,000 Italians nationwide. "It's an atrocious piece of art from the outside."

He said he also has safety concerns with the installation.

The column was created by Italian sculptor Gaetano Russo to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the Americas.

"How can another artist come and reinterpret the original artist's work?" asked Mancini, noting that the statue won't be visible from the street as it normally would during the annual Oct. 8 Columbus Day Parade.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg says the piece gives New Yorkers and tourists "a chance to do a little exploring" and take a look at the statue up close.

"The sculpture was made to be viewed," he said.

Nishi, who is internationally known for transforming historical monuments by surrounding them with domestic spaces, said the aim of his piece is to put the viewer at eye level with the statue. "Discovering

Columbus" is his first public art project in the United States.

His other works include "Villa Victoria," a temporary functioning hotel around a statue of Queen Victoria for the 2002 Liverpool Biennial.

The nonprofit Public Art Fund, which commissioned Nishi's New York installation, said the organization hasn't heard any objections from other Italian-American groups.

The Columbus Citizens Foundation, a 600-member organization that sponsors the annual Columbus Day Parade, has said the artwork will mark the only time people will be able come right up to the majestic statue. The 50,000-member

National Italian American Foundation in Washington, D.C., said the installation also will provoke discussion about Christopher Columbus' role in history.

The city provided \$1 million for the conservation of the monument — a restoration project that will make use of the scaffolding around the privately-funded installation. The free installation runs through Nov. 18.

Visitors can reserve advance passes to "Discovering Columbus" through the Public Art Fund's website at www.publicartfund.org.

■ Associated Press writer Samantha Gross contributed to this story.

Fans are going bananas for soft serve fruit

By **MICHELLE LOCKE**
For The Associated Press

Pureed frozen fruit probably won't become the next bacon, or even cupcake. It's simply not sexy enough.

So-called soft serve fruit is, however, having a moment, recently becoming a darling of the mommy blog set, showing up on ABC's "Good Morning America," inspiring a new countertop kitchen appliance, even spawning a product line and small chain of shops, the New York City-based Soft Serve Fruit Co.

And to be clear, we are talking about something that is precisely as it sounds — frozen fruit that is pureed until it reaches the consistency of soft serve ice cream. That's it.

Soft serve fruit is "the answer to an ice cream lover's cravings," says Francesca Borgognone, Entertain Editor at The Daily Meal.com, who adds that the appeal is easy to understand. "A fraction of the calories and mixed with the same type of fixings that frozen yogurt has — it can be sweet, savory as well as an any-time-of-the-day treat."

Soft serve fruit has been quietly building a following online, where recipes abound for turning all manner of frozen fruit into treats. It's hardly complicated. A splash of juice or water, a bag of frozen fruit and a few minutes in a food processor and the result is something that begs for an ice cream cone.

Just type "soft serve fruit" into Pinterest and see the multicolored flurry of frozen fantasies that pops up. And kitchen supply companies are keeping up with the trend, marketing appli-

ances specifically for making frozen fruit desserts, like the Yonanas machine that costs around \$50. Of course, most people just use their food processors or blenders.

Tanya Steel, editor-in-chief of Epicurious.com, has been on to this idea for a while, keeping foil-wrapped, frozen over-ripe bananas in the freezer for times when she wants a treat that's tasty without being calorific.

"I started making them when my kids were little and I was trying to not only curb their constant need and quest for sugar, but also my own," says Steel, coauthor of the cookbook "Real Food for Healthy Kids." Steel says her site has a number of frozen fruit dessert recipes and "we see incredible interest in them," she says.

Soft serve fruit "makes so much sense," she says. "It's an almost guilt-free treat and you actually feel good about giving it to your kids and you feel good about giving it to yourself."

For Chloe Epstein, a partner in the Soft Serve Fruit Co., the love of soft serve fruit began with bananas. Expecting for the second time (twins, as it turned out), she craved something sweet, but she wanted it to be healthy, too.

Up to then her career had been in law, but she was always looking for innovative ways to create healthy alternatives to favorite indulgences so she decided to try to come up with her own solution.

"We started to experiment with frozen, old, over-ripened bananas in a blender, juicer and Cuisinart and learned, like many who play in the kitchen, that there was a way to



In this image taken on Sept. 10, Strawberry Lime soft serve fruit is shown in Concord, N.H.

create something like the creamy frozen consistency we craved without all the other 'stuff,'" she says. The first few efforts encouraged them to incorporate soft serve machines and learn the steps needed to guarantee consistency and taste.

The big challenge was sticking to the goal of keeping the product simple — minimal ingredients — wholesome and nutritionally sound. After a lot of trial and error they found that fruit, filtered water and a touch of organic cane sugar — to keep the machine from "hard-freezing" the mix, not for taste — did the trick. After perfecting bananas they moved on to mango and apple, working

with a food professional to get things right.

Today, Epstein, her husband Jason, and business partner Michael Sloan run the company (soon to be renamed Chloe's Soft Serve Fruit Co.) together. They have two stores, one on the Upper East Side and one in Union Square, as well as a seasonal store in Watermill, Long Island, and are carried in several cafes in the region. They're also considering opening a branch "somewhere warm," such as Miami, Atlanta or Los Angeles, and have plans to grow their wholesale business for outlets such as schools and universities.

Epstein expects interest in soft serve fruit to grow along with the gen-

eral emphasis on eating healthier and more wholesome and natural foods. As for the at-home devices, Epstein says her product has been developed to have a creamier, more frozen yogurt-like texture "that we feel is unique. Nonetheless, eating a frozen banana in a home machine or a blender is a fun way to eat fruit and maintain a healthy diet, always a priority for us!"

