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58th annual county fair on the way. **ID**



4 charter changes on county ballot

Measures include citizens' committee for redistricting.

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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After making their pick for president and various local officials, Columbia County voters

will decide the fate of four proposed amendments to the county charter. The charter was adopted by voters in 2002 and operates like a constitution for the county, establishing the structure, power and rules of the local government. The charter is reviewed every eight years by a commission appointed by the Columbia County Board

of County Commissioners. The commission held 11 meetings and three public hearings to get input from the community. Early on the commission narrowed in on eight issues and decided to move forward with four proposed amendments, said Koby Adams, review commission chair. Adams said the committee

will publish non-advocacy explanations of the proposed amendments by direct mail, radio spots and newspaper advertisements.

AMENDMENT 1

The first amendment would establish a Citizen Redistricting Advisory Committee to make recommendations to county commissioners about redistricting,

which must occur every 10 years under federal law. This amendment was prompted after commission hopeful Matt Vann's home was redistricted out of county commission District 5 and into District 1 last November, Adams said. The amendment would create

CHARTER continued on 6A

'Toys' expo 'Swamped'



LAURA HAMPSON/Lake City Reporter

Tiesha Archer, 12, has her shirt autographed by Swamp People stars Jay Paul Molinere (left) and R.J. Molinere Saturday morning at the Kiwanis Big Boy Toys Expo at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

'Swamp People' big draw at 'Big Boy'

Father-son team delights local fans of History Channel's hit show

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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Clutching alligator heads and T-shirts, adults and children alike waited nervously Saturday to meet the stars of their favorite

show, Swamp People. R.J. Molinere and Jay Paul Molinere signed pictures, shirts, hats and even posed in an arm wrestle for fans at the Kiwanis Big Boy Toys Expo. The expo continues today at 10 a.m. with outdoor lifestyle vendors, games, a car show and children's activities, though the Molineres were only scheduled to appear on Saturday. In their first visit to Lake City, the father and son hunting team said they enjoy

meeting fans across the county because each experience is different. "It's a good thing. We meet some great people," Jay Paul said. "We always look forward to it. We don't get tired of it," R.J. said. Fans ask all kinds of questions, but the most common is if they have ever been bitten by alligator, he said.

TOYS continued on 7A

FGC Forum starts Monday

By **LAURA HAMPSON**
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In time for early voting, twelve local candidates will be tested Monday and Tuesday during live broadcasts featuring more questions than previous primary election forums. The forums will be broadcast both nights at 7 p.m. on Florida Gateway College Television, which is Comcast channel eight, and on 106.5 WCJX radio. Following the forum there will

FORUM continued on 7A



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RIGHT: Kerry Hagler, audio/visual specialist, poses for Mike McKee (left), Florida Gateway College's executive director of media and public information, in preparation for the Candidate Forum.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Ballot measures touch on religion, taxes

Editor's note: In last Sunday's Lake City Reporter appeared an analysis of the first 6 of 11 proposed amendments to the state constitution that will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot. An analysis of the remaining five amendments, including arguments by supporters and opponents of each, follows. Ballot summaries are from the Florida Division of Elections. In the case of particularly vague or complex amendments and/or ballot summaries, explanatory notes have been offered as well.

AMENDMENT 7

(This measure was struck from the ballot by the Florida Supreme Court due to vague wording. The amendment was then revised and added to the ballot as No. 8.)

AMENDMENT 8

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Ballot summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the

AMENDMENTS continued on 6A

Alleged sex offender still free on bail

By **TONY BRITT**
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A Lake City man facing sexual assault charges from an arrest this summer was given additional restrictions in court earlier this week.

Wesley A. Jones, 41, 206 SW Satellite Lane, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with sexual assault (sexual battery upon a child under 12 years of age) and jailed. He was later



Jones

SUSPECT continued on 7A



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Timberlake, Biel wed.

COMING TUESDAY
Local news roundup.



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20-26-30-40 + 9



Friday:
3-10-14-29-32



Saturday:
Afternoon: 4-7-2
Evening: N/A



Saturday:
Afternoon: 5-4-4-4
Evening: N/A



Wednesday:
2-9-16-18-34-46
x3



Wednesday:
1-7-10-23-42 + 35

AROUND FLORIDA

Assisted living residents forced to relocate

TALLAHASSEE — State health officials have ordered a Jacksonville assisted living facility to relocate its residents after fire marshal officials found multiple safety violations.

The Agency for Health Care Administration made unannounced visits to nearly 40 assisted living facilities in Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. John and Putnam counties this week.

Officials said Friday the safety violations at the Tiki Stafford facility warranted "emergency action." Fourteen residents were relocated, and the facility is not allowed to accept new residents until the problems are fixed. The facility had 19 violations, including non-working smoke alarms and locked fire escape doors.

More than half of other the facilities were flagged for lax administrative oversight, some did not have current health assessments for residents and some didn't have a log to see what services residents were receiving.

Counties declared disaster areas

WASHINGTON — President Obama has declared 11 Florida counties a disaster area for damage sustained during Tropical Storm Isaac.

The declaration signed Thursday makes federal funding available to state local governments. Isaac hit Florida in

late August. *The Tampa Bay Times* reported the Federal Emergency Management Agency denied Gov. Rick Scott's request for funding in September.

Scott appealed the decision. He said the damage was about \$10 million worse than originally thought. Damage from Isaac is estimated at \$36.6 million.

The Times reported it was unclear why the decision was reversed.

The following counties are now eligible for federal funding: Bay, Collier, Escambia, Franklin, Martin, Monroe, Okaloosa, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Santa Rose counties.

Marijuana found floating off Keys

KEY WEST — Law enforcement officials in the Florida Keys are asking boaters to keep a lookout for bales of marijuana floating in the Atlantic Ocean.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said Friday that about 100 pounds of marijuana were pulled from the water over the past couple days.

The bales were scattered over a large area, and authorities said they suspect that there are more out there.

The drugs were hidden in bales marked "brown sugar" from Jamaica.



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A Nike Hercules Missile returns home to Everglades National Park on Friday after being refurbished by students from George T. Baker Aviation School in Miami. The Nike Missile was delivered to the school in late August as part of the events surrounding the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The students sanded, repaired, and re-painted the piece of Cold War history, which will be displayed at the historic Nike Missile Site HM-69, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

New pleas filed to stop execution

TALLAHASSEE — Lawyers for a convicted mass killer are trying to get a federal judge to block his pending execution.

Attorneys for John Errol Ferguson on Friday filed an emergency motion in Miami federal court to stay Tuesday's execution.

The 64-year-old Ferguson was convicted of killing eight people, including six who died execution-style, in 1977 in Carol City, which at the time was the worst mass slaying in Miami-Dade County

history.

The state Supreme Court this week upheld findings by a team of psychiatrists appointed by Gov. Rick Scott that Ferguson is legally competent to be executed even though he suffers from paranoid schizophrenia.

His lawyers say Ferguson lacks rational understanding and that he suffers from delusions that he's the "prince of God."

Lawyer: Teen will plead not guilty

GAINESVILLE — A public defender said a teenager

will plead not guilty to a first-degree murder charge in the death of University of Florida student Christian Aguilar.

Court records show that the family of Pedro Bravo has requested a public defender to represent the 18-year-old. Public defender Stacy Scott said Friday that her office planned to file the not-guilty plea on Bravo's behalf.

Aguilar was last seen in a Gainesville Best Buy with Bravo. Aguilar's remains were found last week in rural Levy County.

Police said Bravo originally told them that he beat Aguilar unconscious and

left him in a parking lot.

FAMU hazing cases closed

TALLAHASSEE — The Tallahassee Police Department is closing two hazing investigations involving organizations at Florida A&M University.

The department said Friday it was asked to look into two hazing incidents by FAMU authorities. But investigators concluded that neither incident met legal definitions for criminal hazing.

One case involved a business fraternity accused of alleged verbal abuse of prospective members.

Police also said they investigated an incident where it was alleged members of a step team held practices that resulted in sleep deprivation.

University officials said Friday that the step team had been cleared.

Archdiocese sues over mandate

MIAMI — The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Miami has joined other Catholic institutions nationwide in challenging the Obama administration over birth control.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski said Friday that he had filed a lawsuit in Miami federal court on behalf of the archdiocese, Catholic Health Services and Catholic Hospice.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Biel, Timberlake marry in Italy

LOS ANGELES

Actors Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel tied the knot at a seaside resort in southern Italy.

The Borgo Egnazia resort declined to comment Friday about the superstar nuptials.

The couple released a statement to *People* magazine saying, "It's great to be married, the ceremony was beautiful and it was so special to be surrounded by our family and friends."

Representatives for the couple confirmed the report Friday.

The 31-year-old Timberlake and 30-year-old Biel got engaged in December after dating for several years.

Timberlake, who has been acting more than singing lately, stars in the Clint Eastwood baseball film, "The Trouble with the Curve." Biel stars in the remake of "Total Recall." She will next be seen in "Hitchcock."

Lawyer tells jurors about Spears' life

LOS ANGELES — A lawyer for Britney Spears' father told jurors Friday that the singer's family went to heroic efforts to save her during a well-chronicled public meltdown that included shaving her head and other bizarre behavior.

Spears' father, Jamie, in particular went to great lengths, attorney Leon Gladstone said during opening statements in the trial of a lawsuit Spears' former manager Sam Lutfi has brought against Spears and her parents.

Gladstone said Spears' life began to spiral out of control after a painful breakup with childhood sweetheart Justin Timberlake.

Jamie Spears worked tirelessly, Gladstone said, to rescue his daughter from drug addiction, mental illness and the hold that Lutfi had on her during that time.



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Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake arrive at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala in May in New York. The couple released a statement Friday confirming their wedding.

Gladstone added that when Jamie Spears went to court and asked for conservatorship of his daughter it was immediately granted and remains in effect.

Lutfi never told Spears' lawyers or her business manager that he was in charge of her affairs, never arranged any business deals for her, and now claims he's entitled to 15 percent of her gross income during his tenure as manager, Boxer said.

Hanks lets obscenity slip on ABC's 'GMA'

NEW YORK — ABC and Tom Hanks are apologizing after the actor let slip a swear word during a live appearance on "Good Morning America."

Hanks telegraphed his "f-bomb" during an interview Friday. Anchor Elizabeth Vargas had asked him to speak in his character's British accent in the movie "Cloud Atlas." Hanks said that it was "mostly swear words," but Vargas told him to go

ahead anyway.

He began speaking in a mumble but the obscenity was clearly audible. ABC removed it for subsequent feeds of the show in the Midwest and West.

Vargas quickly said, "We are so sorry, 'Good Morning America.'" Hanks also apologized — and said he'd probably have a seven-second delay next time he's on the show.

'Bling Ring' member pleads no contest

LOS ANGELES — A 22-year-old woman pleaded no contest Friday to a burglary charge for stealing from the home of Lindsay Lohan as part of a group known as the "Bling Ring."

Diana Tamayo was sentenced to three years of probation. She could have faced six years in prison if convicted at a trial.

Authorities say Tamayo was one of six people charged in thefts in which more than \$3 million in clothes, jewelry and art was taken from the homes of stars such as Lohan, Paris Hilton and Megan Fox.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Author Ursula K. Le Guin is 83. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 72. ■ Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 71. ■ TV's Judge Judy Sheindlin is 70. ■ Musician Lee Loughnane (Chicago) is 66. ■ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 63. ■ Musician Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 59. ■ Actress-author Carrie

Fisher is 56. ■ Actor Ken Watanabe is 53. ■ Actress Melora Walters is 52. ■ Rock musician Che Colovita Lemon is 42. ■ Rock singer-musician Nick Oliveri (Mondo Generator) is 41. ■ Christian rock musician Charlie Lowell (Jars of Clay) is 39. ■ Reality TV star Kim Kardashian is 32.

Daily Scripture

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

— Psalm 51:12

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Native crafts on display

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Just off the banks of the Santa Fe River, nestled among the hardwood hammocks, a man in a buckskin leggings and a loose, cloth shirt presses his lips to a conch shell, creating a loud, long trumpet-like sound.

Somewhere in the distance his signal is answered by another conch shell note.

"It's our shell phone," said Jeremy DeBary, an 1830s Seminole re-enactor. Early tribes used the conch shells to send signals from village to village, he said to school children gathered around his tent.

The Alligator Warrior Festival continues today at O'Leno State Park in High Springs. The park opens at 8 a.m. and the 1836 Battle of San Felasco Hammock re-enactment begins at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 per vehicle holding two to eight people.

The event celebrates the time when, from 1800 to 1859, Lake City was called Alligator, Fla. Seminole commander Alligator Warrior was its most famous resident.

A signal from the conch shell was used to start and end the day or to reach people over long distances, such as men out fishing, DeBary, of Ocala, said.

"The conch shell played an important role in everyday life," he said. With its unique curved shape, the shell was turned into cups, bowls, teapots and shovels.

"It was like a Swiss Army knife," he said.

By the 1830s, Seminoles used the conch shell only for ceremonial purposes, but it still held significant meanings. The light-tan shell is used to this day to line Seminole graves.

The shells were widely traded, he said. Florida shells have been found in the Great Lakes area, from which copper artifacts, often found in the South, originated, DeBary said.

DeBary said he has been re-enacting for about 20 years. While sometimes re-enactors are paid, it is mostly volunteer work, he said.

"I have Muscogee ancestry," he said. "It's something I feel strongly about, keeping the old ways alive."



PHOTOS BY JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Jeremy DeBary, of Ocala, teaches Lake City resident Jessica Shipp how to make an elk-hide, pucker-toe-style moccasin at the Alligator Festival held at the O'Leno and River Rise Preserve State Park Friday. DeBary said that the best way to make a moccasin is while it is on the person's foot. 'The hardest thing is trying to get the fit right,' he said. 'It needs to be snug, but not too tight.'



Ken Miller (left), pastor of Broken Lance Native American Church, shows Randy Moody an authentic evil spirit mask used by the Crow Indian tribe.

In the fall and spring, DeBary travels the state to re-enacting at Second Seminole War battle events. His parents are also re-enactors.

DeBary even met his wife, Emily, also a re-enactor, at a Georgia battle festival.

"It's hands-on. We have stuff out for the kids to touch and play with," he

said. For participants, visiting the Seminole camp is like walking into a history book. It is almost surreal.

Many people are unaware of the rich Native American history in North Florida. They were astronomers, mathematicians and engineers, DeBary said. "They were intelligent people."

About 15 children from the North Florida Homeschool Support Group attended the festival Friday. Their parents said the festival, with hands-on learning experiences, was a great field trip.

"I'm learning how Indians lived. I liked the bow and arrow," homeschooler Hannah Herndon said.

Debate big job for small college

MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

BOCA RATON — Is the humidity in the hall just right? Are there enough hotel rooms nearby to hold the hordes of campaign staffers and journalists? Will the candidates' dressing rooms be big enough?

Landing a presidential debate requires painstaking adherence to a lengthy checklist, not to mention millions of dollars. Colleges and universities big and small have held the grand events over the years, and Lynn University is the latest small liberal arts school to play host.

Officials say what set them apart wasn't name recognition, but a willingness to transform campus life to pull it off.

The university has invested about \$5 million in upgrades to prepare for the arrival of President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney on Monday. New entrances to campus have been built, and the computer network has been upgraded. Sports teams have been displaced, performances have been delayed, and d staff members have been flooded with added responsibilities.

But most on campus seem to relish the opportunity, and Lynn has added dozens of classes inspired by the debate, developed a debate curriculum being used by students from kindergarten through high school around the country, and is hosting more election-themed events than administrators can count. Everything from the books freshmen are assigned (First debate moderator Jim Lehrer's "Tension City" is required reading) to the marketing campaign of the admissions office to the swag on sale in the bookstore has been affected.

"One of the things we found most appealing about Lynn is its willingness to just dive in," said Peter Eyre, a senior adviser to the Commission on Presidential Debates. "They have embraced this whole notion that the debate is a larger commitment to education."

To be considered as a debate host, schools must submit proposals detailing their adherence to countless criteria, from the humidity in the hall to the number of nearby hotel rooms to the size of the candidates' dressing rooms.

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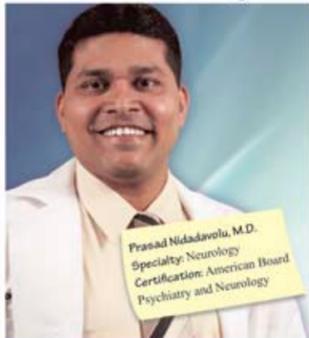
TALLAHASSEE — A Florida appeals court is upholding a narrow 17-vote win in a state Senate race in Palm Beach County.

The 1st District Court of Appeal on Friday sided with State Rep. Jeff Clemens who edged fellow House member Mack Bernard in the August primary.

Bernard challenged the county canvassing board's refusal to count 40 absentee ballots because they contained voter signatures that did not match.

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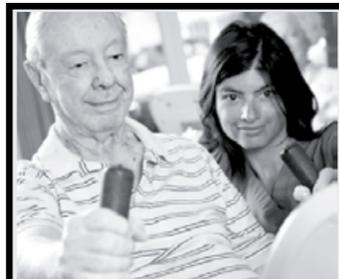
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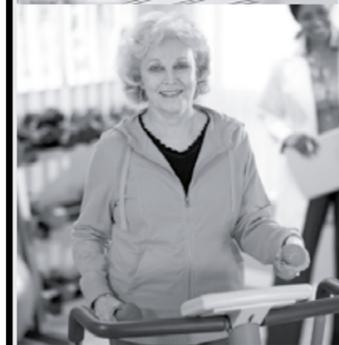
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OPINION

So long, Southside

The city council's Monday night decision to shutter the Southside Recreation Center was tough to take for local kids who frequented the place after school. It was equally hard for their parents, especially those who work outside the home, who wonder now where these children will go for after-school activities and entertainment.

Nonetheless, City Manager Wendell Johnson insisted the city shouldn't be in the daycare business.

However you phrase it, the real problem is, Southside just isn't safe.

Kids may have plenty of fun hanging out there, but there's no real supervision to ensure their safety.

