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## George invokes 'Stand Your Ground'

Murder suspect seeks immunity in shooting death of boyfriend.

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George



Mickler

filed in December.

Lavell Nicole George, 41, currently faces charges of second-degree murder, tampering with evidence and acting as an accessory to a felony following a June 30, 2012 incident where she allegedly shot and killed Maurice Mickler, a 27-year-old convicted felon wanted on drug charges, in her home.

**GEORGE** continued on 5A

### Stand Your Ground vs. self defense

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Court proceedings for common-law self-defense and Stand Your Ground claims have small yet important differences that can

significantly alter a case's outcome.

Florida statute 776.013 states "[a] person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is

**STATUTES** cont. on 5A

## Memorial service for student, mother Tuesday

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Lake City Christian Academy will hold a memorial service to honor the lives of one of its students, **Amanda Storms**, and her mother on Tuesday at the academy's Chapel.

Both Amanda and her mother, Veronica Baker, passed away from a rare genetic heart condition in September 2013. Lake City Christian Academy plans to unveil a monument to both following the ceremony.

The ceremony will start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. All family and friends of Amanda and Baker are welcome to attend.

Amanda, who passed away on Sept. 9, attended Lake City Christian Academy for six years. A junior and an honor student, she had recently completed the requirements to begin dual enrollment at Florida Gateway College. She was also a member of Congressman Ted Yoho's Student Advisory Council and enjoyed her involvement. She wanted to be a writer.

Baker worked at Lake City Christian Academy as a receptionist. She loved showing horses and working with special needs children. Baker passed away on Sept. 23 due to a heart condition similar to her daughter's.



## Exploring Glass



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Troy Roberts, Florida Gateway College public information coordinator, demonstrates how to operate his Google Glass device on Friday.

### Exotic innovation has everyday applications, but could be used at school.

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Whether Troy Roberts is capturing a video of his 3-year-old daughter on the playground or a photo of Florida Gateway College for his job, Google Glass allows him to quickly snap the shot with only a couple words.

"Okay, Glass, record a video..." Roberts, public information coordinator at FGC, doesn't have to fumble in his pocket for his cell phone or dig around the house for a camera that may never surface. The Glass

sits snugly on his face, a thin, black frame holding a small screen in front of his right eye. Like a cell phone or a personal computer, the Glass allows him to google recipes, record videos, scroll through Facebook, location directions, translate foreign languages and more.

"The whole point of it for me — on a personal level — is that the Glass allows me to capture everyday life," he said. "Google wants to show all the cool things, like mountain biking, skydiving, surfing. ... But for me, it's for everyday life that people take for

granted." Although Google hasn't released data on the number of Explorers currently testing the beta Glass, Time Magazine estimates there are approximately 40,000 people operating Google's hands-free computer. Since Roberts acquired the Glass in early November, he has seen only one other Explorer wearing the new technology.

In March, Google allowed 10,000 people to request the product — mostly comput-

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## TAKE NOTE

### Home delivery

Home delivery of Tuesday's Lake City Reporter may be delayed due to the BCS National Championship football game Monday night between Florida State University and Auburn.

### Zumba class today

Sarah Sandlin, Zumba Instructor for the City of Lake City, is offering a free Zumba class on Jan. 5 at the Teen Town city building at Youngs Park from 4-5 p.m. This will be a beginner's class where you'll learn all the basic moves of this popular dance form. After the free class, a regular Zumba class will be held for \$5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Email Sarah at lakecityzumba@gmail.com for more.

## In search of the ever-elusive brown thrasher



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With each flap of the Coots' wings, its feathers dipped beneath the surface of Alligator Lake. The medium-sized black bird plopped back onto the lake, leaving the soft sound of rippling water in its wake.

As the morning ebbed, the sun cast a soft glow on the water and the multitude of duck-like Coots floating on the surface. In the distance, a gathering of birdwatchers directed their binoculars into the trees and lake beyond.

"Thrasher, thrasher everybody. Oh my gosh," whispered Valerie Thomas, president

of Four Rivers Audubon. "He's right in those cherry laurels — I think that's what those are. He's so beautiful."

The tiny brown bird hopped from the branch, swung down toward the ground and plunged into the underbrush along James H. Montgomery trail. Four Rivers Audubon walks the dikes the first Saturday of every month, and has counted at least 75 different species of birds along the various habitats at the park. On the first Saturday of 2014, the group spotted at least 30 different species along the water's edge, including a kingfisher,



**BIRDS** continued on 3A

Four Rivers Audubon president Valerie Thomas watches a brown thrasher as it rests on a nearby tree. "I love it when I see a thrasher," she said. "I don't see them very often."

**RIGHT:** A brown thrasher is pictured.

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## PHOTO OF THE DAY



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## Stocking up at the Farmer's Market

Diane Servay of Heritage Preserved glances at a jar of her zucchini pickles at the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market Saturday. She also sells jellies, preserves, baked goods, eggs and hand-sewn baskets. The market usually has at least seven vendors every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The market hopes to attract vendors selling fresh vegetables and fruits.

## QUICK HITS

### WINNING LOTTO NUMBERS

**Cash 3:** (Saturday) 2-2-4

**Play 4:** (Saturday) 8-3-1-2

**Fantasy 5:** (Friday) 7-16-17-24-33

**Florida Lotto:** (Wednesday) 1-8-15-19-32-48 x2

**PowerBall:** (Wednesday) 15-24-40-48-52 x23

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A well-composed book is a magic carpet on which we are wafted to a world that we cannot enter in any other way.

— Caroline Gordon, novelist (1895-1981)

### SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

— Micah 6:8

## AROUND FLORIDA

# 10 important state events in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Some of the nation's most important events of the young century have happened in Florida or had a strong connection to the state, which is expected to surpass New York in population in 2014. Here is a list of 10 of them:

### Presidential election errors

1. The 2000 presidential contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore was decided in Florida by 537 votes after the U.S. Supreme Court ended recounts in the Sunshine State. The fight over the election increased rancor between the two major parties and also shined a spotlight on deficiencies in the nation's voting infrastructure.

### Gonzalez custody battle

2. The custody battle over Elian Gonzalez became an international diplomatic crisis as his

Miami-based relatives fought to keep the 7-year-old boy from returning to Cuba after he was rescued at sea during an ill-fated attempt to get to the United States with his mother, who drowned. Amid a throng of protesters, federal agents seized the boy during a raid of his Miami relatives' house. Gonzalez was later reunited with his father who took him back to Cuba.

### Shuttle's final destination

3. Space shuttle Columbia launched from the Kennedy Space Center and the landing strip at the Florida space center was to be the final destination for its seven astronauts before the spacecraft broke apart over Texas upon returning to Earth on Feb. 1, 2003. The Columbia disaster grounded the space shuttle program for 2 ½ years and forced NASA to implement new measures for inspecting shuttles for damage after launch.

### Hurricanes, hurricanes

4. Within a period of weeks in 2004, four major hurricanes hit Florida: Charley, Frances, Jeanne and Ivan. The next year, Florida again was buffeted by Hurricanes Dennis and Wilma. The six hurricanes were responsible for more than three dozen deaths and left behind tens of billions of dollars in damages. In the long term, the hurricanes caused Florida to have the highest home insurance rates in the nation.

### Fighting for the right to die

5. The seven-year-legal fight by Terri Schiavo's husband to get a feeding tube removed from his wife who was in a vegetative state turned into a bitterly-fought debate about the right to die. The legal fight included an intervention from then Gov. Jeb Bush, and it became a political football when the U.S. Congress and President Bush attempted to get the legal fight moved into federal courts. Schiavo died in March

2005 with protesters and media stationed outside her hospice.

### Foreclosures lead the nation

6. Florida became a poster child for the nation's housing crisis in 2008 when foreclosures swamped the court system and housing values plummeted. The housing crisis, fueled by lax lending standards, led to the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression when mortgage-backed securities held by global financial firms collapsed.

### Trial of Casey Anthony

7. The trial of Casey Anthony on charges that she murdered her 2-year-old daughter transfixed the nation during the summer of 2011 as viewers around the world watched a real-life family soap opera unfold in an Orlando courtroom. Anthony was acquitted of murder.

### Oil spill affecting shores

8. Florida was among the

four states directly affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010, the nation's largest offshore oil spill. Even though Florida didn't have the same levels of tar balls washing ashore as other states, the state was hurt by tourists staying away from the Panhandle's pristine beaches.