TROPICAL MANGO BANANA SOFT SERVE

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 4

10-ounce bag frozen mango chunks
1 very ripe banana
1/4 cup sweetened cream of coconut
Pinch salt
1 tablespoon orange juice

In a food processor, combine the mango, banana, cream of coconut and salt. Pulse several times to roughly chop, then add the orange juice. Process until very smooth, this may take several minutes. You may need to stop the processor several times to scrape down the sides of the bowl or move any chunks of fruit that aren't being pureed. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 140 calories; 30 calories from fat (21 percent of total calories); 3 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 29 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 24 g sugar; 1 g protein; 45 mg sodium.

CREAMY BLUEBERRY BANANA SOFT SERVE

The bananas provide most of the "creamy" in this soft serve. They combine so wonderfully with the blueberries to create a silky, creamy soft serve. If you want to keep it dairy free, substitute plain rice milk, coconut milk, or apple juice for the regular milk. You also could use

water.

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 6
12-ounce bag frozen blueberries
2 frozen bananas, cut into chunks

2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch salt
2 tablespoons milk
In a food processor, combine the blueberries, bananas, honey, cinnamon and salt. Pulse several times to roughly chop, then add the milk. Process until very smooth, this may take several minutes. You may need to stop the processor several times to scrape down the sides of the bowl or move any chunks of fruit that aren't being pureed. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 90 calories; 5 calories from fat (6 percent of total calories); 0.5 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 22 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 16 g sugar; 1 g protein; 30 mg sodium.

STRAWBERRY LIME SOFT SERVE

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 4

10-ounce bag frozen strawberries
1/4 cup agave syrup or honey
Juice of 2 limes (about 1/3 cup)

In a food processor, combine all ingredients. Process until very smooth, this may take several minutes. You may need to stop the processor several times to scrape down the sides of the bowl or move any chunks of fruit that aren't being pureed. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 90 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 25 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 22 g sugar; 1 g protein; 0 mg sodium.

Exhibit reunites art JFK saw before assassination

By **JAMIE STENGLE**
Associated Press

DALLAS — On the morning of Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy realized that their Fort Worth hotel suite featured an extraordinary array of artwork — from a painting by Vincent van Gogh to a bronze by Pablo Picasso.

A group of prominent Fort Worth citizens had scrambled to put together the collection in the days leading up to the president's fateful Texas visit, transforming an otherwise plain suite into something special.

Next year, almost all of those works the couple admired in their last private moments before President Kennedy was assassinated will be on display at an exhibit that opens at the Dallas Museum of Art in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death.

"It's not a story about death. It's not a story about hate. It's a story about art and love, which I think is a very good trib-

ute to the Kennedys. It's all about their love of art," said Olivier Meslay, associate director of curatorial affairs at the museum and the exhibit's curator.

Before the Kennedys' visit, Fort Worth newspapers had revealed details about the preparations, including the description of the unremarkable Suite 850 at the Hotel Texas, said Scott Grant Barker, a Texas art historian who has researched the events. He said that a local art critic decided something needed to be done to make the suite shine.

A group of prominent citizens turned to museums and private collections to assemble 12 paintings and four sculptures, including Thomas Eakins' oil painting "Swimming," Pablo Picasso's bronze "Angry Owl" and Vincent van Gogh's oil painting "Road with Peasant Shouldering a Spade."

"What they did was really amazing. They put together really a series of masterpieces," Meslay said.

Barker said works of art were "basically gathered

up by courier and by station wagon and every other means."

The Kennedys left Washington on Nov. 21 for a two-day, five-city tour of Texas. They went to San Antonio and Houston before ending the day in Fort Worth. Barker said the Kennedys arrived so late, they didn't notice the significant artwork until the morning.

The Kennedys then called one of the organizers, Ruth Carter Stevenson, daughter of legendary Texas newspaper publisher and philanthropist Amon G. Carter, whose will established the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. Barker said Jacqueline Kennedy told Stevenson that she didn't want to leave the exhibit.

Meslay said the works were not only a snapshot of art tastes in 1963, but also a display of the cultural riches that were in Fort Worth at the time. For instance, he said, Eakins' "Swimmers" from 1885, held currently by the Amon Carter, is "one of the most important American paintings of the 19th century."

He said there was also a "good mix" — ranging from the abstract expressionist oil on paper "Study for Accent Grave" by Franz Kline to Charles M. Russell's western-inspired "Lost in a Snowstorm - We are Friends" to Maurice Prendergast's post-impressionist oil painting "Summer Day in the Park."

The exhibit, "Hotel Texas: An Art Exhibition for the President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy" will open at the Dallas Museum of Art on May 26, 2013, and

run through Sept. 15, 2013. The exhibit then will move to the Amon Carter from Oct. 12, 2013, through Jan. 12, 2014.

At least 14 of the 16 works will be on display, as well as photographs, videos and archival materials including images of the suite before the couple's arrival.

"It was their ultimate private art show. When you view these, you'll be standing in the shoes of John and Jackie Kennedy. You'll be seeing what they saw,"

Barker said.

Andrew Walker, director of the Amon Carter, said the exhibit will be an opportunity to recover an extraordinary moment that was overshadowed by the assassination.

He said with so much of the anniversary's focus on the president's death, this exhibit will offer a "kind of respite moment."

"It's taking as its point of mediation on that moment of great optimism. I hope people feel that," he said.