To us it sounded like a tragedy just waiting to happen.

Still, where will all those kids go?

The city says it's pursuing development of a boys' program, perhaps to complement the local girls' club.

It may not be the best solution but it's a start, at least.

Let's pursue this program, see where it goes, and make sure it doesn't get lost in the bureaucratic shuffle.

ANOTHER
VIEW

'Not optimal'

Comedian Jon Stewart has found a way to get conservatives to care about the "Daily Show" — have Barack Obama insult American victims of terrorism.

On Wednesday's program, Mr. Stewart asked the president whether his administration was trying to fix the alleged communications disconnects that the White House claims muddled the response to the violent events in Benghazi, Libya and elsewhere on Sept. 11. "Even you would admit," Mr. Stewart said, "it was not the optimal response, at least to the American people, as far as all of us being on the same page." Mr. Obama responded, "Here's what I'll say. If four Americans get killed, it's not optimal."

"Not optimal"? Clearly the president has mastered the art of understatement as insult.

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Voters need to change direction of Washington

Editor's note: The following guest column, which appeared in last Sunday's edition, contained numerous errors introduced during the production process at the Lake City Reporter. The original version, as submitted by the author, is reprinted below.



EDWARD HUNTER

What a wonderful blessing to be an American; however, with the blessing comes the responsibilities and expectations of our Lord Jesus Christ. This column is offered as a reality check concerning the present politics in America.

Our federal government has become unbelievably corrupt! When the White House and Congress congregate, it is like the world's largest liars convention. Do you recognize this? Is it upsetting you? Well, it should upset you very much. Our government is lying to us at every turn, and counting on us to believe it. Sadly, far too many people do.

Our elected officials are using their positions to spread lies and deception to the people they are supposed to be representing. People voted for these individuals because we thought we could trust them. Instead, elected officials are using their positions to spread lies and deception. Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) repeatedly talks about Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's wealth. I think him being wealthy is a good thing; maybe he can do something about the irresponsible quagmire that Washington has drowned us in. Mr. Reid never bothers to tell people that he is one of the wealthiest individuals in Congress. Most of his wealth has been accumulated after becoming a member of Congress. I wonder how he did that. Certain members of Congress keep hammering the ideology that this election is primarily a racial issue. This is directed to the uninformed that has absolutely no idea what is going on in this country. This election is about the freedom and prosperity of the American people.

Politicians should be talking about the issues. What have the incumbents done to help America move forward? What specifically they are planning to do to help restore America

to the wealth and power it has demanded and held in the past? Unfortunately, the Democrats cannot run on their present record of the past four years. For example, Sen. Reid has not one time presented a federal budget for action by the Senate during this time. We should not tolerate incompetent, failed leadership from our government.

Instead of President Barack Obama smiling into the TV cameras and peddling his package about prosperity in America when reality tells us differently, we want to know what he plans to do for the 23 million Americans that cannot find full-time employment, and gas prices that are soaring daily. The entire Middle East despises America, and our allies are questioning, and rightly so, if they can trust us. How about skipping the smiles, Mr. Obama, and tell us exactly how you plan to deal with the rapidly growing list of problems that face America? Many of the problems we are facing are due to your leadership.

Our president and members of Congress, in most cases, only care about power and how much of the taxpayers money they can pocket, and who will pay the highest price for their vote. Why are many members of Congress and people in the White House permitted to get away with not paying their taxes, yet these same individuals have the audacity to raise our taxes? It is terrifying that we cannot expect any justice from Washington.

The news media, in most cases, is nothing more than fiction directed at selling their viewpoint, and has as a prime directive to confuse and control the thinking of each of us. Both our government and the news media are counting on voters to be as stupid and/or misinformed about the truth as they are hoping for. Don't be angry with me. Be angry with the people that are undermining you. Our freedoms and our rights are being

assaulted almost daily.

The election in November is, perhaps, the most important election of this century. Each and every one of us owes it to our children, our grandchildren and ourselves to go to the polls and cast a well-informed vote. Follow the voting of the current incumbents. Are they supporting legislation that is directed at the destruction of our constitutional and religious freedoms? In numerous cases the answer is absolutely yes. To vote is our only recourse in determining our nation's future.

The Congressional Budget Office already has determined that health care beginning in 2013 will be increased by 19 percent as a result of the costly "Obamacare" that Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) supported. Are you considering what this is going to do to your wallet? Nelson supported the current administration in transferring over \$700 billion away from Medicare, he has the audacity to tell the people of Florida that he and the present administration support Medicare. More of the same old politician lies.

I am very disgusted and disappointed with President Obama's treatment of our military. They are treated with no respect and shown no real concern for their safety. He is using everything, including the Pentagon, to prevent our troops overseas from being permitted to vote. Anyone that has served in the military or currently has a loved one serving overseas should be mad as all heck. We expect men and women to put their lives in danger, but fight to keep them from participating in the political process. Shame on you, Mr. President.

Am I mad? You better believe I am. I'm mad, disappointed and disgusted with politicians that are dumping 230 years of freedom, prosperity and dreams down the toilet.

Everyone, please exercise your right to vote in this election. Consider long and hard the direction our country is moving. Freedom is priceless. Fight to save it.

■ Edward Hunter was director of student activities at Florida Gateway College from 1969 to 1999.



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A jail in City Hall

Does the idea of having a jail in Lake City's City Hall seem strange to you? Well, that was the case here some 45 years ago.

In 1966, city officials moved into their beautifully renovated City Hall, the one recently demolished. A brochure handed to the public at the grand opening listed all the offices contained therein.

"The first floor contains the Mayor's Office, City Clerk's offices, and the City Treasurer's offices. Also the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the new city jail."

That arrangement didn't last long. The city and county jails were eventually consolidated into the Columbia County Detention Center, located just north of Lake City.

The city officials in 1968 were Mayor-Commissioner James R. Tison and City Commissioners Dupree L. Moody, I.J. Godbold, David Williams, and Harold Brannon.

NO-NAME PLAZA

Usually when you have several stores grouped together, each under its own roof, it is called a plaza, e.g. The Lake City Plaza, home to Beef O'Brady's, Dollar General, Plaza Barber Shop, et al. But one of Lake City's fairly large plazas seems to have no name at all.

That plaza, located on South Main, is filled with stores: Farmer's Home Furniture, Smart Liquidation, Fresenius Medical Care (Lake City Dialysis), Ashley's Pet Palace, Future Fitness, Hot Spot Tanning Spa and Hair Studio, CC's Flower Villa, Sugar Custom Cakes and Confections, Phish Heads Restaurant, and Gold Diggers Sweepstakes.

Yet, there is apparently no identifying name for that plaza. Years ago there were some completely different stores there: Winn Dixie, Revco Pharmacy, and TG and Y, for example. Some say that plaza had a name back then but I do not know what it was. Do you?

WANT AN ADABEE?

Friend Charlotte James and I used to do some work together at the public library. Charlotte is one of the funniest and best people I know, and she is very smart.

One day when we were traveling together I asked her what was her favorite make of car. She said an Adabee, a make I had never heard of so I asked her to repeat it.

She turned to me and said very slowly, "An A to B. Any car that will get me from A to B dependably and cheaply."

That's my favorite kind of car, too, and maybe yours, also. If you ever invent a practical car, you already have the name for it!

■ Morris Williams is a local historian and long-time Columbia County resident.

LAUGH LINES

Arlene Leonard, the ever-helpful First United Methodist Church secretary, has a humorous plaque on her desk facing the visitors: "OK. Hand over the chocolate and nobody gets hurt!"

Sign on the tip jar at Elliano's drive through coffee shop: "Thanks a latte."

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Oct. 21, the 295th day of 2012. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 21, 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville (luhn-nay-

VEEL), France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.

In 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opened to the public in New York.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Oct. 22

Pet loss workshop

An Educational Workshop titled Coping with the Loss of Your Pet will be held Thursday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Wings Community Education Center located in the Lake City Plaza on Main Blvd. The facilitator for the workshop is Dr. Joy Dias Director, Client Counseling and Support Services, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. To register call Vicki Myers, at 386-755-7714, Ext. 2411. Seating is limited. The workshop is provided as a public service and free of charge. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc. Visit www.hospiceofcitrus.org for more information.

Women's Club lunch

The Women's Club of Lake City will host their October fundraiser Monday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando Ave. The meal is \$6 per plate, which includes baked ziti, salad, rolls and girdle busters. Eat at the clubhouse, take out or have it delivered. For information call 755-0347.

Aglow tea party

Rev. Jesten Peters will be the keynote speaker at the Lake City Aglow Lighthouse 1920's Tea Party on 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22 at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Lake City. Jesten is a former Aglow president and was named 2205 Woman of the Year for Columbia County. If you or your church would like to reserve and decorate a table at the tea party, please call for details. Everyone is welcome and there will be plenty of space. Come joins us for a night of fun and inspiration with music, contests, tea and refreshments. The culmination for the event will be Peters' message, "The bride is wearing combat boots."

Ballroom classes

Ballroom Dancing classes are offered at Richardson Community Center every Monday night starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class, come try your first class free. For more information call 386-365-3909.

County fair entires

The 58th Annual Columbia County Fair Contests are free to enter. Any County resident may compete in the following contests: Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Quilting, Sewing, Crafts, Needle point, Woodworking, Scrap Booking, Art, Photography, Red Hat and King Author Baking Contest. For rules

visit www.columbiacountyfair.org. All highest placing entries will receive monetary awards & all receive ribbons. Deadline for Baking Goods is Thursday, November 1 from 2-6 at the Extension Office and all others will be October 22 - October 26 from 3-5 p.m. in the fair office and Sat. October 27 from 9 a.m. -12 noon at the Banquet hall. For more information call 752-8822.

Oct. 23

Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for a free diagnosis or solutions to the Columbia County Extension Office, 164 Sw Mary Ethel Lane. For more information 752-5384.

Zumba classes

Zumba Classes being offered at the Richardson Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Classes are \$5 each or sign up at the beginning of the month for just \$20 a month. Classes taught by a certified Zumba instructor, for more information call 386-466-7747.

Oct. 24

Dine for crisis fund

Dine to donate every Wednesday in October at Applebee's in Lake City. The Tough Enough to Wear Pink Crisis Fund will receive 10 percent of the bill. Ask for a flier, by the Columbia County Fairgrounds Office or call 752-8822 to have one e-mailed to you.

Quilters meeting

The Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild will meet on the morning of Oct. 24 at Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St., two blocks north of US 90 off Lake Jeffery Rd. Social time is from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting is at 10 a.m. The program this month will be the wrap-up of the Stephen Foster Quilt Show. Charming Strip Club for October is fall colors. The election of 2013 Guild officers will be held.

Oct. 25

Military officers meet

The Suwannee River Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will hold its monthly dinner meeting Thursday, Oct. 25 at the

Lake City Elks' Lodge, 259 NE Hernando Street, Lake City at 6:30 p.m. The dinner meeting is open to all active duty military officers, retired and former officers, members of the Reserve and National Guard, and their spouses. For information and reservations call Susan Palmer at 697-6828 or Vernon Lloyd at 752-4885. The Suwannee River Valley Chapter is one of over 400 MOAA chapters around the U.S. and overseas. The local chapter was founded in 1990.

Hospice teleconference

The Hospice Foundation of America teleconference titled: Artificial Nutrition and Hydration, will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hospice of the Nature Coast Wings Community Education Center in the Lake City Plaza on SW Main Street. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. The teleconference will examine ethical issues and dilemmas that emerge at the end-of-life and the effects of these decisions on healthcare staff and families, using a case study approach. Healthcare Professionals, Educators, Social Workers, Funeral Directors, Counselors, Clergy, Spiritual Care Volunteers should contact Vicki Myers at 386-755-7714 Ext. 2411 for reservations. Seating is limited.

Landlords meeting

All landlords and realtors are welcome to attend a landlords meeting Thursday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. at Cracker Barrel. The 6 p.m. program will feature fire marshal David Boozer. For information call 755-0110.

Oct. 26

Fair poultry show

The Columbia County Fair Poultry forms for the Open and Youth Poultry Show are due to the Fair office by Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. Forms are available in the Fair Office or on line at www.columbiacountyfair.org. or call 752-8822 for more information.

Oct. 27

Fall Safety Bash
The White Springs Fire Department will host its 3rd Annual Fall Safety Bash Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ogburn Ball Field in White Springs. There will be food, games, bounce houses, a giant slide, a huge obstacle course and more. Kids can get free flashing necklaces, reflective trick-or-treat bags, pencils, safety information and candy.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group, a ministry of Orchard Community Church, meets every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in room D at the Willowbrook Assisted Living center, 1580 S. Marion Ave. The group offers caring support for those who have lost a loved one, through videos, discussion time, and prayer. There are fees. For information call 288-7429.

Family fall festival

The Columbia County Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Family Fall Festival at the Richardson Community Center on Saturday Oct. 27 from 3-5 p.m. There will be games, treats and fun galore! This is a safe, fun and free event for the whole family. For more information contact Nicole Smith at 386-754-7095.

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Oct. 31

Olustee meeting

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Nov. 1

Fair weigh-ins

The Columbia County Fair mandatory End Weigh-Ins for Steer, Swine, Beef Heifer and Meat Goat is Thursday, Nov. 1 from 3 to 8 p.m. and the Record Book Deadline is one hour following close of scales. The Youth Swine and Steer Show is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. For more information call 752-8822.

Nov. 3

B'berry breakfast, more

The Wellborn Community Assoc. Fall Yard Sale and Blueberry Breakfast is Sat., Nov. 3. Vendor spaces \$5.00. Start getting your unused goodies together to make extra xmas money! The flea market in Lake City is closed that day so come on out! The Bloodmobile will be there also. call 386-984-5749 if more info needed.

Heavenly cooking day

The 8th annual Heavenly Cooking Community Day will be Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Richardson Community Center, 255 Coach Anders Lane. The event provides meals to sick and shut-in community members in memory of Levi Sheppard Sr. There will be a variety of food available and activities for seniors and children at the center. For information call 365-0013.

Family Gaming Day

Columbia County Public Library will have a Family Gaming Day on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 2 til 4:30 p.m. There will be video games, board games, snacks and an afternoon of family fun! For more information, please call 386-758-2101. The Library is located at 308 NW Columbia Ave.

Breast cancer benefit

A Zumbathon will benefit Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness Inc. Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Sepulveda ATA, behind Winn Dixie. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Don't forget to wear pink. Call 466-7747 for information.

Nov. 10

Race Against Wrights

The Race Against the Wright Brothers 5k run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 10 at 205 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City. Participants can register online at Active.com or in person at Carquest Auto Parts on Pinemont Road. Proceeds benefit Disabled American Veterans at Lake City VA Medical Center. Contact Michelle Richards at (386) 438-5830 for more information.

Nov. 12

12-step group

A 12-step addiction recovery group meets every Friday evening at 6 p.m. at the Community Revival Center, 244 NE Patterson Ave. in Lake City. For information call 867-6288.

Nov. 13

March of Dimes event

The March of Dimes is presenting Signature Chefs Auction at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the spacious Rountree Moore toyota showroom, US 90 West in Lake City. This date is a change from the earlier publicized date. There will be live and silent auctions, a selection of specialty foos presented by over 20 area restaurants and caterers and complimentary wine tasting. For more information contact Kathy McCallister at 755-0507 or Maureen Lloyd at 397-0598. Put this event on your calendar as we work together to give every baby a healthy start.

Photo club

Lake City Photo Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center at Baya Ave. Share your photos and ideas with the group. Newcomers are welcome!

OBITUARIES

Claire E. Hitaffer

Mrs. Claire E. Hitaffer, 80, of the Ellsville Community, passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2012. She was born in West Newberry, Mass. in 1931 to the late Joseph Marchand and Rita Marie Marceau Marchand. Mrs. Hitaffer had lived in Ellsville since 1981 having moved here from Miami. Her hobbies included gardening, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, crocheting and cooking. She was a member of Epiphany Catholic Church and was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Hitaffer, in 2000 and two brothers, Paul and Robert Marchand. Survivors include two sons, William L. Hucks (Carla) and Elliott W. Hucks both of Lake City; three daughters, Anita M. Mitchell, Lake City, Andrea C. DeMaio (Joseph), Moncure, N.C. and Debra A. Pitt (Steven), Palm Harbor, FL; one brother, Rich-

ard Marchand, West Newberry, Mass.; two sisters, Lorraine Salas, Monroe, GA and Leonette Andrukaitis, West Newberry, Mass; 20 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive. A funeral mass will be conducted on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 11:00 am at Epiphany Catholic Church with Father Michael Pendergraft, officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be Monday evening from 6-8:00 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Haven Hospice at 6037 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055. Arrangements are under the direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, Lake City. guerryfuneralhome.net

Doris Eloise Yeoman

Mrs. Doris Eloise Yeoman, 89, of Lake City, passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. She was born in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Ira D. Odum and Lula Beatrice Morrison Odum. She married James V. Yeoman in 1940 and he preceded her in death in 1987. Mrs. Yeoman attended Berea Baptist Church and had lived in Lake City for the past 20 years having moved here from Miami. Survivors include one son, James Yeoman (Carol), Fayetteville, GA; one sister, Agatha Durham (Thomas), Lake City; one nephew, Richard Stallworth, Gainesville; one niece, Sandy L. Durham-Sallot, Gainesville; and extended family and friends. Graveside funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Miami Memorial Park in

Miami. Interment will follow. Visitation with the family will be Monday, October 22, 2012 from 6-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Arrangements are under direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, Lake City. guerryfuneralhome.net

Phillip Deral Horne

Phillip Deral Horne, 83, of Lake City, passed away Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Still Waters West after an extended illness. The full obituary will be in Tuesday, October 23, 2012 edition. Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, (386) 752-1954, 3596 S U.S. Hwy 441, Lake City, FL. 32025

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

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AMENDMENTS: Florida voters will decide fate of 11 proposed measures

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First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Florida Tax Watch explains:

"Amendment 8 would repeal a constitutional provision that currently limits the power of state and local governments to fund religious institutions. It removes the following language: 'No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.' That language would be replaced with 'Except to the extent required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, neither the government nor any agent of the government may deny to any individual or entity the benefits of any program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief.'