### Revolting Tea Partiers

9. Florida was at the vanguard of the Tea Party revolt of 2010, sending Rick Scott to the governor's mansion and electing Marco Rubio to the U.S. Senate.

### Trial of George Zimmerman

10. George Zimmerman's fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin in 2012 raised questions about gun control laws, race and equal justice under the law, becoming one of the biggest civil rights cause celebres in recent years. Zimmerman was acquitted of any crime at his 2013 trial.

■ Associated Press

## RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

# Water monitoring program in works

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — The Suwannee River Water Management District is currently working with electric companies throughout its 15-county region to provide electrical consumption data that will be used to determine agricultural water use.

The District requires monitoring and reporting of groundwater and surface water withdrawals for new, renewed, and modified permits. The requirement applies to permitted withdrawals from wells with an inside diameter of 8 inches or greater and to surface water pumps with an outside diameter of 6 inches or greater.

The District is pursuing an innovative, cost-efficient means to obtain accurate water use data from agricultural producers. Agriculture is the largest permitted water use in the District. The water use data is critical to plan for future water supplies and manage water resources.

Agricultural producers electing to partici-

pate in this program will authorize the participating electric utility to provide electrical consumption meter data for each water pump. The District will then be able to accurately determine the water use.

Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., and another cooperative have signed agreements with the District to allow for the transmittal of electrical data, following customer authorization to release the data. These partnerships provide essential data that will enable the District to assess water use without additional costs to our agricultural producers and save our taxpayers money.

The District is presently working with other electric companies to obtain this vital information in a cost-efficient manner. Once the other companies partner with the District to share the electrical data, agricultural producers in those service areas will be able to participate in the monitoring requirements while avoiding additional costs to provide the data through other methods.

## PICTURE THIS



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

## Helping out with Habitat for Humanity

Trevor Bradbourne of the Lake City Lions Club helps to paint the Habitat for Humanity House on NW Early Street. The home will be the sixth home completed by the Lake City branch of the national organization. The group hopes to be finished by the end of the month. Until then, they need volunteers every Saturday. For more information, check their website at [www.hfhlakecity.org](http://www.hfhlakecity.org).

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Everly Brothers' Phil dies at 74

LOS ANGELES — There is no more beautiful sound than the voices of siblings swirled together in high harmony, and when Phil and Don Everly combined their voices with songs about yearning, angst and loss, it changed the world.

Phil Everly, the youngest of the Everly Brothers who took the high notes, died Friday from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was 74.

He left a towering legacy that still inspires half a century after The Everly Brothers' first hit.

You could argue that while Elvis Presley was the king of rock 'n' roll, Phil and Don Everly were its troubled princes. They sang dark songs hidden behind deceptively pleasing harmonies and were perfect interpreters of the twitchy hearts of millions of teens coming of age in the 1950s and '60s looking to express themselves beyond the simple platitudes of the pop music of the day.

The Everlys dealt in the entire emotional spectrum with an authenticity that appealed to proto rockers like the Beatles and Bob Dylan, who gladly pass the credit for the sea changes they made in rock to the ruggedly handsome brothers. The Beatles once referred to themselves as "the English Everly Brothers." And Dylan, pop culture's poet laureate, once said, "We owe these guys everything. They started it all."

■ Associated Press

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OUR OPINION

## Back to work and school

The holidays are over, and local businesses will be humming at full strength again come Monday.

Tuesday, it's back to the books for students in Columbia County public schools.

That means normal traffic patterns will return, along with school buses and kids biking and walking to class.

A small reminder is in order: Take care on the road.

Look extra carefully for little ones, and be patient with school buses as they make their frequent stops.

Let's all have a good year, and a safe one.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, Discovery of X-rays is announced by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen. French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming became America's first female governor.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Benedictos of Jerusalem meet in Holy Land on Mount of Olives — the first meeting in five centuries between a Roman Catholic pope and Eastern Orthodox Church patriarch. It is also the first papal pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1987, cheering students in China burn hundreds of copies of newspaper Peking Daily to protest government publication's harsh criticism of student demonstrations.

In 1993, the state of Washington executed Westley Allan Dodd, an admitted child sex killer, in America's first legal hanging since 1965.

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## Benghazi intelligence, and source who leaked it

Today we are reporting vital intelligence from a document now in my possession that may finally silence Washington's old, lame Benghazi blame-game.

The document, written in 2012, sheds light on the motives and thinking of the attackers as they were attacking the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. And it reveals errors in assertions made by Democrats and Republicans in the overheated post-Benghazi contretemps.

So today we are revealing both the information and the source who provided this crucial intelligence.

On Saturday, the Benghazi blame game erupted yet again after The New York Times website launched an investigative account of just who did what in Benghazi - before, during and after the Sept. 11, 2012 attacks. Four Americans were killed in the attacks on the compound and a nearby CIA annex, including U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens.

The Times report, by Cairo bureau chief David Kirkpatrick, was exhaustive and impressive in many ways. Yet it can be justifiably criticized for not even mentioning Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and giving only minimal coverage to the Obama administration's election year political decisions on how to respond. (Especially the foolish decision to have the uninvolved and misinformed United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice claim on television the Benghazi attack was merely a copycat of the spontaneous crowd that overran the U.S. Embassy in Cairo to protest a video offensive to Muslims made by a U.S. citizen.)

The New York Times reported its investigation "turned up no evidence that al Qaeda or other



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international terrorist groups had any role in the assault. ...And contrary to claims by some members of Congress, it was fueled in large part by anger at an American-made video denigrating Islam."

In a flash, the blame game battle was on again. House Oversight Committee Chair Darrell Issa, R, Calif., said on NBC News' "Meet the Press": "We have seen no evidence that the video was widely seen in Benghazi, a very isolated area, or that it was a leading cause."

House Intelligence Committee Chair Mike Rogers, R-Mich., usually excellent and above politics on intelligence issues, is sadly partisan on this one. "We found absolutely no evidence that that video was involved in this whatsoever," Rogers insisted on Monday's CBS Evening News. "As a matter of fact, most of the information about the video didn't even start surfacing in social media we found until after the event had happened."

Time out! Those claims of Issa and Rogers were refuted by evidence gathered in Benghazi by a source who talked with Libyans - during the attack! (Also, Team Obama's initial claim that this was just a citizen crowd was also refuted - many were militia men, armed for the attack. If this source had been a CIA employee, we'd call the info he called "intelligence.")

Issa, Rogers, Fox News, et al had the same access we had to

this intelligence on the roots of the Benghazi attack. It was in an Oct. 16, 2012 article The New York Times strangely buried on page A6, softly labeled as a "Memo from the Middle East," and written by, yes, David Kirkpatrick.

As an intelligence document, the article delivered far more than the newspaper promised: "To Libyans who witnessed the assault and know the attackers, there is little doubt what occurred: a well-known group of local Islamist militants struck without any warning or protest, and they did it in retaliation for the video. That is what the fighters said at the time, speaking emotionally of their anger at the video without mentioning al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden or the terrorist strikes of 11 years earlier."

Also: "It was the Ansar al-Shariah people," said Mohamed Bishari, a 20-year-old neighbor who watched the assault and described the brigade he saw leading the attack. "There was no protest or anything of that sort." (Ansar al-Shariah is a strongly anti-Western militia group, but intelligence agencies reportedly have not found any overt linkage to an al Qaeda network.)

For the past year, while critical of Team Obama's misguided initial response to the Benghazi tragedy, I've wondered in print how critics could repeatedly make accusations that were flatly disproven by that 2012 Times article.

Now we know: Obama's critics weren't lacking intelligence. They just found it inconvenient - and ignored it.

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## Colorado testing radical marijuana policy - honesty

Colorado made a national splash as smokers lined up early in the morning on New Year's Day to buy a quarter-ounce or so of marijuana with the governor's blessing. Yes, the state legalized it.

More to the point, they dropped the hypocrisy. Yes, cannabis has real therapeutic value for some sick people. The major demand, however, isn't from patients but from users who'd just like to smoke a bowl without fear of picking up a felony record along with a buzz.

The nonsense about 20-something men who need "medicine" for their ankle sprains, attention deficit disorder or insomnia is likely to be a welcome casualty, at least in Colorado, of the full decriminalization. Maybe we can have more straight talk about the drug and less winking euphemism.

What Colorado also built for itself is a system that - even as it removed the state-level criminal

penalties associated with marijuana - at least attempts to regulate it far more tightly than is the case under California's "medicinal" system.