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This Nov. 22, 1963 photo provided by Amon Carter Museum of American Art Archives shows the paintings Thomas Eakins', Swimming and Charles M. Russell's, Lost in a Snowstorm in Suite 850 at the Hotel Texas, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Decades later, Brooklyn has its own pro team again

By MEGHAN BARR
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NEW YORK — It was like a death in the family for Brooklyn baseball fans when their beloved Dodgers left the borough behind in 1957 for the California coast.

Times were grim for Brooklyn back then. Residents were leaving en masse for the suburbs. Crime was on the rise. And there was little hope that the borough's plight would improve.

"When the Dodgers left, it was another punch in the face to the fact that Brooklyn's best days may not be ahead, but may have been behind us," said Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, who was 12 years old at the time. "It was depressing."

After decades without a professional sports team, New York City's ascendant borough hit the major leagues again on Friday when the Brooklyn Nets' new arena opened to the public. The state-of-the-art, 18,000-seat arena was officially christened Saturday night with a rap concert by Nets co-owner and native Brooklynite Jay-Z.

Just as the Dodgers' departure was a harbinger of difficult times ahead, the opening of the Barclays Center is a symbol of Brooklyn's astonishing rise in recent years as a sought-after destination for people from all over the globe.

Basketball is now the

sport du jour here, not baseball. And in a stroke of irony, the new stadium was built directly across the street from the spot where Dodgers President Walter O'Malley wanted to erect a new ballpark to replace Ebbets Field, the team's home that was later demolished.

"When they left, that's when I washed my hands of baseball," said 72-year-old Fred Wilken, who was so distraught by the loss of his hometown team that he stopped watching sports altogether. "For years we supported them, we came down here. And then all of a sudden they decide to leave."

The Dodgers were the golden thread that tied Brooklyn together in those days. The fabric of the team was woven into the neighborhood.

About two miles from the new Nets' Arena, the hallowed ground where Ebbets Field once stood is now a massive brick apartment building in a neighborhood of Caribbean immigrants.

"We still haven't gotten over it," admitted Ron Schweiger, Brooklyn's official borough historian, whose basement is stuffed with Dodgers memorabilia. "I tend to think they never moved. They're on an extended road trip."

Why O'Malley moved the team from Brooklyn to Los Angeles after the 1957 season was, at its core, a question of dollars and cents. O'Malley wanted

the city to help subsidize the new stadium, and the city refused. Fast-forward to the present: the \$1 billion Barclays Center has received millions in public money.

With its deliberately rusted steel exterior, the new arena looks like a spaceship that cruised in for a landing in Brooklyn's busiest transportation and shopping hub. There are chain stores galore. A Modell's sporting apparel store across the street is stocked with racks full of team apparel in the Nets' new black-and-white color scheme and the logo designed by Jay-Z himself. Rivalry-stirring T-shirts proclaim: "New York Divided."

The city is banking on Brooklynites' deep-rooted sense of borough pride to win over new fans. And the championship-hungry Nets are hoping their new Brooklyn home will turn the tide for a franchise that has been largely overshadowed by the New York Knicks.

But gone are the days when sports allegiances were dictated by zip code. Brooklyn is a tight-knit borough no more: It is a deeply diverse community of many nationalities and income brackets.

Large swaths of Brooklyn are actually starting to look a whole lot like Manhattan. The borough of about 2.5 million residents draws its own share of tourists who want to stroll down Brooklyn Heights' charming brownstone-lined streets or shop



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Pedestrians pass the main entrance to the Barclays Arena in New York, Thursday, Sept. 20 as workmen complete their cleanup for Friday's ribbon-cutting ceremony. A new chapter in Brooklyn's history Friday when the Brooklyn Nets new arena will open, just across the street from the spot where the Dodgers owner once tried to build a baseball stadium that never saw the light of day.

in Williamsburg's chic boutiques.

Celebrities live in Brooklyn now. It's home to fashionable hipsters and upscale beer gardens and well-heeled mothers pushing expensive baby strollers down the street. Brooklyn is no longer just a place to live — it's a place to visit.

"Brooklyn had an image as the underdog upstarts, which the Dodgers exemplified," said Henry Fetter, author of "Taking on the Yankees: Winning and Losing in the Business of Baseball." "I think Brooklyn no longer has that image. And the Nets don't neces-

sarily exemplify that."

At the end of the day, as the wins pile up, the fans will follow. A new generation of Brooklyn children will grow up with the Nets, just as their grandparents and great-grandparents grew up with the Dodgers. But fans are a more fickle species nowadays.

A group of young men shooting hoops across the street from Ebbets Field Apartments vowed to remain loyal to the Knicks, despite being born and raised in Brooklyn.

"If they had Dwight Howard, they would've been the team of New York," said 23-year-old Mario Volcin.

"They would've been the best team of New York. The Nets don't really have enough pieces."

In a winner-take-all kind of town, being second-best just doesn't cut it. And as any Dodgers fan would tell you, old loyalties die hard. But even the old-timers are willing to give this new team a chance.

"I can't see this as atonement. Too many years have gone by for that," said Schweiger, the historian. "But I definitely intend to go to a bunch of the games. In fact, I already have a Brooklyn Nets T-shirt."

GM offering customers help with touch screens

DETROIT — New car smell? Check. Shiny paint job? Check. Complex touch screens and audio systems you can't figure out how to use? Check.

These systems are often the biggest source of frustration for new car buyers. So General Motors Co. says it's trying hard to make sure customers know how to use the electronic gadgets by training them at dealers and then offering help after a car is sold. The automaker says it will call customers after a purchase to see if they are having problems with the technology and may even make home visits.