This amendment renews the debate over what the current language—known as the no-aid provision or the Blaine Amendment—actually does. The 126-year old Blaine Amendment was enacted in Florida and many states as a way to prohibit the funding of proliferating Catholic schools. While perhaps originally rooted in bigotry, many feel it now protects the separation of church and state. While both the Florida and United States Constitution have similar language protecting the establishment and practice of religion, the U.S. Constitution does not contain a no-aid provision.

The current language has not yet stopped state funding of religious organizations for non-sectarian social services. Florida currently gives millions of dollars to these organizations for services such as substance abuse programs, hospice care, housing assistance, food programs for the poor, and faith-based prison programs, as well as religious hospitals and clinics that provide Medicaid services."

PRO: "Supporters say this amendment is needed to protect state funding of those types of services," the Florida Tax Watch analysis continues. "They point to a lawsuit brought against the Florida Department of Corrections challenging the use of state funds to support faith-based substance abuse transitional housing programs. Supporters say that all funding for non-sectarian services provided by religious organizations is at risk without the amendment.

CON: Again, from Florida Tax Watch: "Opponents say the amendment would actually lessen religious freedom, allow direct subsidies of houses of worship and is actually an attempt to open the door for a school voucher program that includes religious schools.

One such program, the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP), was ruled unconstitutional by the Florida Supreme Court. However, while a lower court ruled that the OSP violated the no-aid provision, the Supreme Court found it unconstitutional because it violated another part of the Constitution—the free pub-

lic school system provision in Article IX, Section 1. The Court found 'it unnecessary to address whether the OSP is a violation of the 'no aid' provision...' Since Amendment 8 does not address the free public school provision, it is questionable as to whether the amendment would allow such a voucher program."

AMENDMENT 9

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER

Ballot summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

PRO: Amendment 9 would allow the Legislature to reduce or eliminate property taxes on the homesteads of surviving spouses of veterans or some emergency workers, provided they died in the line of duty. It's the least we can do for those who have given so much. Besides, the total cost statewide would be less than \$1 billion – a tiny fraction of a \$70 billion budget.

CON: As with Amendment 2, many questions would arise in the wake of its passage. "Voters can't be sure exactly what the new law would say," the Tampa Tribune observed in nonetheless calling for passage of this amendment. "What if a spouse remarries? Should there be a limit on the value of the property? What about the spouses of first-responders killed in other states — can they relocate to Florida with a lifetime exemption on taxes? Can voters expect more amendments later to include other public servants killed while doing their duty?"

AMENDMENT 10

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Ballot summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to: (1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls. (2) Authorize

a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

PRO: From the James Madison Institute, which called for passage of this amendment: "Of all the constitutional amendments tinkering with Florida's tax structure, this is the one most likely to result in collateral economic benefits for persons other than the direct recipients of this tax break. Small businesses are the most important generators of jobs in the U.S. economy. At present, businesses must pay a property tax on their tangible property, down to and including items such as office furniture, computers, and copiers, with only the first \$25,000 of value tax exempt. Amendment 10 would exempt the value of tangible property up to \$50,000.

Not only would this spare businesses — especially small ones — a cost, but also the major hassle involved in calculating the values of ordinary business equipment, which tends to be subject to depreciation and other factors making such calculations much more complex than, say, calculating the value of real estate, where appraisers can more easily examine the prices paid for comparable properties."

CON: The James Madison Institute also offered possible arguments against Amendment 10: "To paraphrase the late Sen. Everett Dirksen, 'a million here, a million there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money.' This exemption, along with others pending or already enacted, will cost local governments hundreds of millions of dollars at a time when Florida's cash-strapped state government has been dumping more responsibilities on those local governments. The inevitable result will be either a reduction in the services provided by those local levels of government or else a shift of the tax burden to others in order to make up for the forgone revenue. Moreover, even though this amendment has been touted as a stimulus for job creation, there is no persuasive evidence that small businesses now worrying about the daunting new costs imposed by the Affordable Care Act will use these modest tax savings to hire more workers."

AMENDMENT 11

ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS

Ballot summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has

attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

PRO: The James Madison Institute, which did not take a position on Amendment 11, nonetheless offered possible arguments in favor of the proposal: Some low-income seniors, many of whom survive on a modest pension or other form of fixed income, are at risk of being taxed out of the homes where they have lived and raised a family. This problem has been particularly acute in areas where enclaves of low-income retirees are close to trendy areas such as Key West or South Beach, where international fame caused real estate prices to boom even beyond the levels other locales experienced during the real estate bubble.

Despite the "Save Our Homes" amendment's limiting of the annual increases for a homestead property's assessed value to 3 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, a home that was on the tax rolls valued at \$100,000 in 1995 would likely be assessed today at more than \$150,000 and rising. Moreover, the amount on which taxes would be due — the assessed valuation minus homestead exemption — would have more than doubled. Rather than tax elderly low-income Floridians out of their homes and force them into renting or moving into an assisted living facility or a nursing home, a prudent tax policy would encourage them to remain as long as possible in the familiar surroundings of the homes they own."

CON: "The main problem with this amendment is the unfairness of the long residency requirement," according to the Tampa Tribune, which nonetheless endorsed it. "Some of the neediest homeowners have been forced to move or downsize. And the law considers annual income, not total assets. It would create an incentive to keep household income below \$20,000. It could also create a disincentive to move."

The James Madison Institute also offered possible arguments against Amendment 11: "Amendment 11 is yet another example of politicians offering tax relief to a group likely to receive public sympathy and, incidentally, to vote in large numbers. Together with the other tax breaks in this year's batch of amendments, Amendment 11 will either add to the loss of revenue that Florida's local governments are facing at a time of significant fiscal challenges involving pensions, public safety, and other issues, or else it will exacerbate the shifting of the tax burden to those residents who have not yet managed to qualify for a tax break."

AMENDMENT 12

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Ballot summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university stu-

dent body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

Florida Tax Watch explains:

"In short, Amendment 12 is about whether or not the Student Body President of Florida State University should have the opportunity to serve as the student member of the Board of Governors (BOG).

The BOG is a 17-member board that, along with the legislature, is the governing body for the State University System (SUS). The BOG's duties include:

- Accounting for the expenditure of state funds;
- Submitting a legislative budget request for each SUS institution;
- Adopting strategic plans;
- Approving, reviewing, and terminating degree programs;
- Governing admissions to SUS institutions; and
- Complying with and enforcing all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

The BOG is made up of 14 Governor appointees, the Commissioner of Education, the chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates, and the Florida Student Association (FSA) president. Florida State University is the only one of the state's 11 universities that is not a member of the FSA.

Amendment 12 would remove the FSA President from the BOG membership and replace it with the chair of the council of student body presidents, which the amendment requires the BOG to organize. The council would consist of all the student body presidents of the SUS.

The amendment contains nothing about the duties or activities of the council."

PRO: From the James Madison Institute, which did not take a position on Amendment 12, comes a possible supporting argument: "This seemingly inconsequential amendment wouldn't likely be on the ballot were it not for the fact that the state Constitution's provision creating the Board of Governors (BOG) to oversee the state's university

system stipulated that one of the seats on the BOG should be filled by the President of the Florida Student Association (FSA). The reform provided in Amendment 12 is desirable because it makes the representation more broadly inclusive. That is because every state university has a student body president, democratically elected, whereas not every state university chooses to participate in the FSA, an organization that has experienced funding controversies sufficient to cause some major universities to withdraw from membership.

CON: Again, from the James Madison Institute, a possible counterargument: "The Florida Student Association argues that just because one or more universities might choose to withdraw from the FSA is not a good reason to tinker with the state constitution and a well-thought-out method of providing student representation on the Board of Governors."

-From staff reports

CHARTER: Four proposed changes to the county charter on Nov. 6 ballot

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ate an independent citizen advisory committee that would make recommendations to commissioners for their approval or rejection.

"To the extent allowed by law, the proposed amendment shifts the responsibility for redistricting away from the County Commission to an independent body, while recognizing that the final authority and responsibility for redistricting rests with the Board of County Commissioners," according to the final report.

If commissioners reject the recommendation, they would have to explain why in writing. The committee would then submit another recommendation, which

the commissioners could accept, reject or modify.

The committee's recommendation is non-binding, but it should prevent redistricting issues that occurred last year from happening again, Adams said.

"It should help, but we will have to wait eight years to find out," he said.

AMENDMENT 2

The second proposed charter amendment would provide an additional method for commissioners to fire the county manager.

Currently, commissioners can terminate the manager by a majority vote during two regularly-scheduled, consecutive meetings.

The amendment would add the ability to fire a county manager with a majority-plus-one vote during one regular or special meeting.

The review commission considered allowing a simple majority vote during a single meeting, but rejected the idea.

If adopted, a super-majority vote of the entire county commission could fire the county manager during a single meeting.

AMENDMENT 3

Approval of the third amendment would remove a department head's option to appeal his or her termination to commissioners.

Department heads

are senior-level staff who report directly to the county manager. The manager appoints, supervises and terminates, with or without cause, all department heads.

Currently, the charter allows fired department heads to appeal their decision to the county commission, which can overturn it.

"Provisions such as this are very unusual in Florida charter counties," according to the final report.

The charter review committee also discussed if it would be preferred if commissioners approved newly-appointed department heads, but decided against it.

The committee found that a key feature of allowing a county manager to build a management team is the ability to fire or hire department heads without excessive influence by commissioners.

AMENDMENT 4

Voting in favor of amendment 4 would replace the an elected county attorney with an attorney appointed or terminated by the commission, based on job performance and qualifications.

Columbia County is the only county in the state with an elected county attorney. In other counties, attorneys are retained based on qualifications and performance,

and are employed by the county commission.

The current system does not allow the client, the county commission, to hire or fire its primary legal advisor. "It creates a situation where the office holder (the county attorney) has no direct duties or specific responsibilities to the public - the entity who selected the office holder," according to the final report.

The amendment would eliminate the elected status after current County Attorney Marlin Feagle's term is over.

The amendment would leave the decision to hire an attorney full-time or on a part-time contractual basis up to commissioners.

TOYS: Local Kiwanis Club hopes to raise \$40,000 at expo to help children

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R.J. said he was once "nicked" on the finger by an alligator, splitting his finger wide open. Through 36 years of alligator hunting, he has never been bitten. "Thank God," he said.

R.J. said he often tells people that an alligator is like a motorcycle: if you don't respect it, it'll bite you.

The father and son team just wrapped up the September season of alligator hunting and filming. Jay Paul said he is ready for the break from hunting, but they aren't slowing down. "We are on the road every week in a different state," he said.

Jay Paul said this year's season was the worst and the best, but they weren't allowed to reveal too much. "It was good for us," he said.

R.J. said the team had to dig deep to fill their allotted tags. A rookie hunter wouldn't have been able to do it, he said.

Houma Native Americans, R.J. and Jay Paul said it's a blessing to be able to share their culture with the world. Skills to live off the land, like alligator hunting, have been passed down for generations in the Houma Nation.

"A lot of people don't even know we still do this," Jay Paul said.

R.J. said it was good that the History Channel decided to do a story on the Houma to show the world that alligator hunting still exists today.

"There are 18,000 of us left on the coast," he said.

Donald Hollingsworth Sr. said he took his grandsons, who are huge fans of the show, to meet the stars as a way to support the good work Kiwanis does for local children.

"I thought it was like, really cool," said Donald Hollingsworth III, after meeting the stars.

Several fans said they liked R.J. and Jay Paul for their hardworking, down-to-earth personality.

Cathy Nipper and her daughter Jamie Lacy said they are both huge fans of the show, so they were excited to meet R.J. and Jay Paul.

"It's our Thursday night thing - takeout and Swamp People," Nipper said.

Kiwanis member Steve Briscoe said expo organizers wanted to take the expo to the next step in its second year.

"I think all Kiwanis are proud that we could make this happen," he said about hosting the television stars.

The expo itself is larger, with 80 vendors this year, double that of last year. Briscoe said he hopes the expo will generate \$40,000 in profits this year to help local children.

"We are really proud of what the Big Boy Toys Expo is turning into," he said.



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ABOVE: Donald Hollingsworth Sr. brought grandsons Donald Hollingsworth III (left) and Matthew Hollingsworth to meet Swamp People stars Jay Paul Molinere (far left) and R.J. Molinere. **LEFT:** Curtis Haynes (right) poses with R.J. Molinere, alligator hunter on the History Channel's Swamp People and world champion arm wrestler.

FORUM: Set for Monday, Tuesday

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be a program on the 11 proposed amendments to the state constitution, which are also on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Columbia County School Board District 5 candidates Stephanie Finnell and Bill Gootee will face off. School district superintendent candidates Terry Huddleston and Glenn Hunter will follow at 7:30 p.m. and state attorney candidates Bill Brannon and Jeff Siegmeyer will be live at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday at 7 p.m. county commission District 1 candidates Oni Allen and Ron Williams will answer questions on local issues. District 3 candidates Michael Gordon and Bucky Nash will go on at 7:30 p.m. and District 5 candidates Scarlet Frisina and Tim Murphy will round out the forums at 8 p.m.

With fewer candidates than the primary election, there will be more time for candidates to answer questions on local issues, said Mike McKee, forum moderator and director of media and public information at FGC, which co-sponsors the event with the *Lake City Reporter* and the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

"It'll be different with just two candidates facing off against each other," he said.

Each candidate will have two minutes

for opening and closing statements. *Lake City Reporter* Editor Robert Bridges will ask each candidate about 10 questions throughout the segment.

"Look for some tough, pointed questions," Bridges said. "Voters want to know these individuals are qualified for the positions they seek."

Candidates will have two minutes to answer, but are not allowed additional time to rebut the other candidate's comments.

Candidates can use their two-minute answer period to rebut each other's comments and viewers can judge if that time was better spent answering the question.

Questions on local issues will be different from the forum in August, McKee said.

The event is especially exciting for FGC as it will be the first live broadcast from studios inside the new Wilson S. Rivers Library and Media Center, McKee said.

FGC has produced a candidate forum since 1986 and radio broadcast the interviews before that, he said.

The forums will be rebroadcast at various times until the election, McKee said.

Many county residents rely on the forum to help finalize their decisions. "It's a fair way to look at things," he said.

SUSPECT: Remains free on bail

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released on a \$100,000 bond.

On Monday Jones appeared in a pre-trial hearing before Circuit Judge Paul S. Bryan, where the state attempted to have Jones' bond revoked.

Jones was represented by Kimberly Kay Mears of the Third Circuit Public Defenders office. John Durrett, assistant state attorney, was the prosecuting attorney.

Bryan denied the state's motion to revoke Jones' bond.

Durrett said the state attempted to have Jones' bond revoked after allegations were made that Jones tried to have contact, via Facebook, with an underage female.

According to court documents, Bryan then issued an order mandating that Jones have no contact on social media websites.

Durrett said the restrictions prohibiting Jones from using social media will remain in place until further order of the court, but the order does not prohibit Jones from using the Internet.

"The judge ordered that he (Jones) was allowed to utilize the Internet for work purposes," Durrett said. "However, he has to be cautious in terms of interacting with individuals on the Internet, via e-mail or other communication methods, to ensure it was a person of age. He can utilize the Internet for limited purposes."

Jones' attorney filed a motion of con-

tinuance, which was granted, and Jones is scheduled to have another pre-trial hearing at 9 a.m. on Dec. 3.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, on July 26 deputy Eric Wilson was contacted in reference to a sexual molestation case that allegedly took place at Jones' home.

The victim reportedly told her mother that while watching a movie at Jones' home, he touched her inappropriately on at least two occasions. The Department of Children and Families were notified and responded to the scene as well as local authorities.

When the deputy arrived at the scene, he reported that Jones was lying on the steps of the home and appeared to be in medical distress.

A witness told the deputy and others that the alleged victim's uncle came to the home, confronted Jones about the sexual assault allegations and punched and kicked Jones. Jones also told authorities he thought he was having a heart attack and he was taken to a local hospital. However, he requested charges not be filed against the attacker.

Authorities continued their investigation and over the next week interviewed the alleged victim, witnesses and Jones. Jones was arrested Aug. 2.

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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, October 21
Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	81/70/pc	82/71/pc
Daytona Beach	83/69/pc	84/70/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	86/77/pc	86/78/pc
Fort Myers	88/68/pc	88/69/pc
Gainesville	81/58/pc	84/62/pc
Jacksonville	78/58/pc	82/62/pc
Key West	84/76/pc	85/77/pc
Lake City	82/56/pc	84/60/pc
Miami	85/76/pc	86/76/pc
Naples	88/70/pc	89/72/pc
Ocala	84/61/pc	85/63/pc
Orlando	85/67/pc	85/67/pc
Panama City	80/60/s	81/62/s
Pensacola	80/62/s	82/63/s
Tallahassee	81/56/s	82/59/s
Tampa	87/70/pc	86/71/pc
Valdosta	80/55/s	82/58/s
W. Palm Beach	85/75/pc	86/75/pc

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TEMPERATURES
High Saturday: 79
Low Saturday: 52
Normal high: 80
Normal low: 59
Record high: 91 in 2006
Record low: 38 in 1989

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Sunset today: 6:53 p.m.
Sunrise tom.: 7:38 a.m.
Sunset tom.: 6:52 p.m.

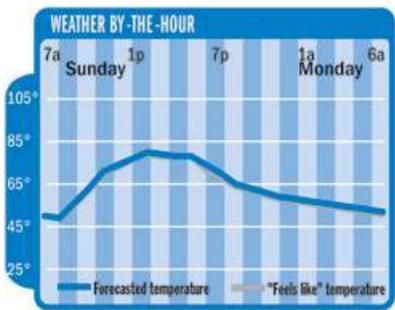
MOON
Moonrise today: 1:49 p.m.
Moonset today: 12:53 a.m.
Moonrise tom.: 2:32 p.m.
Moonset tom.: 12:53 a.m.