Retail outlets are licensed and required to track their product from first seed to final sale. Codes govern security, sales to minors, testing and purity. The rules ban an array of dangerous pesticides and advertising toward youths, including all marketing on billboards or via pop-up Internet ads.

And, enjoying the benefit of state licenses, retailers have an incentive to follow the law. The system won't be perfect - any more than California's system of bar and liquor-store licensing is - but precisely what controls are there today to stop backyard growers from selling to teenagers? None.

The spread of heavy marijuana use will not make for a healthier or more vibrant society, and critics of legalization fear a quick downward spiral. Maybe so - though ciga-

rettes are wickedly addictive and sold at every gas station and grocery, but education and changing social mores have cut smoking dramatically over the past few decades.

In California and especially in the North State, marijuana is already abundant - and prison time rare for those in the trade even though it remains mostly illegal. The question is whether we continue with a gray-market system that's not working for anyone except the most aggressive profit-seekers or pursue rational state-level regulation and honesty in our discussion of pot.

Maybe everything will quickly go downhill up in the Rockies, but for now Colorado looks like a model.

■ Scripps Howard News Service

# GEORGE

Continued From 1A

George's defense counsel, William Mallory Kent, filed a motion Dec. 2, 2013 for his client to receive immunity against criminal prosecution as per Florida's Stand Your Ground law.

"Maurice Mickler came to her home early in the morning demanding entrance," the motion reads. "Mickler and George had been in a romantic relationship, which George had repeatedly tried to end, but Mickler would not accept that George wanted to end the relationship."

The motion then continued to say that George eventually let Mickler into her home.

"Once inside the home, Mickler instigated an argument with George, and threatened to physically harm her, specifically, to 'wire her mouth up,'" a slang term for breaking someone's jaw, according to Kent.

"Mickler balled his fist and began to take a swing at George," her defense counsel said in the motion. "But George grabbed a handgun and in self-defense fired at Mickler, killing him."

According to her defense attorneys, Mickler had hit George before.

"Mickler had on previous occasion committed an aggravated battery against George, when, in an unprovoked manner Mickler had attacked George hitting her in the head so hard that she had to obtain medical attention," court documents say.

Kent and his co-counsel Richard Kuritz declined to comment on the record about the case.

According to police reports, George notified police around 7:00 p.m. that a shooting had occurred in her home. When they arrived, police said they found George waiting outside with her mother and sister.

According to the report, George said "I shot him," and told police Mickler was dead in her home.

Officers conducted a preliminary search of the home, "During which time I noticed that the hard wood floors inside the residence were very clean," the investigating officer said. "I then noticed that there was a mop and bucket inside the kitchen, as

well as numerous cleaning products left in plain view on the kitchen counter."

Police then found Mickler placed inside what police describe as a "Christmas tree bag," with a towel wrapped around his head and a gunshot wound to the neck.

George was arrested and booked into Columbia County Detention Facility under suspicion of first-degree murder (which was later reduced to second-degree) and tampering with evidence. She was later released in lieu of \$255,000 bond.

## Investigation

Police discussed the situation with George's mother and sister, who were both present at the home when police arrived that afternoon.

According to the report, George previously met with her mother at Olustee Park and told her about the situation and said she wanted to say goodbye to her family.

However, the mother told George she needed to "do what is right" and persuaded her to report the incident to law enforcement, the report said.

During George's transport to and subsequent interview at the jail, police said George seemed unusually calm given the circumstances, herself describing the situation as "surreal." She also reportedly said she had feelings of claustrophobia in the police vehicle.

George then asked police if they found the gun, adding that she claimed ownership and legally purchased it, according to police.

However, she declined to answer any further questions until she had legal counsel, police said.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement arrived on the scene some time later and reported finding much of the home had been cleaned with a combination of bleach and other cleaning products, along with blood evidence on discarded rags, in the kitchen sink and in the laundry machine.

A five-shot Taurus .38 revolver, missing one shell casing, was also found in the home, FDLE reported.

## Autopsy

When police first found Mickler, they reported him being cold and progressing through the rigor mortis phase of decomposition,



Two Lake City Police officers stand outside George's house in June 2012 after receiving notice of a shooting.

which usually peaks around 12 hours after death. A subsequent autopsy led authorities to believe Mickler was shot earlier that morning.

A urinalysis also revealed traces of cocaine, cannabis and methadone, according to the autopsy report.

The medical examiner concluded Mickler's cause of death was a gunshot wound to the left neck that severed arteries, jugulars and vertebrae.

## State Attorney's Investigative Report

An investigator with the Third Circuit State Attorney submitted a report after speaking with individuals acquainted with both George and Mickler.

According to the report, George had called a supervisor at the daycare she directed to thank them for their work and said she would be "[going] away for a while."

Mickler's sister also told the investigator that she last spoke with the deceased around 9:42 a.m. the day of his death.

She said Mickler called her to complain that George would not let him into her home, despite banging on her door several times.

According to the report, Mickler's sister spoke with George and convinced her to allow him into her home.

## State Attorney's Response

In order for George to receive immunity from the homicide charge, her defense would have to prove

to the judge she was justified in her use of deadly force.

However, the law only applies to "a person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity," according to FS 776.013(3).

That may include harboring a fugitive.

According to court documents, Mickler's sister told investigators George had been renting out a home in the Plantations subdivision for Mickler, allowing him to use it as a "hide out" four to six months prior to his death.

Regardless, Third Circuit Attorney Jeff Seigmeister said it may not be that simple.

"There's a lot of gray area about [unlawful activity]," Seigmeister said. "Some are clear, others aren't." He added it would be difficult to predict a judge's ruling if the hypothetical defender were committing "middle offenses" like cocaine or firearm possession.

For example, a Marion County judge granted immunity to a 17-year-old teenager who shot and killed a 40-year-old man in July.

While the teen was too young to legally possess a handgun, the older man allegedly approached him threateningly "with a big stick" following a verbal

dispute, prompting the teen to use a 9mm handgun to shoot and kill the man.

"Is the judge going to say harboring a fugitive is enough to negate Stand Your Ground? I don't know. The law is still being refined by the appellate courts as we speak" Seigmeister said. "We filed charges for all things we considered have been committed and are also provable."

He also added that he hasn't ruled out a possible appeal should the judge grant George immunity. Seigmeister said he would base his decision on a combination of whether he felt the judge had committed an error, if he felt the ruling would set a dangerous precedent and if it was a worthwhile use of taxpayer money.

"Bad cases make bad laws," he said.

George's determination of immunity is set for Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbia County Courthouse before Circuit Judge Julian Collins.

## Prior Relationship

A United States District Court issued a warrant for Mickler's arrest on Aug. 17, 2011, charging him with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possessing

cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm to further drug trafficking and manufacture of marijuana.

Investigators were notified in April 2012 that George may have been one of Mickler's girlfriends and would have information on his location.

However, when they contacted her, she denied knowledge of a Maurice Mickler, saying instead she had previously dated his cousin, Maurice Jackson, and denied any knowledge of Mickler's whereabouts, according to reports.

Investigators acquired copies of lease agreement for the home under the names "Lavell George" and "Temez Ruise," who was listed as George's brother, as well as an unknown individual named Bailey George.

During a search of Mickler's person, authorities said they found an ID card with the name Temez Ruise.

## The Ford Taurus

One of George's neighbors reportedly told FDLE investigators that he had seen an unknown woman arrive at her home in a Ford pickup truck around 9:30 or 10:00 the morning of Mickler's death.

The woman met George at her front door, the two spoke briefly, and later left the property in two separate vehicles — the unknown woman in the truck, and George in a burgundy Ford Taurus that was parked around the side of her house, according to the report.

George returned approximately 30 to 45 minutes later, alone, in the same truck, according to the report.

Authorities later reported finding the Ford Taurus parked at Mickler's "hide-out," along with a firearm, bags containing marijuana and a "white residue," and Mickler's credit/debit cards in the vehicle.

There are as yet no explanations for why George moved the vehicle, cleaned her home and placed Mickler in the Christmas tree bag.

# STATUTES

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attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a forcible felony."

Prior to Stand Your Ground's first appearance in Florida law in 2005, citizens had a "duty to retreat" prior to the use of deadly force unless that person was in their home or workplace—commonly referred to as the "Castle Doctrine" in legal circles.

"Stand Your Ground is essentially an immunity request," Third Circuit Attorney Jeff Siegmeyer said. "You're asking a judge to basically establish you had a right to use deadly force, and if he finds you did, he would dismiss the charges."

