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Federal spending cuts take effect

President, congressional Republicans blame each other for failure to act.

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Severe spending cuts now the law of the land, President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans

refused Saturday to concede any culpability for failing to stave off what both parties acknowledged was a foolhardy way to slash \$85 billion in federal spending.

The still-fragile economy braced itself for the gradual but potentially grave impact of the across-the-board cuts, which took effect Friday night at the stroke of Obama's pen. Hours earlier, he and congressional leaders emerged from a White House meeting no closer to



Obama

an agreement. Even as they pledged a renewed effort to retroactively undo the spending cuts, both parties said the blame rests squarely on the other for any damage the cuts might inflict. There were no indications that either side was wavering from entrenched positions that for weeks had

prevented progress on a deal to find a way out: Republicans refusing any deal with more tax revenue and Democrats snubbing any deal without it.

"None of this is necessary," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday. "It's happening because Republicans in Congress chose this outcome over closing a single wasteful tax

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Convict's murder trial set for June

Killing of prison guard could result in death penalty.

By **TONY BRITT**
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Convicted murderer Richard Franklin is scheduled to be tried in June for the March 2012 stabbing death of a Columbia County corrections officer.

Sgt. Ruben Thomas Jr., 24, of Lake City, was killed in the attack on March 18, 2012, at the Columbia Correctional Institution. Thomas was stabbed in the neck by Franklin with a homemade weapon,

according to prison officials. Corrections Officer William Brewer, 54, also was assaulted in the incident.

According to reports, Thomas was checking on an inmate in one of the prison's dorms when Franklin attacked him. Department of Corrections officials said Thomas was in one of the wings of a dorm checking on an inmate when a control room officer saw Franklin chase and then stab Thomas several times in the neck.

Franklin, who already is serving a life sentence for

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Wreck injures six



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

A mangled Nissan Altima sits on a wrecker after being involved in a three-vehicle crash on U.S. 41 Friday. An tractor-trailer rig slammed into the back of the car, forcing it into a stopped Columbia County school bus (at right). Two adults and four children were taken to the hospitals with minor injuries.

Rig slams into car, pushes it into school bus

FHP: Four students, two drivers treated for minor injuries.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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Four school students and two drivers were taken to the hospital after a crash involving a car,

a tractor-trailer and a Columbia County School District bus about 4 p.m. Friday on U.S. 41 north of Lake City.

The school bus was taking home students from Richardson Middle School and Columbia High School when it stopped to let off some passengers, according to a Florida Highway Patrol news release. Caitlyn Danielle

Witt, 16, a student at Columbia High School, was driving a 2012 Nissan Altima and stopped behind the bus.

The driver of a 2010 Mack tractor-trailer saw the bus and the car stop in front of him and "pulled the wheel to the left in an attempt to avoid a collision with" the Nissan, FHP said, but hit the car anyway, pushing it into the

back of the bus.

The drivers of the school bus and car were transported to Shands at Lake Shore in Lake City with minor injuries, according to a Florida Highway Patrol news release.

The students were taken to local hospitals with minor

CRASH continued on 5A

Home show crowd good despite cold

10th annual exhibition will continue today at county fairgrounds.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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Despite cold and windy weather, thousands turned out for the 10th annual North Florida Home and Patio Show, according to one of the coordinators of the event.

Austin Seay, chairman of the Rotary Club of Lake City Downtown, estimated between 3,000 and 5,000 people bunched up and turned out at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

"Overall, I would say the first day was very successful," he said. "We had a steady flow of people all day."

The show will continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Seay said every vendor he spoke to had either made a sale or had generated leads with potential customers. One

local plumber who had not had work for about a week, now has two weeks of business scheduled, he said.

The Rotary Club organizes the show, and any money the club raises goes toward its charity efforts, he said.

"Every single nickel goes back into the community," Seay said.

Kelley Frazier, of Lake City, said she came because her home needed a new metal roof, and she wants to refin-



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Sally Billiter, of Lake City, takes a look at cookware on display by vendor David Knight. See another photo, Page 2A.

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AROUND FLORIDA

Pentagon warns Scott about budget cuts

TALLAHASSEE — Hours before a looming deadline for automatic federal budget cuts, the Pentagon sent a blunt warning to Florida Gov. Rick Scott that spells out the likely impact on his state.

Ashton Carter, a deputy secretary of defense, wrote to Scott and the governors of nine states likely to be hit hardest by defense-related cuts that are part of \$85 billion in government-wide cuts that were to take effect at midnight Friday.

Scott, in Jacksonville on Friday night, told reporters that the cutbacks were "infuriating."

"In Washington they are playing politics, they are playing politics with families' lives and jobs in our state," the Republican governor said.

Carter said in his letter that up to 31,000 civilian employees who work for the Department of Defense could be furloughed up to 22 days each over the next seven months. He said that the Pentagon has estimated the furloughs would result in a payroll reduction of \$185 million to the Florida employees.

Previously disclosed impacts include loss of \$135 million to the Navy for aircraft depot maintenance in Jacksonville and \$3.2 million for four demolition projects in Pensacola.

But the most recent letter pegs the estimated cuts



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Home and Patio Show under way

The 10th Annual North Florida Home and Patio Show kicked off Saturday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Area residents turned out to see a variety of vendors' exhibits, from hot tubs to lawn mowers. The show continues today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

to the Air Force bases in Florida at \$37 million.

Scott said Friday that neither the president nor members of Congress should get paid until they solve the government's budget problems.

"We've had to balance our budget in our state. We've had to watch how we spend money. We've had to live within our means. And we didn't do it with a meat cleaver; we did it with a scalpel. ... The federal government needs to do the same thing."

More horse herpes found

OCALA — Another facility in Marion County has been quarantined after a horse tested positive for a highly contagious equine herpes virus.

The Ocala Star Banner reports that state officials isolated Calder Farm in Ocala on Friday. The newspaper also says this is the seventh facility to be quarantined due to an outbreak of the virus.

Known as EHV-1, the

virus is spread through respiratory secretions and via contaminated feed buckets, food, grooming tools and other equine equipment. It's not transmittable to humans.

State officials, horse owners and veterinarians took strict precautions earlier this week to contain the spread of the virus. Confirmed cases have been linked to a horse show in north-central Florida.

The disease can cause neurological and respira-

tory disorders and other problems in infected horses.

4 arrested in grow house bust

FORT MYERS — Having air conditioners running on a cool day led Lee County authorities to arrest four men for allegedly operating a marijuana grow house.

Acting on a complaint, detectives with the sheriff's office narcotics unit went to a Fort Myers home this week. Authorities found water hoses and pipes on the walls in the back of the home and three air conditioners hooked up to the pipes.

After obtaining a search warrant, four men were arrested on Friday on marijuana trafficking charges. A fifth person was also charged with possession of weapons by a convicted felon.

Several guns were found in the house.

A sheriff's office statement said having the air conditioners turned on in 64-degree weather "was just one of the many tell-tale signs" that the home was a grow house.

2 teens die in crash, fire

ST. CLOUD — Authorities say two teens are dead after their vehicle collided with one driven

by a suspected drunken driver.

Florida Highway Patrol reports that 47-year-old Randall Kerley was driving a pickup truck in Osceola County Thursday night when he turned left at an intersection in front of an oncoming car. The car hit the right side of Kerley's truck then hit an SUV that was stopped at the intersection and caught fire.

The car's driver, 18-year-old Rachel Price, and her passenger, 19-year-old Jamaree Cook, were killed in the blaze. No injuries were reported to Kerley or the SUV driver.

Kerley was arrested at the scene and charged with two counts of DUI manslaughter.

Governor signs death warrant

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott has signed a death warrant for a man convicted of kidnapping a girl on her way to school and killing her more than three decades ago.

The governor's office announced Friday that Larry Eugene Mann is scheduled to die by lethal injection at Florida State Prison near Raiford at 6 p.m., April 10.

Officials say Mann abducted 10-year old Elisa Nelson in Palm Harbor on Nov. 4, 1980. Mann took the girl to an orange grove, where he beat her to death.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

1 dead in shooting at rapper's bus

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia police said Friday they're seeking witnesses after a gunman fired into a crowd of people surrounding the tour bus of rapper French Montana, killing one person and injuring another, and prompting others in the crowd to return fire.

The shooting happened late Thursday night as the bus, followed by several cars loaded with friends and family, arrived at a hotel near Penn's Landing for a post-concert party after the rapper had headlined a sold-out show at the Theatre of Living Arts.

A black sedan with tinted windows pulled up and someone fired shots into the crowd from a passenger side window, Homicide Capt. James Clark said. Two people in the crowd fired back, Clark said, and police were mulling whether to file charges against them.

The New York rapper and members of his entourage were interviewed at police headquarters and are cooperating in the investigation, but police don't know if they were targeted, Clark said.

On Friday evening, French Montana took to Twitter to express sympathy for the victims. He also tweeted that his bus was merely located "in the vicinity of the incident."

"I had a peaceful concert and was not involved," he wrote.

GLAAD to honor Anderson Cooper

NEW YORK — Gay advocacy group GLAAD says Madonna will present CNN's Anderson Cooper with an award for openly gay media professionals.

GLAAD told The Associated Press on Saturday that the singer has been chosen to give Cooper the Vito Russo Award at the 24th annual



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philadelphia police check out the tour bus of rapper French Montana on Friday. Police said they are seeking witnesses after a gunman fired into a crowd of people surrounding the bus, killing one person and injuring another.

GLAAD Media Awards in New York City on March 16.

GLAAD President Herndon Graddick says Madonna and Cooper are longtime friends who have both used their careers to support lesbian, gay and transgender people.

Cooper declined to speak publicly about his sexuality for years. But last July he gave blogger Andrew Sullivan permission to publish an email in which Cooper said he was gay and "couldn't be more happy."

Russo helped found GLAAD and wrote a book about gay people in the movies called "The Celluloid Closet."

Bonnie Franklin, 'One Day At a Time' star, dies

NEW YORK — Bonnie Franklin, the pert, redheaded actress whom millions came to identify with for her role as divorced mom Ann Romano on the long-running sitcom "One Day at a Time," has died.

She died Friday at her home in Los Angeles due to complications

from pancreatic cancer, family members said. She was 69. Her family had announced she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September.

Franklin was a veteran stage and television performer before "One Day At a Time" made her a star.

Developed by Norman Lear and co-created by Whitney Blake — herself a former sitcom star

and single mother raising future actress Meredith Baxter — the series was groundbreaking for its focus on a young divorced mother seeking independence from a suffocating marriage. It premiered on CBS in December 1975.

On her own in Indianapolis, Ann Romano was raising two teenage girls — played by Mackenzie Phillips, already famous for the film "American Graffiti," and a previously unknown Valerie Bertinelli. "One Day At a Time" ran on CBS until 1984, by which time both daughters had grown and married, while Romano had remarried and become a grandmother.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Movie producer-director George Miller is 68.

■ Actress Hattie Winston is 68.

■ Singer Jennifer Warnes is 66.

■ Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 63.

■ Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 60.

■ Actor Robert Gossett is 59.

■ Rock musician John Lilley is 59.

■ Actress Miranda Richardson is 55.

■ Actress Mary Page Keller is 52.

■ Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 51.

Daily Scripture

"But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed His steps; I have kept to His way without turning aside."

— Job 23:10-11

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CORRECTION

R.L. Gundy, president of the Florida chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was misidentified in a story in Friday's Lake City Reporter, as was the name of his organization.

New computers installed at libraries

By TONY BRITT

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Public libraries aren't just places to check out books, most of the facilities are dynamic media centers.

One of the key components for being a highly functioning media center is the use of computers. Columbia County officials recently replaced computers at the public library's downtown and the west branches, which is expected to enhance patron use.

Barbara Gray, manager of the Columbia County Public Library West Branche, said the patrons are ecstatic about new computers.

"We went from the buggy days to the jet age with these things," Gray said.

The county recently purchased new computers for both the main branch library downtown and the west branch library.

The West Branch library received six of the new computers. Of the six computers, five are for public access for Internet use and the other computer has been designated a staff computer for the library staff.

Gray said the computers are faster than the computers that were formerly in the library.

"The difference is like night and day," she said.

She said the computers that were replaced were the old computers that the library had when it opened

about nine years ago.

The computers came with wider monitors. Gray said additional services are also offered with the new computers.

"We have word processing on them now, so people can actually come in and type their papers and print them out," she said. "We didn't have that before, so it's an added feature. We don't have to turn people away now when they say they have to type of a paper."

Debbie Paulson, Columbia County Public Library director, said the new computers help library patrons by offering faster access.

"We now have Microsoft Word, so people can more easily do their resumes, letters and that kind of thing," she said. "We're really happy about having some new computers, and it's all for the patrons."

Paulson said new computers for the library staff were purchased some time ago in order to run the library's automation system, so all the recently purchased computers will be used by library patrons.

Library patron Michael Bradley, 20, was using one of the new computers at the main branch library Thursday and said it operated a lot quicker than the older computers.

"It's fancy," he said. "It's a lot quicker and you don't really need to address the screen or zoom in if

you're reading or looking up something. It's already adjusted to the average person's sight.

Todd Manning, Columbia County information technology director, said the county purchased 14 computers that are being used at the libraries. The approximate cost of the purchase was \$9,000.

The county purchased Dell Optiplex computers and they came with new monitors.

"We went from 15-inch LCD monitors to 19-inch LCD monitors," he said.

Six of the new computers were sent to the west branch library and eight went to the main branch library.

"They arrived Feb. 15 and we installed them at the West Branch Library on Feb. 19 and installed them at the main branch on Feb. 20 and 21," Manning said. "I've been trying to get them replaced for the last two years."

Manning said the computer purchase helps make his job easier.

"It streamlines my job," he said. "The older computers were outdated and antiquated. I had to focus a lot of time on keeping them running. The new computers have warranties and new operating systems and I don't have to spend a lot of time on them. We upgraded from Windows XP to Windows 7."

Manning said all the computers are now



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Jarrod Harris (left), 26, and Dustin Griffis, 20, use two of the new computers at the Columbia County Public Library West Branch on Thursday.

operating with Windows 7 and they've upgraded the memory on the existing computers and upgraded the operating systems.

He said they are about

to start a network upgrade and migrate to newer servers, which should begin Monday.

"All three branches will be upgraded," Manning

said. "We also upgraded the memory and operating systems at the Fort White library computers, as well."

CUTS

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loophole that helps reduce the deficit."

The president said the cuts would cause "a ripple effect across the economy" that would worsen the longer they stay in place, eventually costing more than 750,000 jobs and disrupting the lives of middle-class families.

In the Republican-controlled House, GOP lawmakers washed their hands of the mess, arguing that bills they passed in the last Congress to avert the cuts absolved them of any responsibility. Those bills passed with little to no Democratic support and were never taken up by the Senate.

"We've done the work and shown that these choices can be made in a responsible, thoughtful way," said Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington in the GOP address.

Obama was holding out hope that as Americans start feeling the effects of the sequester — the term used for the automatic spending cuts — public pressure will force lawmakers back to the table. Ever wary that such fiscal fiascos could jeopardize the rest of his second-term agenda, Obama vowed in his weekly address to keep pushing reforms on immigration, preschool, gun violence and transportation.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Nothing but talk

When it comes to foreign policy, President Obama has yet to distinguish himself as a high achiever. Even his decision to pull American troops out of Afghanistan by next year has been criticized, and not just by his political rivals.

Obama has given his share of impressive and inspirational speeches both here and overseas, and they've been well received, but policy successes have been few and far between. And now the situation in Syria has become so serious that the president has finally had to become more engaged in the search for a solution.

Washington has announced that an additional \$60 million in assistance will be provided to help the opposition provide basic services in areas it controls. The United States also will provide food rations and medical supplies to the Free Syrian Army, the armed wing of the opposition. Secretary of State John Kerry added after he met with Syrian opposition leaders in Rome.

Earlier this week, Syrian rebels who had previously refused to meet Kerry and Britain's foreign secretary, William Hague, changed their minds. Previously, those seeking to oust Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad had expressed deep dissatisfaction with Washington and London for offering only moral support rather than providing arms to help their cause.

Their reluctance was based on the legitimate fear that the various rebel groups not only were poorly organized but were widely suspected of including opportunistic jihadists who might some day use the donated weapons to pursue their anti-Western agenda. But the Syrian situation is now so dire that the policy change became necessary....

Meanwhile, Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen wrote this week that a book ("The Dispensable Nation" by Vali Nasr) that will be published in April conveys "the general impression that Obama is a man without a foreign policy." Nasr is the dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a think tank usually sympathetic to the president's policies.

Nasr was closely associated with the late Richard Holbrooke, Obama's special representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and in his book he says that at the White House Holbrooke "was always being shunned and given the silent treatment" by Obama's other advisers and that this affected American foreign policy.

After reading Nasr's book, Cohen concluded that Obama "had naive aspirations — a world to be changed by the transformative power of a good speech — but no clear path to achieve anything."

The short lesson here: The United States must be just as vigilant in the realm of foreign affairs as it is with domestic matters, and the president must lead by example. Obama needs to demonstrate he really does have a foreign policy, and the belated decision to aid Syria has to be seen as a positive sign.

It's a complicated situation and will require all of Kerry's still-untested diplomatic skills to sort out. There's no way the United States can tolerate the continued existence of the 42-year-long Assad dictatorship, but neither is there an obvious or straightforward path that would lead to his long-overdue departure from Damascus.

■ Tampa Tribune



The dwindling RHS faculty

Richardson High School was the former all-black high school here before racial integration some 40 years ago.

RHS was always known for having an outstanding principal and faculty. Now, with each death of a former RHS faculty member, there are fewer and fewer members of that once-thriving old RHS faculty left.

Here are two out of town deaths of former RHS faculty members you may have missed.

Mervin Allen Jones, Sr., 73, long time school system band director, died in July, 2011, in Gainesville.

He had been band director at Richardson High School, at Lake City Junior High School, and at CHS for 40 years.

An outstanding musician himself, as well as a band director, he ironically died the same month and year as local music legend, Dr. Alfonso Levy.

As a student at Florida A and M University, he had been a member of the famous "Marching 100" Rattler band.

His former students will remember him for his teaching ability and his ever-present sense of humor.