PRECIPITATION
Saturday: 0.00"
Month total: 0.87"
Year total: 49.24"
Normal month-to-date: 2.13"
Normal year-to-date: 42.12"

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NATIONAL FORECAST MAP 3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 94°, Alice, Texas Low: 17°, Angel Fire, N.M.

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	70/53/0	62/44/pc	Des Moines	55/46/0	78/62/pc	Omaha	61/36/0	79/57/pc
Albuquerque	70/41/0	74/51/pc	Detroit	54/46/0	61/47/pc	Orlando	82/69/0	82/62/s
Anchorage	31/21/0	33/20/s	El Paso	85/56/0	84/57/pc	Philadelphia	66/55/0	67/49/s
Atlanta	69/47/0	73/52/s	Fairbanks	17/9/0	19/-/s	Phoenix	86/66/0	87/64/pc
Baltimore	66/48/0	66/43/s	Greensboro	67/44/0	70/40/s	Pittsburgh	51/45/11	57/42/s
Billings	60/49/0	49/32/c	Hartford	74/61/0	64/44/s	Portland ME	64/60/28	63/46/pc
Birmingham	69/45/0	79/51/s	Honolulu	81/75/0	87/72/pc	Portland OR	52/45/11	51/41/sh
Bismarck	60/32/0	56/36/pc	Houston	84/52/0	89/72/s	Raleigh	71/46/0	70/39/s
Boise	60/51/03	54/38/pc	Indianapolis	57/45/22	67/51/pc	Rapid City	74/38/0	58/35/c
Boston	74/59/16	63/49/s	Jackson MS	77/43/0	82/54/s	Reno	73/55/0	63/44/sh
Buffalo	53/47/19	59/46/pc	Jacksonville	79/53/0	77/55/s	Richmond	71/45/0	70/44/s
Charleston SC	76/52/0	74/51/s	Kansas City	68/38/0	80/66/pc	Sacramento	67/54/0	71/55/pc
Charleston WV	57/49/0	63/39/s	Las Vegas	77/58/0	79/63/pc	St. Louis	63/48/0	78/60/pc
Charlotte	69/44/0	70/42/s	Little Rock	75/42/0	81/61/pc	Salt Lake City	70/53/0	68/54/c
Cheyenne	68/49/0	64/36/pc	Los Angeles	69/64/01	68/58/pc	San Antonio	82/58/0	90/72/pc
Chicago	58/40/0	66/53/pc	Memphis	69/46/0	81/60/s	San Diego	69/66/0	69/63/pc
Cincinnati	55/45/05	65/46/pc	Miami	88/75/0	85/73/s	San Francisco	58/56/0	66/56/pc
Cleveland	52/46/01	60/46/pc	Minneapolis	50/34/0	70/50/pc	Seattle	49/44/0	51/41/sh
Columbia SC	75/47/0	72/43/s	Mobile	78/43/0	81/55/s	Spokane	48/39/0	45/33/rs
Dallas	85/53/0	86/72/pc	New Orleans	80/54/0	82/62/s	Tampa	82/70/0	84/64/s
Daytona Beach	80/65/0	80/64/s	New York	69/58/0	64/49/s	Tucson	85/61/0	84/56/pc
Denver	68/50/0	71/40/s	Oklahoma City	79/46/0	85/67/pc	Washington	68/51/0	68/48/s

INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	91/81/0	91/78/t	La Paz	63/37/0	61/35/sh	Rio	82/73/0	89/73/pc
Amsterdam	61/55/0	59/53/c	Lima	68/61/0	67/63/c	Rome	79/55/0	74/60/pc
Athens	77/64/0	74/65/pc	London	57/46/0	58/53/c	St. Thomas VI	87/77/0	86/80/t
Auckland	61/50/0	64/47/r	Madrid	64/52/0	60/48/sh	San Juan PR	89/77/0	86/78/t
Beijing	72/41/0	61/51/sh	Mexico City	73/50/0	80/51/s	Santiago	66/46/0	55/44/sh
Berlin	70/43/0	61/42/pc	Montreal	64/52/0	51/45/sh	Seoul	68/48/0	70/54/sh
Buenos Aires	72/54/0	76/62/c	Moscow	57/46/0	49/45/pc	Singapore	86/75/0	87/78/t
Calro	88/68/0	87/67/s	Nairobi	81/63/0	75/60/t	Sydney	81/63/0	90/59/pc
Geneva	68/46/0	70/56/pc	Nassau	88/77/0	83/78/t	Tel Aviv	84/68/0	84/68/s
Havana	86/72/0	83/71/pc	New Delhi	88/86/0	91/69/s	Tokyo	70/57/0	68/63/pc
Helsinki	52/43/0	45/41/c	Oslo	43/39/0	42/34/sh	Toronto	52/46/0	58/44/pc
Hong Kong	84/75/0	81/72/pc	Panama	86/77/0	86/75/t	Vienna	57/41/0	60/44/pc
Kingston	90/81/0	88/78/t	Paris	61/57/0	61/56/sh	Warsaw	63/43/0	62/42/s

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. Bradford High in District 5-4A tournament at Santa Fe High, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Columbia High's Gillian Norris, Brooke Russell in Region 1-2A girls golf tournament at Golf Club at Summerbrooke in Tallahassee, 8 a.m.

Columbia High's Dean Soucinek in Region 1-2A boys golf tournament at Seminole Golf Course in Tallahassee, 9 a.m.

Fort White High cross country at Bradford Meet in Starke

Wednesday

Columbia High, Fort White High bowling in five-team match at Splitz Bowling Alley in Gainesville, 4 p.m.

Columbia High volleyball vs. Atlantic Coast High/Lee High winner in District 4-6A tournament at St. Augustine, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Richardson Middle School football vs. Lake City Middle School in Commanders Bowl, 7 p.m.

Friday

Columbia High swimming in District 2-2A meet at Cecil Aquatic Complex in Jacksonville, 9 a.m.

Fort White High football at Rickards High, 7 p.m.

Columbia High football vs. Orange Park High, 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

OUTDOORS

Hunter safety course offered

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is offering a hunter safety Internet-completion course for Columbia County from 6-9 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Firearms, ammunition are provided.

Call the regional office at 758-0525 or go to www.myfwc.com/HunterSafety.

Ladies fishing seminar offered

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Sports Fish Restoration Program are offering a "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing" seminar at the Elks Lodge in Tavernier on Nov. 9-11.

For details, visit ladiesletsgofishing.com or call (904) 475-9068.

CHS FOOTBALL

Q-back Club meets Monday

The Columbia County Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the Jones Fieldhouse.

For details, call Joe Martino at 984-0452.

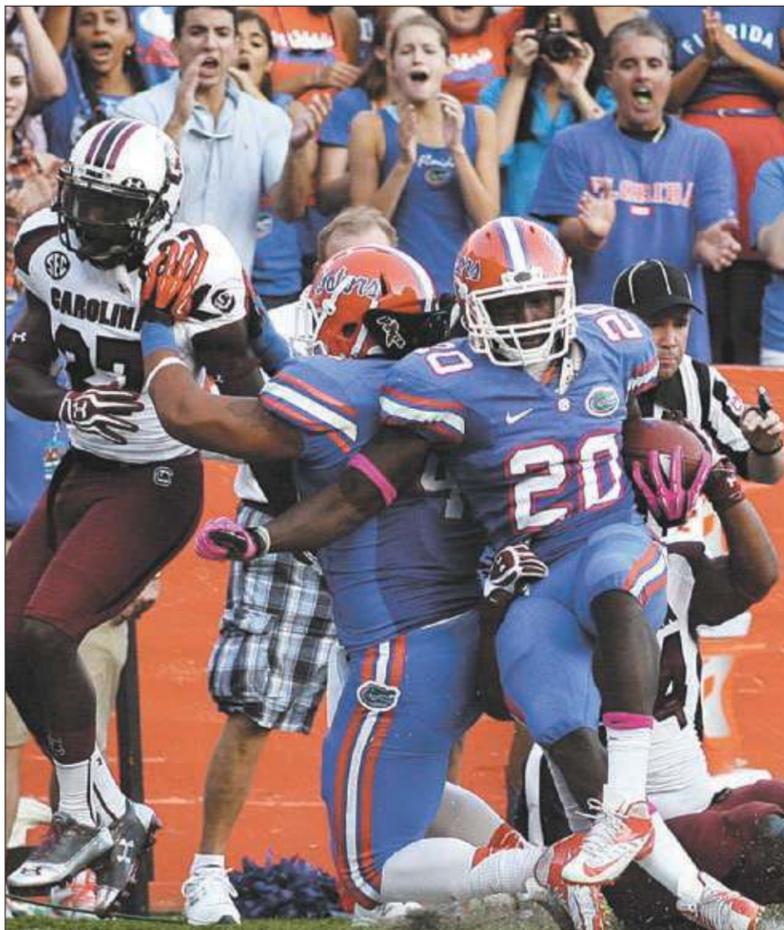
FORT WHITE FOOTBALL

Q-back Club meeting Monday

The Fort White Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in school's faculty lounge.

For details, call Harold Bundy at 365-5731.

From staff reports



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida tight end Omarius Hines (20) scores on six-yard run at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville on Saturday. Florida beat South Carolina 44-11.

Game-clocked

Gators put a 44-11 hurting on USC, 'Old Ball Coach.'

By BRANDON FINLEY
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GAINESVILLE — The seventh-ranked South Carolina Gamecocks stumbled and the second-ranked Florida Gators made them pay early and often in a 44-11 victory at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday.

It wasn't pretty in the first half as Florida ran 26 plays for only 29 yards, but South Carolina self-destructed and allowed the Gators to score 21 points in the half off turnovers on their way to a 21-6 lead.

"The key to the game was turnovers," Florida head coach Will Muschamp said.

From the very first play, Florida's defense played lights-out and the Gamecocks faltered. Loucheiz Purifoy came off the edge unblocked on a cornerback blitz to force a fumble on a sack of quarterback Connor Shaw and Larentee McCray recovered the ball to set the Gators up on the 2.

"I think he's playing very well. I think he's played very

good football for the entire year. I don't know where he's struggled much," Muschamp said of Purifoy. "He's by far our most physical corner."

Jeff Driskel threw the first of four touchdown passes on the day on the Gators' third play when he hit Jordan Reed for a three-yard score.

Two 15-yard penalties set up South Carolina's Adam Yates for one of two first-half field goals on the Gamecocks' following drive to cut the score on 7-3.

South Carolina's meltdown continued in the second quarter when Ace Sanders fumbled a punt and Trey Burton recovered to give Florida the ball at the 29-yard line. Six-plays later, Driskel hit Quinton Dunbar, who then broke a tackle and went 13 yards for the score to put Florida up 14-3.

Damiere Byrd then fumbled on the following kickoff with Chris Thompson recovering for the Gators to put Florida in position to score its third touchdown of the half despite struggling offensively. Driskel threw his third touchdown pass of the night to Reed on

GATORS continued on 5B

Happy homecoming

Indians knock off Fernandina Beach, 31-14.

By TIM KIRBY
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FORT WHITE — Fort White High's football team did its share to make it a happy homecoming with a 31-14 win over Fernandina Beach High on Friday.

"We had to do our part to make it complete," Indians head coach Demetric Jackson said. "In the midst of homecoming and all the festivities, you can get sidetracked. Our guys came out and got the victory."

With the defense looking strong and the offense clicking, it looked like Fort White (5-2) was off to a rout similar to when the teams played last year.

The Indians took the opening kickoff 39 yards for a 22-yard field goal by Nathan Escalante at 8:02 of the first quarter.

Fort White's defense forced three consecutive punts and the offense added two more touchdowns. Both came on the arm of quarterback Andrew Baker.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

INDIANS continued on 5B Fort White High's Michael Mulberry (4) tackles Fernandina Beach High quarterback Cole Willis (10) on Friday.

Allen doing things his way

Tigers move to 6-1 on season after Middleburg.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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There's no doubt at this point that Columbia High has bought into Brian Allen's coaching.

It was seen on the scoreboard after a 58-0 win against Middleburg High on Thursday. It's seen in the record as the Tigers stand at 6-1 and can clinch the District 3-6A title next week.

It's seen in the stands as there were more Columbia faithful than Broncos during the Tigers' away game. And everything starts with the head coach and how he handles business.

He's taught the Tigers that it doesn't matter what the state has them ranked. It's about finishing the mission, winning the next game and staying humble.

"We come to play hard no matter who we're playing," defensive back Roc Battle said. "We stay humble and

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BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Shaq Johnson runs for a touchdown during the Tigers' 58-0 win against Middleburg High on Thursday.

Indians sink Pirates



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Kellen Snider (7) glides through the air after being tripped up during a kickoff return in the Indians' 31-14 win over Fernandina Beach High on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Trey Phillips (5) catches an Andrew Baker pass over the head of Tripp Mitchel (2) during the game against Fernandina Beach High on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Andrew Baker (12) runs the ball on a quarterback keeper against Fernandina Beach High on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Tavaris Williams (2) escapes a tackle attempt made by Fernandina Beach High's Tripp Mitchel (2) for a 12-yard gain.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Michael Mulberry (4) spins away from Fernandina Beach High's Calvin Logan (1) in an attempt to gain yardage in Friday's game.

CHS busts Broncos



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Braxton Stockton finds open running space during the Tigers' 58-0 win against Middleburg High on Thursday.



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Columbia High's Malachi Jean (53) and Solomon Bell (30) combine for a tackle during the Tigers' 58-0 win against Middleburg High.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia's Ronald Timmons breaks free on a run against Middleburg High on Thursday.



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Columbia's Charles Combs (54) is tackled after picking off a Middleburg High pass during the first half of the Tigers' 58-0 win on Thursday.



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Columbia High's Darren Burch falls forward for extra yardage in the Tigers' 58-0 win against Middleburg High.



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Columbia High's Zedrick Woods (2) and Antonio Pelham (10) combine on a tackle during a kickoff against Middleburg High.

Fort White's offense fires on all cylinders

By **TIM KIRBY**

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FORT WHITE — Fernandina Beach High did its best to keep Fort White High's offense off the field on Friday, but the Indians had enough firepower for a 31-14 win.

The Pirates threw one pass in the game and had drives of 10 and 18 plays. By the time Fernandina got around to crowding the clock, Fort White had built a 17-0 lead.

Andrew Baker was 8-of-14 passing for 165 yards and had his second game of the season with three TDs.

Michael Mulberry was the recipient of two of the touchdown passes and also scored on a punt return. Trey Phillips led with three receptions and caught the other touchdown pass.

"They played hard and

tackled better than last year," Jackson said of the Pirates. "We had some of our plays that could have gone for touchdowns."

Jackson said Fernandina was keying on running Tavaris Williams, but he still gained 103 yards on 18 carries.

"They did a good job on not letting Tavaris beat them," Jackson said. "That put Michael and Trey on an island and we got to them a little bit."

Both of Mulberry's catches were long scoring plays.

Late in the first quarter he blitzed down the home sideline and Baker hit him in stride for a 43-yard TD.

"It was a 91X Go," Mulberry said. "We worked on it all week in practice. I told Andrew to put it out there where I could go and get it."

Mulberry's second

touchdown reception came early in the fourth quarter and broke the game open. It was a throwback screen, a favorite play for him and Baker. This time, Mulberry ran through several defenders for 38 yards.

"Caley (Brason) blocked and Devontae (Levy) was blocking downfield," Mulberry said. "They were arm-tackling, so I tried to keep my legs under me."

Mulberry's punt return score went for 63 yards. It was his second this season.

"I had good blocking by the return players and Trey (Phillips) threw a block to get me in the end zone," Mulberry said.

Mulberry leads Fort White with seven touchdowns and 42 points.

"It feels good because this is my last homecoming game," Mulberry said. "We worked hard at it."



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Tavaris Williams (2) applies a stiff-arm to Fernandina Beach High's Ben Venerdi (22) in the game on Friday.

INDIANS: Enjoy 'payday' with victory

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The first came at 1:47 of the first quarter and was a strike to Michael Mulberry on a sideline streak from 43 yards out.

The second came on a more conventional drive, as the Indians went 69 yards in nine plays. Fort White converted two third downs, one on a nine-yard run by Tavaris Williams and one on a 19-yard pass from Baker to Melton Sanders.

Williams ran for another 14 yards and Fort White got relief from an interception when pass interference was flagged in the end zone. Baker then lofted a pass from seven yards out and Trey Phillips leaped to snatch it away from the defender for a touchdown.

Escalante booted the second of his four PATs for a 17-0 lead with 7:22 left in the half.

Fernandina Beach (2-6) put together a scoring drive of 74 yards in nine plays. Tony Franklin ran five times from the Pirates' 26 to get the ball to midfield. On third-and-8 Will Mitchell took a pitch around the right side for 44 yards to the Indians' 4.

Franklin scored on the next play and Devon Lendry kicked the extra point. Fort White led 17-7 at 3:06 of the second quarter.

Kellen Snider made his second kickoff return on a short kick and ran 19 yards to the Fort White 45. Baker hit Phillips for 19 yards and scrambled for another 10 yards. An interception on a tipped pass stopped the drive at the Pirates' 12.

Fernandina's tortoise-and-hare approach appeared to have a chance after intermission.

The Pirates rolled out 18 plays and used up 10 minutes of the clock. A fake punt and, later, a keeper by quarterback Cole Willis converted two fourth downs. Fernandina only made it to the Fort White

26 and ended up punting. Williams ran for 15 yards, but the Indians faced fourth-and-4 at their 44 on the next series. Jackson went for it and Williams responded with seven yards.

"If we punt, we may not get the ball back," Jackson said. "I wasn't going to do that."

Fort White rolled up another first down and, on second-and-17, Baker and Mulberry worked a throwback screen and Mulberry ran through several tackles for a 38-yard touchdown. The lead was safer at 24-7 with 9:19 left in the game.

Mulberry made it no doubt, as he gathered in the next Pirates' punt and returned it 63 yards for a touchdown and a 31-7 lead.

With Fort White playing everybody, Franklin broke a 45-yard touchdown run late in the game.