However, one of the distinct differences during this hearing is that the burden of proof is placed upon the defense — the defendant and counsel must convince the judge immunity should be granted.

Should a judge grant immunity to the defense, the prosecution could seek to appeal the ruling—a matter which would be taken to the First District Court of Appeal.

If the Stand Your Ground motion for immunity fails, then the case would be taken before a jury to determine guilt, during which the defense could argue a traditional self-defense case stating the defendant was justified to use deadly force.

# OBITUARIES

## Mavis Ward Brady

Mrs. Mavis Ward Brady, age 95, of Lake City, Florida died Thursday, Jan. 2, in the Suwannee Valley Care Center, Lake City, Fla. following a long illness. She had resided in Lake City all of her life and worked with Southern Bell Telephone Company and for over 25 years was employed as a cashier with Wilson Life Insurance Company, Lake City, Fla. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Lake City Ward and a graduate of Mason City High School in 1937. She enjoyed working in her yard and gardening. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Brady. She is survived by two sisters, Deloris Little of Lake City, Fla. and Vera Register of Morrisville, Missouri; one brother, Jerry "Buck" Ward of Lake City, Fla. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Grave-side funeral services will be conducted at 11 A.M. Tuesday, Jan. 7, in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Columbia County, Fla. with Bishop Jeff Thomas officiating. Visitation will be one hour before services at the grave site. **GUERRY FUNERAL HOME**, 2659 S.W. Main Blvd., Lake City, Fla. is in charge of arrangements. [www.guerryfuneralhome.net](http://www.guerryfuneralhome.net)



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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Jan. 5

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	73/36/sh	53/42/pc
Daytona Beach	66/31/sh	47/37/pc
Fort Myers	72/40/sh	57/39/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	84/45/sh	63/51/pc
Gainesville	58/20/sh	44/22/s
Jacksonville	59/22/sh	40/23/s
Key West	79/54/sh	60/59/pc
Lake City	58/20/sh	44/22/s
Miami	84/45/sh	63/51/pc
Naples	76/44/sh	58/40/pc
Ocala	61/23/sh	45/26/s
Orlando	66/35/sh	48/37/pc
Panama City	42/25/pc	40/27/s
Pensacola	43/20/pc	41/25/s
Tallahassee	44/21/pc	41/20/s
Tampa	68/37/sh	54/33/pc
Valdosta	45/18/pc	36/21/s
W. Palm Beach	81/39/sh	60/50/pc

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### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP 3 p.m. today

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Sunset tom.: 5:45 p.m.

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Moonset tom.: 11:47 p.m.

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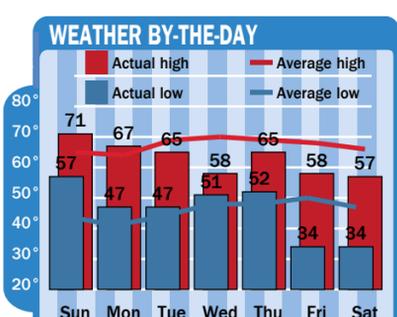
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Albany NY	71/64/0.0	71/55/pc	Des Moines	37/18/0.0	1/-16/pc	Oklahoma City	57/37/0.0	27/10/pc
Albuquerque	57/30/0.0	40/19/s	Detroit	28/10/0.0	28/3/sn	Omaha	37/16/0.0	5/-10/cd
Anchorage	28/27/0.0	35/29/fl	El Paso	63/44/0.0	54/29/pc	Orlando	70/46/0.0	80/63/pc
Atlanta	35/24/0.0	53/24/r	Fairbanks	14/-5/0.0	17/0/sn	Philadelphia	28/10/0.0	44/39/i
Baltimore	30/7/0.0	46/38/i	Greensboro	-17/0.0	45/35/r	Phoenix	63/48/0.0	68/40/s
Billings	27/13/0.2	1/-8/sn	Hartford	24/-8/0.0	35/31/i	Pittsburgh	37/8/0.0	40/15/r
Birmingham	46/28/0.0	55/10/sh	Honolulu	75/64/0.0	78/64/sh	Portland ME	19/-14/0.0	36/34/pc
Bismarck	18/0/0.0	-15/-25/pc	Houston	66/41/0.0	56/27/sh	Portland OR	34/30/0.0	45/29/s
Boise	22/15/0.0	32/16/pc	Indianapolis	35/14/0.0	28/-15/sn	Raleigh	-1/19/0.0	51/43/r
Boston	24/1/0.0	41/38/i	Jackson MS	55/23/0.0	58/17/r	Rapid City	25/16/0.1	-2/-14/sn
Buffalo	35/10/0.0	39/20/cd	Jacksonville	53/34/0.0	71/56/sh	Reno	43/25/0.0	47/20/s
Charleston SC	50/27/0.0	65/47/r	Kansas City	35/30/0.0	11/-9/pc	Sacramento	57/35/0.0	65/32/s
Charleston WV	46/7/0.0	50/14/cd	Las Vegas	55/41/0.0	57/35/s	Salt Lake City	30/16/1.1	28/12/s
Charlotte	34/17/0.0	48/38/r	Little Rock	44/21/0.0	45/12/sn	San Antonio	51/46/0.0	53/27/pc
Cheyenne	24/15/0.5	10/-2/sn	Los Angeles	64/50/0.0	76/52/fg	San Diego	66/55/0.0	68/51/fg
Chicago	30/19/0.0	10/-17/sn	Memphis	50/28/0.0	42/10/sn	San Francisco	59/44/0.0	59/48/s
Cincinnati	37/12/0.0	36/-6/sn	Miami	75/63/0.2	82/70/sh	Seattle	45/36/0.0	47/34/s
Cleveland	33/12/0.0	31/4/sn	Minneapolis	34/14/0.2	-10/-28/pc	Spokane	35/19/0.0	25/17/pc
Columbia SC	43/27/0.0	10/-10/sn	Mobile	57/28/0.0	70/27/r	St. Louis	46/28/0.0	16/7/sn
Dallas	66/41/0.0	40/20/pc	New Orleans	55/32/0.0	67/32/sh	Tampa	67/43/0.0	77/64/fg
Daytona Beach	64/45/0.0	78/63/pc	New York	24/7/0.0	44/42/i	Tucson	64/44/0.0	68/39/pc
Denver	38/20/0.9	15/-4/sn	Oakland	52/39/0.0	61/39/s	Washington	33/17/0.0	46/39/i



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Amsterdam	48/42/0.0	48/41/pc	Lima	75/68/0.0	78/68/s	Rome	59/50/0.0	59/53/pc
Athens	57/39/0.0	59/41/s	London	48/42/0.0	50/32/r	San Juan PR	86/75/0.3	84/73/sh
Auckland	78/66/0.0	77/66/r	Madrid	51/41/0.0	51/33/r	Santiago	80/66/0.0	84/69/pc
Beijing	35/21/0.0	42/22/s	Mexico City	68/42/0.0	68/50/pc	Seoul	44/26/0.0	39/26/s
Berlin	46/41/0.0	48/37/pc	Montreal	15/-9/0.0	24/17/pc	Singapore	84/77/0.0	87/77/ts
Buenos Aires	84/64/0.0	91/75/s	Moscow	30/28/0.0	30/26/pc	St. Thomas VI	84/75/0.3	86/75/r
Cairo	66/50/0.0	64/51/pc	Nairobi	78/57/0.0	82/55/s	Sydney	77/68/0.0	80/62/r
Geneva	42/41/0.0	44/35/r	Nassau	80/69/0.0	80/71/pc	Tel Aviv	68/46/0.0	69/51/pc
Havana	78/69/0.0	82/66/pc	New Delhi	66/48/0.0	66/46/pc	Tokyo	51/37/0.0	51/32/cd
Helsinki	35/33/0.0	37/37/pc	Oslo	46/44/0.0	48/44/r	Toronto	32/19/0.0	32/28/pc
Hong Kong	69/62/0.0	71/59/s	Panama	87/77/0.0	91/75/pc	Vienna	44/35/0.0	46/46/pc
Kingston	87/75/0.0	87/75/r	Paris	55/46/0.0	53/37/r	Warsaw	44/33/0.0	46/35/pc

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Section B

## GAMES

### Monday

■ Columbia High basketball at Hamilton County High, 7:30 p.m. (girls-6)

■ Columbia High boys soccer at Leon High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

### Tuesday

■ Columbia High boys basketball vs. Middleburg High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)

■ Fort White High basketball at Bradford High, 7:30 p.m. (girls-6)

### Wednesday

■ Columbia High girls soccer vs. Fort White High, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys soccer at Chiles High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

### Thursday

■ Columbia High girls basketball vs. Madison County High, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Santa Fe High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High boys basketball at Melody Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys basketball at Oakleaf High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)

### Friday

■ Columbia High girls basketball at Union County High, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys soccer vs. Fort White High, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Suwannee High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)

■ Fort White High basketball at Santa Fe High, 7:30 p.m. (girls-6)

■ Columbia High JV boys soccer tournament in Tallahassee, TBA

## BRIEFS

### YOUTH BASEBALL

#### North Florida Rays tryouts

The North Florida Rays 11U baseball travel team has tryouts set for 3 p.m. today at the Southside Sports Complex.