Also, Miss Vera Winifred Brown, 90, died peacefully on February 7, 2013, in Jacksonville.

Early in her Lake City teaching career, she had taught French at Richardson High School. She then became a long-time counselor at Lake City Junior High School, retiring in 1978.

She had received her bachelor's degree from FAMU in 1944 and her master's from Indiana University.



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She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, the same church previously attended by local retired teachers Harry Finlayson and Ola Lee Means.

Miss Brown was the consummate professional educator, always knowledgeable, soft spoken and dignified.

The passing of Mr. Jones and Miss Brown will sadden both their former students and the many others who knew them.

DASHBOARD ART

What some people see as extreme dashboard clutter on pickup trucks, I see as art.

Art, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder, and I see the junkiest of those dashboards as pure art.

The dashboards accumulate according to no fixed plan. There is no predetermined idea of a final appearance and in fact there is no final appearance as the 'contents' are constantly changing. Thus you might say it is living art.

The dashboard "artist" does not think of himself as an artist, and he does not even think to care what an

"observer" might think of it.

No two piles on different vehicles are even remotely alike. The artist may come from any station or occupation in life.

Two of my late friends, Hillard Hartley and Wayne Hollingsworth, were among the best dashboard artists I have known.

Their dashboards always included spit cups, tobacco wads, snuff cans, shotgun shells, receipts, and letters both opened and unopened. Sometimes their piles might rise four inches high or higher.

I have always liked the people who have these piled-high dashboards. There are, without exception, genuine people, loyal friends, and straight talkers.

Our county has lots of pickup truck dashboards like Hillard's and Wayne's, and sometimes I wish there could be a countywide dashboard art contest but it wouldn't work—some people would just "stage" the scene. Hence, not art.

However, if any of you would be willing to email me a photo of your own dashboard art, I would love to see it. Send to williams_h2@firm.edu.

BIBLE MEANING

A Sunday School teacher asked her young students if they knew what the Bible was about. One little girl spoke up and said, "The Bible is 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

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

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A change in policy toward Syria

The U.S. policy toward Syria, ever since civil war broke out in response to Bashar Assad's brutal crackdown on demonstrations against his regime, has been relatively straightforward: We wanted Assad, his family and entourage out, to be replaced by an orderly transition to democracy.

Although the U.S. strongly opposed the presence of radical Islamists among the rebels, American sympathies clearly lay

with the rebels. Even though we donated several hundred million dollars to refugee relief, we could plausibly maintain a certain posture of hands-off neutrality toward the actual conflict.

No longer. As much as we may cloak it in the bland language of diplomacy, we have now, in effect, become participants.

At an international conference in Rome on Syria, new Secretary of State John Kerry announced that, for the first time, we would give \$60

million in "non-lethal" aid to the Free Syrian Army, whose numbers we would carefully screen against the presence of Islamic radicals. It is not clear how, in the confusing welter of groups that constitute the Syrian opposition, we would do that.

"Non-lethal," in the case of the U.S., may only be a synonym for greater things to come. With this action, we now have a vested interest in the outcome.

■ Scripps Howard News Service

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Needed: Leadership, not partisanship

To the Editor:

The Great Sequester Fester. It's like a boil on your foot. Just stick a pin in it and continue on with your life!! As usual our leader would have you think the world is going to end because he will cut some federal funding and I do mean HE WILL CUT!! His only reasoning for bringing this forth is TAX HIKES on the so called rich in this country that usually end up being hikes on the

rest of us like his last tax hikes!!

This man is so totally committed to destroying the Republican Party that he can not think of anything else! He is a perpetual campaigner and he is in full sequester campaign mode now - if you believe him, then do so at your own risk. What I want from this man is leadership, not partisanship, which is what he is all about!!

He can dictate what is to be cut from the federal budget, a budget

we haven't had since he entered the White House up to today. You may really be scared if you are living on the federal dime but I doubt the president will allow cuts to go forward that will harm his most ardent supporters. So kids, suck it up - just more mumbo jumbo from our fearful leader!!

Manuel Enos
Lake City

Scott trying new approach

Governor to give state-of-state speech Tuesday.

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON** and **GARY FINEOUT**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott came into office on a conservative wave, promising to change Tallahassee, fight President Barack Obama's health care overhaul and make Florida as business friendly as he could.

He shunned the press, announced his first budget at a tea party rally in a central Florida church and entered his first legislative

session like the powerful CEO he was before spending more than \$70 million of his own money to win office in 2010.

What a difference two years can make.

Scott is preparing to give his third state of the state address on Tuesday, and while the major theme — jobs — will still be the same, Scott has undergone a transformation. He's cozying up to teachers instead of antagonizing them, he's learned the art of compromise with the Legislature and he's even cooperating with the federal government to put the president's health care plan into place.

"He's really the Benedict

Arnold of the tea party/patriot movement in Florida. Most conservatives feel betrayed by him and members have been calling me and saying they want him fired," said Everett Wilkinson of the South Florida Tea Party, who once called Scott a rock star. "He's flip-flopped on such major areas. It shows how a man can be corrupted with D.C. and Tallahassee."

Scott will outline his 2013 priorities as the Legislature begins its 60-day session, and unlike his first year, there is more likely to be applause from teachers than tea partiers as he calls for more state spending.

CRASH: Six suffer minor injuries

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injuries.

After being treated, the students were released, school officials said.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, David Warren Parker, 51 of Lake Park, Ga., was cited for careless driving, FHP said.

At the time of the wreck, 21 students were on the bus. The crash occurred

before any of the students were able to exit the bus, according to the release.

FHP estimated the tractor-trailer was traveling at 55 miles per hour just before the collision.

The tractor-trailer's tires struck the back of the Nissan, the news release said. The evidence indicates the trailer tires went

over the back of the car, FHP officials said.

"We are just thankful that no one was hurt seriously, especially the young lady in the car," School Superintendent Terry Hudson said at the crash scene Friday. "The good Lord must have been looking after her. I mean just look at the car."

OBITUARIES

Perryman H. Denison

Perryman H. Denison, 92, died in Jacksonville, Florida on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. He was born in the Midway community of Union County, Florida to the late James Oscar and Ethel Denison on February 3, 1921. He was a Minister for churches of Christ during most of his working life, serving the Moultrie, Georgia church and Florida churches in Live Oak, Macclenny, Lake City, Cocoa and Jacksonville. He also became a Real Estate professional later in life, owning and operating a Real Estate brokerage and property management company in Jacksonville's Riverside neighborhood. He continued to serve his home congregation and others with his preaching, teaching, counseling and leadership during the time of his business career and on into his retirement.



Mr. Denison is survived by his wife of 72 years, Vivian; sons Hubert (Marilyn) of Jacksonville and Jim (Renee) of Frederick, Maryland; grandchildren Elizabeth Campagna (Jeff) of Marlton, New Jersey, Sarah Newman (Chase) of St. Petersburg, Florida, Tabitha Denison of Austin, Arkansas and Jessica Denison of Searcy, Arkansas; great grandchildren Vivian and Charlotte Campagna; and his brother, Daniel R. Denison of Lake City. There are many others who rightfully consider themselves to be a son or daughter of Mr. Denison, especially Carolyn Terry (and her husband Bill) of Callahan, Florida and Cornelio Pena of Miami, Florida who lived in Mr. Denison's home in their youth. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on Friday, March 8, 2013 at **HARDAGE-GIDDENS RIVERMEADE FUNERAL HOME**, 127 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, Florida. Funeral Services are 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Argyle Church of Christ, 7310 Collins Road, Jacksonville, Florida. A Committal service will follow at 2:00 that afternoon at Memorial Cemetery, Lake City, Florida.

William "Buddy" O'Neal

William "Buddy" O'Neal, 60, a resident of Lake City, Florida passed away February 28, 2013 at his home. Mr. O'Neal was a lifelong resident of Lake City, Florida and is the son of the late Richard Jackson O'Neal. He was of the Baptist Faith and was employed by Protection Services for the past thirty-five years as a sign screener. He was a graduate of Columbia High School Class of 1971 and is preceded in death by a brother Francis O'Neal. He also loved his Florida Gators. Survivors include his loving wife of thirty-five years, Gail O'Neal, Lake City, FL. His Mother, Doris O'Neal, Lake City, FL. Two daughters: Angela (Steven Kidd) Norris, Lake City, FL, and Rosalina O'Neal, Lake City, FL. Three Sons: Anthony (Jamie) O'Neal, Grand Junction, CO., Andy (Tabitha) O'Neal, Lake City, FL, and Walter (Hope) Norris, Lake City, FL. Five Sisters: Barbara McDaniel, Jasper, FL., Florence McDaniel, Valdosta, Ga., Sylvia Carter, Callahan, FL., Nealy Balkcom, Lake City, FL. and Sissy Love, Live

Oak, FL. One Brother: Richard O'Neal, Jr. Lake City, FL. Eight grandchildren also survive. Graveside funeral services for Mr. O'Neal will be conducted Monday March 4, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at the Forest Lawn Cemetery with the Rev Joe Chessier, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 (386)752-1234 please sign our on-line family guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

LaVern Geiger

Mr. LaVern Geiger, 67, a long-time resident of Lake City, died late Friday evening, March 1, 2013 at his residence following an extended illness. Mr. Geiger was born in Duval County but was raised and educated in Columbia County and returned to live here fifteen years ago from Dallas, Texas. He was the fourth of eight children born to the late Buster and Vellie Jolley Geiger. Mr. Geiger had worked as a long distance truck driver for many years prior to retiring. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing and attending dirt track race car races. He was a member of the Deep Creek Advent Christian Church. He was preceded in death in 2010 by his beloved wife, Pat; and his brothers, John Robert Geiger, Kenneth Geiger and Joe Geiger. Mr. Geiger is survived by three daughters, Anissa Pesina of Forney, Texas, Janet Geiger and Tanya Geiger both of Lake City; two sons, John Roy Geiger and Troy Geiger both of Lake City; Three sisters Jeanie Lott, Linda Sue Robinson (Robert) and Kathy Spradley (Shep) all of Lake City; a brother Dell Geiger (Debbie) of Fort White. Eight grandchildren also survive. Funeral services for Mr. Geiger will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in the Chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home. The family will

receive friends from 5:00-7:00 Monday evening in the Chapel of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 (386)752-1234 please sign our on-line family guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Mary Hogue-Crawford Wynne

Mrs. Mary Hogue-Crawford Wynne of Natural Bridge, Virginia and long-time resident of Lake City, FL, formerly of Jacksonville, FL, passed away on Saturday, March 2, at the VA Medical Center. She was a Veteran of the US Navy. She was born on November 21, 1938 in Rockbridge County to Estelle Crawford Ewers, who predeceased her in death. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Wynne, and is survived by daughters; Victoria Davis (Curtis), Robin Wynne Freyburger (Jim), Susan Wynne (Donna); son; DJ Wynne (Denise); brother; Jim Crawford (Jo); sister; Judy Barger (Jake); ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Arrangements are incomplete at this time, please contact the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home for service arrangements. Arrangements are under the direction of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 (386)752-1234 please sign our on-line family guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

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TRIAL: Death penalty to be sought

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murdering a college student, then struck Brewer in the eye with a sock filled with a heavy item before he was subdued.

Jury selection is set for June 6 and 7 and the trial will take place the week of June 10.

Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister said he will seek the death penalty.

"If the jury returns a first-degree murder verdict, the sentencing/penalty phase (to determine if the death penalty should be imposed) will take place the following week," he said. "Obviously, there are a lot of ifs.

"The aggravated circumstances strongly outweigh the mitigating circumstances, and that's what we're supposed to do in any first-degree murder case, which qualifies as a death penalty case — is to weigh the statutory avenues," he said. "There are 12 or 13 (aggravating circumstances) in Florida statutes, and there is clearly a number of them that are fairly prevalent in this case that may outweigh the mitigating circumstances."

Capital trials are conducted in two phases, first the guilt or innocence determination, followed by

"Because I believe in the death penalty, I take it real serious. The family's wishes are considered, and it's going to be longer for any type of closure with the trial and sentencing."

Jeff Siegmeister,

Third Circuit state attorney

the penalty phase.

"Ultimately I've been elected, and it's my decision in any case to seek the death penalty. Of course, I seek counsel with people involved with my office," Siegmeister said. "Because I believe in the death penalty, I take it real serious. The family's wishes are considered, and it's going to be longer for any type of closure with the trial and sentencing. There are automatic appeals ... and there is an entire sentencing scheme that deals with us imposing the ultimate sentence."

It's estimated that the average inmate's stay on death row is close to 15 years, and Siegmeister said he had to consider the arguments on both sides of whether to seek a life sentence or the death penalty.

"I'm aware of the argu-

ments on both sides. With a life sentence, it's done, imposed and it's over quickly," he said. "But (with the death penalty) there is the belief that it's a lawful, just penalty when imposed properly. If you seek it in every case, then it's too many problems. If we seek it for the worst of the worst, I think it not only accomplishes public sentencing issues, but it also gives the family a sense of closure."

Siegmeister and Assistant State Attorney David Phelps will serve as prosecutors.

Franklin is being represented by Third Circuit Public Defender Blair Payne and Jonathan Austin, an assistant public defender.

Pre-trial hearings have been scheduled for April 5, May 3 and May 31 in the case.

SHOW: Chill doesn't hurt turnout

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ish her bathroom tub. She said she was pleased with the variety of vendors at the show.

"It satisfied my needs," Frazier said.

Janice Dormieny, manager of the Lake City Mall, was also at the fairgrounds. She said she is friends with about half the vendors and came out to support them, but also to make connections with other business owners in community.

"I like to come to this type of event to see new businesses in the area," she said.

While the vendors with inside booths said the flow was steady, the outside vendors with large lawn equipment said cold weather affected the number of people who stopped by.

Randy Mikell, owner of Mikell's Power Equipment, was set up outside with new lawn equipment spread out

around his canopy.

"The traffic has not been like it has been in the past because of the wind and the cold," he said.

He had seen a couple of hundred people venture by the area as of noon Saturday. Usually, there would have been a couple thousand pass by him by that time, he said. But he said he wasn't disappointed, and the weather was warming as the afternoon wore on.

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Local BBQ pro cleans up in Georgia

From Staff Reports

PERRY, Ga. — Barbecue teams persevered through almost constant rain on a recent weekend during The Pigs & Wings BBQ Cook Off and Fly-In held at the Perry-Houston County, Ga. Airport.

Forty-two professional BBQ teams and over 100 Certified Judges came to Perry to cook and judge some of the best BBQ in the Southeast.

This was the forth-annual cook-off event hosted by the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority and Sponsored by The BBQ Times.

When it was award time, the crowd heard Budmeisters called often and, most importantly, last.

Pitmaster Thomas Henry's team from Lake City, Fla. became the third team in Georgia Barbecue Association history to win all three GBA categories and a perfect score in Beef Brisket en route to the Grand Championship. Budmeisters also won the Overall Championship

for the contest that went to the team with the highest cumulative score of the GBA categories of Pork Loin, Pulled Pork, Ribs plus Brisket and Chicken.

In all, the team won close to \$7,000.

Budmeisters' dominating performance created a pass down for Reserve Grand Championship. With a 2nd in Loin, 8th in Pork and 14th in Ribs, Chris Coleman & Dirty South BBQ claimed the Reserve Grand Championship.

Following Budmeisters and Dirty South BBQ in Pork Loin was Anarque in third place. Fourth place went to D.W.'s Kountry Cookers with Sauced Hogs Smokeshack in fifth place. Runner up in Pork was D.W.s Kountry Cookers. Killer B's BBQ took third place and Que the Music claimed fourth. Forest's Fine Foods edged Bethel Smokers for fifth place by 0.3 of a point. Superior Smokers had the second place Rib entry for the day. Bethel Smokers, Shadtree BBQ & Southern Paradise finished third through fifth.



Photo courtesy HOUSTON (Ga.) HOME JOURNAL

From left: Lake City's Thomas Henry, an unidentified event organizer, and Henry's son Josh.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at jbarr@lakecityreporter.com.

March 3

History program

The Friends of the Library will present "A Florida History Chautauqua: Three Views (Harriet Beecher Stowe, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas)" at 2 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Chautauquaperformer Betty Jean Steinshouer will help us consider the intertwined stories of three of Florida's most well-known female authors, who put the state on the map as only the hearts of women could. Free tickets are required and may be obtained at any library location.

Free workshops

The UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension is offering free workshops during the Home and Patio Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Extension offices located at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Workshops will include raised-bed vegetable gardens, container gardens for kids, how to prepare nutritious smoothies, backyard poultry and more. For more information, call the Extension office at (386)752-5384.

Gospel concert

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1272 SW MacFarlane Ave., will host a free, Southern gospel music concert by the Friends Singers at 6 p.m. The group of eight singers is a ministry of Friendship International Ministries, based at Colorado Springs, Colo.

March 4

Scout fundraiser

Boy Scouts Troop 85 with a fundraiser at Moe's between 5 and 8 p.m. A portion of all sales during that time will go to the troop. For details, contact Tabatha McMahon at 965-4674.

March 5

Lenten lunch

The First Presbyterian Church invites the community to a Lenten lunch from noon until 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The lunch will include soups freshly made by the women of the church. It will be followed by a short drama. The lunches are in remembrance of the season of Lent, a 40-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Breakfast with the Chief

Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore spoke to more than 50 residents at the Moose Lodge from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday about their concerns and what people can do to help the police department reduce crime. Gilmore has a quarterly 'Breakfast with the Chief,' where she speaks with residents about problems around town. 'A healthy community is where you can bring forward your questions and concerns,' Gilmore said. '... See something, say something.'

Plant clinic

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

March 6

Builders association

The Columbia County Builders Association is having a General Council lunch and meeting at Guang Dong restaurant in the Lake City Mall. Arrive about 11:30 a.m. for the lunch buffet. The meeting will start at noon. Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter will be the guest speaker. There will be a drawing for a free Sunday newspaper ad, plus our Hammer Claw drawing is up to \$300. Cost is \$12 for CCBA members; \$15 for non-members. To make a reservation or for more information, call (386) 867-1998 or email colcounty-build@comcast.net.

Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Wednesday

from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fort White Public Library on Route 47 to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

Friendship luncheon

Lake City Newcomers and Friends Club will have its Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Cracker Barrel. For more information, call Barbara Test at 754-7227 or Rose Taylor at 755-2175.