The screens and audio systems are so complicated and sometimes work so poorly that they held down the auto industry's overall quality score in this year's J.D. Power and Associates initial quality survey. At GM, the touch-screen efforts are part of a push to boost overall quality and

make people more likely to return to dealers to buy another GM product, said GM Vice President for Quality and Customer Experience Alicia Boler-Davis.

Retaining customers is extremely important to an automaker. According to GM, every percentage point of customer retention is equal to 25,000 people, or about \$700 million in revenue. GM now retains a little more than half of its customers, about the industry average.

That's why GM wants to make sure people can operate the touch screens.

In the rush of buying a new car, it can be difficult to remember everything about the systems from a training session at the dealership. So specially trained technicians from GM's infotainment center in Austin, Texas, will call customers after they buy a car to see if they have issues. The technicians have access to

working replicas of dashboards so they can walk customers through solving their problems, said Boler-Davis.

The automaker has a specialist at most of its dealers who has been trained on how to operate the systems and handle questions. It's hiring 25 more specialists and stationing them throughout the U.S.

Problems with dashboard touch-screen systems, which operate radios, telephones, heating and air conditioning and other functions, can hurt a company's quality scores. GM isn't the only automaker interested in helping customers navigate its systems. Ford finished 27th out of 34 brands in the J.D. Power survey. It tumbled from fifth place in 2010 after it introduced its MyFordTouch screens. Ford says it has fixed the problems, and it is offering customer service after the sale as well.

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'Girls' shine on TV, but not behind the scenes

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — At first glance, the television industry is in the grip of female empowerment so strong that men seem relegated to an afterthought.

"Girls" and "New Girl" are scoring ratings, buzz and Emmy Awards respect. Actor-writers Tina Fey ("30 Rock"), Amy Poehler ("Parks and Recreation") and Lena Dunham ("Girls") are case studies in hyphenate success.

But appearances are deceiving, especially within the Hollywood fantasy factory: Making TV overwhelmingly remains men's work even with the television business in its seventh decade.

Women are consistently underrepresented in top TV creative positions and face

being treated as dismissively as bit players whatever their achievements.

"I certainly understand the impulse to celebrate high-profile women working in the business," said Martha M. Lauzen, executive director of the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film at San Diego State University.

But to grasp how women really fare in the TV industry and how much work they're getting, Lauzen said, "you have to count the numbers."

Yes, Dunham is nominated at Sunday's Emmys for writing, directing, producing and starring in HBO's "Girls." Fey, a triple-threat acting, writing and producing winner for "30 Rock," is competing again for on-screen and behind-the-camera honors, as is Poehler.

"New Girl," from creator

and executive producer Liz Meriwether, is up for four awards including best comedy actress for star Zooey Deschanel at the ceremony airing live at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday on ABC.

The shows and the women creating them may be a sign of change. But they stand now as exceptions to the rule, according to the most recent research from labor unions and academic studies — and women themselves, including the industry's most successful.

"This town is still in a certain way a boys' club, even though there are more and more women executives," said Marta Kauffman, "Friends" creator and producer.

Or, as Jenji Kohan, creator and producer of "Weeds" put it, "Hollywood is its own little world."



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People on the Windseeker ride at Knott's Berry Farm are stuck a few hundred feet off the ground Wednesday, Sept. 19 in Buena Park, Calif. The ride held about 20 people in suspended above ground as the park's ride maintenance crews worked to get the passengers down—the riders were brought down a couple hours later and the park closed.

Ca. amusement park riders spend hours at 300 feet

BUENA PARK, Calif. — Twenty riders expecting a short thrill were left dangling at 300 feet for nearly four hours when the Windseeker ride at Southern California's Knott's Berry Farm amusement park stalled.

Knott's said in a statement that the ride, which lifts fun-seekers high over the park with their legs dangling and spins them in a circle, came to a stop when its security system activated at about 4 p.m. Wednesday.

"They didn't tell me that in the brochure," said Jimmy Garrison, a tourist from Baltimore who was stuck on the ride as he left the park hours later with a souvenir T-shirt

that read "I SURVIVED WINDSEEKER."

TV cameras showed riders sitting calmly as they dangled and the sun set, some casually swinging their legs.

"They were on the PA system and they were telling us 'be patient with us,' and that sort of thing," Garrison told KTTV-TV. "I was looking over at the steel cables, they're about that thick," he said, holding his thumb and forefinger several inches apart, "there's a whole bunch of them so I know you can't fall."

Garrison's wife Donna said her husband kept her from having a totally traumatic experience.

"I have a fear of heights

so that first half-hour was a little bit daunting," she said. "But he's a great coach. He talked me through it."

Maintenance workers brought all the riders safely to the ground between 7:30 and 8, long after the park had closed and night had fallen.

Knott's says the ride, which also left riders hanging on Sept. 7, will remain closed while the cause is investigated.

Donna Garrison said she and her husband were returning to the park on Friday. Asked if she'd try out the Windseeker again, she replied "Oh, no, no no."

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DEAR ABBY

Change in passwords is red flag to serial cheater's wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 10 years. At every company he has worked at, there was ALWAYS a female he got close to — sometimes a little “too close.” We have had counseling. Our counselor has told him his behavior is destructive in a marriage and he should be an “open book” for as long as it takes to rebuild the trust in our relationship.

I recently found that he has changed all the passwords on his email and computer accounts. Needless to say, I am seriously disturbed by his behavior. He hasn't said anything about it, and I think he's waiting for me to ask him why. I think he wants to make the point that his “privacy” is being compromised, but I also suspect there is another new woman he's interested in recruiting.