For details, call Todd at 365-5161 or Andy at 867-0678.

#### Lake City registration open

Lake City/Columbia County Youth Baseball spring online registration is under way at [www.lccyb.com](http://www.lccyb.com) through Feb. 1. Cost per player is \$75 plus the online fee. Walk-up registration in the Babe Ruth Baseball Building at Southside Sports Complex is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1. Fee of \$85 includes jersey, baseball cap, socks and insurance. Five leagues are offered for ages 4-15. A parent or guardian must accompany player and provide copy of birth certificate. Coaching information is available from the league. The league is accepting donation of used baseball items.

For details, call league president Jessica Langley at 867-1897.

### CHS SOFTBALL

#### Lady Tigers tryouts Tuesday

Tryouts for Columbia High softball are 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the CHS field. Participants must have all paperwork completed. For details, call coach Jimmy Williams at 303-1192.

■ From staff reports

# Return to court

## Tigers fall short against The Villages

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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For the second time this season, Columbia High gave The Villages a run for its money.

The Villages (16-0) brought their undefeated record into Lake City on Saturday and left with a 68-66 victory after a shot at the end of regulation to win the game bounced off the rim.

"We took them to a place they have not been this year," Columbia head coach Horace Jefferson told the team after the game. "We had a shot. I don't believe in moral victories, but that's one of the best teams in the state and we had an opportunity to win the game."

Columbia came out and trailed 19-10 at the end of the first quarter and went into the half trailing 36-27.

"We didn't start slow, but we have to be patient," Jefferson said.

The Tigers' rally began in the third quarter as Columbia outscored The Villages 19-6 over a stretch run.

"I told the kids at the half that we weren't matching their intensity," Jefferson said. "We discussed making a run. I told them that we have to play like Auburn has to play against Florida State. Florida State hasn't been tested and we had to test them down the stretch."

They're a good team and they made their plays, but we were able to change the game in the second half."

The Villages held a three-point advantage over the final minutes and free throws helped them maintain the lead. On their final trip to the line, the Tigers rebounded the missed second free-throw attempt and dribbled down with 19 seconds remaining for the chance at the win.

"We had to play a great collective effort and this may have been our best game," Jefferson said. "We were outsized and they were long on the perimeter, which created problems. When we thought we were by them, they had the advantage of still having long arms to knock it through. Still, that was the best execution we have displayed all season."

The Tigers have a distribution of players scoring throughout the night. Kelvin Jonas led all players with 15 points.

Darrell Jones had 14 points and Tre Simmons added 10 points. Jordan Coppock contributed nine points.

The Tigers (6-6) have three games next week beginning at Hamilton County High at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

Columbia hosts Middleburg on Tuesday and



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Kelvin Jonas dribbles up the court for the Tigers.



PAUL BUCHANAN/Special to the Reporter

Florida State's Jameis Winston looks to lead the Seminoles to a national title against Auburn on Monday.

## Star of the show: Jameis meets media before BCS

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Jameis Winston whispered and giggled with teammate Kenny Shaw on the dais as two Florida State coaches answered questions, many about him. The Heisman Trophy winner and his star receiver looked at times like a couple of kids trying not to laugh in the library.

When the questions were directed to Winston, he was his usual gregarious self, humbly deflecting credit on one hand, supremely self-

confident on the other.

In the second interview session Friday, the Heisman Trophy winner had a platform all to himself and the biggest crowd of reporters around him.

There is no doubt Famous Jameis is the star of the show this week in Southern California.

It has taken one season for Winston to become one of college football's biggest attractions, right up there with Johnny Manziel. He has set records and was the subject of a criminal

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# Championship game has Alabama roots

By JOHN ZENOR  
Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — The state of Alabama's stranglehold on the BCS national title has showcased the best and worst of a football-mad populace.

No. 2 Auburn will try to bring a fifth consecutive championship to the state Monday night against No. 1 Florida State and Alabama native Jameis Winston, the third Heisman Trophy winner during that span with state ties.

Winston somehow remained neutral despite growing up in a family where his mother, the youngest of 13 children, was the lone Auburn fan and the rest pulled for 'Bama.

As if he needed further demonstration of the passions involved, Winston watched from the stands as fellow Heisman winner Cam Newton led Auburn to a remarkable comeback over Alabama in the 2010 Iron Bowl.

"It's funny seeing how Alabama and Auburn fans react after that game," said Winston, who is from Hueytown, Ala. "It's the funniest thing in the world."

The rivalry is serious business for most of the state, though. Sometimes football rains glory on the state, others embarrassment.

The state of Alabama's passion, and penchant, for football has been on full display nationally for the past five years. Alabama has won three national titles during that span and Auburn won it all in that 2010 season.

Three of the last five Heisman winners are either from the state of Alabama or played college ball there, including Alabama running back Mark Ingram in 2009.

That's the good. There's been some bad and ugly, too.

That divide has been especially evident in recent years in a state where Bear Bryant and Bo Jackson became football icons.

Auburn came up with one of college football's most memorable plays on Nov. 30 when Chris Davis



Alabama native Jameis Winston talks with Florida State head coach Jimbo Fisher during the Florida game on Nov. 30. Winston will try to lead the Seminoles over Auburn in the national championship.

returned a missed field goal 109 yards for a touchdown on the final play for a 34-28 win over the two-time defending national champion and then-No. 1 Crimson Tide.

The outcome apparently led to tragic results.

Alabama fan Adrian Laroze Briskey, 28, was charged two days later

with killing another Tide fan. Briskey was angry that 36-year-old Michelle Shepherd and others weren't distraught enough over the loss, the victim's sister, Neketa Shepherd, said.

"She said we weren't real Alabama fans because it didn't bother us that they lost. And then she started

shooting," Shepherd told *The Associated Press* in the aftermath.

The state's football fervor also drew plenty of national attention after the 2010 Iron Bowl, when Tide fan Harvey Updyke Jr. poisoned Auburn's two iconic oak trees at Toomer's Corner, whose branches were draped with toilet

paper during victory celebrations for decades.

Updyke, a former Texas state trooper, served about six months in jail and is barred from attending Alabama sporting events.

Updyke's actions became symbolic of the sometimes excessive passions in a state where the two marquee ath-

letic programs rake in nine figures.

Alabama's athletic department brought in \$143.4 million in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, according to documents filed with the U.S. Department of Education. Auburn athletics generated \$102.8 million.

The numbers are jarring to some considering that 18.1 percent of residents were living in poverty in 2012 and the state's median household income is \$43,160, according to U.S. Census data.

Comedian Jay Leno took aim at the state's reputation following Alabama's 42-14 romp over Notre Dame in last year's title game.

"Congratulations to the state of Alabama. They are No. 1 in college football, 49th in everything else," he quipped on his late night show.

Fans' passion for their favorite teams can be evident when they're picking names for their children.

An Andalusia couple named their son Krimson Tyde when he was born Dec. 17. A Phenix City man, Shane Broadhurst, named his toddler son Crimson Tide and his daughter, born last year, Alliegh Bama.

"Football down here is unlike any other place," Auburn center Reese Dismukes said. "People take a lot of pride in that, especially in this state."

Occasionally, state pride even trumps the rivalry. Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron is pulling for the Tigers.

"I know there's some crazy fans in the South, Auburn and Alabama, that will go to their grave hating one another, which is absurd to me," McCarron said. "The players don't think like that, so I don't understand why the fans think like that. But it's what makes it a good rivalry. But I'll be rooting for them (Auburn). I know that. I want them to win."

"I think it's awesome. I think it shows how much talent we have in the state between two great schools and it would be awesome to keep it (the BCS trophy) in the state of Alabama, definitely."