Spouse loss group

A free Spouse Loss Group will be offered at 11 a.m. at the Wings Education Center in the Lake City Plaza, 857 SW Main Blvd. The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, grief services manager, will offer an overview of grief and suggest ways of

dealing with a recent loss of a spouse. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714, ext. 2411, or (866) 642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc./Hospice of the Nature Coast. Visit www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

March 7

Save Our Suwannee

Save Our Suwannee Inc. will host a talk and documentary showing by reknowned underwater explorer and filmmaker Jill Heinerth at 7 p.m. at High Springs Civic Center, 330 NW Sante Fe Blvd. in

High Springs. Admission is free. Heinerth's film 'We Are Water' will be shown. Light refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, contact SOS board member Barbara Ferguson at (386) 965-090.

March 8

Gospel concert

The Hyssongs, a gospel music family trio, will give a concert at 7 p.m. at Lulu Advent Christian Church, 254 SE Gillen Terrace in Lulu.

Fish dinner

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5056 SW State Road 47 in Lake City, prepares fish dinners every Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$6 for two Alaskan pollock filets, corn, baked beans, hushpuppies, cole slaw and tarter sauce. Take out or eat in.

March 8-10

Archery seminar

Camp Weed will host a three-day archery seminar March 8 through 10. Fundamentals will be taught; all equipment is provided; video replays will help evaluate form and technique. Minimum age is 10. Camp executive director Joe Chamberlain will lead the team of instructors. Cost of the seminar is \$68, which includes meals and equipment. Lodging is \$75 per night. For more information and registration call Camp Weed at (386) 364-5250.

March 9

Disco Zumbathon

A disco Zumbathon to benefit CO2 Student Ministries' Summer Missions Camp will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Skating Place of Lake City. Donation is \$10. For more information, call Sarah Sandlin at 758-0009, email

lakecityzumba@gmail.com or see "Lake City Zumba" on Facebook.

Car wash fundraiser

Eastside Elementary School Safety Patrol will hold a car wash fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hardee's on U.S. 90 West.

Store anniversary

Harvey's Food Store on U.S. 90 West will celebrate its first year of business from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games, mud boggers, race cars, Nettle's sausage, drinks and more. The public is invited.

Turkey banquet

The local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold a Hunting Heritage Banquet at 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. For more information, call Scott or Ronnie Crews at 365-3633 or 867-2051 or email scottgun@comcast.net.

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COURTESY

Altrusa Girls Summit

The local Altrusa Club held the 15th Annual Girls Summit for middle school girls recently with Third Circuit Chief Judge Leandra G. Johnson, center, as keynote speaker. Johnson spoke on the theme, 'Reach for the Stars.'

Engineers at work near sinkhole that swallowed man

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

SEFFNER — Engineers worked gingerly Saturday to find out more about a slowly growing sinkhole that swallowed a Florida man in his bedroom, believing the entire house could eventually succumb to the unstable ground.

Jeff Bush, 37, was in his bedroom Thursday night when the earth opened and took him and everything else in his room. Five other people were in the house but managed to escape unharmed. Bush's brother jumped into the hole to try to help, but he had to be rescued himself by a sheriff's deputy.

On Saturday, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue spokesman Ronnie Rivera said one of the homes next door to the Bush house also was compromised by the sinkhole, as determined through testing. The family, which had evacuated Friday, would be allowed to go inside for about a half-hour to gather belongings, Rivera said. The family was outside, crying and organizing boxes.

Engineers had been testing since 7 a.m. Saturday. By 10 a.m., officials moved media crews farther away from the Bush house so experts could perform tests on the home across the street.

It's unclear how large the sinkhole is or whether it leads to other caverns and chasms throughout the neighborhood. Experts say the underground of West Central Florida looks similar to Swiss cheese, with the geography lending itself to sinkholes.

Experts spent the previous day on the property, taking soil samples and running various tests — while acknowledging that the entire lot where Bush lay entombed was dangerous. No one was allowed in the home.

"I cannot tell you why

it has not collapsed yet," Bill Bracken, the owner of an engineering company called to assess the sinkhole, said of the home. He described the earth below as a "very large, very fluid mass."

"This is not your typical sinkhole," said Hillsborough County administrator Mike Merrill. "This is a chasm. For that reason, we're being very deliberate."

Officials delicately addressed another sad reality: Bush was likely dead and the family wanted his body. Merrill, though, said they didn't want to jeopardize any more lives.

"They would like us to go in quickly and locate Mr. Bush," Merrill said. Officials added Saturday morning that a fund had been set up to help the families affected by the sinkhole.

On Saturday, Jeremy Bush — who tried to rescue his brother when the earth opened — lay flowers and a stuffed lamb near the house and wept.

Hillsborough County Fire Chief Ron Roger called the situation "very complex."



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Spotlight Singers

Westside Elementary School's Spotlight Singers sing 'Follow the Drinking Gourd' at the last school board meeting in February on Tuesday. Cynthia Tickel directed the choir, and teaches music at the school. She follows a philosophy of music teaching called Kodály, which focuses on the most portable instrument of all -- the voice, Tickel said.


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LAKE CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013, at 6:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 2012 CRA Annual Report
- Revised Art League of North Florida Funding Request

All interested persons are invited to attend.

AUDREY E SIKES, MMC
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA WILL MEET ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AT 205 NORTH MARION AVENUE, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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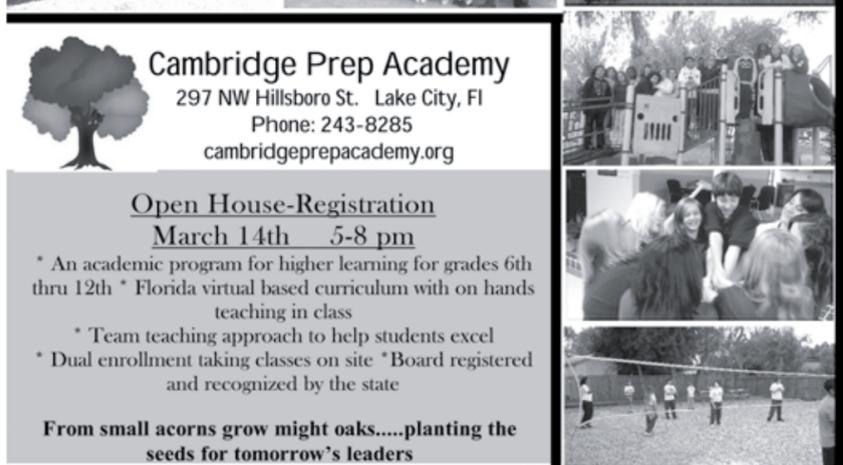
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THE WEATHER

3 SUNDAY BREEZY, CHILLY HI 56 LO 28	4 MONDAY MOSTLY SUNNY HI 64 LO 37	5 TUESDAY ISO. SHOWERS HI 73 LO 51	6 WEDNESDAY ISO. SHOWERS HI 67 LO 40	7 THURSDAY MOSTLY SUNNY HI 67 LO 41
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, March 3

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	63/45/s	75/54/s
Daytona Beach	62/42/s	72/54/s
Ft. Lauderdale	67/53/s	76/61/s
Fort Myers	72/46/s	78/57/s
Gainesville	64/38/s	73/52/pc
Jacksonville	62/38/pc	72/52/pc
Key West	67/59/pc	74/63/s
Lake City	64/37/s	73/51/pc
Miami	68/53/s	77/63/s
Naples	70/48/s	76/61/s
Ocala	65/39/s	74/52/pc
Orlando	66/43/s	74/55/s
Panama City	59/52/pc	70/49/pc
Pensacola	63/57/pc	72/48/sh
Tallahassee	64/42/pc	72/47/r
Tampa	68/48/s	75/60/s
Valdosta	63/40/pc	70/47/pc
W. Palm Beach	66/50/s	76/58/s

NATIONAL FORECAST: Rain and snow will affect a good part of the West today. Snow will be heaviest across the northern Rockies and in parts of the Dakotas. This system will promote windy conditions across the Plains, as well. Meanwhile chilly weather will prevail throughout the East. Scattered snow showers will be possible in parts of New England.

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 85°, Brown Field, Calif. Low: -24°, Crane Lake, Minn.

LAKE CITY ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES
High Saturday: 55
Low Saturday: 33
Normal high: 72
Normal low: 48
Record high: 88 in 1918
Record low: 26 in 1920

SUN
Sunrise today: 6:54 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:31 p.m.
Sunrise tom.: 6:53 a.m.
Sunset tom.: 6:32 p.m.

MOON
Moonrise today: 10:36 a.m.
Moonset today: 12:44 a.m.
Moonrise tom.: 11:30 a.m.
Moonset tom.: 11:30 a.m.

PRECIPITATION
Saturday: 0.00"
Month total: 0.00"
Year total: 1.97"
Normal month-to-date: 0.29"
Normal year-to-date: 6.80"

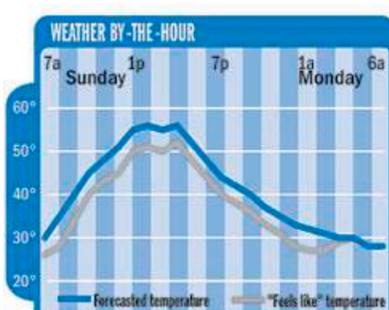
UV INDEX

5
MODERATE
30 minutes to burn
Today's ultraviolet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W
Albany NY	35/28/0	38/24/c	Des Moines	30/18/0	39/28/c	Omaha	32/20/0	42/32/c
Albuquerque	57/36/0	67/40/pc	Detroit	29/26/0	28/17/pc	Orlando	60/46/0	60/36/pc
Anchorage	29/24/0	32/22/s	El Paso	64/35/0	76/54/pc	Philadelphia	42/34/0	44/28/c
Atlanta	39/34/0	46/31/pc	Fairbanks	2/9/0	18/13/s	Phoenix	78/51/0	81/56/pc
Baltimore	37/30/0	42/27/pc	Greensboro	45/30/0	45/26/pc	Pittsburgh	30/25/0	30/18/c
Billings	61/38/0	53/30/sh	Hartford	40/34/0	43/25/c	Portland ME	41/31/0	42/29/rs
Birmingham	38/33/0	46/29/pc	Honolulu	75/70/0	81/67/s	Portland OR	54/47/0	51/38/pc
Bismarck	43/24/0	34/24/sn	Houston	55/40/0	64/53/pc	Raleigh	48/26/0	47/27/s
Boise	52/33/0	47/28/c	Indianapolis	30/25/0	33/22/pc	Rapid City	59/28/0	55/27/c
Boston	42/34/0	44/30/c	Jackson MS	39/27/0	52/34/pc	Reno	56/36/0	53/31/sh
Buffalo	25/21/0	25/19/sn	Jacksonville	54/34/0	55/30/pc	Richmond	40/35/0	47/26/pc
Charleston SC	52/36/0	53/32/s	Kansas City	31/21/0	44/33/c	Sacramento	66/46/0	68/42/c
Charleston WV	32/27/0	35/19/pc	Las Vegas	69/49/0	76/52/pc	St. Louis	35/27/0	41/33/c
Charlotte	43/33/0	48/26/pc	Little Rock	42/32/0	54/35/pc	Salt Lake City	48/29/0	48/27/sh
Cheyenne	51/34/0	57/25/pc	Los Angeles	80/59/0	66/50/pc	San Antonio	65/38/0	75/48/s
Chicago	30/23/0	35/24/s	Memphis	36/30/0	46/39/c	San Diego	80/54/0	65/53/pc
Cincinnati	31/27/0	34/24/pc	Miami	68/58/0	66/44/pc	San Francisco	58/52/0	59/44/c
Cleveland	27/23/0	27/18/st	Minneapolis	27/10/0	33/21/c	Seattle	55/50/0	50/34/c
Columbia SC	48/31/0	50/27/s	Mobile	47/30/0	54/33/s	Spokane	51/41/0	45/27/pc
Dallas	51/31/0	67/50/s	New Orleans	50/38/0	55/41/pc	Tampa	60/48/0	62/39/pc
Daytona Beach	61/42/0	57/35/pc	New York	40/34/0	42/29/c	Tucson	90/43/0	80/50/pc
Denver	50/26/0	62/30/c	Oklahoma City	47/22/0	66/46/pc	Washington	38/33/0	43/28/pc



WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 2003, the low temperature of -30 degrees at Marquette, Mich., is the lowest March temperature ever recorded for the city.

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INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
	Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/73/0	90/68/pc	La Paz	59/39/0	53/42/sh	Rio	82/73/0	86/73/s
Amsterdam	41/36/0	45/29/c	Lima	84/70/0	77/71/pc	Rome	63/46/0	54/41/s
Athens	na/na/na	53/41/r	London	41/36/0	46/32/pc	St. Thomas VI	82/68/0	82/76/pc
Auckland	73/63/0	77/64/pc	Madrid	55/27/0	50/36/c	San Juan PR	85/71/0	82/73/pc
Beijing	39/23/0	51/35/s	Mexico City	57/46/0	69/39/s	Santiago	86/46/0	86/63/s
Berlin	43/23/0	43/30/c	Montreal	32/28/0	31/27/sn	Seoul	36/25/0	39/32/pc
Buenos Aires	77/68/2.95	74/53/pc	Moscow	25/1/0	16/10/st	Singapore	90/77/85	88/77/r
Cairo	82/54/0	85/53/c	Nairobi	86/59/0	83/58/s	Sydney	72/63/0	73/68/sh
Geneva	31/34/0	46/32/pc	Nassau	68/61/0	72/63/sh	Tel Aviv	73/48/0	88/57/c
Havana	66/63/0	71/57/pc	New Delhi	77/52/0	81/57/s	Tokyo	52/41/0	47/39/pc
Helsinki	23/3/0	22/9/c	Oslo	45/28/0	34/28/pc	Toronto	25/18/0	27/21/st
Hong Kong	73/59/0	66/62/pc	Panama	88/79/0	88/79/t	Vienna	43/34/0	46/29/s
Kingston	82/75/0	73/66/sh	Paris	39/34/0	47/30/s	Warsaw	41/30/0	41/28/pc

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

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Sunday, March 3, 2013

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Section B

GAMES

Monday

■ Fort White High weightlifting vs. Taylor County High, Santa Fe High, Bronson High, 4 p.m.

■ Fort White High JV baseball vs. Gainesville High in Gainesville tournament, 4:30 p.m.

■ Columbia High JV baseball in Gainesville tournament, TBA (three games scheduled through Saturday)

Tuesday

■ Columbia High girls tennis vs. Gainesville High, 3:30 p.m.

■ Columbia High softball at Stanton Prep, 5 p.m.

■ Fort White High softball at Williston High, 6 p.m.

■ Fort White High baseball at Suwannee High, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

■ Columbia High softball vs. Suwannee High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

Thursday

■ Fort White High softball at P.K. Yonge School, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High baseball vs. Valdosta High, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High softball vs. Lafayette High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High JV baseball vs. North Marion High in Gainesville tournament, 7 p.m.

Friday

■ Columbia High baseball at Atlantic Coast High, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High baseball at Santa Fe High, 7 p.m.

Saturday

■ Fort White High baseball at Melody Christian Academy, 2 p.m.

BRIEFS

CHS FOOTBALL

Q-Back Club meeting Monday

The Columbia County Quarterback Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday in the Jones Fieldhouse.

For details, call Allen Masters at 292-0725.

T-BALL

Lake City league registration set

Registration for the Lake City Recreation Department T-ball program returning players is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Teen Town Recreation Center. New players will register on March 16. Age divisions are offered for 4-5 and 6-7. Proof of age is required at registration. Cost is \$50.

For details, call Heyward Christie at 754-3607.

MARTIAL ARTS

Gateway tourney on March 16

The inaugural Florida Gateway Challenge Open Martial Arts Tournament is 9 a.m. March 16 at Florida Gateway College. The event is sanctioned by the North American Sports Karate Association. Tickets are \$5 (children ages 3 and under are free).

For details, call Laura Lindboe at 623-0551 or Andy Horne at (352) 949-3669.

■ From staff reports



Florida's Casey Prather is fouled by Alabama's Levi Randolph (20) and Nick Jacobs (15) as he goes up for a shot during a game on Saturday. Florida won 64-52.

Florida rallies to beat Alabama

Prather leads Gators during comeback win.

By MARK LONG
 Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — No. 8 Florida showed the kind of resiliency that could come in handy in the postseason.

Casey Prather had 10 points and nine rebounds, most of them in the second half, and the Gators rallied from an eight-point deficit to beat Alabama 64-52 on Saturday.

The Gators used a 15-0 run late in the second half — fueled by Prather — to pull away from the Crimson Tide and remain unbeaten (14-0) at home.

Even though Florida won its 13 Southeastern Conference games by double digits, this one easily could have gone the

other way.

“Casey, thank God, gave us good minutes,” coach Billy Donovan said. “If he didn’t play well, we probably would have had a hard time winning the game.”

Erik Murphy led Florida (23-5, 13-3 SEC) with 15 points. Kenny Boynton added 13, and Scottie Wilbekin chipped in 11.

But there’s no doubt Prather was the key. He played relentless defense and was equally impressive on the other end. With Prather leading the way, Florida outscored Alabama 23-5 over the final 10 minutes of the game.

“I was definitely trying to bring energy because we looked a little dead offensively and defensively,” Prather said.

Trevor Releford led the Tide (19-10, 11-5) with 12 points. Trevor Lacey and Nick Jacobs added 11

points apiece.

Florida made just 2 of 13 shots from 3-point range, but made up for it by making 22 of 26 from the free-throw line.

Alabama was 4 of 10 from the charity stripe.

The Tide really went cold from the field, making just two baskets after taking a 45-37 lead with 12:23 remaining.

“You’ve got to be able to manufacture some offense,” coach Anthony Grant said. “We had opportunities that we let slip away.”

Missed shots, bad passes, charges, Alabama did a little bit of everything to give up the lead on the road. It was the complete opposite of what Alabama did right during a 14-4 run that put the Tide ahead.

“Defensively, we weren’t as locked in as we during

GATORS continued on 3B

Bounce-back win



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Hollianne Dohrn swings at a pitch while playing against Madison County Friday. Dohrn hit two home runs including a grand slam.