Jackson wanted his players to join the homecoming celebration.

"I like when our guys are having fun and playing for each other," Jackson said.

"I hate to see the guys

work as hard as they do and not enjoy it. The game is what we call payday and we want them to enjoy payday."

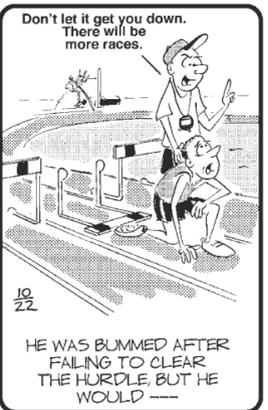
Fernandina	0	7	0	7	—	14
Fort White	10	7	0	14	—	31

First Quarter	
FW—Escalante	22 FG, 8:02
FW—Mulberry	43 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 1:47
Second Quarter	
FW—Phillips	7 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 7:22
FB—Franklin	4 run (Lendry kick), 3:06
Fourth Quarter	
FW—Mulberry	43 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 9:19
FW—Mulberry	63 punt return (Escalante kick), 5:16
FB—Franklin	45 run (Lendry kick), 2:40

	Fort White	Fernandina
First downs	13	10
Rushes-yards	27-141	48-254
Passing	165	0
Comp-Att-Int	8-14-1	0-1-0
Punts-Avg.	1-37	5-32
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	6-42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 RUSHING—Fort White, T. Williams 18-103, Baker 3-29, R. Williams 1-4, Garrison 1-3, Levy 1-2, Bryant 3-0. Fernandina, Franklin 27-145, Mitchell 11-70, Willis 6-25, Walker 1-5, Logan 2-5, Moses 1-4.
 PASSING—Fort White, Baker 8-14-165-1, Fernandina, Willis 0-1-0-0
 RECEIVING—Fort White, Phillips 3-54, Mulberry 2-81, Sanders 2-27, Levy 1-3.

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GATORS: 4 TD passes for Driskel

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a one-yard play to give Florida the 21-3 edge.

Florida's offense found life to begin the third quarter. The Gators drove 59 yards in nine plays on a drive capped by Omarius Hines on a six-yard wide

receiver sweep. Caleb Sturgis added a 42-yard field goal to put Florida up 30-8 with 4:51 left in the third quarter.

"The third quarter was critical," Muschamp said. "They had zero first downs

and we had 133 yards."

Driskel's career-high four-touchdown game was capped off when he hit Frankie Hammond on a six-yard pass.

Matt Jones added a TD run late in the game.

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Volleyball district week

By TIM KIRBY

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Columbia High's volleyball team won the Varsity Pink Panther tournament with four straight wins at Newberry High on Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Tigers lost one set, beating The Rock School 26-16, 25-8, Newberry 25-15, 25-8, Fort White High 25-12, 25-12, and Bell High 25-14, 20-25, 15-8.

Columbia (19-4) plays in the District 4-6A tournament at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday against the winner of the Atlantic Coast High/Lee High game.

St. Augustine High is hosting the tournament.

Columbia cross country

Led by freshman Emma Tucker, Columbia's girls cross country team won the Amelia Island Invitational at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Saturday.

Tucker was individual winner in the 5K with a time of 19:52.90.

Columbia was followed by Pensacola Catholic High and Eastside High in the 10-team field.

Other Lady Tiger runners with place and time were: Samantha Ziegau, 5th-20:19.14; Ashley Jones,

16th-21:15.00; Sydni Jones, 24th-21:37.07; Michaëlle Charlotin, 25th-21:47.48; Abby Williams, 34th-22:05.74; Ashlyn Martin, 41st-22:41.86.

Bishop Kenny High won the boys, paced by individual winner David Yarborough in 16:17.76.

Tim Pierce (17:46.42) and Noah Henderson (19:12.48) ran for the Tigers.

Fort White volleyball

Fort White's volleyball team drew the No. 4 seed in the District 5-4A tournament and will play No. 5 Bradford High in the opening round at 5 p.m. Monday.

Santa Fe High is the top seed and tournament host.

The Raiders will play the Fort White/Bradford winner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

No. 3 Williston High plays No. 6 Interlachen High at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The winner will play No. 2 seed Keystone Heights High at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The championship final is 7 p.m. Thursday.

Fort White swept the season series against Bradford, winning at home on Oct. 2 and in Starke on Oct. 11.

The Lady Indians were 4-6 in district play.

"We have a good chance

of being in the final if we work hard and put everything together," coach Tiffany Bratcher said.

"Nobody has defeated Santa Fe yet, but that would be a nice win."

Columbia bowling

Columbia's bowling team went head to head with Suwannee High at Thunder Alley in Live Oak on Wednesday.

The Lady Tigers won both traditional matches 782-543 and 752-558.

Courtney Schmitt (176), Christine Peters (166) and Tori Wise (153) were the top three CHS bowlers in the opening match.

Peters rolled a 200 in the second match. Linden Barney had a 148 and Lauren Snipes had a 145. Hannah Schaffer bowled a career best 131.

Suwannee led by two pins going into the 10th frame of the Baker scoring match.

The Lady Bulldogs left the frame open and Peters nailed them with two strikes in the 10th as Columbia won 138-120.

Columbia will join Fort White, Gainesville High, Suwannee and North Marion High in a 4 p.m. match Wednesday at Splitz Bowling Alley in Gainesville.

Indians' defense passing test

By TIM KIRBY

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FORT WHITE — For the third time this season, Fort White High's defense faced a team that produced no passing yardage.

That means the opponent is pounding the middle of the line and Fernandina Beach High's Tony Franklin is a big back.

Franklin ran 27 times for 145 yards, but 54 of those yards came late in the game after Fort White's starters were on the sidelines planning their homecoming celebration in a 31-14 win.

"I thought we played good in the first half," Indians defensive coordinator Ken Snider said. "We were rotating people in and out and we got a lot of players in the game. It was a crazy week for them. There was something scheduled

every day."

The Pirates were three-and-punt on their first three possessions, as Fort White built a 17-0 lead. Fernandina Beach had two long drives, but the Indians forced another punt after an 18-play drive to open the second half.

Defensive lineman Michael Blackmon and linebacker Kellen Snider were among those taking on Franklin and the 48 running plays by the Pirates.

"I wasn't worried about the way they played," Blackmon said. "It was nothing we couldn't handle when he lowered his head."

In addition to clogging the middle, Snider went to a full-out sprint to catch the Pirates' Will Mitchell on his 44-yard run late in the first half. Snider caught him at the Indians' 4.

"We had a great week of

practice," Snider said. "You couldn't ask for a better time."

Coach Snider said with all the activities during the week players were on their own to watch film. Blackmon and Snider admitted they snoozed through the session, but only because they were already focused.

"From here on out it was full speed ahead," Snider said. "We say every team is the best team we will face and handle it like that."

"Nobody was lollygagging at practice," Blackmon said. "We came out to win this homecoming game and keep it going. If anybody gets in our way, they will get run over."

Fort White travels to Rickards High this week, then has the District 3-3A showdown with Trinity Catholic High at home on Nov. 2.

Seminoles beat 'Canes

Associated Press

MIAMI — EJ Manuel threw for 229 yards, Devonta Freeman ran for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns and No. 12 Florida State overcame a shaky start to beat Miami 33-20 on Saturday night, the Seminoles' third straight win over their archrival.

Manuel completed 21 of 31 passes for Florida State (7-1, 4-1 ACC), which won despite 12 penalties and five fumbles, two of them lost. Dustin Hopkins kicked four field goals for the Seminoles, and James Wilder added a touchdown run.

No. 1 Alabama 44, Tennessee 13

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A.J. McCarron tossed four touchdown passes and threw for a career-high 306 yards as the top-ranked Crimson Tide trounced Tennessee at Neyland Stadium.

Freshman receiver Amari Cooper caught seven passes for 162 yards and two touchdowns, while freshman running back T.J. Yeldon ran for 129 yards and two scores.

No. 4 Kansas State 55, No. 17 W. Virginia 14

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Collin Klein ran for four touchdowns and threw three TD passes as Kansas State got little resistance from West Virginia.

Klein was 19 of 21 for a career-high 323 yards and added 41 yards rushing for the Wildcats (7-0, 4-0 Big 12), the only unbeaten team in the conference.

No. 5 Notre Dame 17, Brigham Young 14

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Theo Riddick pounded

his way for a career-high 143 yards and Cierre Wood added 114 yards.

Riddick had runs of 55 and 27, the two longest rushes of his career, to pace Notre Dame (7-0), which is off to its best start in a decade and has a big game ahead against No. 10 Oklahoma next week.

No. 6 LSU 24, No. 20 Texas A&M 19

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Jeremy Hill rushed for a career-high 127 yards and a touchdown, and the sixth-ranked Tigers rallied from an early deficit.

Michael Ford also had a touchdown run and Zach Mettenberger threw a TD pass to Kadron Boone for the Tigers (7-1, 3-1 SEC), who scored 21 points off four A&M turnovers.

A&M (5-2, 2-2) outplayed the Tigers for much of the first half and led 12-0.

Johnny Manziel, A&M's dual-threat redshirt freshman quarterback, completed 29 of 56 passes for 276 yards, but threw three interceptions.

No. 7 Ohio State 29, Purdue 22, OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Backup Kenny Guiton came off the bench in relief of injured Braxton Miller to lead touchdown drives in the final minute of regulation and Carlos Hyde scored on a 1-yard run in overtime.

Hyde scored on a short plunge for Ohio State (8-0, 4-0) before Purdue's Caleb TerBush, who had two TD passes, misfired on four passes in the overtime.

No. 14 Clemson 38, Virginia Tech 17

CLEMSON, S.C. — Tajh Boyd ran for two touch-

downs and passed for another and Jonathan Meeks had a 74-yard interception return score and the Tigers beat the Hokies for the third straight time.

Andre Ellington had a 12-yard touchdown run and 96 yards for the Tigers (6-1, 3-1 ACC).

Clemson finished with three interceptions and twice stopped fourth downs to end drives by the Hokies (4-4, 2-2).

Boyd was 12 of 21 for 160 yards, 131 fewer than he averaged coming in.

No. 16 Louisville 27, South Florida 25

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville's perfect start appeared to be over before Teddy Bridgewater came up with one more big play.

Bridgewater threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Eli Rogers with 1:35 left.

Louisville (7-0, 2-0 Big East) rallied after yielding 15 straight points to South Florida (2-5, 0-3) and a season-high 197 yards rushing.

B.J. Daniels threw three TD passes in the second half.

No. 19 Rutgers 35, Temple 10

PHILADELPHIA — Gary Nova threw four touchdown passes in the second half to keep Rutgers undefeated.

Jawan Jamison had 114 yards rushing and 81 receiving, Nova threw for 232 yards.

No. 23 Michigan 12, Michigan State 10

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Brendan Gibbons made a 38-yard field goal with 5 seconds left, helping the Wolverines (5-2, 3-0 Big Ten) beat the Spartans (4-1, 1-3).

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Even if small, focus on sales

There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying.

~Francis Bacon

I went to a luncheon event recently and sat next to a delightful man. As you might expect given what I do, I asked how his business was doing.

His reply was that it was okay. Not knowing what he meant by "okay," I asked a few more questions to get a better idea. He revealed that his sales were flat, and I asked why he thought that was. He replied that he did not feel comfortable selling and he was the firm's one and only employee.

Another solo entrepreneur I knew was complaining about shrinking sales. She said that her sales used to be very good, but now they were falling.

When I asked her what she had done when her sales were up, she said she used to network and go see former clients - something that she was no longer doing. Now that sales were dropping precipitously, she had become really concerned.

Being an entrepreneur mandates that you also become a sales person in so many ways. You are always having to sell yourself and your business to a whole range of people, not just customers. You have to get creditors to supply you with goods, to convince a bank to give you a loan and so much more.

In both of these cases, the entrepreneurs knew they needed to do more

SALES continued on 2C

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The Columbia County unemployment rate continues to drop and dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point from August, settling in at 8 percent for September, better than the unemployment rate for the state which is 8.7 percent.

The National unemployment rate for September was 7.8 percent.

The information was released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Florida's 8.7 percent unemployment rate indicated there were 3,500 new private sector jobs created in the state in September. The state's September 2012 unemployment rate was 1.7 percent points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.4 percent. In August 2012 the state's unemployment rate was 8.8 percent.

Columbia County has a labor force consisting of approximately 31,858 people. In September, 29,308 were employed, leaving approximately 2,550 people jobless, roughly 8 percent.

In August the Columbia County labor force was listed as having 31,561 people, with 28,965 residents listed as having jobs. An estimated 2,596, roughly 8.2 percent, were listed as jobless.

In September 2011 the



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In this Friday Sept. 28 photo, a group of veterans listen as a representative from White Rose Foods (foreground right) talks about their agency during a job fair introducing veterans to careers in the security and private investigations industry at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx borough of New York. Weekly applications for U.S. unemployment benefits jumped 46,000 in the week ending on Thursday, Oct. 18 to a seasonally adjusted 388,000, the highest in four months. The increase represents a rebound from the previous week's sharp drop. Both swings were largely due to technical factors.

Columbia County labor for consisted of an estimated 32,170 people and 28,986 were employed. The September 2011 unemployment rate was listed at 9.9 percent, with approximately 3,184 Columbia County residents without jobs.

Department of Economic Opportunity data indicates

since December 2010, the state's unemployment rate has dropped 2.4 percentage points and 156,800 private sector jobs have been created.

The report also said Florida saw a decrease in the size of government with a decline of 2,700 total jobs over the month.

In September, the state's 24 Regional Workforce Boards reported a record of more than 52,983 Floridians placed in jobs. Florida's unemployment rate has declined for 22 consecutive months.

The number of available online job openings in STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) -related fields in Florida is up sharply over the previous year, with more than 64,000 postings in September.

Over-the-year job postings are up almost 9 percent compared to September 2011.

Gun industry is thriving in US

By EILEEN SULLIVAN and JACK GILLUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tennessee lawyer Brian Manookian says he never considered himself a gun enthusiast. He owns just one handgun and was raised in a gun-free home. But the firearms industry has proven so successful in recent years that he decided to give up practicing law and make guns his livelihood.

It's a decision that's put Manookian on track to earn four times what he made as a corporate health care attorney, a job that earned him six figures right out of law school, he said.

And he's far from alone. An analysis by The Associated Press of data

tracking the health of the gun industry shows that President Barack Obama has presided over a heyday for guns.

Sales are on the rise, so much that some manufacturers cannot make enough fast enough. Major gun company stock prices are up. The number of federally licensed, retail gun dealers is increasing for the first time in nearly 20 years. The U.S. gun lobby is bursting with cash and political clout. Washington has expressed little interest in passing new gun laws, despite renewed calls to do so after recent deadly shootings in Colorado and Wisconsin.

Four years ago the gun lobby predicted Obama

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EPS Size Doesn't Matter, Much

When it comes to earnings per share (EPS), is it best to seek companies with a high EPS? — *G.M., Joplin, Mo.*

The earnings per share amount is rather meaningless by itself. Here's why. Let's say that Cute as a Bug Exterminators (ticker: ICANT) has total net income of \$40 million this year. If it has 40 million shares of stock outstanding, then its EPS is \$1 (\$40 million divided by 40 million is 1).

If it issues more stock, and suddenly has 50 million shares outstanding, its EPS will be lower, at \$0.80 (\$40 million divided by 50 million is 0.80).

Imagine two equally promising companies, with identical net income. If one has half as many shares as the other, its EPS will be twice as big. That doesn't mean that it's a better or worse company. There's no perfect number of shares for a company to have. Some have millions and some have billions.

Instead, check that EPS has been rising over time, and examine many other numbers, too. Keep in mind that even net income may not be as meaningful as you think, since a company's earnings can be manipulated legally via various accounting maneuvers.

How can I look up inflation's effect over a certain period? — *C.H., Maryville, Tenn.*

Click over to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website, and you'll find a handy inflation calculator. (Here's the direct address: data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl.) To see, for example, how much buying power \$100 in 1990 would have today, just plug in the numbers. The answer: \$177.

Another good calculator is at westegg.com/inflation. To learn the average inflation rate over a period, visit measuringworth.com/inflation. (Between 1990 and 2012, it averaged 2.6 percent.)

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ROA 101

If you're studying companies as possible investments, it's good to get a handle on how capital-intensive they are and how well they put their assets to work. Companies such as manufacturers, retailers, railroads and airlines are typically capital-intensive, requiring costly equipment to generate earnings. Businesses with lighter business models (consulting firms and software companies, for example) can be more attractive, as they don't have lots of factories, storefronts or inventory.

A company's return on assets (ROA) reflects how much value it's getting from its assets. You'll find all the numbers you need on a company's recent balance sheet and income statement, in the back of its annual report. As an example, let's review Boeing's fiscal 2011 results.

Return on assets is determined by dividing net income for a period by total assets during that period. Before we proceed further, know that net income is reported on a company's income statement,

and income statements reflect a period of time, such as a quarter or year. Net assets are found on the company's balance sheets, which reflect the state of the company at one moment in time.

For 2011, Boeing reported \$4 billion in net income. To get its total assets during that period, we'll have to average its total assets as of the end of 2010 and 2011. Those numbers are \$68.6 billion and \$80 billion, respectively. Their average is \$74.3 billion. So dividing \$4 by \$74.3, we get .054, or 5.4 percent. This shows that Boeing creates 5.4 cents of earnings from each dollar of assets. The higher the ROA the better, of course.

Once you have a firm's ROA, you can compare it with others in the same industry. It's also helpful to track how a company's ROA changes over time, to see if it's becoming more efficient at wringing value from assets or less so. Boeing's ROA has generally been rising lately.

You can often find a company's ROA (both current and past numbers) ready for you at websites featuring stock data, such as caps.fool.com or morningstar.com.