I'm tired of these games. I don't know whether it's worth the energy to once again pursue the reasons for his behavior, or to finally walk away because I don't think he'll ever change. I really need advice. Please help. — RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY

DEAR RUNNING:



Abigail Van Buren
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Because you are tired of the games, stop participating in them. Obviously, what your husband has done is a red flag. Tell him you know he has changed his passwords, and it appears to be an attempt on his part to close a chapter of what's supposed to be an “open book.” If he attacks you for looking, remind him that with his history of serial infidelity you would have to be out of your mind NOT to.

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DEAR ABBY: A long-time friend of mine, “Blanche,” was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago. She let me know that once she reached a certain point in the disease she did not want to be paraded around for others to gawk at.

That time came about a year ago, but I still pick her up every Sunday and take her to church. It's the only time she gets to leave

the nursing home, and she loves it. The people at church give her hugs and go out of their way to treat her well and she feels it.

My question is, am I wrong in going against her earlier wishes? — FRIEND IN ARIZONA

DEAR FRIEND: I think you are. Your friend clearly stated when she was in her right mind that she did not want to be an object of pity. While it was done in a well-meaning way, I don't agree with it.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my 30s and I'm facing the serious decision of whether to have children or not. What I'd like to know is, do people who choose not to have children regret it later in life? I appreciate your response. — CURIOUS IN TEXAS

DEAR CURIOUS: Some probably do, but according to the mail I have received, most of the women I hear from have no regrets. In fact, last year I heard from a number of parents who said they regretted having taken on the challenge of parenthood.

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

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THE LAST WORD

Eugenia Word

what someone says or does. A job you do will bring you great satisfaction if you do it for the right reason. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will meet with opposition if you are demanding. Take control by offering to do your share and asking for suggestions. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take care of small but important details and you will feel satisfied with what you accomplish. A chance to develop something you've wanted to do will lead to recognition and new possibilities. Invest in your abilities and your future. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remain levelheaded regardless of what others do or what you are faced with. A change may not be welcome, but acceptance will be your ticket to freedom. Focus on the future and how you can expand your interests and friend-

ships. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Indulge in creative endeavors that interest you. The more unusual a direction you take, the more enticing it will become. Determination and skill will far exceed any challenge you face. Proceed with confidence. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take on a task that will help you change your lifestyle or make alterations at home that are more conducive to your current situation. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid being sidetracked by others or thinking that someone else has a better idea or superior way of doing things. Believe in your abilities, and follow your own path quietly until you reach your destination. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A past problem is likely to reappear. Use your intuition and experience to ward off any repercussions that might occur should you ignore the situation. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Have fun, but don't let excessive habits get out of hand. Too much of anything will be costly financially, emotionally or even physically. Limit what you do and stick to company you trust. Moderation is essential. ★★★★★

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A partnership will undergo change. Don't instigate something you cannot finish. Enjoy activities that you find stimulating or creative and you'll avoid thinking about a worrisome situation. Avoid impulsive, unpredictable people. Electronic devices are likely to cause problems. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Leave work and dealing with peers for another day. Focus on what you can do to improve your life. Don't give in to demands when you should be doing something to help your own interests. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look over financial papers and reassess your status. Avoid someone putting demands on you. It's best to avoid spending on others or on luxury items you don't need. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Explore your talents and you will find a new way to bring in extra cash. Don't be discouraged by

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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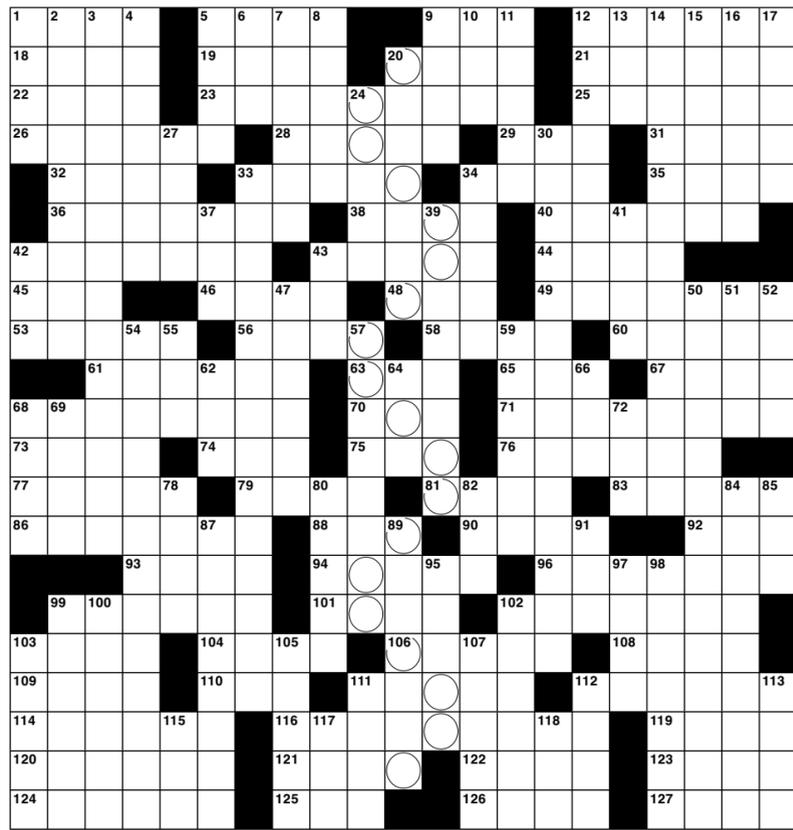
Previous Solution: “The leaves fall ... and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools.” — Henry Beston