Dohrn leads Lady Tigers over Madison County

By BRANDON FINLEY
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If Columbia High was feeling the after-effects of its first loss this season, the Lady Tigers quickly

disposed of any negatives against Madison County High on Friday.

Columbia jumped out on the Cowgirls, 7-0, in the first inning on the way to a 15-0 win in four innings to get things back on track.

After Kayli Kvistad’s double play to get the Lady Tigers out of the top half of the first inning, Columbia’s bats went to work.

Tatum Morgan and Kvistad each reached on walks and Hollianne

Dohrn started off a seven-RBI night with a three-run homer in the first inning to give Columbia a 3-0 lead.

CHS continued on 3B



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Harrison Shubert throws a pitch during the first inning against Wakulla High on Sunday.

Tigers drop fifth game of season

Columbia falls to Wakulla High, 7-4, on Saturday.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Columbia High’s start to the 2013 baseball season hasn’t gone as expected and it didn’t get any better on Saturday.

The Tigers finished off a three-game stretch in three nights with their third loss in as many days.

Wakulla High came into Lake City and handed the Tigers a 7-4 loss during the afternoon affair.

Freshman Harrison Shubert got his first start in a varsity uniform against Wakulla and went 4 ²/₃ innings in the contest. He allowed three hits, walked three batters and struck out another. The freshman allowed four runs.

Columbia started the game with a 1-0 lead

TIGERS continued on 3B

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

TV sports

Today
AUTO RACING
2:30 p.m.
 FOX — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Subway Fresh Fit 500, at Avondale, Ariz.

CYCLING
3 p.m.
 NBCSN — Paris-Nice, prologue, at Houilles, France (same-day tape)

GOLF
9 a.m.
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Tshwane Open, final round, at Centurion, South Africa (same-day tape)

1 p.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, final round, at Palm Beach Gardens

3 p.m.
 NBC — PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, final round, at Palm Beach Gardens

7 p.m.
 TGC — LPGA, HSBC Women's Champions, final round, at Singapore (same-day tape)

BASEBALL
5 a.m.
 MLB — World Baseball Classic, first round, China vs. Japan, at Fukuoka, Japan 2:30 a.m.

MLB — World Baseball Classic, first round, China vs. Cuba, at Fukuoka, Japan

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
 ESPN — Purdue at Wisconsin

2 p.m.
 CBS — Florida St. at North Carolina

3:30 p.m.
 FSN — Washington St. at Washington

4 p.m.
 CBS — Michigan St. at Michigan

NBA BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
 ABC — Miami at New York

3:30 p.m.
 ABC — Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers

8 p.m.
 ESPN — Chicago at Indiana

NHL HOCKEY
12:30 p.m.
 NBC — Chicago at Detroit

7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Montreal at Boston

SOCCER
7:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — MLS, New York at Portland

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
2 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Saint Joseph's at Dayton

4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — North Carolina at Duke

Monday
BASEBALL
5:30 a.m.
 MLB — World Baseball Classic, first round, South Korea vs. Australia, at Taichung, Taiwan

11:30 p.m.
 MLB — World Baseball Classic, first round, Australia vs. Netherlands, at Taichung, Taiwan

3 a.m.
 MLB — World Baseball Classic, first round, Brazil vs. China, at Fukuoka, Japan

CYCLING
4:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Paris-Nice, stage 1, Saint-Germain-en-Laye to Nemours, France (same-day tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
 ESPN — Cincinnati at Louisville

9 p.m.
 ESPN — Baylor at Texas

NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh

SOCCER
2:55 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Premier League, Manchester City at Aston Villa

TENNIS
9 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Exhibition, BNP Paribas Showdown, Rafael Nadal vs. Juan Martin del Potro, at New York

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — UConn at Notre Dame
8 p.m.
 FSN — Kansas St. at Baylor

BASKETBALL

NBA schedule

Today's Games
 Miami at New York, 1 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
 Memphis at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Utah at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Toronto at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

AP Top 25 schedule

Today's Games
 No. 4 Michigan vs. No. 9 Michigan State, 4 p.m.
 No. 17 Wisconsin vs. Purdue, 1 p.m.
 No. 23 Pittsburgh vs. Villanova, Noon

BASEBALL

Spring Training

Today's Games
 Philadelphia (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, 1:05 p.m.

Houston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, 1:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 1:35 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Seattle vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Oakland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, 1:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.

Houston vs. Detroit at Lakeland, 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, 1:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 1:35 p.m.

L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.

Colorado vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Diego vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

World Baseball Classic

Today's Games
 Cuba vs. Brazil, 10:30 p.m.
 China vs. Japan, 5 a.m.

Netherlands vs. Taiwan, 1:30 a.m.
Monday's Games
 China vs. Cuba, 2:30 a.m.
 South Korea vs. Australia, 5:30 a.m.

AUTO RACING

Subway Fresh Fit lineup

At Phoenix International Raceway Avondale, Ariz.

Friday qualifying; race today
 (Car number in parentheses)

1. (55) Mark Martin, Toyota, 138.074 mph.

2. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 137.862.

3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 137.804.

4. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 137.673.

5. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 137.164.

6. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 137.143.

7. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 137.075.

8. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 136.924.

9. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 136.882.

10. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 136.861.

11. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 136.835.

12. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 136.731.

13. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 136.654.

14. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 136.602.

15. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 136.483.

16. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 136.364.

17. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 136.291.

18. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 136.266.

19. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 135.936.

20. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 135.89.

21. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 135.87.

22. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 135.44.

23. (51) A.J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 135.44.

24. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 135.267.

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26. (7) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 135.1.

27. (36) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 135.064.

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33. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 134.343.

34. (83) David Reutimann, Toyota, 133.814.

35. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 133.774.

36. (35) Josh Wise, Ford, 133.591.

37. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, Owner Points.

38. (33) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

39. (44) Scott Riggs, Ford, Owner Points.

40. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

41. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, Owner Points.

42. (32) Ken Schrader, Ford, Owner Points.

43. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, Owner Points.

HOCKEY

NHL schedule

Today's Game
 Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
 Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
 Colorado at Columbus, 3 p.m.

St. Louis at Dallas, 3 p.m.
 Carolina at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
 New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA HIGH SOCCER AWARDS



COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Tiger award winners at the Columbia High girls soccer recent banquet are (front row, from left): Brittany Lee, Academic Award; Keeley Murray, Most Valuable Player; Holly Boris, Coaches Award; Chase Broome, Academic Award; Kaitlyn Daniel, Most Valuable Player-defense; Delanie Redmond, Academic Award; assistant coach Scott Busby. Back row (from left) are: coach Ashley Griseck; Ellie Garica, Most Diversified Player; Jaime Vincent, Most Valuable Player-offense; Ashtyn Vincent, Most Valuable Player-defense; Sara Woodfield, Most Improved Player; Ashleigh Bridges, Coaches Award; Danielle Mathis, Tiger Spirit Award. All Academic Award winners have a 4.0 GPA.



COURTESY PHOTO

Columbia High's boys soccer banquet was at The Country Club at Lake City on Tuesday. Award winners (left to right) are: Tristan O'Steen, Most Improved and Academic Award; Alex Rhea, Most Outstanding Offensive Player; Dylan Sessions, Most Valuable Player; Travis Berry, Most Outstanding Defensive Player; Tucker Stanton, Tiger Pride Award; Rogelio Sosa, Coaches Award. Josh Wachua received an Academic Award.

Fort White softball has tough week on diamond

From staff reports

The Lady Indians softball team lost a 13-4 district game at Interlachen High on Friday.

Fort White lost 10-0 at Bradford High on Thursday in another district game.

The scheduled home game against Gainesville

High on Tuesday was rained out.

Fort White (1-6, 0-3) travels to Williston for a 6 p.m. district game on Tuesday.

Indians keep on winning

From staff reports

Fort White High's baseball team won a couple of tough road games last week, highlighted by a 3-0 shutout of Williston High in a District 5-4A matchup on Friday.

The Indians also beat Fernandina Beach 4-1 on Tuesday and improved to 6-1.

The Williston win was an early district showdown with Fort White improving to 3-0 in league play and the Red Devils (6-2) falling to 4-1.

Fort White's Robby Howell (3-1) pitched a complete game with three hits, two walks and seven strikeouts. Trent Johnson (2-1) took the loss for Williston.

The Indians broke open a scoreless game with three runs in the sixth inning. Kody Moniz, Kodey Owens and Tyler Parker scored for Fort White. Willie Carter and Howell had RBIs.

Kevin Dupree (double), Brandon Myers, Zach Gaskins, Carter and Howell had the hits for Fort White.

Dupree also had a double against the Pirates and drove in two runs. Lane

Pendergrast (run scored) and Moniz (stolen base, run scored) each had two hits. Howell and Owens also had hits. Brady Wilkinson (two walks, stolen base) and Myers scored runs.

Dupree notched the win with five innings of work.

He gave up two hits and one run with four walks and seven strikeouts. Rhett Willis got the save, pitching two innings with one hit and four strikeouts.

Fort White stays on the road with a 7 p.m. game Tuesday at Suwannee High.

JUMBLE

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

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Ans: A

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VIXEN SWUNG FELONY MISHAP

Answer: All the recent construction was turning the street into — AN "AVE-NEW"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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- 20 Eastern way
- 21 Hotel patron
- 24 Quiver contents
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- 30 Movie
- 32 Ad award
- 34 "You said it!"
- 36 Sock part
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- 39 Flashlight carrier

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- 4 Ungainly
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- 42 "Diamond Lil" star
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- 45 Gold brick
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- 49 Waterfalls
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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Kayli Kvistad throws to first base after getting a runner from Madison County High out at second base during a game on Friday.

CHS: Lady Tigers get bounce-back win on Friday

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The Lady Tigers then loaded the bases with Caliegh McCaulley reaching on a walk and Jessica Shimmel and Lauren Eaker reaching on base hits.

With the bases loaded, Brittany Morgan drew a walk to score McCaulley for a 4-0 lead.

Columbia batted around to the top of the order and Lacey King doubled to clear the bases and score Eaker, Shimmel and Brittany Morgan for a 7-0 lead after the first inning.

Columbia was equally efficient in the field. With Ashley Shoup on the mound, the Lady Tigers held the Cowgirls to only two hits in the game.

Madison County's Hope Smith had a hit to begin the game and Rachel Webb had a hit in the second inning.

Shoup finished the game with four innings of work to pick up the win.

After a scoreless second inning, the Lady Tigers went back to work on the scoreboard during the third inning.

It was the Lady Tigers' second seven-run inning of the game.

Columbia's first run of the third came with another bases-loaded walk to score a run.

Eaker, King and Tatum Morgan each reached on base hits, but no runners scored.

Kvistad drew the second of three walks on the evening and scored Eaker to give Columbia the 8-0 lead.

Dohrn followed with the rest of her seven RBIs in her next opportunity at the plate.

Dohrn hit a Grand Slam to score King, Tatum Morgan and Kvistad and give Columbia a 12-0 lead.

"I told her that when

she's hot she goes for the daily double," Columbia head coach Jimmy Williams said. "She only hits home runs in twos."

Columbia wasn't through in the third, however, and the Lady Tigers batted around for the second time on the night.

Eaker picked up the third of her three hits on a 3-for-3 night at the plate to score McCaulley and Shimmel to give Columbia a 14-0 lead, but Columbia wasn't able to finish off the Cowgirls in only three innings.

It would only take one more inning, however, and Erin Anderson did all the work.

Anderson doubled, stole third and a wild throw into the outfield on the steal attempt allowed her to reach home for the 15-0 mercy rule in the fourth inning.

Williams was happy with the way the Lady Tigers bounced back after their first loss of the season the night before especially at the plate.

"We had 10 RBIs between two players," Williams said. "That's awesome. The girls told me before the game that they were ready to get on another streak and I told them if we can win seven of every eight games, I'll be happy."

Columbia has a chance to pick up three more wins next week.

The Lady Tigers travel to Stanton Prep at 5 p.m. on Tuesday for a district contest.

Columbia will play on back-to-back nights to end the week at home. The Lady Tigers host Suwannee High at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and take on Lafayette High at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

GATORS: Beat Alabama

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that stretch," Lacey said.

The Gators gladly took advantage en route to clinching a first-round bye in the SEC tournament. Florida can secure the No. 1 seed by winning one of its remaining two games or having Kentucky lose later Saturday.

Donovan cared little about those accomplishments after the game. He was more concerned about his team's problems.

Florida used a 12-0 run to open up a double-digit lead early in the game, making this look like it would be another lopsided affair.

But the Gators stopped making shots and starting giving up baskets at every turn. It was concerning for Donovan because it's the kind of emotional letdown he has tried to rid his team of the last two years.

Instead of moving the ball and getting everyone involved, the Gators started taking ill-advised shots and trying to do too much.

"We've deviated from who we are and we've got to get back to that," Donovan said.

Getting healthy could help.

Bench players Will Yeguete and Michael Frazier II returned from injuries but clearly weren't at full strength. Yeguete

missed six games following arthroscopic surgery to remove loose bodies from his right knee, and Frazier sat out Tuesday night's loss at Tennessee because of a concussion. Frazier also missed two days of practice this week with back spasms.

Neither did much against the Tide.

Yeguete missed both shots, had one rebound and one turnover in 11 lackluster minutes. Frazier missed his only shot and had a turnover in 6 minutes.

"I couldn't get anything out of Frazier at all," Donovan said. "And Yeguete tells me after the game that he was absolutely petrified going out there."

Prather picked up the slack, a welcome sight for Florida since he's been banged up all season. He missed several games because of a concussion and a few more with a high-ankle sprain.

He banged his head against the Volunteers, needed stitches above his left eye and created concern about another concussion. He passed all his baseline tests, though, and turned in one of his best performances in three years.

"I thought we were a little drained," Donovan said.

JUMBLE

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

MURMY

CANET

VENLEE

COLTEK

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Ans: " " " " " "

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: FENCE DRINK PARLOR MYSTIC Answer: They needed one when they filmed the movie's bank robbery scene — A SECOND TAKE

TIGERS: Fall to Wakulla on Saturday

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through the first inning.

Levi Hollingsworth, who was hit by a pitch earlier in the inning, scored when Sam Bass reached on an error and Wakulla's throw attempt to first base got away.

Columbia held the 1-0 lead heading into the third inning, but Wakulla added two runs to take the lead. It was a lead it would not give up.

Dalton Dugger's ground ball to third scored Jeff Barnes off an error to tie the game 1-1.

Bryon Nichols delivered a sacrifice fly to left field to score Micah Gray for the 2-1 lead.

Columbia battled back in the bottom half of the inning with another run to tie the game at 2-2.

Hollingsworth delivered a base knock to score Caleb Vaughn, who reached earlier in the inning on a base hit.

Wakulla would retake the lead in the fourth inning when Barnes' hit scored Bailey Metcalf for a 3-2 advantage.

Wakulla added another run in the fifth with Jordan Franks scoring off a hit by Jay Estes.

Most of Wakulla's damage came in the sixth inning as three more runs scored.

Gray doubled to score Dequan Simmons for a 5-2 lead and Dugger delivered a hit to score Gray.

Franks finished the scoring for Wakulla off a wild pitch to take a 7-2 lead.

Down five runs in their final time at the plate,

Columbia didn't fold.

Dalton Mauldin and Alex Milton each had hits to begin the inning. Shubert then delivered with a hit into the outfield to score Mauldin and Milton and cut Wakulla's lead to 7-4.

It was as close as the Tigers would come, however, as the next two batters went down on strikes to end Columbia's chances.

The Tigers also lost, 10-5, against Lincoln High on Friday.

The Tigers have two games next week with their first game against Valdosta High out of Georgia at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Columbia travels to Atlantic Coast High at 7 p.m. on Friday for a district contest with the Stingrays.

Lady Tigers drop district contest against Forest

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Columbia High's Lady Tigers tennis team is young this year, but coach Tabatha McMahon believes they are growing.

Against one of the best teams in the Lady Tigers' district, despite the courts being swept, McMahon saw some of that growth.

"We were missing our No. 3, Tori Jackson, so

our No. 4 and No. 5 were playing up and really did a great job," McMahon said. "Chase Broome and Haley Wheeler's scores don't really reflect the multitude of times that they went to deuce in their games. Gimenez was down 1-6 and came back with a tremendous rally, but wasn't quite able to close it out. This just shows our ability and heart. I'm proud and excited to continue to see where we grow."

Heather Benson lost 2-8 in the No. 1 singles match, while Gimenez fell 7-9, Broome fell 4-8 and Wheeler fell 1-8. Shelby McRae fell 1-8 in the No. 5 singles match.

In doubles, Benson and Gimenez fell 3-8 in the top-seeded doubles match while Broome and Wheeler fell 1-8 in their doubles match.

Columbia hosts Gainesville High at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "We Bought a —"</p> <p>4 Prospector's quest</p> <p>8 Resin</p> <p>11 Every</p> <p>13 Wheel centers</p> <p>14 Artist Yoko</p> <p>15 Jazzy — James</p> <p>16 An ocean</p> <p>18 Stuns</p> <p>20 Fjord port</p> <p>21 Green parrot</p> <p>22 Carbondale sch.</p> <p>24 Bowler's hangout</p> <p>27 Dins</p> <p>30 Waterfall sound</p> <p>31 Military cap</p> <p>32 Tainted</p> <p>34 Piers Morgan's channel</p> <p>35 Gets the picture</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Zorro's marks</p> <p>2 Court ritual</p> <p>3 Eight, to Livy</p> <p>4 Tibet's capital</p> <p>5 Ump's call</p>	<p>36 Hamster home</p> <p>37 Swirled</p> <p>39 More arid: Var.</p> <p>40 Coffee vessel</p> <p>41 Really tiny</p> <p>42 Gin flavoring</p> <p>45 Mountaineer's tool (2 wds.)</p> <p>49 Letter containers</p> <p>53 Kirkuk native</p> <p>54 Approves</p> <p>55 Sly tactic</p> <p>56 Smelting waste</p> <p>57 "You don't say!"</p> <p>58 At a distance</p> <p>59 Decorate Easter eggs</p>	<p>6 Two-bagger (abbr.)</p> <p>7 NASA counterpart</p> <p>8 Oodles</p> <p>9 Indigo plant</p> <p>10 Ms. Chanel</p>	<p>12 Cyber crook</p> <p>17 Entre —</p> <p>19 Islet</p> <p>22 Soaks (up)</p> <p>23 Livy's trio</p> <p>24 Joan of —</p> <p>25 Solitary</p> <p>26 Dock</p> <p>27 Must-have</p> <p>28 Auction site</p> <p>29 Philosopher</p> <p>31 Piercing</p> <p>33 "The," to Wolfgang</p> <p>35 Knight's title</p> <p>36 Streams</p> <p>38 Fencing match</p> <p>39 Calendar abbr.</p> <p>41 Less foolish</p> <p>42 Polluted air</p> <p>43 Fish habitat</p> <p>44 River to the Seine</p> <p>46 "— Lang Syne"</p> <p>47 Cavity detector (hyph.)</p> <p>48 Advantage</p> <p>50 Car grill cover</p> <p>51 —</p> <p>52 Wiedersehen</p> <p>52 Cookie selling org.</p>
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Tigers serving up the court



Columbia High's Octavious Buiey watches as the ball sails over the net during a doubles match against Vanguard High.