My Dumbest Investment

Big, Dangerous Dividend

I bought a huge position in Alaska Communications Systems back in September 2011, as it was offering a massive double-digit dividend yield. I didn't follow it closely, though, and in November I realized that the stock had fallen sharply on news that the company was considering a dividend cut. It fell more in December, when the payout was cut by 77 percent. I had been thinking Verizon would buy the company and send the shares up. At least I did sell half my shares and moved that money into a stock that grew. — *P.C., Woodbridge, Conn.*

The Fool Responds: Verizon didn't buy Alaska Communications, and actually ended up moving into its territory to compete more. Alaska is still around, though, and recently offered an 8.8 percent yield — but that's largely because the stock price has fallen so much. You were smart to move some of your remaining money into a stock that inspired more confidence. It's always best to keep our money in our best ideas, and it's silly to wait to recover losses in companies where we've lost faith.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool 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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Enrollment falling at for-profit colleges

By JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

When the University of Phoenix, the country's largest university, announced this week it's closing 115 campuses and satellite locations, it signaled more than a sudden availability of commercial real estate near highway interchanges, where for-profit colleges like to set up shop as a student convenience.

After years of explosive growth that really caught fire when the economy collapsed four years ago, for-profit higher education is shrinking fast.

That's not a good thing for providers like Phoenix, at least in the short run. Whether it's good for them, for students, and for the economy in the long run — well, that depends whom you ask.

New data throw the trend into relief. First, government figures released last week showed that total enrollment in higher education shrunk nationally in the fall of 2011 for the first time in at least 15 years. The overall decline was just 0.2 percent, but it was driven by a 2.9 percent drop in the for-profit sector, which offset an increase at 4-year non-profit colleges (for-profit colleges enroll about 11 percent of students over-

all).

Then came Tuesday's announcement by Apollo Group Inc., the University of Phoenix's parent company, that it would shutter roughly half its physical locations, though current students will be able to continue in their programs. The company couched the move in terms of growing interest from students taking online courses, and emphasized just 4 percent of students were affected (most of its students are online). But there's no hiding its decline in enrollment — it currently enrolls about 328,000 students in degree programs, down from 381,000 a year ago and a peak of more than 475,000 in 2010.

On a yearly basis, enrollment is down 15 percent compared to a year ago at The Washington Post Co.'s Kaplan, which is also closing nine campuses; down 21 percent at Career Education Corp. (which operates Le Cordon Bleu cooking schools among others); and down 16 percent at ITT Educational Services, according to data provided by BMO Capital Markets. (An exception is military-focused American Public Education, Inc. which is booming on the heels of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill).

BMO managing director Jeff Silber cites a range of explanations: the economy, negative publicity, and more aggressive marketing from traditional universities (Is anybody cheering the Detroit Tigers' run to the World Series more loudly than the nearby University of Toledo, whose large ad just over Comerica Park's left field wall is visible on TV with nearly every Miguel Cabrera home run?).

But Silber says the Obama administration's regulatory pressure has also been a major factor, particularly its aggressive enforcement of rules preventing colleges of any kind from paying recruiters based on the number of students they enroll — once a common practice by for-profits.

"Historically this had been a sector where it was a pretty hard sell," Silber said. After the crackdown, "they're not doing it anymore because the folks that were selling hard have moved on to selling something else."

For-profit colleges, though still annoyed by the regulations, say they are refocusing their efforts on enrolling students who can finish a degree and helping them find work when they graduate. An orientation program now gives Phoenix

students three weeks to see if their program is a good fit before paying tuition. About 20 percent of participants decide not to enroll.

Phoenix also froze tuition, and this week announced a more substantial assessment and monitoring system to make sure students are getting the skills they want and need, but also

SALES: Commit energy and effort

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but had temporarily lost their way. In the first case, the entrepreneur lacked the confidence to go out and sell, and in the second case, the entrepreneur took her eyes off of the ball.

My advice to the first entrepreneur was to join Toastmasters, which teaches effective public speaking. I felt it would increase his confidence about selling.

Sure enough, after six months in Toastmasters, his confidence began to soar as did his sales. He told me that he now felt comfortable asking for the sale when he never did before.

My recommendation to the second entrepreneur was to join Business Networking International

(BNI), a super powerful networking organization with a chapter in just about every city and most countries. Membership is really effective and reasonably priced.

After joining BNI, her sales started going through the roof as she now had all the BNI members in her chapter acting as her sales force by recommending her business.

In both of these cases, the entrepreneurs took their focus off their sales. Though they each had their own reasons for doing so, the outcome was the same. Their businesses began to suffer because sales have to be at the forefront of each and every entrepreneur's daily activities. There is no doubt in my mind that both busi-

nesses would have failed had they continued on their former path.

These are two examples involving small entrepreneurs, but the lesson they demonstrate can be applied to any business. If you do not commit energy and effort to your sales, your business will struggle.

Now go out and make sure sales make up a significant part of your daily activities and encourage each of your staff members to do the same.

You can do this!

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Going out of print, Newsweek ends an era

By JERRY SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — There was a time when the newsweeklies set the agenda for the nation's conversation — when Time and Newsweek would digest the events of the week and Americans would wait by their mailboxes to see what was on the covers.

Those days have passed, and come the end of the year, the print edition of Newsweek will pass, too. Cause of death: The march of time.

"The tempo of the news and the Web have completely overtaken the news magazines," said Stephen G. Smith, editor of the Washington Examiner and the holder of an unprecedented newsweekly triple crown — nation editor at Time, editor of U.S. News and World Report, and executive editor of Newsweek from 1986 to 1991.

Where once readers were content to sit back and wait for tempered accounts of domestic and foreign events, they now can find almost instantaneously, on their smartphones and tablet computers. Where once advertisers had limited places to spend their dollars to reach national audiences, they now have seemingly unlimited alternatives.

So on Thursday, when Newsweek's current owners announced they intended to halt print publication and expand the magazine's Web presence, there was little surprise. But there was a good deal of nostal-

gia for what Smith called "the shared conversation that the nation used to have," when the networks, the newsweeklies and a few national newspapers reigned.

Before Newsweek, there was Time — the brainchild of Henry Luce and Briton Hadden. The first issue of the first newsweekly came out in 1923, and the formula, from the first, was to wrap up the week's news and tie it with a bow, telling it with a singular voice.

Newsweek — or as it was originally called, News-week — came along in 1933. The founding editor was Thomas Martyn. The first foreign editor of Time, he was British-born and had a single leg, having lost the other in World War I. His magazine sold for 10 cents and was advertised as "an indispensable complement to newspaper reading, because it explains, expounds, clarifies."

The magazine struggled for four years, until it merged with another magazine, Today, lost the hyphen, and emerged under the ownership of Averill Harriman and Vincent Astor, two of the country's wealthiest men.

The modern era at Newsweek began in 1961, when it was purchased by the Washington Post Co. Benjamin Bradlee, who was Newsweek's Washington bureau chief at the time and later executive editor of the Post, helped negotiate the sale.

Edward Kosner, who worked at Newsweek from 1963 to 1979, ending as executive editor, recalled

the time as a kind of golden age of the newsweeklies.

"It's a lost world," he said. "It's like talking about the 19th century."

"Everybody cared about what was on the cover Monday morning. People took the magazines very, very seriously. They were important. They were influential."

Richard M. Smith joined Newsweek for a two-week writing tryout in 1970 and stayed until 2007, rising to executive editor before retiring as president and chief executive officer. Newsweek was always the scrappy competitor to Time, which grew to a corporate behemoth with numerous magazines and media properties and had the larger circulation; Smith said he and his colleagues preferred to think of themselves as "the noble guerrilla band, fighting the 'panzer division on Sixth Avenue.' We took pride in our speed and flexibility and occasional irreverence."

He recalled with pride Newsweek's coverage of civil rights in the 1960s, the end of the Vietnam War and economic issues in the 1970s, the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

Perhaps because of Time's Luceian origins — he and his wife, Clare Boothe Luce, were major Republican figures — Newsweek was often perceived as a more liberal counterweight. Its readers loved the weekly Periscope section, with its editorial cartoons and hot-off-the-presses news blurbs. Where Time only later started providing bylines



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In this Jan. 27, 1992, file photo, Republican presidential hopeful Patrick Buchanan, accompanied by his wife Shelley, smiles while holding up a Newsweek cover of himself. Newsweek announced Thursday, Oct. 18 that it will end its print publication after 80 years and shift to an all-digital format in early 2013. Its last U.S. print edition will be its Dec. 31 issue.

for its stories, Newsweek offered star columnists like George Will, Eleanor Clift and Anna Quindlen.

Life in the newsweeklies, Stephen Smith recalls, was nothing like today's frenetic media sprint. At the start of each week, reporters would come into work for a couple of days and think about story ideas and how to pitch them. The correspondents were far flung; the editing and fact-checking were meticulous.

"That world doesn't exist anymore," he said.

The magazines have tried to adjust. They do not rehash the week's events as they once did. They offer more opinion, more analysis.

Newsweek often strug-

gled over the years, and the Post sold it to stereo equipment magnate Sidney Harman in 2010 for \$1. He died the next year, but not before the magazine was joined to The Daily Beast Web operation.

The cost of maintaining a network of correspondents has risen dramatically, along with the costs of printing and postage. Meanwhile, Newsweek's circulation dropped from 3.14 million in 2000 to 1.5 million in 2012. Time, too, has dropped, but not as precipitously, from 4.2 million in 1997 to 3.38 million now.

Other newsweeklies have done better: The Economist, with its upscale readership, went from less

than 1 million in 2000 to 1.5 million in 2012, and The Week also has made gains.

Regardless, it is clear that the golden age of newsweeklies will not return.

Kosner recalled a time when there might be a presidential debate on a Tuesday night, and his readers would eagerly await the arrival of the next issue of Newsweek — five days later — to find out the story behind the story, to hear what the newsmagazine had to say about what had happened.

Now, he says, they merely go to CNN, or log on to Slate.

"Time marches on," he said.

But for how long?

GUNS: Despite predictions, gun industry booming during Obama years

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would be the "most anti-gun president in American history." Yet it is hard to find a single aspect of the gun world that isn't thriving.

"The driver is President Obama. He is the best thing that ever happened to the firearm industry," said Jim Barrett, an industry analyst at C.L. King & Associates Inc. in New York.

Obama has made no pledges to push for new gun control legislation and does not have the support in Congress or among voters even if he did. During this week's presidential debate, he did suggest renewing a U.S. ban on assault weapons and coming up with an overall strategy to reduce violence. But both Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said the real need is for the government to enforce gun laws already on the books.

Meanwhile, sales are brisk.

Since opening a \$5 million armory in Nashville last month, Manookian and his business partner have outdone their own expectations, selling inventory three to four times faster than they expected. The facility has high ceilings and granite fixtures in the bathroom and provides instructional courses and a shooting range in addition to firearms for sale.

"It is a very strong investment," Manookian said.

Others agree.

For the first time since 1993, the number of federally licensed retail gun dealers in the U.S. increased slightly in 2010 and 2011. The country added 1,167 licensed retail gun dealers, according to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives records. After the assault weapons ban of 1994 — now expired — the number of gun dealerships dropped annually until 2010. As of October 2012, there were 50,812 retail gun dealers — 3,303 more than in 2009.

"Business has been very good," said Frederick Prehn, who a year ago opened a small gun store

above his dentistry practice in Wausau, Wis. In the past year, Prehn has relocated twice to larger spaces and gone from one employee to eight.

Some gun store owners can't keep shelves stocked, said Brian Jones, owner of Bullseye Shooter's supply in Painted Post, N.Y. Jones said he opened his gun store in November 2010. In his first year, he said he sold between 600 and 700 guns. A little more than halfway through his second year, he's already sold 700.

For the first time in the company's history, Sturm Ruger & Co. Inc. stopped taking orders for a couple of months this year. Ruger, one of the nation's largest gun manufacturers, has since resumed taking orders, though gun-sellers say demand is still outpacing production.

Dan Wesson Arms, Inc., a small gun manufacturer that sells to a niche market, stopped taking orders this spring because the company had sold out the entire year's production, spokesman Jason Morton said. The company has stopped taking orders before, but never so early on the entire line, he said.

"Wouldn't you want to be in a business where customers are just begging to hand you money?" said Bill Bernstein, owner of East Side Gun Shop in Nashville.

Obama is not yet through his first term, but the federal government already has conducted about as many background checks for gun owners and prospective buyers on his watch as it did during the first six years of George W. Bush's presidency. In the first 3 1/2 years of the Bush administration, the FBI conducted about 28 million background checks. During the same period of the Obama administration, the FBI conducted more than 50 million. The gun industry uses the number of background checks as a reliable indicator of demand.

Ruger and Smith & Wesson represent nearly 30 percent of the U.S. gun manufacturing industry and lead the market in production of pistols and revolvers, according to government statistics. The two companies have been running production lines around the clock, hiring workers and operating at maximum capacity, said Barrett, an industry analyst who also owns Ruger stock.

Ruger's sales have increased 86 percent since Obama took office, and Smith & Wesson's sales have gone up nearly 44 percent, compared with 18 percent for overall national retail sales.

And the companies have big expectations for the industry's future, as they're spending more money on research and development than ever before.

The NRA itself has done well, too. The lobbying organization has had more cash on hand during the Obama years than it had since 2004, finishing 2010 with more than \$24 million, according to the most recent figures available.

"Which makes it incredibly ironic that the gun lobby is opposing Obama," said Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. Gross said Obama, who initially campaigned to reinstate the assault weapons ban that expired under Bush, has done what he said was "disappointingly little" on gun control.

But the gun lobby says the success of the industry does not indicate that Obama is good for Second Amendment rights.

"This is the most dangerous election in our lifetimes," NRA chief executive officer Wayne LaPierre said in February, a point he's made regularly during the NRA's campaign to defeat Obama.

The gun lobby stands by its 2008 predictions that Obama would be anti-gun. NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam noted Obama's appointment of



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This photo taken Aug. 22 shows Central Wisconsin Firearms owner Frederick Prehn in his store in Wausau, Wis. He says he's had to expand his business to the new location last summer because of increased gun sales. He attributes the spike to Wisconsin's new concealed carry law as well as the uncertainty about the upcoming election. President Barack Obama is presiding over a heyday for the gun industry despite predictions he would be the most anti-gun president in history.

two Supreme Court justices whom the NRA considers anti-gun, plus Obama's support of a United Nations arms trade treaty and the botched operation called Fast and Furious, which the NRA says was concocted as part of a plan to enforce new gun restrictions.

"Gun owners and hunters fear that a second Obama administration with no future political campaigns to worry about will try to destroy this great American freedom," Arulanandam said.

Fears of a Democratic president taking office and issuing stricter gun control laws led to an initial spike in gun sales in 2008, giving dealers some of the highest profit margins they'd ever seen. But even after it became clear Obama was not going to make gun control a priority as president, the industry has continued to do well.

Fear of crime may be driving some sales. The number of violent crimes

rose by 18 percent in the U.S. in 2011, according to Justice Department figures released this week. It was the first year-to-year increase for violent crime since 1993, marking the end of a long string of declines.

Firearm sales typically increase during poor economic times, said Steve Sanetti, chief executive officer and president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade association for the industry. More Americans are hunting and shooting for recreation as well, he said. Sanetti attributes that to military servicemen and women with firearms experience returning to civilian life and wanting to keep up with shooting as a pastime. He also said recreational shooting is a relatively cheap and accessible hobby, drawing in new buyers.

Voters have made clear that gun control isn't a priority. A recent AP-National Constitution Center poll

found that 49 percent of adults felt laws limiting gun ownership infringe on the public's right to bear arms, while 43 percent said such laws do not infringe on those rights. After the recent mass shootings in Colorado and Wisconsin, 52 members of Congress sponsored a bill to track bulk sales of ammunition, but the legislation went nowhere.

The firearms industry entrepreneur Manookian said it is clear that guns are a priority for Americans. People around the country are waiting in lines at shooting ranges, he said, cash registers at gun stores are ringing with \$1,000 purchases and his brand new armory in Nashville is in the black two weeks after it opened.

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Sandy Kishton

Dining on the move

Can you imagine driving down a small two lane road through Indiana, the glove box open with a fresh loaf of homemade wheat bread sitting on it?

The bread was so fresh it was still warm. We (Sue Towns and I) also had a jar of homemade peanut butter to go with it. Only problem was the loaf of bread was not sliced and all we could find was a cheap steak knife to slice it with. "Slice" might be the wrong word to use. It was more like cut and mangle. And spreading peanut butter with a serrated knife on the soft, warm bread only caused it to tear more. But, oh, it was so tasty. The aromas alone were enough to have us salivating.

We picked these items up at a pit stop in Montgomery, Ind., at Gasthof Amish Village and made sandwiches in the car this way for three consecutive days on our road trip along Highway 50, aka "The Loneliest Road in America."

Road Rations—Car Cuisine—Snack Bag—Take Out—Byway Beverages! Call it what you like, but these are all definite necessities on a road trip. And driving across country is a perfect way to sample the many different tastes of America. But it can also present some challenges.

Most recently, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, we saw a sign advertising "Pasties." We both laughed and thought, what the heck are pasties? Shortly after, I received a text from a friend who said his dad was from the U.P. area and if we got a chance we had to get a "Pastie," that they were so good and a real treat for them when they were younger.

At our first pit stop, I asked about the "pasties." I pronounced this the way you are all reading it — PAY-stees. The girl at the counter chuckled then told me I'd get laughed at if I ordered one like that, because "PAY-stees are what you put on your nipples; PASS-tees (the correct pronunciation) are what you eat." So of course we laughed even harder and thanked her for the tip. Who knew we would get a vocabulary lesson on a Michigan U.P. food tradition.

So in Escanaba, Mich., we found Dobber's and bought a pastie for lunch. One was big enough for us to share; we got the original beef flavored one. It was baked dough filled with beef, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and tasted very, very good. We got it to go and ate in the car. I fork fed Sue from the passenger seat as she was driving. As good as this

TRAVEL continued on 2D

■ Sandy Kishton is a freelance travel writer who lives in Lake City.

It's time for the fair

58th annual event offers more attractions

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Fans can expect more rides, new attractions and returning crowd favorites at this year's Columbia County Fair.