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A GIANT CROSSWORD By David Steinberg and Barry Haldiman / Edited by Will Shortz

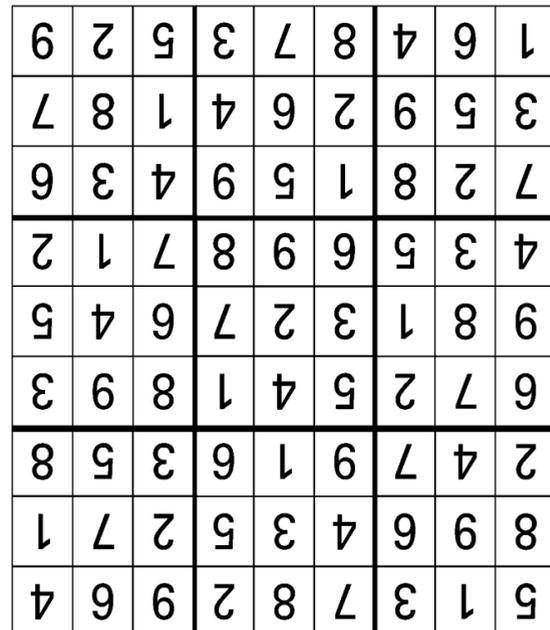
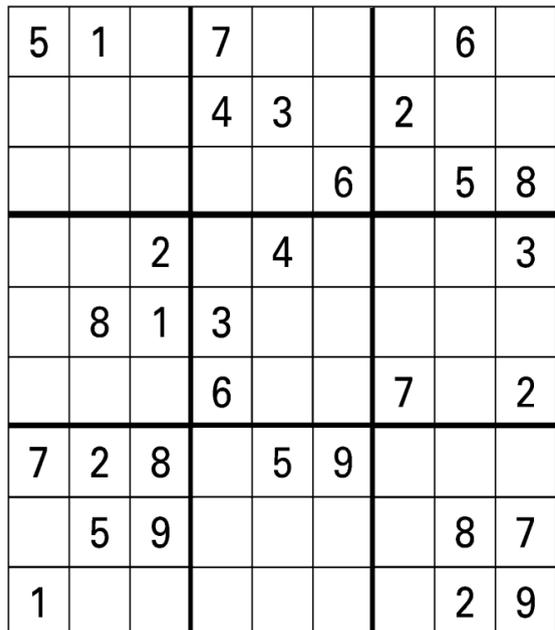
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| 5 Safecracker | 53 Like strongmen | 102 First bishop of Paris | 5 Goes on and on |
| 9 Zip | 56 Careful wording, maybe | 103 Olympic gold-medal gymnast | 6 Biblical name meaning “high” |
| 12 When things aren't going right | 58 The White House's ___ Room | 104 Coins that disappeared during the French Revolution | 7 Ones with telescopes |
| 18 Terrific, in slang | 60 Suit | 106 Onetime billionaire investor | 8 Thingamajig |
| 19 Jai ___ | 61 Obsolescent belt attachment | 108 Certain ones, in Brooklyn | 9 Smooth, in a way |
| 20 Web app platform | 63 Nautical pronoun | 109 “Rule Britannia” composer | 10 Saint Agnes' ___ (January 20) |
| 21 Title heroine of a Charpentier opera | 65 Cousin ___ | 110 Write | 11 Worldport airline |
| 22 Doctrines | 67 Actor Eric of “Troy” | 111 ___ Lumpur, Malaysia | 12 Vet |
| 23 Domino's most important part? | 68 Beam over | 112 “That is so funny — not!” | 13 Rock's ___ Fighters |
| 25 Highest taxonomic rank | 70 “Help wanted” inits. | 114 Appear as such | 14 Make a mistake |
| 26 Successors' spots | 71 2000 Ricky Martin hit | 116 Eastern Conference N.B.A. city | 15 Try to reach headquarters, say |
| 28 Host | 73 One small step | 119 “I ___ confused” | 16 More than 50% of humanity |
| 29 P.M. part | 74 It's separated from N.B. by the Northumberland Strait | 120 Androgynous “S.N.L.” skit turned into a 1994 movie | 17 Busybody |
| 31 Speak raucously | 75 Barrister's deg. | 121 Escapade | 20 1972 Eastwood western |
| 32 Game played with a rope | 76 One letting off steam | 122 Ersatz | 24 African port of 2.2 million |
| 33 Monk's wear | 77 Half a Yale cheer | 123 New Mexico county or its seat | 27 Couple of buddies? |
| 34 French possessive | 79 “Of course, Señor!” | 124 Gambling games | 30 Exhibit apoplexy |
| 35 Director Wertmüller | 81 Kind of sch. | 125 Addition, of a sort | 33 Oil, for one |
| 36 Grandpa Munster portrayer | 83 Two long parts of the body | 126 Dickens's Uriah | 34 Per aspera ad ___ |
| 38 Coastal indentations | 86 Experience | 127 Feminine suffix | 37 Actor Wheaton of “Stand by Me” |
| 40 City on the Somme | 88 Mauna ___ | Down | 39 Septic tank worker? |
| 42 Rudely interrupts | 90 Skin soother | 1 Long-billed bird | 41 One foot in a line |
| 43 Wish one ___ (rue) | 92 Day-___ | 2 Hopeless situation | 42 Kind of overalls |
| 44 It may be cured | 93 ___ v. Ashcroft (2004 privacy case) | | 43 Ad ___ |
| 45 Suffix with peck or puck | 94 Coming up | | 47 Sequel |
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| 59 Half of an old film duo | 80 Casino draws | 95 Sans-serif typeface | 107 Start of a spill |
| 62 Daddy-o | 82 Common place for something to drop | 97 The scarlet letter | 111 Designer Lagerfeld |
| 64 California's ___ River | 84 Versatile kind of tire | 98 Phone billing plan | 112 Rope material |
| 66 New Year abroad | 85 Response to a sinking feeling? | 99 Think that maybe one can | 113 Symbol of Aphrodite |
| 68 Forbidden perfume? | 87 Arts and crafts supplies | 100 William ___ Henley, “Invictus” poet | 115 ___ Paulo |
| 69 ___ Dorney, locale of 2012 Olympic rowing | | 102 Denounce harshly | 117 Nonhuman villain of a classic 1968 film |
| | | | 118 ___ kwon do |