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Brandon LaVance approaches the net as he attempts to make an easy score.

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Columbia High's Carter Jackson reaches for the ball while playing against Vanguard High on Tuesday.

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George Parker looks to score a point during a district match against Vanguard.

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Columbia High's Tejas Jivan returns a serve while playing against Vanguard High on Tuesday.

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Lady Tigers net gains



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Columbia High's Chase Broome returns a serve while playing a singles match against Buchholz High Tuesday.



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Columbia High's Paula Gimenez waits to strike the ball across the court during a match against Buchholz High on Tuesday.



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Columbia High's Heather Benson eyes her opponent as she returns a serve.



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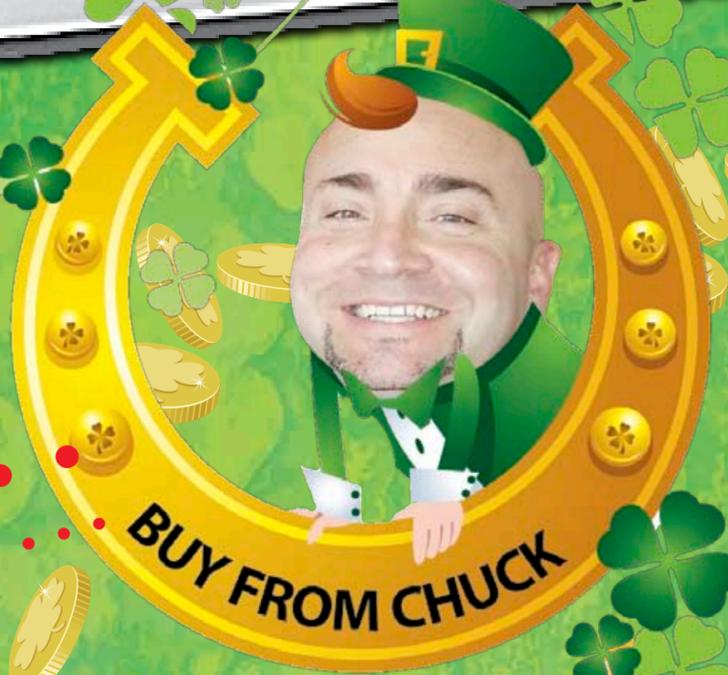
Tori Jackson waits for the ball to reach her during a match against Buchholz High on Tuesday.



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Paula Gimenez eyes the ball as it sails across the court during a singles match against Buchholz High.

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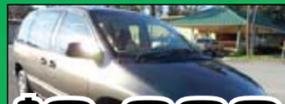
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Section C

Kooky fundraiser, great cause

LCMS team hoping to 'flush away cancer.'

By TONY BRITT

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None is going to get famous by flushing a toilet, but local group has devised a way to get a profit from making other people flush away an obnoxious Purple Potty.

However, a Columbia County Relay for Life team has enlisted the use of a Purple Potty to secure funds for the American Cancer Society.

The Lake City Middle School Relay For Life team has been collecting donations to have a sealed purple commode placed at local businesses and homes as a fundraiser.

When the Purple Potty is placed at someone's home or business, the person can "flush" the potty to the next person. After two days of having the Purple Potty, the person can pay \$25 to have it left at a friend's place of business or yard.

People can also pay \$15 to have the potty immediately removed.

Kate Tyre, a Lake City Middle School receptionist and the school's Relay For Life team captain, said the school's team held a successful cake auction in February and they were looking for another fundraising idea that was non-traditional when Tyre learned about the Purple Potty.

"I wanted to do something fun and a little different," she said. "I looked the Relay for Life Web site and found the Purple Potty



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The Lake City Reporter staff poses next to the Purple Potty, a decorated toilet used to help raise funds for the Lake City Middle School Relay-for-Life team. Pictured are (front row, from left) ad director Theresa Westberry, circulation clerk Amber Anderson, accounting clerk Vickie Busscher, account executive Eileen Bennett, (back row) reporter Derek Gilliam, circulation director Mandy Brown, composers Christine Davenport and Emma Graham and Associate Editor Jim Barr.

and said that's something we can do that's fun."

The potty was delivered to its first business Wednesday, Feb. 27.

"I already have five people on my list for it to go to," Tyre said.

"I've received a fabulous

response from everybody I've mentioned it to. Everybody really thinks it's a wonderful idea and they try to send it to friends. It's kind of a fun way to be able to challenge people to donate to such a great cause as Relay for

Life." Everybody that gets the Purple Potty has the opportunity to send it to another business or their friend.

"It can go to a person's home and we'll put it in their yard, or at the busi-

ness and I'll put it outside the business or in the office," Tyre said.

The Lake City Middle School's fundraising goal is \$3,000 and the campaign will run until April 26, when the Relay For Life ceremony is held.

"We'll have the Purple Potty at our campsite during the event," Tyre said.

For Purple Potty removal services or to schedule to have it taken to its next step call Kate Tyre at 758-4800 (day) or 497-4789 (evening).



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Dietz Werland works on the assembly line at the Chrysler transmission plant in Kokomo, Ind. A surge in manufacturing growth in February spurred hopes the economy can withstand the negative effects of tax increases and government spending cuts inflicted by politicians.

Jump in factory growth lifts hopes for economy

Factory output increased sharply during February.

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Busier factories and growing optimism among consumers could help the U.S. economy withstand the drag from government spending cuts and tax increases this

year. Manufacturing grew in February at the fastest pace in 20 months, according to a report Friday from the Institute for Supply Management. And a survey from the University of Michigan showed that consumer sentiment rose last month to its highest level since November.

The two reports follow other data that show strength in job growth and the housing market.

Americans even spent a bit more in January compared with December, despite a sharp drop in income that partly reflected higher taxes.

"Consumers are spending, confidence is rising and manufacturing activity is accelerating," Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors, said in a note to clients. "Just about all of today's reports

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Q Might a company that rakes in a lot of money still be a bad investment? — L.D., Worcester, Mass.

A It's possible. Remember that the money a company takes in (its revenue, or sales) is its top line. Before you get to its bottom line of profits, you have to take out expenses, such as salaries, supplies and taxes. It's critical to know how much (if anything) the company keeps as profit, and whether important numbers, such as sales and profits, are increasing.

Arch Coal, for example, has had average annual revenue growth of more than 12 percent over the past five years, and growth has accelerated. But its earnings have been uneven and recently entered negative territory.

That's worrisome, but ailing companies can be good investments sometimes — if they turn themselves around. Study their financial reports, see if they're gaining or losing market share, how strong their competitive advantages are, how much faith you have in their management and whether their futures seem promising.

Look for red flags such as major legal problems or investigations into accounting. Or just skip them and focus instead on profitable firms. Coal companies have struggled lately, in part due to low natural gas prices.

Q What do the terms "bull" and "bear" mean? — H.H., Madison, Ind.

A Someone is "bullish" if he expects a particular stock or the market to go up. A bear is pessimistic, expecting a drop. No one can know what the market will do in the short term, but its long-term trend has been up, so we're long-term bulls. Over many decades, the stock market has averaged about 10 percent per year — despite market crashes, world wars and the Great Depression.

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Finding a Good Tax Pro

Preparing your own tax return can be a challenge, owing to the complexity of the tax code. It makes sense to hire a pro to do it, as she might be able to save you some big bucks by helping you take advantage of available credits or deductions.

Choose a pro carefully, though, perhaps beginning by seeking referrals. Then ask for an interview. The accountant should be willing to discuss and assess your situation for free before you strike any agreement.

Ask questions such as these:

- How big is your firm? (How important will your business be to the company?)
- What are your fees and billing policies? (Ask for an estimate.)
- Who exactly will be preparing my taxes — you or someone else? Whom do I approach with questions?
- What are your continuing professional education requirements, and how many hours do you normally

take each year? (Someone exceeding the requirements is a good sign.)

• What research material do you use and subscribe to? (Answers such as "CCH," "Research Institute" and "BNA" are encouraging. If the answer is merely the current Federal Tax Handbook, that's a red flag. Some of us have complicated tax issues that require deep research. You don't want your tax geek just giving it his best shot. Being correct is always best when dealing with the IRS.)

• If my return is audited, will you represent me before the IRS? (Ideally, he should go instead of you, not with you. If the accountant sources out the audit work, think twice before signing up. If he insists that you also be present at an audit, think a third time.)

• When will you be able to complete the work? Also, select someone with whom you're comfortable. Someone might be the best tax technician, but if you aren't comfortable with him, you might not provide all the information he needs to do a good job for you. Learn more at fool.com/taxes.

My Dumbest Investment

A Shrinking Gift

My dumbest investment was one of my first. In May 1996, I received \$15,000 to invest from family overseas. I put the money into six different mutual funds for diversification. The largest chunk went into a "Giftrust" fund in my infant daughter's name because it sounded "safe." Over several years, the fund managed to safely lose the money at the rate of minus-4.2 percent per year — despite the fact that the fund was marketed as a safe way to gift money to the grandkids for college.

What makes a bad decision worse is that the money can't be withdrawn, due to the unique nature of the fund — B.T., Fort Worth, Texas

The Fool Responds: A key lesson here is to be sure you understand the terms of your investments. Money invested through regular brokerage accounts remains accessible to you. Money invested in many retirement accounts such as IRAs is subject to specific withdrawal rules and likely penalties for early withdrawal. Your fund was likely an irrevocable trust. Stock investments aren't the "safest" ones, but good ones tend to rise over long periods.

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

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ECONOMY: Factories surge

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point to an economy on the rise."

Businesses and consumers appear to be shrugging off changes in federal policy that will likely slow the still-weak economy.

In January, Congress and the White House struck a deal that allowed Social Security taxes to rise on most Americans. The deal also raised income taxes for the nation's top earners.

And across-the-board spending cuts are set to begin Friday. The cuts could reduce government purchases and lead to temporary layoffs of government employees and contractors. They're expected to shave about a half-percentage point from economic growth this year.

"Many Americans are tired of the political wrangling and bickering," Chris Christopher, an economist at IHS Global Insight, said. "A certain level of political crisis fatigue has set in."

The economic data Friday was mostly positive:

■ The Institute for Supply Management said its index of factory activity rose last month to 54.2, the highest since June 2011. Any reading above 50 indicates growth. The report showed a jump in new orders, higher production and more hiring at factories. Manufacturing has grown for three straight months, indicating that factories could help the economy after slumping through most of 2012.

■ The University of Michigan measure of consumer sentiment rose to 77.6, the second straight monthly increase. The rebound in consumer confidence, seen in both the Michigan survey and another survey from Conference Board, suggests that some consumers have begun

to adjust to smaller paychecks.

■ Consumers increased spending 0.2 percent in January from December but cut back on major purchases such as autos and appliances. Income plunged 3.6 percent, though it followed a jump in December driven by dividends and bonuses paid early to avoid higher income taxes. The increase in Social Security taxes also lowered after-tax income.

■ Spending on U.S. construction projects fell in January by the largest amount in 18 months, the Commerce Department said. Still, that the decline followed a nearly 10 percent increase in construction spending in 2012, the first annual gain after five years of declines.

Investors seemed to focus Friday on the gains in manufacturing. Stocks rebounded after the ISM survey was released. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 35 points, overcoming an early loss of 116 points.

One reason for optimism is that the job market is looking better.

Employers have added an average of 200,000 jobs a month from November through January. That was up from about 150,000 in the previous three months. And a drop in weekly applications for unemployment benefits suggests that employers have stepped up hiring further in February.

Some employers are even willing to pay more: After stagnating since the recession ended, hourly pay has been rising faster than inflation for the past three months. If such pay increases continue, they will help blunt the impact of the higher Social Security taxes.

Unions suffer sharp decline in membership during 2012

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Union membership plummeted last year to the lowest level since the 1930s as cash-strapped state and local governments shed workers and unions had difficulty organizing new members in the private sector despite signs of an improving economy.

Government figures showed union membership declined from 11.8 percent to 11.3 percent of the workforce, another blow to a labor movement already stretched thin by battles in Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and other states to curb bargaining rights and weaken union clout.

Overall membership fell by about 400,000 workers to 14.4 million, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. More than half the loss, about 234,000, came from government workers, including teachers, firefighters and public administrators.

But unions also saw losses in the private sector even as the economy created 1.8 million new jobs in 2012. That membership rate fell from 6.9 percent to 6.6 percent, a troubling sign for the future of organized labor, as job growth generally has taken place at nonunion companies.

"To employers, it's going to look like the labor movement is ready for a knockout punch," said Gary Chaison, professor of industrial relations at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. "You can't be a movement and get smaller."

Union membership



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This scene during unsuccessful protests at the state Capitol in Madison, Wis., in February 2012 by unionized state employees was just one example of the decline of labor unions last year. The nation's labor unions suffered sharp declines in membership last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, led by losses in the public sector as cash-strapped state and local governments laid off workers and — in some cases — limited collective bargaining rights.

was 13.2 percent in 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act. Labor's ranks peaked in the 1950s, when about 1 of every 3 workers was in a union. By 1983, roughly 20 percent of U.S. workers were union members.

Losses in the public sector are hitting unions particularly hard because that has been one of the few areas where membership had grown over the past two decades. About 51 percent of union members work in government, where the rate of union membership is 37 percent, more than five times higher than in the private sector.

Until recently, there had been little resistance to unions organizing government workers. But that began to change

when Republican Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin signed a law in 2011 eliminating most union rights for government workers. The state lost about 46,000 union members last year, the vast majority in the public sector.

The recession that began in 2008 also led to much deeper cuts in state and local government than any previous recession, according to a report this month from the Nelson Rockefeller Institute of Government at the State University of New York at Albany.

Since August 2008, state government employment has declined by 135,000, while local government employment fell by 546,000.

Teachers unions were among the hardest hit, with the ranks of

unionized public school teachers and educators falling by 123,000 last year. Dennis Van Roekel, president of the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union, accused politicians who cut public education funding of "inflicting tremendous harm to our nation's 50 million students and risking our children's future."

Despite the steady membership decline, unions remain a potent political force because of the money they spend helping union-friendly candidates seeking public office. Unions spent more than \$400 million during the 2012 election cycle to support President Barack Obama's re-election, keep a Democratic majority in the Senate and aid other state and local candidates.

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TECHNOLOGY

Companies find mobile money a hard sell

Consumers slow to warm up to idea of digital payment.

By PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

BARCELONA, Spain — Mobile money may seem like a hot concept, but consumers aren't warming to it.

At the world's largest cellphone trade show, here in Barcelona this week, the 70,000 attendees are encouraged to use their cellphones — instead their keycards — to get past the turnstiles at the door. But very few people took the chance to do that. The process of setting up the phone to act as a keycard proved too much of a hassle.

It's a poor omen for an industry that's eager to have the cellphone replace both tickets and credit cards. Companies are building chips antennas into phones that let the gadgets interact with "tap to pay" terminals and other devices equipped with short-range sensors, like subway turnstiles. But getting the technology to do something useful and convincing people to adopt it is a slow process.

To make a payment in a store with your cellphone, "you need a lot of things to align," said Reed Peterson, who heads the Near-Field Communications initiative for the GSM Association, a global trade group for the wireless industry. The phone needs to be properly equipped with NFC hardware and software; the store needs to have the proper equipment and training. The phone company needs to support the



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A man uses the NFC payment Visa system at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile phone trade show, in Barcelona, Spain, on Wednesday. Companies are finding it difficult to convince consumers to buy into mobile money.

transaction, and banks and payment processors need to be in on it.

Some of these things have fallen into place, Peterson said, but the network of commercial agreements that supports these payments needs to expand. And consumer demand remains elusive.

"I want to get to the point where the consumer goes into the store and says 'Show me only the phones that have NFC,'" Peterson said.

Today, a buyer is quite likely to go into a store and ask for an

iPhone, and that's an obstacle to NFC adoption. Apple Inc. is the lone holdout among major smartphone makers, and hasn't built NFC into any of its devices yet.

Visa, the global payments network, announced a coup at the show: it has struck a deal with Samsung Electronics to take charge of the "secure element" in the next flagship phone from the South Korean company. The Galaxy S IV is expected to be launched at an event in New York on Mar. 14, though the name has not been confirmed.

The "secure element" is sort

of like a safe inside the phone. Whoever controls access to it decides which credit cards, transit passes or other verified "documents" the phone can store. A bank that wants to let customers use their Samsung smartphones as virtual credit cards will have to go through Visa.

Control of the secure element is a crucial battleground for NFC. The GSMA, which is dominated by cellphone carriers, advocates putting the secure element not in the phone itself, but in the subscriber identity module, or SIM card, which plugs into the phone

to identify the user and supply a phone number to the network. SIM cards are issued and controlled by the carriers who would like to be the ones in control of the secure element.

While Visa, phone companies and Google (which has its own payment initiative) duel over the secure element, eBay Inc.'s PayPal is wondering what all the fuss is about. The online payment network thinks NFC is a lot more trouble than it's worth. The company isn't afraid to say so at the wireless industry tradeshow.