## Fisher says allegations against athletes can linger

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher says he is concerned allegations of criminal wrongdoing against an athlete can linger even when no criminal charges are filed.

Fisher was asked after practice Friday about whether athletes are at risk of being viewed as guilty even when they are not charged with crimes. He was not asked directly about the allegations made against quarterback Jameis Winston, who was investigated for a sexual assault complaint but not charged.

He says coverage of allegations needs to be dealt with carefully.

"Because sometimes we start assuming they're charged and treating them as if they're charged to create news and just to create that thing," Fisher said. "I think charging a guy is very critical. It's not character assassination, but you can develop a thought about a guy or an identity about a guy very easily as it lingers."

"So that's in the paper every day. Then all of a sudden when they're not (charged), we forget it in two days. So, we ain't brainwashed them back that everything's OK. So I think that is a very fine line to walk in my opinion."

The Florida state attorney announced two days before the Atlantic Coast

Conference championship game and four days before Heisman Trophy votes were due, after a three-week investigation of a year-old complaint, that it did not find enough evidence to charge Winston.

### Fisher doesn't believe in destiny

The inside of Auburn's BCS championship media guide has a graphic labeling the Tigers a "Team of Destiny." Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher isn't sure about that.

Auburn's magical run to the title game Monday is described in many ways. "Lucky" is one of the adjectives used. Either way, Auburn was on the right end of narrow victories against Alabama and Georgia that propelled it into the championship.

Fisher, however, isn't buying the destiny spiel.

Fisher said, "God didn't put on this earth and give us a destiny. God put us on this earth to create your own destiny by the decisions you make and what you do."

## JUMBLE

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

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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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# High schools return to action



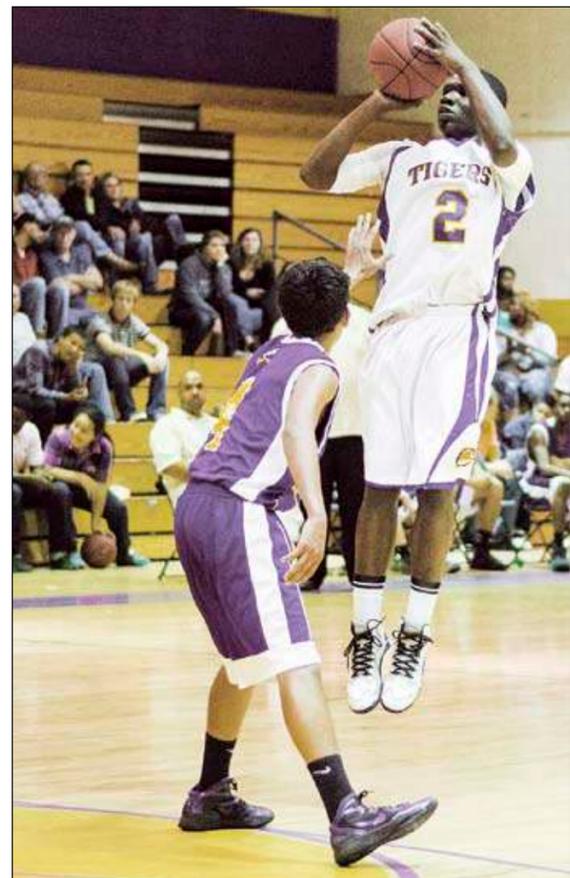
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With sports returning to action next week, Columbia High's soccer team will be one of many teams with a game. The Tigers host Fort White High at 6 p.m. on Friday for Senior Night. Pictured is Braxton Treverrow in a game earlier this season.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Hailey Shook (24) and the Fort White High girls basketball team returns to action at Bradford High at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.



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Tre Simmons (pictured) and the Columbia High basketball team host Middleburg High at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Lyric Boyd shakes off Fort White High's Kasha Cook while driving to the hole in a game on Nov. 12. Columbia's team returns to the court at Hamilton County High at 6 p.m. on Monday.



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LEFT: Columbia High's Jaidyn Rogers drives down the field with possession of the ball during a game against Fort White on Oct. 28. Both teams return to action when Fort White visits Columbia at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Section C

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

# Cut spending on daily expenses

Try store brands instead of name brand items.

StatePoint

At the start of a new year, many American families begin looking for ways to cut spending in order to pay bills accrued during the holidays.

Some helpful advice can help you save money to allocate toward credit card payments at the start of 2014, and set you on a path to save all year long.

### Switch and Save

For the items used most such as laundry detergent, health and beauty supplies, paper towels and more, switch to retailers' private brands, which offer great quality at much more affordable prices.

Chances are, the quality is as good as its national brand competitor, and the savings to your wallet can be great.

### Grocery Savings

While you can dramatically limit spending in areas like entertainment, certain expenses, such as groceries, are a must.



Cut costs in the new year by trying retailers' private brands, many of which carry a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee.

COURTESY

Make sure your dollars are well spent.

Look for brands that carry a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee. That means you can try new

things without worrying about whether your family will like them, and save even more on items like coffee, cereal, potato chips, pasta and more.

### Digital Coupons, Offers

Digital coupons are becoming increasingly popular with retailers. Sign up to receive coupons and

special online offers via text message, or look in smartphone application stores for retailers' apps.

You can also search for and print coupons online

to use in stores.

For social media users, also look for exclusive deals available online through Facebook and Twitter pages.

## AGING AMERICA

# Will older workers take jobs from young?

By MATT SEDENSKY

Associated Press

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Aging America is a joint AP-APME project examining the aging of the baby boomers and the impact that this so-called silver tsunami has had on society.

CHICAGO — It's an assertion that has been accepted as fact by droves of the unemployed: Older people remaining on the job later in life are stealing jobs from young people.

One problem, many economists say: It isn't supported by a wisp of fact.

"We all cannot believe that we have been fighting this theory for more than 150 years," said April Yanyuan Wu, a research economist at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, who co-authored a paper last year on the subject.

The commonly accepted vision of a surge of workers looks like this: A young post-doctoral student dreams of a full-time teaching job at their university, but there are no openings. An 80-something professor who has remained on the job long past what's considered "normal" retirement is blamed,

The problem with that vision is that there are probably full-time teaching positions available elsewhere, or the person blocking the young grad student from the job is only 40 years old, economists say. Further, the veteran professor's decision to stay employed and productive may stir other job growth. He may bring research grants to his university allowing for other hiring, may take on assistants, and may be able to dine out and shop and fuel the economy more than if he weren't on the job.

None of that would have happened had he retired.

The theory Wu and other economists are fighting is known as "lump of labor," and it has maintained traction in the U.S., particularly in a climate of high unemployment. The theory dates to 1851 and says if a group enters the labor market — or in this case, remains in it beyond their normal retirement date — others will be unable to gain employment or will have their hours cut.

It's a line of thinking that has been used in the U.S. immigration debate and

in Europe to validate early retirement programs, and it relies on a simple premise: That there are a fixed number of jobs available. In fact, most economists dispute this. When women entered the workforce, there weren't fewer jobs for men. The economy simply expanded.

The same is true with older workers, they argue.

"There's no evidence to support that increased employment by older people is going to hurt younger people in any way," said Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research and the co-author with Wu of "Are Aging Baby Boomers

that. The older worker retires, the employer looks around and hires another worker," he said. "It's like refuting elementary arithmetic."

The perception has persisted, from prominent stories in The New York Times, Newsweek and other media outlets, to a pointed question to Rep. Nancy Pelosi last year by the NBC reporter Luke Russert, who asked whether her refusal to step out of the House leadership (and the similar decisions of other older lawmakers) was denying younger politicians a chance. A chorus of lawmakers around Pelosi muttered and shouted "discrimination," until

'It's really hard to retire right now, I understand that. But if the younger generation doesn't have a chance to get their foot in the door, then what?'

Squeezing Young Workers Out of Jobs?"

"It's not going to reduce their wages, it's not going to reduce their hours, it's not going to do anything bad to them," Munnell said.

Still, many remain unconvinced.

James Galbraith, a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin, has advocated for a temporary lowering of the age to qualify for Social Security and Medicare to allow older workers who don't want to remain on the job a way to exit and to spur openings for younger workers.

He doesn't buy the comparison of older workers to women entering the workforce and says others' arguments on older workers expanding the economy don't make sense when there are so many unemployed people. If there was a surplus of jobs, he said, there would be no problem with people working longer. But there isn't.

"I can't imagine how you could refute

the Democratic leader chimed in herself.