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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Tot tablets, retro brands are Toys R Us 'hot toys'

By MAE ANDERSON
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — It's still technically summer, but for some it's not too soon to think about what the kiddies will want for the holidays.

Toys R Us has come out with its annual "hot toy" list that includes tablets for kids, fashion dolls in the likeness of boy-band sensation One Direction, and even retro hits like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Furby.

Knowing early what will be popular during the holiday shopping season is crucial to retailers seeking to have the right mix of toys at the right prices. The holiday season can account for about 40 percent of a toy seller's annual profit.

Last year, U.S. retail sales of toys fell 2 percent to \$21.18 billion, according to research firm NPD Group.

This year, Toys R Us, is introducing a "hot toy" reservation program. Starting Wednesday, the Wayne, N.J.-based retailer will let customers reserve the 50 toys on its list. The reservation system will run

through the end of October. Toys must be reserved in stores and customers have to put down 20 percent of the toys' cost.

The Toys R Us hot toy list has a mix of items that it carries exclusively, as well as toys available everywhere. Toys on the list come from both established companies as well as from some lesser-known toy makers in the U.K. and Australia.

There's no indication yet of a runaway success like 2009's Zhu Zhu Pets stuffed hamsters and last year's Leapfrog LeapPad tablet. But Toys R Us executives are betting that if there is, it is on their list.

"We have an incredibly skilled team of merchants here that track new products and identify toys," said Lisa Harnisch, the company's general merchandising manager.

Here are the top 15 toys on Toys R Us' list. The complete list of 50 can be found at toysrus.com/hot-toys.

Doc McStuffins Time for Your Check Up doll by Just Play, \$39.99: Doctor doll based on Disney Jr. show character.

Furby by Hasbro, \$59.99: Update on hit 1998 furry interactive toy robot.

Gelarti Designer Studio by Moose Toys, \$24.99: Sticker set that lets kids paint and customize reusable stickers.

Hot Wheels R/C Terrain Twister by Mattel, \$99.99: Radio-controlled car that takes on all terrains.

Jake and the Never Land Pirates Jake's Musical Pirate Ship Bucky by Mattel's Fisher-Price, \$44.99: Ship from Disney Jr. animated series.

Lalaloopsy Silly Hair Stars Harmony B. Sharp by MGA Entertainment, \$69.99: Version of popular button-eyed dolls that talks and sings.

LeapPad2 Explorer by LeapFrog, \$99.99: Latest iteration of LeapFrog's kids tablet with faster processor and more memory.

Micro Chargers TimeTrack by Moose Toys, \$34.99: Miniature car racing track set.

Nickelodeon Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Secret Sewer Lair Playset by Playmates, \$119.99: 42-inch playset that recreates TMNT's lair.

Ninjago Epic Dragon



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This undated product image provided by Toys R Us shows One Direction collector dolls by Hasbro, an item on Toys R Us' "Hot Toy" list. Toys R Us, a Wayne, N.J.-based retailer is introducing a "hot toy" reservation program beginning Wednesday, Sept. 18. Under the system, Toys R Us will offer parents the opportunity to reserve the 50 toys on its "hot toy" list.

Battle by Lego Systems Inc., \$139.99: Ninja-themed Lego board game.

One Direction collector dolls by Hasbro, \$19.99: Dolls of each of the five members of One Direction.

Skylanders Giants Starter Pack by Activision Publishing Inc., not

yet priced: A sequel to Skylanders Spyro's adventure that combines real-life action figures with a video game.

Taboo by Toys R Us, \$149.99: Toys R Us' own tablet offering with enhanced safety features and 50 pre-loaded apps.

Wii U by Nintendo, not

yet priced: Nintendo's new two-screen gaming console.

Y Volution Flicker F1 Flow Series Scooter by Atomic Sports, \$99.99: A three-wheeled scooter that is self-propelled by the rider's movement.

Looking beyond peanuts: a primer on almond butter

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Most of us have plenty of ideas for using whole or chopped almonds. Eat them whole. Bake them into treats. Scatter them over salads or green beans. But what about almond butter — toasted (and sometimes salted) almonds that have been ground to a peanut butter-like consistency?

If they are willing to try it at all, most people just crank out a few AB&J sandwiches, then lose inspiration and push the jar of almond butter to the back of the refrigerator.

Time to pull it forward because almond butter is easy to use in all sorts of delicious ways across numerous cuisines.

Let's start with the basics. Almond butter is what it sounds like — ground almonds, usually with a bit of oil and salt added for texture and taste. It is not the same as almond paste or marzipan, both of which are made from finely ground almonds (but with a fair amount of sugar added) and used in baking.