"If you want to change something, you have to solve problems that people have in everyday life," said David Marcus, the president of PayPal. "It's not like everyone is thinking 'Oh, I wish someone came up with something better'" than paper money and credit cards.

PayPal is putting a lot of effort into making cellphones central to the way we shop, but is focusing itself, rather than payments. The company's ideal vision for buying a cup of coffee:

You pull out your phone on the way to the store, fire up PayPal's app to order your double-skim latte and pay for it in advance. When you arrive at the counter, the barista has your picture and your coffee, and gives it to you right away. Then you're out the door.

Thirty years ago, Marcus said, store clerks knew the people in their neighborhood and greeted them by name.

"We think with this technology, we could recreate that personal connection," he said. "We feel this is going to leapfrog the efforts of NFC."



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Trader John Panin works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks ended the week higher, despite the federal budget cuts taking effect.

Stocks close higher despite budget cuts

By MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — An encouraging manufacturing report nudged the stock market higher Friday, giving it a slight gain for the week, even as a deadline for avoiding sweeping government spending cuts loomed.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 35.17 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 14,089.66.

It was down as much as 117 points in early trading but recovered following news that U.S. manufacturing expanded in February at the fastest pace since June 2011. The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index reached 54.2, up from January's reading of 53.1. Any reading above 50 signals growth.

President Barack Obama summoned congressional leaders to the White House for a meeting aimed at avoiding the \$85 billion in across-the-board spending cuts set to kick in Friday. The cuts are part of a 10-year, \$1.5 trillion deficit reduction plan that was designed to be so distasteful to both Democrats and Republicans that they would be forced to drum up a longer-term budget deal.

Any agreement between the White House and Congress on the spending cuts could drive the mar-

ket up next week, regardless of whether investors consider it a good deal or not, said Stephen Carl, head equity trader at The Williams Capital Group in New York.

"The lack of clarity is the problem," he said. "I think it will be a positive for the market just as long as there's concrete news."

In other Friday trading, the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.52 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,518.20. The Nasdaq composite gained 9.55 points, 0.3 percent, to 3,169.74.

All three indexes ended higher for the week: The Dow rose 0.6 percent, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq each rose about 0.2 percent.

The Dow came within 15 points of its record close of 14,164 on Thursday before sliding back and ending the day lower.

Oil and gas companies fell Friday as the price of crude sank to its lowest level of the year.

Halliburton, Peabody Energy and other energy stocks were among the biggest losers in the S&P 500. Benchmark U.S. crude oil dropped below \$91 a barrel.

Americans' incomes fell 3.6 percent in January, the worst one-month drop in 20 years, the Commerce Department said Friday. U.S. consumers increased spending modestly in January but cut back on major purchases.

US auto sales power ahead

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT — Americans want new cars and trucks, and they're not letting higher gas prices or political dysfunction stand in their way.

New car and truck sales were up 4 percent in February as rising home construction and cheap financing kept the U.S. auto recovery on track. While the pace of growth is slowing, industry analysts expect more gains in the coming months, saying there's little that could derail demand for new cars.

Car buyers have already shrugged off higher Social Security taxes, which cut their take-home pay starting in January. Gas prices — which rose 36 cents to \$3.78 per gallon in February — didn't change their habits, either. And they ignored the debate over automatic spending cuts that were due to take effect Friday.

"Quite frankly, we think most of America is getting a little tired of hearing about some of the dysfunction," said Kurt McNeil, General Motors Co.'s U.S. sales chief. "We think the fundamentals are strong and that's what's important, and that's what's driving the economy."

February sales hit an annualized rate of 15.4 million cars and trucks. That's still short of the recent peak of close to 17 million in 2005, but it's quite healthy compared with the anemic 10.4 million recorded during the recession in 2009.

The industry isn't likely to see the double-digit monthly gains it saw last year, when Japanese automakers came roaring back after the 2011 earthquake in Japan. Instead, auto companies are settling in for a period of slower but sustained growth.

"All of the automakers are in good, strong positions, so it's harder to get those share gains," said Lacey Plache, chief economist with the auto buying



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Meredith Havens looks at Volkswagens at a dealership in Richardson, Texas. Industry analysts expect February's sales to be up about 7 percent from a year earlier as pent-up demand and cheap financing kept the U.S. auto sales recovery powering along. Volkswagen reported its best February since 1973.

site Edmunds.com.

Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for LMC Automotive, a Detroit forecasting firm, raised his full-year sales forecast Friday from 15.1 million to 15.2 million. He said U.S. spending cuts could impact auto sales toward the end of the year, but he doesn't expect that to happen.

"Beyond that or some other external shock, I think it's full-speed ahead," Schuster said.

Truck sales boomed in February as more new homes were built. McNeil said GM's pickup sales to small businesses were up 40 percent from a year ago, which is a strong signal of confidence in the underlying economy.

"This is probably the beginning of the strong comeback of trucks that we're going to see for the rest of year," said Jesse Toprak, a senior industry analyst with the car buying site TrueCar.com.

To keep up that momentum, GM announced that it will offer free scheduled maintenance for two years or 24,000 miles on its full-size Chevrolet and GMC trucks. The offer runs through April.

GM's sales rose 7 percent to their highest

February level since 2008. Chevrolet Silverado pickup sales jumped 29 percent, which helped make up for faltering sales of cars like the Chevrolet Malibu and Cruze.

Ford Motor Co.'s sales increased 9 percent. Ford reported a 15-percent gain for its F-Series pickups, which are the best-selling vehicles in the U.S. The company also posted record February totals for the Escape SUV and Fusion sedan. Fusion sales were up 28 percent and Escape sales rose 29 percent.

Ford said it plans to increase North American production by 9 percent in the second quarter compared with the same period in 2012.

Toyota's sales were up just over 4 percent, with strong sales of the RAV4 small SUV and Avalon large sedan. Tundra pickup sales also jumped 16 percent. Despite higher gas prices, sales of the Prius hybrid were down 13.5 percent.

Plache said buyers are getting used to paying nearly \$4 per gallon at the pump. Gas prices have topped \$3.90 per gallon in each of the past two years.

"People go right back to what they were buying before. They start buying

big stuff again," she said. Sales of the Ford Explorer midsize SUV, for example, were up 59 percent and nearly outsold the Prius.

Honda's sales fell 2 percent. Sales of the new Accord jumped 35 percent, but that couldn't offset big declines for the CR-V crossover and Civic small car.

Automakers spent less on discounts and deals, which cut into their profits and brand image. Discounts in February averaged \$2,392 per vehicle, down almost 4 percent from a year ago, TrueCar said.

But low interest rates offset that. The average four-year auto loan has a 2.5 percent interest rate, according to Bankrate.com. That's about half of what it was five or six years ago. On a \$20,000 loan, that means a monthly payment of \$438, down \$23 from a 5 percent loan.

Geoff Pohanka, who runs 13 auto dealerships in the Virginia and Maryland suburbs around Washington, said he didn't see any ill effects from the budget debate last month — even though he's in an area that could be hit hard by government employee furloughs.

"We feel pretty good about the spring," he said.

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Section D

TASTE BUDDIES



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Creative dining spot in Live Oak

Carole Keppers of McAlpin wrote to us on our email address and suggested we try All Decked Out in Live Oak. From her description of the specials, we were anxious to give it a try. So, Carol Sheridan joined us and we did.

Located next to the courthouse at 302 S. Ohio Ave., it is at the site of an old filling station. Outdoor seating is planned for out front when the weather improves.

The atmosphere is beachy eclectic to match the name, with a surfboard on one wall and other beach memorabilia scattered about. Small lamps on the tables added a special touch.

TASTE continued on 3D

NATIONAL HONOR

High-grade singer

Local fifth-grader picked to sing at national event.

By DEREK GILLIAM
dgilliam@lakecityreporter.com

Not often does a Columbia County elementary student represent the state at a national event, but a fifth-grader at Westside Elementary will.

Thomas Beardsley was the sole Floridian selected to sing at the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Conference held in Hartford, Conn.

Thomas' chorus teacher at Westside, Cynthia Tickel, said the 10-year-old has been singing in music class for years, but only recently joined the chorus at the school.

"He has a very clear singing voice, and for his age, a very wide range," Tickel said.

Thomas said he will sing as an alto at the OAKE conference March 23.

A total of 458 elementary, middle and high school students from across the United States were selected to participate in four choirs at the conference



COURTESY PHOTO

Westside Elementary School fifth-grader Thomas Beardsley is the only Floridian selected to sing at the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Conference in Hartford, Conn., March 23. He will be traveling there with his chorus teacher, Cynthia Tickel (right), and his mother, Christine Beardsley.

How to help

■ Donations toward Thomas Beardsley's trip expenses can be made at any First Federal Bank of Florida location.

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Ensemble.

The students were chosen from 143 cities and 32 states. In Connecticut, they will participate in four days of intensive rehearsals.

The Children's Choir will also sing before the start of the 5K Sandy

Hook Run for the Families to honor the victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting. The race is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. on the same day as the OAKE conference and will be held about half a mile from the conference hotel.

Thomas' mother,

Christine Beardsley, said he hasn't been performing in front of people for long, but sang in the shower sometimes and loves music.

"His teachers picked up on the fact he could really

SINGER continued on 2D

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HAPPENINGS

Births

Truett Michael Grene

Michael Greene and Kaylen Brehm of Lake City have welcomed a son, Truett Michael Grene.

The infant was born Oct. 23 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He weighed 3 pounds, 3 ounces and was 15 3/4 inches long.

Trett has two siblings, Kyndall Reed, 9, and Trenton Davis, 6.

His grandparents are Bob and Olivia Greene, Tony and Joyce Bertolotti and Gary Brehm. Great-grandparents include Mary Etta Feagle and the late Cline Fleagle; Anna Green and the late Robert Greene; Caroline and Joe Brown; and Virginia Brehm and the late Alvin Brehm.



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Truett Michael Grene.

weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Karla and Thomas Nichols of Mayfield, Ky., and Deana Harper and James Harper, both of Lake City.

Case James Harper

Jade Ryan Nichols and Dylan Reed Harper of Mayfield, Ky., have welcomed a son, Case James Harper.

The infant was born Feb. 1. He

Autum Newberry Neal McDaniel set wedding date

Roger and Lisa Newberry of Lake City are pleased to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Autumn Lynn Newberry, to Neal Franklin McDaniel, son of Danny and Ellen McDaniel of Wytheville, Va.

Autumn is the granddaughter of Hubert and Carol Pennington of Pinetta and Florence Newberry and the late James Newberry of Madison. Autumn graduated from Columbia High School in 2003. She earned her bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of North Florida in 2007 and received her M.B.A. from the University of North Florida in 2008. She is employed with Fidelity Investments in Jacksonville.

Neal is the grandson of the late Paul and Madge Breeding and the late W.C.



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Autumn Newberry and Neal McDaniel.

and Radie McDaniel all of Wytheville, Va. Neal graduated from George Wythe High School in 2001. He earned both of bachelor's degrees in business marketing and management finance in 2005 from Virginia Tech University and received his master's degree in sports marketing administration

from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2007.

He is employed as a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Fleming Island.

The couple will be married at the Historic Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach on March 16.



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Stella and Buford Ring recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary.

Rings celebrate 71st anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. Buford Ring of Lake City recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary.

Charles Buford Ring and Stella Litton were married Feb. 19, 1942, in St. Paul, Va.

Buford served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War, receiving two Bronze Star medals.

They moved to Lake City in 1974 after Buford retired from Clinchfield Coal Co. in Dante, Va. Buford worked for OXY of White Springs until his retirement in 1985.

They have three children: Nancy Charlene Ring of Lake City; Susan Ring (Wynn) Hasty of Colonial Heights, Va.; and Chuck (Joy) Ring of Lebanon, Va.

They have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Record numbers visit Florida during 2012

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE—Florida's tourism marketing corporation is reporting a record 89.3 million visitors came to the state in 2012.

Officials said that the number of visitors in Florida last year represented an increase of 2.3 percent over 2011 when 87.3 million people visited.

Visit Florida, the state's marketing arm, estimated

in its annual report that 10.2 million overseas visitors and 3.6 million Canadians came to the Sunshine State in 2012. The firms said tourism- and recreation-related taxable sales increased 6.9 percent.

The agency reported the number of domestic visitors to Florida increased by 1.2 percent while more than 20 million Floridians took vacations inside the state's borders.

SINGER: Student excels

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sing," she said.

Kodaly, pronounced ko-DAY-lee, is a style of music that focuses on the voice.

Thomas plays guitar, but because of his selection to the Children Chior, he has been hard at work perfecting his singing voice.

"Every single Tuesday I practice with my teacher," Thomas said. "Every chance I get, I try to practice, practice, practice. If anybody wants to sing, they should try and practice until you get better."

He said he first sang in front of people at his church, and it made him a little nervous.

"I didn't want to sing because I'm was not a big fan of singing in front of people," he said.

Tickel said he quickly overcame stage fright and performs well in front of people.

"It doesn't faze him at

all," she said.

While the honor of performing in the chior is great, the trip will be expensive. Tickel, Chirstine Beardsley and Thomas will have to fly to Connecticut on March 19. The registration fee was \$220, the plane ticket was \$250 and the hotel is \$149 a night, Chirstine Beardsley said.

She said there's no money in the school district's budget to send students to national music conferences. A benefit account has been created at First Federal Bank, and if enough money is raised, she said, the excess funds will be left with Tickel to for future students.

Thomas said he doesn't think about the finances. He just likes to sing.

"I feel good because when I sing, it makes me happy, and singing makes people happy," he said.



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Bbbie Hartsfield and Jim Watkins.

Bobbie Hartsfield, Jim Watkins to wed Saturday

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'Bourbon trail' proves popular

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A record-breaking 500,000-plus people visited distilleries along Kentucky's bourbon trail in 2012, marking a 15 percent increase over the year before.

The director of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail tourism attraction said in a news release Monday that the new attendance record was 509,292. It is the first time since the trail opened in 1999 that the number of visitors broke the half-million mark.

Adam Johnson says visitors came from all 50 states and more than 50 countries.

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail is a tour that features six whiskey major distilleries in five different cities, including Four Roses and Wild Turkey in Lawrenceburg.

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3	Home & Patio Show	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
4	Winn Dixie	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
5	Hardee's	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5	Anderson Columbia	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
6	Ring Power	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
6	Subway on SR47	6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
7	Union Correctional Staff	11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
8	Columbia Correctional Staff	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
9	Fast Track Foods Lake Butler	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
9	Lake City Internet Services	4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
10	Guangdong	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11	Walmart (every other Monday)	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
12	Hardee's at Lake City Mall	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
12	UPS by the Airport	4:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
13	Windsong Apartments	12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
13	Hopeful Baptist Church	5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
14	Columbia Bank - SR47	10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
14	Columbia Bank - Downtown	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
15	Beef O'Brady's	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
15	Gateway Pro Rodeo	5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
16	Gateway Pro Rodeo	2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
17	Gateway Pro Rodeo	12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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19	Windsor Arms	3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
20	Shands Lake Shore	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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29	Cinema 90	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
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Interior Design

Put your personality in your workspace

Office cubicles can be adapted to personal tastes.

By JENNIFER FORKER
Associated Press

We focus so much energy turning a house into a home, we sometimes forget to aim our decorating genius in another notable direction: the office cubicle.

Home often expresses who we are, filled as it is with accumulated treasures and trinkets. But skip on over to the office cubicle — or, for that matter, an office with actual walls — and it can be a different story.

Some offices “are so dated. It’s wallpaper from the ‘70s, falling-apart furniture and stacks of files — generally, an overall mess,” says Sayeh Pezeshki, a designer who blogs about decor at The Office Stylist.

Considering how much time many people spend at work, “Your work space should be cheery and it should be fun, and it should be personal to you,” says Sabrina Soto, designer host of HGTV’s “The High/Low Project.”

A soothing environment cuts down on work stress, designers believe.

“It really does affect the way that you work and the way that you feel,” says Pezeshki.

And, she says, “You don’t have to spend a lot of money” doing it.

Bob Richter, an interior designer and cast member of PBS’ treasure-hunting series “Market Warriors,” visits flea markets wherever he travels, returning home with one-of-a-kind mementos.

“I feel like a cubicle or a small office should feel like a small apartment,” says Richter, who lives in a small New York City apartment. “Things have to be tidy but there



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Following the expert advice of several interior designers, this cubicle at a Thornton, Colo., business was styled using a bold fabric pattern on the facing cubicle wall and black-and-white patterned contact paper on an upper cabinet and various accessories. The cubicle is outfitted with items that appeal to its inhabitant: framed photos and mementos of world travels, a few items picked up at a flea market and the artwork of friends, and inexpensive boxes to organize paperwork and provide graphic appeal. Decorated primarily with items on hand, the

also has to be an opportunity to store things easily.”

Richter suggests combing flea markets for unusual boxes and baskets for storing supplies on an office desk. He uses old metal coffee tins and vintage ceramic planters for holding pens and other supplies.

“There’s a nostalgic vibe to these items,” Richter says.

Soto suggests using lacquered boxes or stylish fiberboard boxes, like those sold at The Container Store.

Good lighting, an attractive memo board, and at least one living plant or cut flowers are also essential for cultivating good cubicle ambiance.

Bring a desk lamp from home; it’ll cheer up the space.

Bring in low-water, low-light plants — at least one. Two plants that are good at surviving indoor light are pothos and heartleaf philodendron. Peace lilies also crave low light and are excellent at cleaning indoor air.

“Keep one on your desk,” says

Richter. “It feels like there’s life there.”

For the memo board, Richter suggests framing a section of cork, dry-erase board or good-quality plywood painted with chalkboard paint. Frame it in a vintage frame — it’s a tenth the price of a new frame, he says — or float the memo board inside the cubicle wall’s frame.

Soto likes to paint her frames in bright colors, as does Pezeshki, who’s all in for the bling. Her own office — not a cubicle — is

painted black, purple and metallic silver. Its silver accents include a gallery wall of ornate frames and a large floor lamp.

“It’s very glam, because I’m very glam,” says Pezeshki. “I like shiny things and blingy things.”

That’s the important thing: to decorate your cubicle according to your own personality, the three designers say.

If you like sports, use memorabilia. If you’re a movie fan, go that route.