The 58th annual fair returns Nov. 2 through Nov. 10 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, just off State Road 27 in Lake City. This year's theme is "Lasso the Fun," said Steve Briscoe, fair board president.

Thrill lovers can expect three or four new rides on the midway, he said.

For the last several years, organizers have been increasing the quality of the rides, Briscoe said.

New this year is the Great American Frontier Show, featuring several shows in a huge display of animals and American history, Briscoe said.

The Wild West Show focuses on how America was built, showcasing the roles of oxen, horses, the Pony Express and historical figures. The show includes shootouts, horse demonstrations, comedy and trick riding, according to the Frontier Show's website.

During the Wolves of the World Show, fair-goers can see the traits of wolf packs and learn how rescued wolves are raised in captivity.

After seeing the mystical wolves perform, crowds can visit the animals' habitat and watch the wolves being fed.

There will also be horse and camel rides, Briscoe said. "It's gonna be a really great show," he said.

Also new this year is the Procrastinators Strolling Act, musicians who walk the fairgrounds drumming everything except drums, Briscoe said.

The performers use pans, barstools, water bottles and other objects as unusual instruments during the fast-paced show.

Briscoe said organizers worked for some time trying to book the act in the past, but are excited to offer it at this year's fair.

Hypnotist Ron Diamond will return, after thrilling crowds for several years, Briscoe said.

Also returning this year is the fan-favorite kids pedal



This shot, taken from the top of a Ferris wheel, shows the midway of the Columbia County Fair last year.



Teens are swung side to side as they enjoy one of the rides last year at the Columbia County Fair.

tractor pull. Elementary school-age children can compete to pull weights connected to petal tractors.

For the first time there will be a Columbia County Fair Talent Contest with a \$700 first-place prize. The second-place prize is \$200 and third will receive \$100. The competition is open

to any talent, not just singing, he said. The top six contestants from preliminaries on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7 will move on to the finals round Thursday, Nov. 8.

The deadline to register is Oct. 31 on a first come, first serve basis. Applications can be found at www.columbiacounty-fair.org.

The livestock displays and shows are also a prominent fair feature, he said. Visitors can get up close to the cows, chickens, rabbits and other animals area children have raised since just after last year's fair.

The Youth Swine and Steer Sale is scheduled

for Thursday, Nov. 8, with Livestock Judging on Saturday, Nov. 3.

County residents can also enter a number of fair contests for free. Winners in each category receive cash awards and ribbons.

The contests include

FAIR continued on 2D

150 years of land-grant universities, USDA

The year 1862 marks the founding of two types of institutions that touch the lives of people across the United States and the world every single day. These two institutions that are celebrating their 150 year anniversaries are public universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Morrill Act, signed by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, created the land-grant university system. Public land-grant institutions made higher education more accessible to common people in all the states. Up until that time, higher education was only possible for the wealthy,

leisure class.

Land-grant institutions were started with money from the sale of federal land that was given to each state. The new institutions promoted agricultural science and the mechanical arts. Today, the land-grant system includes 107 institutions in all 50 states and several U.S. territories. The University of Florida, originally located in Lake City, is a land-grant university, with its main campus in Gainesville.

The Cooperative Extension Service, created through the Smith—Lever Act of 1914, is a non-formal educational program based at land-grant universities. It is designed to help people use research-based knowledge to improve their

GARDEN TALK



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Exhibition: Katharine Hepburn as fashion icon

By ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new exhibition is hailing the fashion sense of Katharine Hepburn, whose trademark khakis and open-collar shirts were decidedly unconventional in the 1930s and 40s, when girdles and stockings were the order of the day.

The fiercely independent Hepburn famously once said: "Anytime I hear a man say he prefers a woman in a skirt, I say, 'Try one. Try a skirt.'"

But skirts and dresses abound in "Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Stage and Screen" at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, which opens Thursday.

Hepburn, who died in 2003 at age 96, saved almost all the costumes from her long career that included four Oscars and such memorable films as "The Philadelphia Story," "The African Queen," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" and "On Golden Pond." Forty are on view at the exhibition, which runs through Jan. 12.

One of the first things visitors will notice is how slender Hepburn was — she had a 20-inch waist — and a grouping of seven khaki pants artfully arranged on a pair of mannequin legs.

"The fact that she wore slacks and wanted to be comfortable influenced women's ready-to-wear in the United States," said Jean Druessedow, director of the Kent State University Museum, which was given 700 items from Hepburn's estate. Kent State was selected because it's one of the country's only museums of performance clothes.

"That image said to the American woman 'Look you don't have to be in your girdle and stockings and tight dress. You can be comfortable. That was probably the first aspect of becoming a fashion icon,'" said Druessedow, a co-curator of the exhibition.

The strong-willed actress known for taking charge of her



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ABOVE: Three designs by Motley, from the 1962 film "Long Day's Journey Into Night," are shown as part of the "Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Stage and Screen" exhibit in the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center on Tuesday. **RIGHT:** Hepburn strolls down a country lane on location near London during the filming of the made-for-TV movie, "The Corn Is Green," in 1979. "The fact that she wore slacks and wanted to be comfortable influenced women's ready-to-wear (fashions) in the United States," said Jean Druessedow, director of the Kent State University Museum, which was given 700 items from Hepburn's estate.



created by Howard Greer for her role as Stella Surrege in "The Lake." The 1933 production was her first major Broadway role and also a huge flop. Writer and wit Dorothy Parker described

career worked closely with all her designers to decide her performing wardrobe.

"They understood what would help her characters, what she would feel comfortable wearing ... how it would support the story," Druessedow said.

Margaret Furse, an English

designer who created Hepburn's wardrobes for "The Lion in Winter," "A Delicate Balance" and "Love Among the Ruins," went shopping with the star and talked extensively about what kinds of things would set the scene.

Among the highlights is a stunning satin and lace wedding gown

her performance as running "the gamut of emotion from A to B." The experience taught Hepburn to have a bigger say in what roles she accepted, said Barbara Cohen-Stratynner, curator of exhibitions at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.

When she really liked a costume she had copies made for herself, sometimes in a different color or fabric. A silk dress and coat by Norman Hartnell from "Suddenly, Last Summer" and a green raw silk jumpsuit by Valentina from "The Philadelphia Story" were among the pieces she had copied.

Comfort was paramount to Hepburn — being able to throw her leg over a chair or sit on the floor. She always wore her 'uniform' — khakis and a shirt — to rehearsals and pant ensembles to publicity appearances.

A companion book, "Katharine Hepburn: Rebel Chic," describes how RKO executives hid Hepburn's trousers in an effort to persuade her to abandon them.

"Her response was to threaten to walk around the lot naked. Though she only stripped down as far as her silk underwear before stepping out of her dressing room, she made her point — and she got her trousers back," fashion writer Nancy MacDonell wrote in an essay for the book.

But comfort didn't mean sacrificing style — and she certainly knew how to be glamorous especially when a role called for it.

In her private life, she shopped at the major cutting-edge New York couturiers and worked with the best costume shops of the period, including Muriel King and Valentina, said Cohen-Stratynner.

"She really appreciated good fabric and good construction," she said. "Even her trousers are couture."

The exhibition is supplemented by film clips, movie posters, and archival photographs of Hepburn wearing the very costumes worn by the mannequins. Her false eyelashes, makeup trays and sensible shoes are also on display.

Halloween risks: Cars, sports (not tainted candy)

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hey mom and dad: Halloween's not really all that scary — except when it comes to traffic safety.

Despite warnings about tainted candy, candle fires and even child abductions, real Halloween headlines are rarely about any of those things. Instead, tragedies related to the holiday typically involve trick-or-treaters hit by cars. Fortunately even those accidents are relatively few in number.

And here's something that might surprise you. A study published in 2010 in the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics found that the most emergency room visits involving children around Halloween are related to sports.

The report stated nearly 18 percent of injuries on Halloween were to the finger and hand, and a third of those were lacerations, with some likely resulting from pumpkin-carving. But the

report added that "a much higher proportion of injuries that occurred on Halloween were associated with sports, including football and basketball, than with knives."

Which is not to say parents should spend Oct. 31 relaxing. (Are parents ever allowed to relax?) Obviously, you need to know where kids are, monitor candy hauls, and make sure they can see out of their masks and won't trip on their costumes. But here are some statistics to provide a reality check on what's really scary about Halloween.

Tainted candy

Of course you should examine goodies and make sure kids avoid treats that aren't sealed.

But know this: "There isn't any case of a child killed or injured from a contaminated treat picked up in the course of trick or treating," according to Joel Best, a professor at the University of Delaware who has exten-

sively researched the subject.

Best says there have been more than 100 reports of tainted treats going back to 1958, but they include a father who poisoned his child to collect insurance money, incidents where someone gave out booby-trapped goodies but nobody was injured, and cases where kids had food allergies.

Car accidents

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation, in four out of six years between 2006 and 2010, more pedestrians under the age of 21 were killed by cars on Oct. 31 than on Oct. 30 or Nov. 1.

The numbers are small: A total of 16 deaths took place on Oct. 31 during those five years, compared to 11 on Oct. 30 and 10 on Nov. 1.

But a quick survey of news stories from 2011 suggests that traffic safety on Halloween is one area

where parental vigilance is warranted. Last year, children and teenagers trick-or-treating or heading to Halloween parties were injured or killed in Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., Port Bolivar, Texas, Lower Allen Township, Pa., and Colorado Springs, Colo. Most cases involved pedestrians hit while crossing streets or walking along roads; one case resulted in a drunk driving arrest. In another case, parents were injured along with their child.

One way to increase vis-

ibility on Halloween: Have kids carry a flashlight or glowstick, or add glow-in-the-dark necklaces or reflective tape to costumes.

Lost children

Statistically it's rare for children to be kidnapped by strangers, but it seems like there's always a case in the news. In the last few weeks, a girl was found murdered in Colorado and another child was abducted, then found, in Wyoming. So it's understandable that Halloween makes parents

nervous, with kids out after dark, sometimes unaccompanied by parents, often approaching strangers to ask for candy.

Obviously parents should keep track of kids, stay in touch by cell phone with teens, and make sure younger children have adult supervision.

But perhaps you'll find this reassuring: There is no data to suggest an increase in reports of missing children on Halloween, according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

Fair: This year's theme, 'Lasso the fun'

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baked goods, canned goods, quilting, sewing, crafts, needlepoint, woodworking, scrap booking, art, photography, Red Hat and King Author baking.

Deadline for baked goods is Thursday, Nov. 1 from 2-6 p.m. at the Extension Office. The deadline for other contests will be Oct. 22 - 26 from 3-5 p.m. in the fair office and Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. - noon at the fairgrounds banquet hall.

Last year more than 30,000 people attended the fair, Briscoe said. "A lot of people are looking forward to it this year," he said.

The fair is a once-yearly chance to ride the traditional carnival rides, sample golden-fried fair food and socialize.

"You can't get a really

good corndog anywhere but at the fair," he said. "It's a great social time as well as a source of entertainment."

Look for the official Fair

Guide in the Sunday, Oct. 28 edition of the Lake City Reporter for midway specials, schedules and ticket pricing.

TRAVEL: Road rations

Continued From 1D

new treat was; it caused us a bigger problem down the road. While I had my eyes focused in my lap cutting up food and Sue kept looking at me for her next bite, we missed our turn off and went at least 50 miles out of our way.

What were we to do? Shrug it off and keep going, but with our bellies full.

Birth

Elijah Michael Glover

Philip and Katie Glover of Vero Beach announce the birth of their son, Elijah Michael on Sept. 14 at Indian River Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20.25 inches. He joins sibling Joel, age 3. Grandparents are Mike and Terri Millikin, and Bill and Sandy Glover. Great-grandparents are Milner and Jan Osborne, and Bill and Gayle Cannon.

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Smaller, safer blimp at Hindenburg site

EDWARD COLIMORE
The Philadelphia Inquirer

LAKEHURST, N.J. — At 178 feet long and 56 feet high, the massive airship dwarfed members of the ground crew Thursday as they strained to hold on to tethering lines like so many Lilliputians trying to control Gulliver.

Inside the gondola of the Navy's MZ-3A, pilots Mark Kynett and Larry Chambers made the final checks, and then — with two powerful engines roaring at their back — aimed the blimp at a sharp angle into the sky and took off from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in Burlington County.

The ship's flight near historic Hangar 1 at the Naval Air Engineering Station conjured up images of Germany's ill-fated Hindenburg and its fiery destruction there 75 years earlier. A post marks the spot where the dirigible crashed.

But this airship, which flew about 1,000 feet over Toms River and Seaside Heights on Thursday, is quite different from its much larger cousin, both in design and mission.

Filled with helium, not hydrogen, the craft serves as a flying test laboratory for high-tech sensors and was deployed to Alabama in 2010 to monitor the Gulf oil spill from the Deepwater Horizon.

"We're like the tortoise that never stops," Kynett said.

The airship "stays in the air a long time, lifts a lot of weight, and sips very little fuel," said Bert Race, flight representative for the Airship Systems Engineering Team, part of Naval Air Warfare Center in Patuxent River, Md.

Thursday's 30-minute trip was intended to demonstrate the blimp's capabilities and inform the public — through the media — about the program.

"We're testing (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance) sensors and can fly all day long," burning little fuel compared with helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, said Doug Abbotts, spokes-



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man for the Aircraft Division of the Naval Air Warfare Center. The Navy also wanted to clear up some of the public's questions about the blimp's flybys.

"We've gotten calls," Abbotts said. "This will help people know more about what we're doing."

The MZ-3A has been part of the military's renewed interest in airships over the last several years. Its occasional flights over the Philadelphia area and Jersey Shore have drawn stares from onlookers not used to seeing lighter-than-air ships.

In the gondola Thursday, the pilots went over a checklist before takeoff.

"Instruments," Kynett said.

"Green," Chambers replied.

"Helium pressure."

"Green."

"Radio set."

"Green."

Moments later, the airship — with media representatives aboard — ascended and leveled off.

To your right is the exact

spot where the Hindenburg went down, said Tom Worsdale, a spokesman at the Naval Air Engineering Station, as he pointed out a post marking the place where the airborne luxury liner, pride of Adolf Hitler's Germany, was destroyed when its flammable hydrogen gas ignited during a landing in May 1937. Thirty-six people perished. Americans used nonflammable helium for their blimps.

In the skies over the Pine Barrens in Ocean County, Chambers, of Lighthouse Point, Fla., compared the airship's handling and turning to an ocean liner.

"Getting on the ground takes a lot more technique," added Kynett, of Akron, Ohio.

Because it's lighter than air, the blimp can hover over an area for many hours without wasting fuel like a helicopter.

"You can bring back the engines" to an idle, he said. "The capabilities are phenomenal."

"This gives you an observation

platform," Chambers added.

Kynett was one of the pilots who flew Coast Guard members over the gulf in 2010 to locate the oil spill and call in ships to clean it up. The blimp can ascend thousands of feet and cruise at 45 knots while carrying up to 10 people, including the pilot.

"We took eight-hour flights and were sometimes out (from land) 20 miles or more," he said.

Oil-spill observers found the aircraft's low speed particularly well-suited to the mission. The blimp is capable of staying airborne for more than 12 hours.

"You can fly in a lot of weather," Chambers said. "But thunderstorms are not the airship's best friend."

"You can't fly over rain and fog. And ice and snow are a no-no since they build up" on the ship.

The Navy blimp now is used for sensor testing at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and will return there before eventually heading to Florida by December, Race said.

At the same time, the Army has been evaluating a much larger lighter-than-air craft at Lakehurst's Hangar 6. About the length of a football field, the Army demonstrator is known as the LEMV (Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle) and can be manned or unmanned.

It's being assessed for use as a reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering tool for military activities, as well as for border control and antidrug operations. The ship can provide continuous coverage for up to 21 days and rise to up to 20,000 feet above sea level.

An unmanned 370-foot-long Air Force airship project called the Blue Devil, considered for use in Afghanistan, was canceled this year because of technical challenges and higher-than-expected costs. The surveillance and reconnaissance craft was ordered dismantled in June at its hangar in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Blimp operations continue, though, at the joint base in New Jersey.

The MZ-3A was flown for the first time in 2007 and received its throwback Navy markings and colors in October 2011 to celebrate the centennial of Naval aviation.

The nearby Army airship, meanwhile, was assembled and flown for the first time in August.

Both are small compared with their 1930s predecessors, including the 800-foot-long Hindenburg.

There has not been a Navy airship in Hangar 1 since 1962, when Cold War-era blimps were decommissioned, officials said. The Navy's lighter-than-air program began there in 1921.

"This is one of the few places in the country that has hangars this size," Race said of the massive structures at Lakehurst. "We're here for maintenance once a year."

The MZ-3A is committed to Army testing through the end of March and is now looking for "other customers," Race said.

Top cop conducts the biggest search of his life

By BILL STEVENS
The Tampa Bay Times

CLEARWATER — James Steffens sat alone in his police cruiser. He had patrolled this rough area of Clearwater many times, but never had he felt his heart beat like this as he summoned the courage to knock on her door.

Barely a day went by that police didn't move her and the other drunks along from park benches and bus stops. She cursed and fought them and landed in jail. She represented everything Steffens, a rising star in the Clearwater Police Department, detested.

Yet now, as he sat with the motor running and stared beyond the windshield, he wondered, "Will she reject me?"

He knew it didn't make sense, but some feelings live so deep they never come out. Slowly he opened the car door and made his way up the stairs.

He knocked. No answer. He knocked again.

"Patty's not here," a neighbor said. "She moved."

In a way, Steffens felt relief. He had tried.

He tucked his secret away.

30-year journey

Almost 30 years earlier, on Jan. 11, 1968, different police officers came to Patty Nichols' door in south St. Petersburg. She was bleeding from several abrasions. She told them she had gone drinking with three men and that two of them raped her in the back seat of a blue Ford Mustang.

Police found some of her belongings in the abandoned parking lot where she said the attack took place. But they never made an arrest. Nichols made a poor witness.

At age 14 she had been committed to the Florida School for Girls because she was considered incorrigible. Now 22, she already had a lengthy arrest record for being drunk and disorderly. She provided vague details about the suspects, identified in the police report as "colored men."