"Let's for a moment honor it as a legitimate question, although it's quite offensive," she said. "But you don't realize that, I guess."

The heart of Russert's question makes sense to many: If Pelosi doesn't give up her position, a younger person doesn't have a chance to take it. That viewpoint is repeated in countless workplaces around the country, where a younger person awaits a senior employee's departure for their chance to ascend.

In the microeconomic view of things, Pelosi remaining in her job at the age of 73 does deny others her district's seat in Congress or a chance to ascend to the leadership. But economists say the larger macroeconomic view gives a clearer picture: Having older people active and productive actually benefits all age groups, they say, and spurs the creation of more jobs.

Munnell and Wu analyzed Current Population Survey data to test for any changes in employment among those under 55 when those 55 and older worked in greater numbers. They found no evidence younger workers were losing work and in fact found the opposite: Greater employment, reduced unemployment and yielded higher wages.

Munnell said, outside of economists, the findings can be hard for people to understand when they think only of their own workplace.

"They just could not get in their heads this dynamism that is involved," she said. "You can't extrapolate from the experience of a single company to the economy as a whole."

Melissa Quercia, 35, a controller for a small information technology company in Phoenix, said she sees signs of the generational job battle all around her: jobs once taken by high schoolers now filled by seniors, college graduates who can't find work anywhere, the resulting dearth of experience of younger applicants. She doesn't see economists' arguments playing out. Older people staying on the job aren't spurring new jobs, because companies aren't investing in creating new positions, she said.

"It's really hard to retire right now, I understand that," she said. "But if the younger generation doesn't have a chance to get their foot in the door, then what?"

Jonathan Gruber, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who edited a book on the subject for the National Bureau of Economic Research, said it's a frustrating reality of his profession: That those things he knows as facts are disputed by the populace.

"If you polled the average American they probably would think the opposite," he said. "There's a lot of things economists say that people don't get and this is just one of them."

Matt Sedensky, an AP writer on leave, is studying aging and workforce issues as part of a one-year fellowship at the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, which joins NORC's independent research and AP journalism. The fellowship is funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and supported by APME, an association of AP member newspapers and broadcast stations.

## Ask the Fool

## Renewable Energy Investments

Q What companies should I look at to invest in renewable energy? — S.R., Miami

A You could invest in smaller companies with tight focuses on niches in the sector, but you can't know which of them will win out in the long run. You might instead opt for a reliable utility company with alternative energies in its mix. Or perhaps consider some big companies with significant renewable operations. (Utilities and large-cap companies tend to offer dividends, as well.)

ABB Ltd. (NYSE: ABB) provides power and automation technologies worldwide, and is a major developer of solar and wind power projects, such as big onshore wind farms in Europe. It recently bought Power-One, a leading manufacturer of solar power inverters. Then there's General Electric (NYSE: GE), known for its jet engines, light bulbs and much more. It's also beefing up its investments in alternative energies. Along with Siemens AG (NYSE: SI), GE is a global leader in wind turbines.

You might also consider some mutual fund-like exchange-traded funds (ETFs), such as the Market Vectors Global Alternative Energy ETF (NYSEArca: GEX) or the PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (NYSEArca: PBD). They offer easy exposure to dozens of alternative energy companies, many on the small side.

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Q I found a stock trading for less than a dollar per share that pays out more than a dollar per share in a dividend! A good deal? — R.R., online

A Think twice about any stocks trading below \$5 per share. They're penny stocks and are often volatile and risky. And with any dividend payer, it's smart to see how much it's earning each year, as you want earnings to more than cover dividend obligations, lest the dividend end up reduced or eliminated.

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## Dreaming of Retiring Soon?

Those close to retiring and those who aim to retire within a decade or so should be doing more than sitting back and waiting for their golden years to begin — or freaking out about how behind they are.

If you're within 10 years of retirement, you still have time to improve your portfolio and prepare yourself for the end of your peak earning years. Below are some suggestions.

As you approach the end of your working life, you've already earned more money than you're going to make over the rest of your life. As important as your investments have been throughout your career, they take on added importance as you realize that they're going to have to support you, significantly or completely, during retirement.

That's one reason why those within 10 years of retirement should consider cutting back on stocks and adding bonds.

You may also consider creating your own pension-like income stream with annuities from insurance

companies. Think twice about index annuities and variable annuities, though, as they can have some major downsides, such as steep fees. For many folks, immediate annuities or deferred-income annuities (also called longevity insurance) can make more sense, though today's low interest rates make them less attractive.

Don't ignore seemingly riskier investments. Small-cap stocks are able to grow more briskly. International stocks provide exposure to economies that are growing quickly, too.

In many ways, it's riskier not having a wide range of investments than it is to focus on any one kind of stock. You can tap a wide range of stocks (and bonds) inexpensively via index mutual funds.

Even once you optimize your investments, nothing's better for your investments than to save more in your tax-favored accounts such as IRAs or 401(k)s. If your nest egg isn't where it should be by now, you might consider working a few more years than originally planned before retiring, in order to sock away more. That's a powerful tactic.

Finally, consider consulting a pro for advice. You can look up financial advisors at [napfa.org](http://napfa.org), for example.

## My Dumbest Investment

## Investing Guts

Back in the 1980s, I saw an article about a new company. It sounded really interesting, and I had a gut feeling it would be a good investment. I spoke to my broker, but he talked me out of investing in it. One word: Microsoft! I've never trusted a stockbroker since. — E.W., Farmington, N.M.

**The Fool Responds:** That's a painful loss, as Microsoft shares have grown more than 500-fold since they debuted in the mid-1980s. Not all stockbrokers are savvy, skilled and working hard to maximize your gains. But even the best of them make some bad calls now and then, as do the best investors. And when Microsoft was young and small, it was far from clear that it would grow to dominate its market so much. There are small companies around today that people will be slapping their foreheads about in regret 20 years from now.

It's best to take responsibility for our own investment decisions, ideally doing our own research and thinking. If that's too much, as it is for many, opt for a simple, inexpensive broad-market index fund.



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way?

Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to [TheMotleyFool c/o My Dumbest Investment](mailto:TheMotleyFool@fool.com). Got one that worked? Submit to [My Smartest Investment](mailto:MySmartestInvestment@fool.com). If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

## LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I'm named after a Kansas railroad machinist who wanted to produce affordable luxury vehicles. Brands under my roof over the years have included DeSoto, Willys Hudson, Nash, Plymouth, Maxwell and Chalmers. I assembled tanks for the U.S. Army in World War II. In 1941 I introduced a wood-sided, steel-roofed station wagon with a name that's on minivans today. After being bailed out in 2009, I'm owned by Italy's Fiat and a United Auto Workers health-care trust and am profitable again. There's talk of Fiat buying all of me. An art deco building in Manhattan bears my name. Who am I? (Answer: Chrysler)



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## Name That Company

I began in 1939 as All-American Airways, transporting airmail to western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley. I later morphed into Allegheny Airlines, and then took on some other names before arriving at my current one. I operate more than 3,000 flights per day, employ more than 33,000 people and have the world's largest fleet of Airbus planes. I serve about 80 million passengers yearly. In the past, I merged with Piedmont and America West. I've just merged with American Airlines, and the new airline will be the biggest in the world by number of passengers. Who am (or was) I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

## Quiet start in state for new health reform

By KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

MIAMI — It has only been a few days since Irene Jacusis' new health insurance under the Affordable Care Act took effect, but the secretary has already scheduled a surgery for Monday.

Jacusis, 50, is having a benign tumor removed from her uterus. She couldn't afford to meet the \$5,000 deductible under her old insurance plan so she didn't have the surgery. Under her new silver plan, she has a \$1,600 deductible and pays a monthly \$150 premium. The government also kicks in \$226 each month.

She's one of more than 18,000 Floridians who signed up for health insurance. The Jan. 1 start date brings the most personal test yet for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul as patients begin to seek care, shifting the burden for implementing the law to insurance companies and health care providers.

A surge in late applications trying to meet the Dec. 23 deadline, which was extended twice, has overloaded government agencies, creating stacks of yet-to-be-processed paperwork from people unsure about whether they have insurance. Health insurance companies com-

plained they were receiving thousands of faulty applications from the government. That means early this year insured patients could go for a medication refill — or turn up in the emergency room — only to be told there is no record of their coverage.

"I'm getting daily phone calls from people who are a little nervous," said Orlando insurance agent Leslie Glogau.