The texture of almond butter is similar to peanut



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Almond butter gives a thick, rich texture and flavor to this mole-style pulled pork sandwich shown served on a plate in Concord, N.H.

butter (they are jarred the same and sold alongside one another at the grocer), but differ in taste. Whereas peanut butter has a pronounced — stay with me here — peanut flavor, almond butter has a richer, creamier taste that is nutty, but (oddly) not distinctly almondy.

Nutritionally, they are similar. Two tablespoons

of peanut butter have 188 calories and 16 grams of fat. Almond butter has 202 calories and 18 grams of fat.

There are numerous brands of almond butter, but it's easy to make your own. Simply grind whole toasted almonds in the food processor until chunky-smooth. You may need a drizzle of canola oil

to get the consistency you want. And consider using smoked or tamar almonds for an extra burst of flavor.

Whether you make it or buy it, almond butter can be substituted 1-for-1 in recipes that call for peanut butter. This opens up lots of possibilities.

For ideas for using almond butter, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle

column over on Food Network: <http://bit.ly/RsyFCM>

MOLE-STYLE PULLED PORK BUNS

This blend of Mexican mole sauce and pulled pork tenderloin makes for a crazy delicious sandwich. The filling also would be good tossed with warm noodles.

Start to finish: 45 minutes (25 minutes active)

Servings: 4

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 2-inch chunks
1/2 cup smooth almond butter
1/2 cup canned crushed tomatoes
3 cloves garlic
1 shallot
1/2 tablespoon cocoa powder
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup water
Salt
4 sesame seed burger buns
1 scallion, white and green parts, chopped
In a medium saucepan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the pork and sear

for 2 to 3 minutes per side. Set the pan aside off the heat.

In a blender combine the almond butter, tomatoes, garlic, shallot, cocoa powder, cinnamon, black pepper, red pepper flakes, cloves and water. Puree until smooth, then add to the pork.

Bring the pork and sauce to a simmer over medium heat. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes.

Use a slotted spoon to transfer the pork to a large plate or cutting board, then use 2 forks to pull and shred it. Return the pork to the sauce and stir well. Season with salt.

Divide the pulled pork between the buns. Top with scallions.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 500 calories; 240 calories from fat (47 percent of total calories); 27 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 75 mg cholesterol; 35 g carbohydrate; 34 g protein; 3 g fiber; 450 mg sodium.

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Groups lend a hand to teachers with classroom pets

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LOS ANGELES — For many children, their first pet is a virtual one.

Experts say many children who enter the first grade can play video games but few have a pet to play with. And teachers say that's a shame, considering how animals — real ones — can enrich a child's upbringing.

So for a quarter of a century, educators such as Dawn Slinger in Farmington, Minn., have paid out of their own pockets to provide one for their classrooms. Only in the past few years have groups stepped in to help with the financial burden.

Two years ago, Pets in the Classroom, a Maryland-based project from the non-profit foundation Pet Care Trust, began offering grants to U.S. and Canadian teachers in grades 1 through 8. The money can be used to buy starter pets, cages, food and other supplies. It issued its 10,000th grant this summer.

The \$150 grants help offset the cost of the animal and its care, which helps

teachers like Slinger who has been using her own money, said foundation executive director Steve King. Just an aquarium for a frog could cost more than a hundred dollars.

Teachers who apply for a second year or more get \$50 for additional equipment, food and supplies.

Pet Care Trust first started introducing pets to classrooms through a joint venture with the Florida Aquarium in Tampa five years ago. A classroom fish project gave participating teachers a 150-gallon aquarium, supplies and fish, King said. Nearly 200 classrooms in the Tampa area got aquariums, and a similar program was started in Chicago.

Slinger believes the cost is worth the experience for her students. She builds lessons around two miniature Russian tortoises, a fire-belly newt, tree frogs, three types of gecko, several hermit crabs, two small ball pythons, a corn snake and a 45-gallon tank of fish. Students observe and draw the animals, and research and write about them. When the school year is over, each student's work

becomes a book.

Parents tell her their children are inspired by the animals and are excited about learning, she said.

She said that out of a class of children — hers last year had 26 — "maybe six will have pets at home, usually a cat or dog. Not many will have reptiles." Since taking her class, "several students have gotten hermit crabs or fish for their houses. One got a lizard and one is working on a snake."

The decision over what kind of pet to get lies with the teacher. Slinger chose hers because they fascinate children, their temperaments are right and they don't bother students with allergies or asthma, she said.

Among applications for first-time grants, the most popular choices for classroom pets were small mammals, like hamsters, guinea pigs, rats and rabbits, King said. That was followed by aquarium pets, reptiles and amphibians, then birds, he said.

Classroom pets also have been enlightening for some families. Heidi Keating said her 8-year-old son Wayne



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First-grader Tanner Rezny (left) holds an albino bull python while classmate Sam Illetschko holds a bumble bee ball python in the first grade classroom of Dawn Slinger in Farmington, Minn. Their teacher builds science, writing and reading lessons around a number of different animals. Maryland-based Pets in the Classroom project is offering grants to help teachers pay for pets, cages, tanks and supplies of food. It issued its 10,000th grant this summer.

has been begging for a snake since he was in Slinger's class last year.

"First, I said absolutely no. Then Wayne said, 'Come see the snakes in class.' Even Grandma came. We petted it. I never knew they were soft. I am a little more open at this

point," she said.

Classroom pets also can be incentives for good grades, as when some teachers allow students to care for the animals when school is out, King said. Slinger visits her classroom pets two or three times a week during summers and

vacations.

As for the animals that don't return for another school year, that's a learning moment too, King said.

"Lifespan is part of the life lesson that comes with having a classroom pet," he said.