“For me, a place I want to be is a place surrounded by the things I love,” says Richter. “I think (the office cubicle) is an area where you can let your personality do the talking.”

More tips:

■ Keep it tasteful, says Richter, and check with your human resources manager before turning a cubicle into a fully furnished room. “There’s a fine line between personalizing your desk and going overboard,” he says.

■ Ditch the sticky notes and the hanging calendar, which add clutter, Soto says. Lean a small dry-erase board against one wall and jot down notes there. Use an electronic calendar.

■ Hang an attractive fabric along the cubicle walls, attaching it with decorative push-pins. Hang framed artwork. “Anything to make the cubicle walls look like normal walls,” Soto says.

■ Cover bookshelves and cabinets with printed contact paper. “It instantly pulls together the look,” Pezeshki says. Pick five or six things currently sitting on your desk and replace them — pencil holder, frames, tape dispenser — with the look you want.

■ Add silver accents. And paint whatever you can, Pezeshki advises, including the metal “in/out” box for papers.

Girl Scouts’ Perspective

Bullying is more common than many people believe

Editor’s Note: The following column by members of Girl Scout Troop 525 provides a youthful perspective on issues of the day.

Cathleen

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. That saying isn’t always true.

When people bully others, words are meant to hurt. Everyone says ignore it and they will go away. It doesn’t work like that.

The bully will eventually come back. What works is to stand up for yourself.

Just because you’re being bullied doesn’t mean you should let them push you around. If you like and feel good about yourself then show it. The bully will soon realize that you aren’t going to be pushed around and stop bullying you.

Bullying isn’t just physical. Saying mean things to someone is bullying also.

Kayla

Bullying. It’s more than a word. It’s a person.

People have all of these ways to get rid of them. To keep it short, they don’t work. Bullies, they don’t hit you and steal your lunch money like you see in cartoons. I know because I’ve been there.

When I was younger, I was bullied by some older kids. They didn’t like the fact that I read over my grade level. They would take my books, or pick on me about my weight.

Sometimes the bullying isn’t verbal or physical. It would be a rude glance. Of course, I did what they taught every 6-year-old to do: I told an adult, who then had a talk with the group of kids. That didn’t stop them; in fact it made it worse. So, I finally had to leave that place.

The moral of this story is bullying isn’t something that fits perfectly in between the lines that society has laid out. Bullying can be text messages, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, verbal, physical or just



COURTESY PHOTO

Contributors to this column are members of Girl Scout Troop 525 (from left) Cathleen Towne, 12; Madison-Rose Patterson, 13; Brandy Britt, 14; and Kayla Calsow, 13.

ignoring you.

Madison

Did you know that most people on this earth have been a victim of bullying, or is a bully?

Some people think that if you ignore them, they will stop. But that isn’t necessarily true. Most bullies are mean because they are either jealous of you, or they feel superior to you.

I have always been bullied because of what I wear; because not everything I wear has “Aero” or “Abercrombie” written on it. I used to get really upset over it, until I met this girl. She is 12 years old and she doesn’t care what people say about her. She just laughs it off.

You may think you are the only one who is being bullied, but you’re not. Most people are being bullied, but they don’t show it.

You may think you have friends, but it is the people who you can count on to help you, through thick and thin, who will stay with you no matter what. Those are the people,

like Cathleen, that are your true friends; they are the people you want to hang around with.

Brandy

Bullying, in my eyes, is a huge issue. I was bullied when I was younger for not being the “right” size and not having the “right” clothes. So, of course I know first-hand how much it can hurt.

I think that sometimes people who get bullied are scared to say anything because of their pride or because they don’t want to be called a “snitch.” However, I don’t think those are good reasons.

I, for one, am glad that in our school system we have a link on the school website where you can anonymously report bullying that happens to you or another student. I know, also from experience, that when people tell you to ignore it that it’s hard.

So, one easy way to get rid of it is to, make a point to stay away from whoever is causing the problems and to let people know that it’s happening.

TASTE: All Decked Out

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Several appetizers sounded appealing, including mussels sautéed in garlic, butter and white wine sauce for \$8.99; the chef’s choice egg roll or fried pickles for \$3.99; chicken wings, chicken quesadilla, etc. We settled on fried pickles and the egg roll, and this one turned out to be a surprise. It was called Hillbilly Eggroll (2) and was fried crispy hot with delicious pulled pork filling the inside, served with a barbecue sauce on the side. The fried pickles were different from others we’ve had. They were dill spears cut into chunks, battered and fried. It was a huge serving — and delicious.

Specials live up to their names. Happy Pooch Dog is a sausage dog wrapped in bacon, deep fried and topped with sautéed onions and melted cheese, with one side (\$6.25).

Hawaiian grilled cheese with thick-sliced honey ham, pineapple and Swiss cheese melted together on a hoagie roll, finished in a sandwich press, with one side was \$7.25.

Genie tried the shrimp po’ boy special, which was a very large serving of small shrimp but not popcorn shrimp, that were battered and fried to a crispy finish. There were easily 20 shrimp on the buttered and toasted hoagie, and this was topped with a fried green tomato slice and a delicious, homemade remolade sauce. Really, really good.

The flaming Tiki burger sounded tempting, with pineapple, pepper jack cheese and jalapenos. Instead, we tried the Aloha burger. It was a half-pound, fresh patty with teriyaki glaze, grilled pineapple ring and melted Swiss cheese (\$8.99, with side). Huge, juicy and delicious.

Sides choices were numerous, including macaroni and cheese, cheese grits, hushpuppies, corn

cobettes, sautéed green beans, cole slaw, fries, cottage cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy and broccoli.

The dinner menu looks appealing, with mostly seafood choices. There are two beef choices, Decked Out Meatloaf and Open Faced Hot Roast Beef. It’s not your usual seafood menu, as it includes shrimp and grits (\$9.99), mussels scampi (\$11.99) and a very interesting shrimp pasta with hand battered shrimp, sautéed mushrooms, diced tomatoes and roasted sweet red peppers tossed with pasta in a basil-garlic cream sauce (\$13.99). On Friday nights, there is all-you-can-eat fried catfish for \$10.99.

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Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3-ABC	3	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	Once Upon a Time (N) Ⓢ	Red Widow "Pilot: The Contact" Marta's loving husband is murdered. Ⓢ	News at 11	Inside Edition					
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Love-Raymond	Big Bang Theory	Criminal Minds Broad daylight. Ⓢ	News	Sports Zone				Chann 4 News	Big Bang Theory
5-PBS	5	-	Doc Martin "Always on My Mind"	Great Performances	Andrea Bocelli performs love songs. Ⓢ	A 60s Pop Flashback: Hullahaloo (My Music) Ⓢ	Doc Martin "Always on My Mind"							
7-CBS	7	47	CBS Evening News	Action News Jax	60 Minutes (N) Ⓢ	The Amazing Race (N) Ⓢ	The Good Wife "Going for the Gold"	The Mentalist (N) Ⓢ	Action Sports 360	Two and Half Men				
9-CW	9	17	Jacksonville	Live From the	YourJax Music	Daryl's House	Law & Order "Denial" Ⓢ	Local Haunts	Local Haunts	TMZ (N) Ⓢ			The Office Ⓢ	The Office Ⓢ
10-FOX	10	30	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons (N)	Cleveland Show	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers (N)	News	Action Sports 360	Leverage "The Snow Job" Ⓢ	
12-NBC	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Dateline NBC Ⓢ	All-Star Celebrity Apprentice	The celebrities sell meatballs. Ⓢ	News			First Coast News	
CSPAN	14	210	350	News	Washington This Week	Q & A	Prime Minister	Road to the White House	Q & A					
WGN-A	16	239	307	News	Bloopers! Ⓢ	Bloopers! Ⓢ	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine	(:40) Instant Replay	30 Rock Ⓢ	30 Rock Ⓢ	
TVLAND	17	106	304	Roseanne Ⓢ	Roseanne Ⓢ	Roseanne Ⓢ	Roseanne Ⓢ	Roseanne Ⓢ	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens
OWN	18	189	279	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling	Our America With Lisa Ling	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter (N)	Oprah Presents Master Class (N)	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter
A&E	19	118	265	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Storage Wars	(:31) Storage Wars
HALL	20	185	312	(5:00) *** "Follow the Stars Home"	** "The Lost Valentine" (2011, Drama)	Jennifer Love Hewitt, Betty White. Ⓢ	** "Loving Leah" (2009, Romance)	Lauren Ambrose, Adam Kaufman. Ⓢ	** "The A-Team" (2010, Action)	Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper. Former Special Forces soldiers form a rogue unit. Ⓢ	** "The A-Team" (2010, Action)			
FX	22	136	248	(5:00) ** "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (2009) Shia LaBeouf.	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Bully Effect: Anderson	Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Bully Effect: Anderson	Southland "Babel" Ⓢ
CNN	24	200	202	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Bully Effect: Anderson	Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Bully Effect: Anderson	Southland "Babel" Ⓢ
TNT	25	138	245	(:15) *** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009) Robert Downey Jr. The detective and his astute partner face a strange enemy.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Wendell & Vinnie	See Dad Run (N)	** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985, Comedy)	Chevy Chase. Premiere. Ⓢ	** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985, Comedy)	Chevy Chase. Premiere. Ⓢ	(:33) Friends Ⓢ	(:33) Friends Ⓢ
NIK	26	170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Wendell & Vinnie	See Dad Run (N)	** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985, Comedy)	Chevy Chase. Premiere. Ⓢ	** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985, Comedy)	Chevy Chase. Premiere. Ⓢ	(:33) Friends Ⓢ	(:33) Friends Ⓢ
SPIKE	28	168	241	Bar Rescue "Turtle on Its Back"	Bar Rescue "Beach Bum"	Bar Rescue "Beach Bum"	Bar Rescue "Broke Black Sheep"	Bar Rescue "Bro's Got to Geaux"	Bar Rescue "Tears for Beers" (N)	(:01) Car Lot Rescue (N)	(:01) Car Lot Rescue (N)	(:01) Car Lot Rescue (N)	(:01) Car Lot Rescue (N)	(:01) Car Lot Rescue (N)
MY-TV	29	32	-	Star Trek "Mirror, Mirror" Ⓢ	M*A*S*H "Inga"	M*A*S*H "Inga"	Columbo "Short Fuse" Attorney suspected of murder.	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	Thriller "The Watcher"	Jessie Ⓢ	Dog With a Blog	Good Luck Charlie	Shake It Up! Ⓢ	Shake It Up! Ⓢ
DISN	31	172	290	Austin & Ally Ⓢ	(:25) *** "The Lion King" (1994, Musical) Ⓢ	*** "Tangled" (2010) Voices of Mandy Moore. Ⓢ	*** "Tangled" (2010) Voices of Mandy Moore. Ⓢ	Phineas and Ferb	Jessie Ⓢ	Dog With a Blog	Good Luck Charlie	Shake It Up! Ⓢ	Shake It Up! Ⓢ	Shake It Up! Ⓢ
LIFE	32	108	252	"The Surrogate" (2013, Suspense)	Cameron Mathison, Amy Scott. Ⓢ	"The Surrogate" (2013, Suspense)	Cameron Mathison, Amy Scott. Ⓢ	"Home Invasion" (2011, Suspense)	Haylie Duff, Lisa Sheridan. Ⓢ	"Home Invasion" (2011, Suspense)	Haylie Duff, Lisa Sheridan. Ⓢ	"Home Invasion" (2011, Suspense)	Haylie Duff, Lisa Sheridan. Ⓢ	"Home Invasion" (2011, Suspense)
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
BET	34	124	329	(5:30) *** "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008, Drama)	Queen Latifah. Ⓢ	*** "Beauty Shop" (2005, Comedy)	Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone. Ⓢ	Husbands- Ho.	Second Generation	Don't Sleep! Hosted by T.J. Holmes				
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter (N) (Live) Ⓢ	Women's College Gymnastics	Alabama at Arkansas.	MLS Soccer	New York Red Bulls at Portland Timbers.	From JELD-WEN Field in Portland, Ore. (N)	Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Championship.	From Grove, Okla. (Taped) Ⓢ	Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Championship.	From Grove, Okla. (Taped) Ⓢ	Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Championship.
ESPN2	36	144	209	Women's College Gymnastics	Alabama at Arkansas.	MLS Soccer	New York Red Bulls at Portland Timbers.	From JELD-WEN Field in Portland, Ore. (N)	Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Championship.	From Grove, Okla. (Taped) Ⓢ	Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Championship.	From Grove, Okla. (Taped) Ⓢ	Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Championship.	From Grove, Okla. (Taped) Ⓢ
SUNSP	37	-	-	College Lacrosse: Orange Bowl Classic	Ship Shape TV	Sportsman's Adv.	Reel Time	Fins & Skins	Sport Fishing	Women's College Basketball	Florida at South Carolina.	Women's College Basketball	Florida at South Carolina.	Women's College Basketball
DISCV	38	182	278	Amish Mafia "Fall From Grace" Ⓢ	Amish Mafia "Holy War" Ⓢ	Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism. (N)	Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism. (N)	Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism. (N)	Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism. (N)	(:05) Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism.	(:05) Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism.	(:05) Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism.	(:05) Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism.	(:05) Amish Mafia "Amish Exorcism" Esther and John perform an exorcism.
TBS	39	139	247	** "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006) Will Ferrell.	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	What Would You Do?	What Would You Do?	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege
HLN	40	202	204	Murder by the Book	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	What Would You Do?	What Would You Do?	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominic Dunne: Power, Privilege
FNC	41	205	360	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	FOX Report (N)	Huckabee (N)	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	Gator Boys "Swamp Monster Attack"	Gator Boys "Swamp Monster Attack"	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	Gerald at Large (N) Ⓢ	Huckabee	Huckabee	Huckabee
EI	45	114	236	(5:30) *** "There's Something About Mary" (1998) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon.	Kourtney and Kim Take Miami	Kourtney and Kim Take Miami	Kourtney and Kim Take Miami	Burning Love	Kourtney and Kim Take Miami	The Soup				
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Luxury Yachts	Extreme Houseboats Ⓢ	Tricked Out Trainers (N) Ⓢ	Tricked Out Trainers (N) Ⓢ	Mega RV Countdown Ⓢ	Killer RV Upgrades Ⓢ					
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
TLC	48	183	280	Untold Stories of the E.R. Ⓢ	Untold Stories of the E.R. Ⓢ	Gypsy Sisters Ⓢ	Gypsy Sisters "Wedded for Disaster"	Welcome to Myrtle Manor Ⓢ	Gypsy Sisters "Wedded for Disaster"	Gypsy Sisters "Wedded for Disaster"				
HIST	49	120	269	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Vikings "Rites of Passage" Ⓢ	(:01) Vikings "Rites of Passage" Ⓢ	Vikings "Rites of Passage" Ⓢ				
ANPL	50	184	282	To Be Announced	Wild West Alaska Ⓢ	Wild West Alaska Ⓢ	Gator Boys "Swamp Monster Attack"	Finding Bigfoot (N)	Gator Boys "Swamp Monster Attack"	Finding Bigfoot (N)				
FOOD	51	110	231	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Worst Cooks in America	Cupcake Wars "San Diego Zoo" (N)	Worst Cooks in America (N)	Iron Chef America "Flay Vs. Thaimee"	Chef Wanted With Anne Burrell				
TBN	52	260	372	T.D. Jakes Ⓢ	Joyce Meyer	Leading the Way	The Blessed Life	Joel Osteen Ⓢ	Kerry Shook	BelieverVoice	Creflo Dollar Ⓢ	St. Paul of Tarsus	World Poker Tour: Season 11	World Poker Tour: Season 11
FSN-FL	56	-	-	NBA Basketball	Memphis Grizzlies at Orlando Magic.	From Amway Center in Orlando, Fla.	Magic Live! (N)	The Best of Pride (N)	The Best of Pride (N)	Face Off "Bugging Out" Ⓢ	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"			
SYFY	58	122	244	Face Off "When Hell Freezes Over"	Face Off "Eye Candy" Ⓢ	Face Off Ⓢ	The Walking Dead "I Ain't a Judas"	Face Off "Bugging Out" Ⓢ	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"	Face Off "Howl at the Moon"
AMC	60	130	254	(4:00) *** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002) Elijah Wood.	The Walking Dead "I Ain't a Judas"	The Walking Dead "I Ain't a Judas"	Tosh.0 Ⓢ	Workaholics Ⓢ	The Jeselnik Off	South Park Ⓢ				
COM	62	107	249	(5:00) *** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. Ⓢ	** "Get Him to the Greek" (2010, Comedy)	Jonah Hill, Russell Brand, Elisabeth Moss. Ⓢ	Tosh.0 Ⓢ	Workaholics Ⓢ	The Jeselnik Off	South Park Ⓢ				
CMT	63	166	327	Swamp Pawn "Cajun Mystery Meat"	Swamp Pawn "Crawmageddon"	Swamp Pawn "A-Hunting We Will Go"	Swamp Pawn "The Cajun Way"							
NGWILD	108	190	283	(5:00) Africa's Thunder River	Return of the Clouded Leopards	War Elephants	War Elephants	Swamp of the Baboons	Swamp of the Baboons	Dinofish				
NGC	109	186	276	Lords of War	Lords of War	Inside the Green Berets	Wicked Tuna: Hooked Up (N)	Wicked Tuna (N)	Mudcats "Cannibal Catfish" (N)	Wicked Tuna				
SCIENCE	110	193	284	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made
ID	111	192	285	Evil Twins "Double Barrel" Ⓢ	True Crime With Aphrodite Jones	Beauty & the Blade Runner (N) Ⓢ	Beauty & the Blade Runner (N) Ⓢ	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made
HBO	302	300	501	(4:45) I, Robot Ⓢ	(:45) *** "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (2011, Action)	Robert Downey Jr. PG-13 Ⓢ	Girls "It's Back"	Enlightened Ⓢ	Girls "It's Back"	Enlightened Ⓢ	Girls "It's Back"	Enlightened Ⓢ	Girls "It's Back"	Enlightened Ⓢ
MAX	320	310	515	(4:30) *** Hanna	(:20) ** "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996) Harvey Keitel. 'R'	(:15) *** "Edward Scissorhands" (1990, Fantasy)	Johnny Depp. PG-13 Ⓢ	*** "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" (2011) 'R'	Girls in Bed					
SHOW	340	318	545	(5:00) *** "October Sky" (1999)	Shameless "Cascading Failures" Ⓢ	House of Lies	Californication	Shameless "A Long Way From Home"	House of Lies (N)	Californication (N)	Shameless "A Long Way From Home"	House of Lies (N)	Californication (N)	Shameless "A Long Way From Home"