Nine months later, she delivered a mixed-race baby boy. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Nichols checked herself out of the hospital but left the baby there for nine days before returning. She said she couldn't handle the responsibility. She gave the baby up for adoption.

Foster care to family

The foster family in St. Petersburg called him Neddy. They had him for 3 1/2 years before a social worker delivered him to a Dunedin couple, Ann and Hank Steffens, who had three of their own children and two adopted South Korean girls. This boy arrived with a huge appetite and a big smile. His new mother called him a "real charmer."

They called him by his given name, James.

By 1981, the Steffenses had adopted 12 children, Asian and black. Hank, a math teacher at Dunedin High School, traveled to the Philippines to pick up three children whose father, a police officer, had been killed on duty. "Team Steffens" was featured in a Times story headlined "A United Nations in one family."

James stood out as one of only a few children of color in his schools, including Clearwater Central Catholic High, where he became a state tennis champion. With his Afro, "everybody thought I was the next Arthur Ashe," he said.

They asked him a question that would follow him throughout his life: "What are you?"

"American," he'd respond.

"Some people thought I might be Hispanic. They'd ask me to translate stuff."

He learned to play violin. He served as an altar boy at Light of Christ Catholic Church in Clearwater, which is how he came to notice Mary Ventura. "I sat up near the priest so I could survey the congregation. I couldn't take my eyes off her."

Soon their romance would bloom, along with an unintended pregnancy as Mary started her junior year at Pinellas Park High School. She endured embarrassment and ridicule as she walked the hallways with a bulging belly.

James dropped out of St. Petersburg Junior College. His parents reacted angrily. The young couple moved in with her family. What had been such a carefree life grew complicated, but never did Mary consider abortion. They had a baby girl. At 19, James entered training to become a cop.

Meanwhile, Hank Steffens fell ill with cancer and then a massive stroke. James, saddened that his relationship with his parents had been damaged, longed to make peace. On the evening of May 17, 1988, he drove to the house.

"The family gave me some space," he recalled, "and I went into his bedroom. He recognized I was there. I told him I loved him."

Moments later, Hank Steffens, 61, died. James summoned his mother.

On that day, he said, "the healing began."

Search begins

With a new baby, Mary wondered about genet-

ics. She pushed James, now a rookie officer at the Clearwater Police Department, to learn more about his biological parents. A caseworker who had helped with the adoption gave him a report.

James had never cared to know about his origins. But now he sat with Mary and opened an envelope with four typed pages, single-space. They read slowly as the report introduced Patricia Gail, born in Boston.

Patty had been neglected as a child. Her hard-drinking father left his timid wife seven times in Patty's first four years. Then he left for good. Patty fought with her mother, got arrested for possession of alcohol and other misdemeanors, dropped out of school in the ninth grade. At 20, she gave birth to a mixed-race baby she named Theresa Ann before giving her up for adoption.

James stopped reading. "I have a sister?"

As he got to the bottom of the first page, he came to a paragraph titled "Birth Father." His eyes widened as he read about the rape.

"It seemed surreal." He felt like he was reading somebody else's story.

Mary, the good Catholic and one of 14 children in her family, thought about God. "You shouldn't be here, but you are," she said. "God has a plan."

She looked at Stephanie, their baby girl. "This beauty," she said, "came from something horrible."

James devoured the rest of the report, learned more about Patty's psychotic behavior and alcoholism. He contacted the St. Petersburg Police Department and got copies of the reported rape.

He stared into Patty's vacant eyes in jail mug shots.

Mary wanted James to find her. Maybe he could help turn her around.

Maybe he could just thank her for not having had an abortion.

Years go by

Over the years, James excelled at the Clearwater Police Department, first as a patrol officer and then detective, rising to the rank of lieutenant. He became commander of the police dog and SWAT teams. Four times the Fraternal Order of Police honored him as supervisor of the year.

He never stopped thinking about Patty but didn't feel comfortable sharing what he called his "conception story."

In 2002, Steffens hired a private investigator to keep him up to date on Patty. He found her in an apartment in New Port Richey, no more than 10 minutes away.

"This time we were going to meet her," Mary said. "I told James, you've got to find this woman. You turned out to be such a great human being, maybe you could inspire her to change."

As they planned their visit, the private investigator called. Bad news, he said. Patricia Nichols, 62, had died a month earlier, on Sept. 27, 2007, two days after James' 39th birthday. She spent her final days in hospice care. The Tampa Tribune carried a two-line obituary.

"No known survivors," it said.

No closure

In 2009, Steffens retired. He became an adjunct professor at St. Petersburg College and was selected along with other law enforcement veterans to teach community policing in San Salvador. On the flight down, he asked Tony Rolon, a retired St. Petersburg police officer, if

he had ever come across a woman named Patricia Nichols.

"Patty?" Rolon exclaimed. "Patty!? She's crazy, but we loved her."

The story gave Steffens chills. He responded by reflex: "That's my mom."

"Tony just fell back in his seat."

Steffens felt relief. It was out. Maybe now he would tell somebody else.

A burden lifted

In May 2011, he accepted a position as a lieutenant at the New Port Richey Police Department. Five months later, Chief Jeff Harrington accepted a command position in the much larger Pasco County Sheriff's Office and Steffens stepped in as caretaker. In December, City Council members raved about Steffens as they made him chief.

The two years away from law enforcement had been miserable, but now Steffens was reinvigorated — "reborn, you might say."

He finally shared his story with his mother, Ann Steffens, who at 84 still practices law in Palm Harbor. "We had no idea," she said. "We knew his birth mother had problems. It's good to know the rest of the story."

Just two weeks ago, James and Mary sat down with their daughters. "It felt good to share with them," he said. "Their eyebrows went up a few times."

He has given up trying to understand why Patty Nichols carried him to term. "I'm grateful, obviously, that Patty Nichols decided to have me."

He hopes his story will spark discussions, maybe encourage more adoptions. And "somewhere out there," he says, "I have a half sister. Maybe she'll read this."

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DEAR ABBY

College grad living at home wants more control of her life



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I am 24 and graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. I am currently living with my parents. They are a bit controlling and hate resistance from me. I grew up doing everything they told me with no personal opinions of my own, until I met my fiance a year ago. He has helped me gain the strength to speak up and let my thoughts be known.

We're trying to save enough money to live together. Mom has made it clear that she doesn't like that idea because we're not married yet. She and Dad are also unhappy that I no longer want to work in the field my degree is in. (I worked for a sheriff's office for a couple of months and was treated horribly, then I was fired.)

I have told my parents repeatedly that this is my life, but it seems to do no good. Do you have any suggestions on what I should say to them about these issues? - GROWN-UP GIRL IN ALABAMA

didn't work out for you.

Rather than turn your back on the profession you trained for, you need to learn to be more assertive. That way you won't be dependent on anyone else for the strength to voice your opinions, or live your life according to the standards you set for yourself.

P.S. Return to the college from which you graduated and talk to a counselor there about the various other career options in your field for someone with your degree.

DEAR ABBY: It's a second marriage for my husband and me. Our children are all adults, and we all try to get along. My stepdaughter, "Sharon," has invited us for Thanksgiving weekend and insists that we be her houseguests. As sweet as she is, she and her family live in a borderline "hoarder" home.

I'd rather get a motel

room and take them out to dinner. How can I address the subject of needing clean sheets and being able to cook a meal, and getting to the (dirty) bathroom during the night?

- HAVING NIGHTMARES IN TENNESSEE

DEAR HAVING NIGHTMARES: I sympathize with your husband's desire not to cause hurt feelings, but the invitation for you to be houseguests under these circumstances is not practical.

Sharon should be told that you are a very private person and you would not feel comfortable getting up in the middle of the night and flushing a toilet; therefore you would be more at ease in a motel.

If her kitchen and eating areas are "filthy" (your husband's word), you should not eat in her house, either. Your husband should cheerfully assert his role as the patriarch and insist on taking the family out for Thanksgiving dinner. How can she argue? After all, "Father knows best!"

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Size up your situation and prepare to fight for what you want. An emotional matter with someone you are dealing with personally or professionally must not be allowed to interfere with your plans. Put your needs first. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider your choices. Make sure there isn't something that needs changing before you make a commitment. Love and partnerships are in the stars, but equality must be maintained if you are going to develop a long-lasting relationship. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set a solid strategy in place and make your move. A partnership must not restrict you from going after your goals. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Discuss money matters and you will clear up problems that are causing emotional stress. You don't have to make impulsive moves if you take a moment to consider the

options available to you. Nothing is as difficult as it seems. Love conquers all. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Address the changes you must make at home in order to feel good about you and your future. You cannot live in a negative space without feeling stifled. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your point clear. Push for what you want, but not at the expense of infringing on your reputation, position or future status. Prepare your reasoning with facts, figures, suggestions and solutions. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out, indulge in new experiences, meet new people and discover new lifestyles. Knowledge is key when it comes to getting your way. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do your very best and you will receive the best in

return. Socializing and networking will pay off. Share your creative plans for the future and you will get the backing and support you need to turn your dream into a reality. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tell the truth and work through any problems you face with class, poise and compassion. Alterations to the way you live, who you live with or where you live can be made. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't jump to conclusions. Look over your personal papers and investments and size up your long-term situation with regard to any partnerships you are involved with personally or professionally. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't share your personal secrets. You can learn a lot by studying how others react under pressure. Put more effort into personal gains, your assets and your home environment. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep moving in a direction that will bring you greater prosperity. A commitment can be made that will ensure greater security for years to come. Excess is the enemy and moderation the key to your success. ★★★★★

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: "In me you have Missouri morals, Connecticut culture; this, gentlemen, is the combination which makes the perfect man." - Mark Twain

TODAY'S CLUE: X s j e m b e r

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

MEDIA START-UPS By Todd Gross / Edited by Will Shortz

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Art project has UF seeing blue



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Amy Vigilante, director of University Galleries, touches a painted crape myrtle tree near the Reitz Union on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville on Wednesday. Blue Trees is an artist exhibit by Konstantin Dimopolous, of Australia, who takes natural trees and paints them with an environmentally safe blue pigmented water.

Crematory mystery inspires filmmaker

By CHRISTIAN BOONE

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ATLANTA — For retired high school drama teacher Sharon Huey, the question is no longer why the operator of the Tri-State Crematory failed to properly dispose of her mother's body — one of 334 discovered in tiny Noble, Ga., a little more than 10 years ago.

Instead, she wonders "did anyone know" about the grisly tragedy before it made international headlines. That mystery figures prominently in the plot of "Sahkanaga," written and directed by Huey's former student, John Henry Summerour.

The feature film, which starts a one-week run in Chattanooga this month — about 20 miles from where authorities discovered the gruesome remains of bodies hidden in the woods, dumped in holes and stacked in vaults — has attracted considerable buzz, but when Huey was sent a draft of Summerour's first film script she discouraged him from pursuing it further.

"I wrote him back something really nasty," said Huey, a retired Walker County drama teacher. She had no interest in re-living the story that cast a dark shadow over this small northwest Georgia community.

But eventually, she was

assured that Summerour's intent was restorative, not sensational.

"A lot of people are still dealing with the hurt and shame that came out of this," Huey said, referring to the actions of Tommy Ray Brent Marsh, who ran the crematory for his father.

Marsh, indicted on 787 felony charges, pleaded guilty in November 2004 and was sentenced to 12 years in prison. According to the Georgia Department of Corrections, the Long State Prison inmate is scheduled to be released no later than June 2016.

Marsh, who came from a respected family with deep ties in Walker County, has never offered an explanation for his actions, and Summerour said his film doesn't speculate.

"We don't know why it happened, and that's real life, which isn't as black and white as we make it seem," said Summerour, who grew up in Chickamauga, a town of little more than 2,000 residents in Walker County. "There's still a lot of unresolved feelings, a lot of people who are still struggling with what happened."

"Sahkanaga," a Cherokee word that can be translated as "Great Blue Hills of God," tells the story from the perspective of a teenage boy who discovers a body in the woods. The movie was filmed on

location in Walker County using local actors such as Huey, who plays Lovey, a TV talk show host whose husband's body is among those not disposed of by the celluloid crematory.

"I wanted to give ownership of the story back to the community," said Summerour, whose dad was a Methodist minister in Chickamauga. The 35-year-old director raised money and maxed out his credit cards to produce the movie, which he shot over 21 days at a cost of roughly \$100,000.

It has been screened to considerable acclaim at festivals across the country but the showing at Chattanooga's Carmike Majestic 12 has Huey feeling a bit anxious.

"I do have misgivings about it," said Huey, who plans to bring some relatives who have yet to see the movie. "It's going to be emotional for them. It's going to remind people of things they may not want to remember."

Summerour said he's never experienced the blowback he initially anticipated over a film he says is about "hope and forgiveness."

"My ultimate goal was to bring this movie home, and I'm very excited that's happening," he said.

"Sahkanaga" is expected to be available on iTunes and Netflix early next year, said Summerour.

Florida panthers push north, causing conflicts

By KATE SPINNER

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SARASOTA — The battle to save the Florida panther from extinction is poised to shift from south to central Florida, where a clash between private landowners, developers and regulators could determine the future range of the unique cats.

Efforts to expand the panthers' population across Florida's southern tip have been so successful that wildlife experts now believe they are reaching the habitat limits there. An increase in panthers killed in territorial battles and collisions with vehicles, as well as more cows and other animals killed by panthers, point to a rise in numbers.

As a result, state and federal officials are discussing moving some female panthers farther north to give them more room, rather than waiting for them to spread there on their own.

But the idea is controversial because of concerns that there is not enough vacant land, raising the specter of conflicts between subdivisions, livestock farmers and the panthers over territory.

At least one Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission official doubts whether available land north of the Caloosahatchee River — including parts of Sarasota County — can support panthers in the numbers that federal officials contemplate.

"You have no large pieces of property north of the Caloosahatchee that comes close to what you have in South Florida," said FWC Commissioner Liesa Priddy, referring to the fed-

eral government's panther plan.

Priddy, appointed in January by Gov. Rick Scott, raises cattle in South Florida where roughly one-third of her calves have been attacked by panthers.

She said the federal government should develop a plan to compensate livestock growers for loss of their animals as the panther population expands.

Wildlife officials overcame significant controversies in the 1990s, as plans proceeded to introduce genetic variability into the panther population.

But the question is whether that success can be replicated as the animals' range expands. A new clash between people and the panthers in another part of Florida could be inevitable.

Even if officials decide not to move any panthers, a female is likely to move north on her own eventually, they contend.

"Sooner or later it's going to happen," said Kipp Frolich, endangered species section leader for the FWC.

The Florida panther is a critically endangered subspecies unique to the state that is slowly recovering from a brush with extinction 15 years ago. The population remains under continuous threat, with three panthers dying in recent weeks on Collier County roads and 19 dead so far this year.

As many as 160 of the animals at or near breeding age are in the wild today — mostly in South Florida, according to the latest state estimates. While that is a vast improvement from 1994, when the panther population hovered around

30 animals, it is far from stable.

Panthers need to form at least three separate populations of about 240 individuals to escape the danger of extinction.

Expanding range

Several male Florida panthers have ventured north of the Caloosahatchee River in South Florida since 1998, but no females have been documented there.

While state wildlife managers hope a female already is prowling farther north, they are discussing with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service whether to intervene to make sure they expand their range.

Federal officials would have to issue permits to move a panther from South Florida. No timetable has been set for introducing panthers farther north.

"The commission has asked us to discuss with them options for moving females north of the river and efforts to try to grow the population north of the river," said Larry Williams, field supervisor for the federal Fish and Wildlife Service office in Vero Beach.

Panthers have occasionally been spotted in Sarasota County. A state scientist saw one near Myakka River State Park two years ago. A plaster cast of a paw print confirmed its identity.

The recovery plan identifies scattered large patches of land considered suitable for panther habitat north of the Caloosahatchee. Most of it is agricultural or conservation land, such as state parks, including properties in the eastern portions Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Restaurant cellphone distractions still irritate

By MICHAEL HILL

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ALBANY, N.Y. — The digital divide is wider than ever between diners who talk, tweet and snap pictures mid-meal and those who wish they'd just shut up, shut down and be present.

Caught at the center of the discord are restaurant owners and chefs, who must walk the careful line of good customer service for both those who dine under the influence of smart phones, and those who won't. But as the devices have morphed into an unrelenting appendage for texting, photography and games, more restaurateurs are challenged to keep the peace.

Owners who once relied mostly on "no cell phones, please" signs, increasingly are experimenting with everything from penalties for using phones, discounts for not and outright bans on photography.

"There's no place to get away from the chatter," said Julie Liberty of Miami,

who started the Facebook page "Ban Cell Phones From Restaurants" earlier this year. "Everything has a soundtrack, including when you go into the ladies room. That's just not right."

It's a touchy issue. Consider the crush of news coverage Eva Restaurant in Los Angeles generated when it began offering patrons a 5 percent discount if they leave their phone at the door. Online comments ranged from cheers of "YES!" to others who said their phones would have to be pried from their cold, dead hands.

The policy is working, though. Eva's Rom Toulon said about 40 percent of our customers will leave their cell phones at the door.

"After a few cocktails and glasses of wine, it can be challenging to remember that you left the phone behind," he said.

The burst of headlines for Eva came after a Burlington, Vt., deli took on cyber-folk hero status

for posting a sign informing customers that \$3 will be added to their bill "if you fail to get off your phone while at the counter. It's rude." Disgusted diners are doing their part too with games like "phone stack," in which everyone places their phones in a stack in the middle of the table. The first person who reaches for their phone pays the bill for all.

These are more creative approaches to the no cell-phone signs now common in restaurants ranging from highbrow to quick-eats. The landmark Boston restaurant Locke-Ober asks diners — in language appropriate for a place with a dress code — to "kindly refrain from using cellular phones." In Albany, N.Y., the Hamilton Street Cafe has a more direct, hand-drawn "No cell phones at the counter" sign with a phone with a red "X" through it.

Owner Sue Dayton said the sign by the counter helps keep the lunch line moving.

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