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON												MARCH 4, 2013		
Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
3-ABC	3	-	News	Be a Millionaire	The Chew	General Hospital	The Doctors	Dr. Phil	Be a Millionaire	News				
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Love-Raymond	Rules/Engagement	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The 10 O'Clock News (N) Ⓢ	Chann 4 News	(:35) omg! Insider	
5-PBS	5	-	WordWorld	Barney & Friends	Caillou	Daniel Tiger	Super Why!	Dinosaur Train	Cat in the Hat	Curious George	Wild Kratts	Electric Comp.	Varied Programs	World News
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	The Young and the Restless	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk	Let's Make a Deal	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy	Action News Jax	Action News Jax	Action News Jax	Action News Jax
9-CW	9	17	17	The Trisha Goddard Show	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Judge Mathis	The Bill Cunningham Show	Maury	The Bill Cunningham Show	Maury	The People's Court	The People's Court	The People's Court	The People's Court
10-FOX	10	30	30	Jerry Springer	The Jeremy Kyle Show	Judge Joe Brown	We the People	The Doctors	Dr. Phil	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	Be a Millionaire	Days of our Lives	First Coast Living	Katie	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	News	News	News	News
CSPAN	14	210	350	(9:00) Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs
WGN-A	16	239	307	In the Heat of the Night	WGN Midday News	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger
TVLAND	17	106	304	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	GunsMoke	GunsMoke	Bonanza	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show
OWN	18	189	279	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil
A&E	19	118	265	CSI: Miami	Varied Programs	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48
HALL	20	185	312	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days
FX	22	136	248	(11:00) Movie	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
CNN	24	200	202	Around the World	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	The Situation Room	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
TNT	25	138	245	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
NIK	26	170	299	Peter Rabbit	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	Dora the Explorer	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Rocket Monkeys	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
SPIKE	28	168	241	Varied Programs	Gunsmoke	Bonanza	The Big Valley	The Wild, Wild West	Emergency!					
MY-TV	29	32	-	Hawaii Five-0	Gunsmoke	Bonanza	The Big Valley	The Wild, Wild West	Emergency!					
DISN	31	172	290	Little Einsteins	Movie	Phineas and Ferb	Varied Programs	Dog With a Blog	Varied Programs	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap
LIFE	32	108	252	Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap
USA	33	105	242	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap
BET	34	124	329	(11:00) Movie	Varied Programs	The Parkers	Moesha	Moesha	Family Matters	Varied Programs	Family Matters	Varied Programs	Family Matters	Varied Programs
ESPN	35	140	20											

DEAR ABBY

Mom insists 50-year-old son wear late husband's clothes

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 30 years and will be visiting my mother-in-law again soon. Even though he is 50, she is obsessed with dressing him. As soon as we arrive, she searches through our luggage and announces that his clothes are not "good enough." Then she wants to put her son in her dead husband's clothes. She always threatens that she will have a fit if he won't wear the clothes she chooses. What should I do? - BAGGAGE CHECK IN MONTANA



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR BAGGAGE CHECK: Your mother-in-law may still be in deep mourning for her husband. If your husband bears a strong resemblance to his father, it's possible that seeing him in those clothes in some way brings her husband back to her.

Frankly, her behavior is quite bizarre - including the threatened tantrum if she doesn't get her way. When the subject comes up again, you AND your husband should stand your ground and let her throw her fit. It might be the beginning of some healing.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question regarding what

to do when someone pays you a compliment. I was always taught that a compliment should be answered with a polite "thank you." So when my husband compliments me on a nice meal, I say, "Thank you."

He believes that you are not being humble enough when you say thank you, since it is recognizing that you did a good job. He thinks you should say, "I'm glad you like it," instead of thank you. What is the correct response? - GRAMMATICALLY PERPLEXED

DEAR PERPLEXED: You are not a robot, and your husband should not attempt to program your responses by "correcting" you. Saying thank you for a compliment is the appropriate response when one is offered. When paid a compliment, I see no reason to feign humility by saying anything that

lessens it, especially if it is deserved.

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DEAR ABBY: About a year ago my sisters, a daughter and several nieces and nephews decided to get the word "family," in my mother's handwriting, tattooed on their bodies to memorialize her. I didn't do it because Mom didn't like tattoos and would not have approved of anyone getting one for any reason. I do a number of other things in her memory.

Should I feel guilty for not joining them in their endeavor to remember Mom, or is it OK to remember her in a way she would approve of? - NO TATS FOR ME

DEAR NO TATS: The process of mourning is an individual one. There is no requirement that families do it "en masse." If you prefer to memorialize your mother in your own way, then do it and don't feel guilty about it. However, because your relatives chose to do something else in the spirit of family harmony, be careful not to criticize the path they took.

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): Sulking behind closed doors won't solve your problems. You have to open up discussions that will allow you to show your concerns and fight for a turn to follow a path that is going to help you get ahead, not someone else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sharing will bring you the best results. A partnership that has potential will develop with someone you meet while helping others. Short trips or attending a community event will lead to romance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Confusion is apparent. Withholding information will lead to a lack of communication in which nothing can be resolved. Consider who you are hurting by keeping pertinent information a secret.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll impress everyone with your memory, knowledge and experience. Traveling to a unique destination or getting involved

in an activity or event that is unusual will spark your interest in someone who will enrich your love life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Problems getting information straight or discussing joint ventures are apparent. Before you sign documents or give the go-ahead to someone who influences your life, you are best to double-check the consequences that might develop.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Discuss your plans and share your thoughts with someone you think highly of, and you will come up with a feasible way to proceed. Much can be accomplished in your personal life with a little collaboration and cooperation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consider your original plan and what your goals were when you were growing up. Focus on what you

have to do to alter your life and turn your dream into a reality. Change is heading your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Show how serious you are by taking charge and letting whomever you are dealing with know where you stand. Take on a physical challenge, and you will impress others and experience success. Love is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your eyes and ears open. Not everyone will be truthful regarding motives and intentions. Protect your heart, your assets and your emotional wellness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a different approach to an old idea. Engaging in activities that you used to do will bring you in contact with old familiar places and people. A past partner will help you remember the simple pleasures in life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will learn from observation. Spend quality time with people you feel share your likes, dislikes and future goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Embrace opportunities to try something new. Love will lead to commitment and a chance to stabilize your life mentally, emotionally and financially. Learn from past mistakes and take care of legal concerns.

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.

"EPH V HTE COLHF EJ G NHYTJO'T A P G Y G A E H Y C T . . . P J R P H E Y H G E T N H J N K H R P J A G O ' E L J P C W G O M D J J L . " - G V C D G C K B G O V I Y H O

Previous Solution: "The things you do for a woman you wouldn't do for anything else. Same with money." - Leroy "Satchel" Paige

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

I SURRENDER By Joe DiPietro / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across 1 Drummer's accompanier 6 Best-selling author who served as a nurse in the Civil War 12 Made up 18 Hardens 20 Fever cause 21 Most bass 22 Back down 24 Back down 25 Sinuous swimmer 26 Grub 27 Card game declaration 28 Show off one's "guns" 29 Some seen in mirrors? 30 Foul mood 31 Floor vote 32 Leaning 33 Humdinger 36 Bakers' measures: Abbr. 38 Mrs. Miniver's husband in "Mrs. Miniver" 40 Scope 42 Sprinkler conduit 43 Back down 46 Run out For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554. 48 Quarters used in Greenland 50 Kegler's org. 51 Honeyed drink 53 Back down 54 Detour signalers 56 The left, informally 58 Parts of galaxies 60 Siberian city 61 Jacket decoration 64 Handles receptions, say 65 Back down 68 Gather in bundles 72 Joint committee? 73 [How dare you?!] 77 Talks without sincerity 79 Envelope abbr. 80 Like some firs 82 Back down 83 Variety 86 Pascal's law 87 Ball partner 88 Downgrade, perhaps 90 Back down 94 Father of Phobos 95 "Welcome Back, Kotter" guy 97 La ___ Tar Pits 98 Treasures 101 Made one 102 Tough situation 103 Company making arrangements, for short 105 PBS has a big one 107 When repeated, eager 108 Staffs 109 Winged 110 "I'm ___ you!" 111 Big name in '60s peace activism 112 Back down 115 Back down 118 Sheen, in Sheffield 119 Advent 120 Like some oil refineries 121 Clearly marks 122 Mark, e.g. 123 Boxer nicknamed "Hands of Stone" Down 1 Try to shoot 2 Lays to rest 3 Slick ones? 4 Go wrong 5 Four-time baseball All-Star Jose 6 Itch scratcher's utterance 7 "Is Your Mama a ___?" (children's book) 8 Capable of seeing in the dark 9 Certain grilling 10 One to one, for example 11 It's left on a keyboard 12 Loudly lament 13 Dos but not don'ts 14 Mars candy 15 Good name, informally 16 Miss ___ 17 Common abbr. after a comma 19 Cut off 20 What's the big idea? 23 Circus support 28 Vertical stabilizer 32 "The Hostage" playwright, 1958 33 Blooming tree 34 Publishes 35 Slightest complaint 37 Lost, as a tail 39 ___ strip 41 Rounds begin on the first one 42 Berry of "Perfect Stranger" 44 Ages 45 Apologues 47 Yahoo 48 Yahoo! had one in 1996: Abbr. 49 Kind of rat 52 Inside look? 55 Dish out 57 Actress Berger 59 Model material, often 62 Pressure group? 63 Play a flute 66 Lay to rest 67 Postseason football game played in Mobile, Ala. 68 World 69 Extreme aversion 70 Author Canetti 71 Silver's is 107.87: Abbr. 73 Garnish, possibly 74 Keep at awhile 75 Got ___ on (nailed) 76 Candy since 1927 78 Healthy 81 Where you gotta go? 82 Take a card 84 Actor Silver 85 Frivolous types 89 Demonstrates 91 Be rewarded for good service 92 Quai d'Orsay setting 93 Coarse 96 Entrances 99 Procrastinator's response 100 Welcome through the door 102 Ballet dancer's support 104 A disk can be slipped in one 106 Was a little too fond 108 Paul Bunyan, e.g. 109 Do with a pick, maybe 112 French key 113 Crackpot 114 N.C.A.A.'s Gamecocks 115 Not keep up 116 Prince of Broadway 117 Native of Australia

Crossword grid with numbers 1-123 indicating starting points for clues.

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

Numbered grid for crossword answers, with numbers 1-123.

Grid of crossword answers: SIGMA, BIG BAT, CSI: NY, HONOR, ARAL SEA, OPENER, ANANE, LALAKER, MUDFLAP, RITE, AIDACT, LGAARM, EASY, REMKOREAN, TAUS, PHARAOH, ENSIBLE, SPA, THEIN-CROWD, OSE, STOP, LOONS, BALIHA, ISE, CANT, IRONSIDE, ENABLE, LARGE, DEFY, PITH, GIFTHUNDER, RACHEL, RACHEL, PRECEDE, LONBOARD, AFAR, AIDAN, YEGODS, UNULATE, PAWNEE, CAKEPAN, ZEROG, ALAS, NEZ, FROST, NIXON, LTR, BOLERO, THEEAST, ODOR, AMORAL, RRS, REST, IWONAB, FINFAKE, FUR, BLANKED, ORIGAMI, IBIZA, VENEERS, TARHEEL, RELIC, DR, DRE, JETSAM, SKEET

Numbered grid for crossword answers, with numbers 5-123.

TRAVEL

Monarchs by the millions

Wintering area for butterflies facing threats.

By MARJORIE MILLER
Associated Press

ZITACUARO, Mexico — He found the love of his life 2,000 miles from home in a chance encounter that gave him butterflies, and she moved west to be with him. So of course, Jason Skipton told me, there could be no better place to propose marriage than in a swirl of orange and black butterflies that had migrated thousands of miles to mate.

Never mind that that the stunning monarch butterfly sanctuary was in an area of central Mexico contested by drug cartels. When Samantha Goldberger set up her camera and darted to Skipton's side for a Valentine's Day picture, he dropped to one knee and asked for her hand.

"This place is like a miracle. And it is a miraculous thing that took place with us," Skipton said. "No one knows why the monarchs travel so far, or come here to find each other. It is inexplicable."

Indeed, every year, millions of monarchs migrate from the eastern United States and Canada to central Mexico, a journey of 2,000 miles and more into a wooded land under attack by loggers in a region bloodied by drug traffickers. The tiger-striped butterflies arrive in late October and early November to hibernate in fir trees, clinging together like great clusters of fall leaves. Come February, they start to awaken in the warm sun, turn glittering somersaults in search of their mates, and begin to couple.

I had long wanted to see this magical sight, and to hear the delicate music the butterflies make with the fluttering of their wings. As I boarded the bus from Mexico City to Michoacan with my husband and a friend, I wondered what tourists we might encounter



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Monarch butterflies are collected in a net to be tested for a parasite that inhibits their flight at El Capulin reserve, near Zitacuaro, Mexico. Every year, millions of monarchs migrate from the eastern United States and Canada to central Mexico, a journey of more than 2,000 miles. The tiger-striped butterflies arrive in late October and early November to hibernate in fir trees until February before mating then setting out for northern areas again.

ter in a place both beautiful and beastly. Who had the appetite for travel to central Mexico after the U.S. government warned against non-essential travel to most of the state of Michoacan, where we were headed?

There didn't appear to be other foreigners making the bus trip, a two-hour ride out the Toluca highway and along winding country roads as a subtitled version of the movie "Abduction" aired on TV screens overhead. Our hosts and hoteliers, Pablo and Lisette Span, had told us to buy a ticket at the taxi stand in the Zitacuaro bus station for the 10-minute ride to their Rancho San Cayetano. We did, arriving safe and sound.

Friends told us San Cayetano was one of the nicest and most charming places to stay in butterfly country. It's also one of the priciest, but the manicured grounds are lush and the rooms are cozy, each with a fireplace and woodpile ready to light at night. Although there are individual dining tables, guests naturally mingle and chat so that dinners and breakfasts become rather communal affairs. Pablo Span ate with us the

first night and, in his gentlemanly way, tried to set us straight on the violence in Michoacan.

"Around the world, Mexico is synonymous with violence. But the violence is between the cartels fighting each other over territory, or between the cartels and the police and military. It's not against us. Not a single national or foreign tourist has died in the violence," he said.

The U.S. travel advisory makes a similar point that "attacks on Mexican government officials, law enforcement and military personnel... have occurred throughout Michoacan."

Added Span: "The reality is — touch wood — we live exactly as we always have."

Touch wood? Really, that's our security policy?

But like Skipton and Goldberger, the guests we met were not only unfazed by the warnings, they were utterly captivated by the landscape. Another visiting couple, Michael Marez and Grace Buckley of Denver, Colorado, own a vacation house in Mazatlan, have been travelling throughout Mexico for years, and see no reason to stop now. They

appeared to subscribe to the idea that violence is relative, noting that more than 1,700 people had been shot to death in the United States since the Newtown school massacre.

"People in the United States are desensitized to what happens in the United States and think what happens in Mexico is so much worse," said Marez. "We hope to avoid being collateral damage anywhere."

"You pay attention," added Buckley. "Sure Mexico has problems. They're sad and awful. But it's a wonderful country."

Rounding out the foreign crowd was a group of Intel employees and their families up from Mexico City. So it seemed the tour-

called Cerro Pelon. It was a rocky, dusty trip and there apparently are easier trails to the Sierra Chincua and the larger El Rosario sanctuaries in Michoacan, but it was well worth the saddle pain.

For here in the forest, I learned the great mystery of the monarchs, which is this: Most monarchs live only four or five weeks, but the generations that make the long migratory journey to Mexico live four or five months. They breed, the females lay their eggs on the road north, and die along with the males. Then, a year and five butterfly generations later, their descendants rely on some kind of instinctive GPS system to migrate south again, returning to exactly the same forest in central Mexico.

How cool is that?



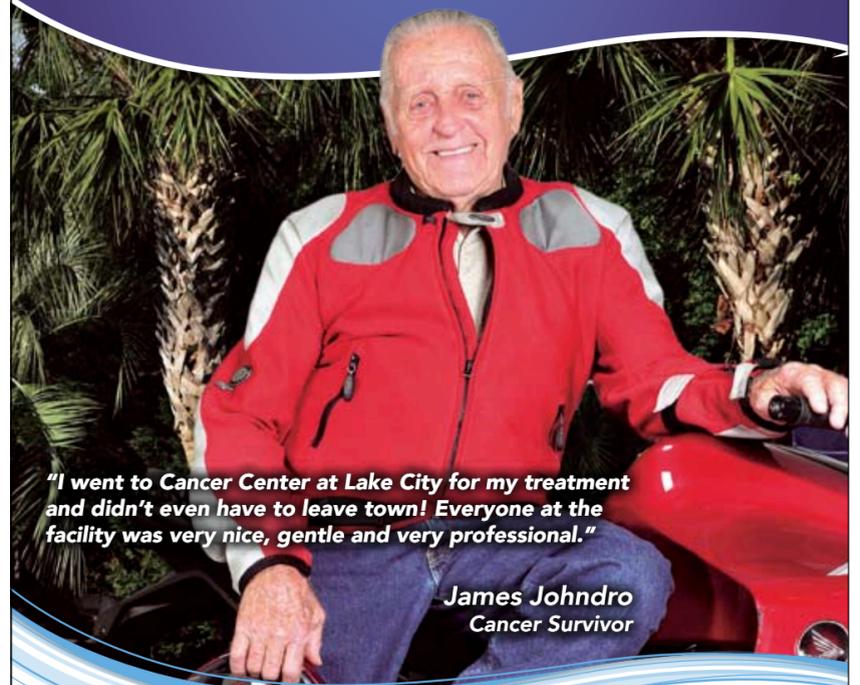
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A painting of a monarch butterfly is displayed in the reception area of Rancho San Cayetano, a hotel near near Zitacuaro, in the central Mexican state of Michoacan.

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