She spent roughly seven hours on the phone with Humana this week trying to confirm that four of her clients' applications did go through. Their applications had been processed, but Glogau said she had 20 or 30 clients who enrolled in plans in the federal marketplace but are still waiting to get their information packets and ID cards from insurers.

"There are a lot of people on my books that aren't able to access anything. They're just waiting," she said.

Most of the patients in the exchanges are still waiting for ID cards, said Dr. Aaron Elkin, a Broward County obstetrician. But he said doctors and hospitals can still treat those patients because their offices can verify benefits with insurers directly.

"It's going to be more complicated, of course, because it takes more time, but we

can see them," he said.

Major drug store chains such as CVS and Walgreens have announced they will help customers who face coverage glitches, even providing temporary supplies of medications without insisting on up-front payment.

In Florida, home to roughly 3.5 million uninsured residents, many experts predict the demand for doctor's appointments will be high as patients rush to schedule appointments that had been put off for years because they didn't have insurance or couldn't afford it.

Elkin, former president of Broward County Medical Association, said his office hasn't received any calls from newly insured patients yet.

"The truth is people don't really work that way," said Elkin, who predicted patient loads will increase gradually over the year. "Even if they do have insurance they wait and do things when it's convenient for them."

Dr. Alan Harmon, a Jacksonville gastroenterologist and president of the Florida Medical Association, said patient loads were also way down at his office this week, which is common in the first few days of the year.

The health care law's troubled rollout

has been an easy target for Republicans, who have criticized the website and seized on a public relations nightmare when existing policies were cancelled, prompting the president apologize for promising that people who liked their old plans could keep them.

The shaky start could provide more fodder for Florida Republicans this legislative session as Democrats try again to expand Medicaid coverage to roughly 1 million people.

Supporters point to Florida's high enrollment numbers in the federal exchange as a sign of pent up demand. The Sunshine State led the country in enrollment among the 36 states using the federal exchange with nearly 14,500 Floridians signing up in November.

Jacusis, a New Port Richey resident who has been without insurance for the bulk of eight years, said she's ecstatic about her new plan. She didn't mind waiting more than 45 minutes on the phone with her insurer Friday to get her ID number.

"It's peace of mind knowing that as healthy as I am, because there are silent killers out there, that I can go to the doctor for these annual checkups and for the slightest symptom."

## Government might deregulate corn, soybean seeds

By M.L. JOHNSON  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The federal government on Friday proposed eliminating restrictions on corn and soybean seeds genetically engineered to resist a common weed killer, a move welcomed by many farmers but worrisome to scientists and environmentalists who fear it could invite growers to use more chemicals on crops.

The herbicide known as 2,4-D has had limited use in corn and soybean farming because it becomes toxic to the plants early in their growth. The new seeds would allow farmers to use the weed killer throughout the plants' lives.

Farmers have been eager for a new generation of herbicide-resistant seeds because of the prevalence of weeds that have become immune to Monsanto's Roundup. But skeptics are concerned that use of the new seeds and 2,4-D will only lead to similar problems as weeds acquire resistance to that chemical too.

"It's just so clear. You can see that you have this pesticide treadmill effect," said Bill Freese, a chemist with the Washington, D.C.-based Center For Food Safety, which promotes organic agriculture.

Most corn and soybeans grown in the U.S. are already genetically engineered, largely to resist Roundup, which was introduced in 1976. Before that, most farmers tilled their fields prior to planting, flipping the soil over and burying the weeds to kill them. The technique also exposed tilled earth to the air, creating problems with erosion and runoff.

Herbicide-resistant seeds permitted most farmers to stop tilling because it let them spray fields after their plants emerged, killing the weeds but leaving crops unharmed.

The new generation of plants "allowed us to do a better job of controlling the weeds, and therefore, we've been able to do a better job of preserving the soil, which is our primary natural resource," said Ron Moore, who grows 2,000 acres

of corn and soybeans with his brother in western Illinois.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's plant-inspection agency concluded that the greatest risk from the new seeds developed by Dow AgroSciences was increased use of 2,4-D, which could hasten the evolution of weeds resistant to it.

But, the agency said, resistance could develop anyway because 2,4-D is the third most-used weed-killer in the nation.

Freese also raised concerns about 2,4-D's tendency to drift beyond the area where it is sprayed, threatening neighboring crops and wild plants.

Dow AgroSciences has attempted to address that by developing a new version of 2,4-D and new equipment to use with it, company spokesman Garry Hamlin said. The seeds and new 2,4-D have been approved in Canada but not yet sold there.

The company has targeted their release in the U.S. for 2015, pending approval by various federal agencies. In anticipation of that, it has received import approval from

multiple nations so that farmers using seeds sold under the Enlist brand name can export their crops and products made from them.

For now, the seeds can only be used in tightly controlled trials.

The public has 45 days to comment on the USDA report published Friday as part of the deregulation process. The Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a separate review on the impact of expanded use of 2,4-D, although it previously found the herbicide safe.

The EPA plans to release a report in the coming months, and the two agencies are expected to make final decisions simultaneously on use of the chemical and seeds. It was not clear when that would happen.

Dow AgroSciences has asked the USDA to deregulate one corn and two soybean varieties. The corn resists 2,4-D and glyphosate, the generic form of Roundup. Both soybean varieties resist 2,4-D, but they differ in their immunities to other herbicides.

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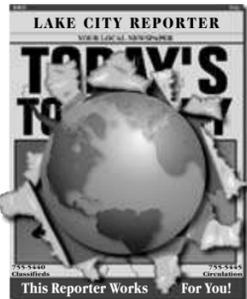
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# Health law plans leave some 'underinsured'

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For working people making modest wages and struggling with high medical bills from chronic disease, President Barack Obama's health care plan sounds like long-awaited relief. But the promise could go unfulfilled.

It's true that patients with cancer and difficult conditions such as multiple sclerosis or Crohn's disease will be able to get insurance and financial help with monthly premiums.

But their annual out-of-pocket costs could still be so high they'll have trouble staying out of debt.

You couldn't call them uninsured any longer. You might say they're "underinsured."

These gaps "need to be addressed in order to fulfill the intention of the

Affordable Care Act," said Brian Rosen, a senior vice president of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. "There are certainly challenges for cancer patients."

"Cost may still be an issue for those in need of the most care," said Steven Weiss, spokesman for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. That "makes it critically important for patients looking at premiums to also consider out-of-pocket costs when choosing a plan."

Out-of-pocket costs include a health plan's annual deductible, which is the amount before insurance starts paying, as well as any copayments and cost-sharing.

A few numbers tell the story. Take someone under 65 with no access to health insurance on the job and making \$24,000 a year — about what many service jobs pay.

Under the health care law, that person's premi-

ums would be capped below 7 percent of his income, about \$130 a month. A stretch on a tight budget, yet doable.

But if he gets really sick or has an accident, his out-of-pocket expenses could go as high as \$5,200 a year in a worst-case scenario. That's even with additional financial subsidies that the law provides people with modest incomes and high out-of-pocket costs.

The \$5,200 would be more than 20 percent of the person's income, well above a common threshold for being underinsured.

"Chronically ill people are likely to be underinsured and face extremely high out-of-pocket costs," said Caroline Pearson, who tracks the health care overhaul for Avalere Health, a market research and consulting firm. "While the subsidies help, there still may be access problems for some populations."

Under the law, insurance

companies competing in new online markets like HealthCare.gov can offer four levels of coverage.

All plans cover the same benefits; the difference is in financial protection. A bronze plan covers 60 percent of expected costs, silver covers 70 percent, gold covers 80 percent, and platinum covers 90 percent.

Bronze plans have the lowest premiums but provide less insurance. Gold plans are the closest to employer-provided coverage. Indeed, members of Congress and staffers who will now get their coverage through the health care law have been steered to gold plans.

Silver, however, is the standard for most consumers. The law's tax credits to help with premiums are keyed to a benchmark silver plan in each geographical area. And the law's subsidies to help with out-of-pocket costs are only available to people who get a silver plan.

Avalere found that the average annual deductible for silver plans is \$2,567, more than twice what workers in employer plans currently face. Additionally, many silver plans have high cost-sharing requirements for prescriptions, particularly "specialty drugs" to treat intractable conditions such as severe forms of arthritis.

Some plans may offer limited relief by covering certain services before a patient has met their annual deductible. Those services can include primary care, some prescription drugs and routine care for common chronic conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

But Pearson says that won't help people with high-cost illnesses. "Chronically ill people may still experience significant financial challenges," she said.

Platinum or gold coverage may be the better option for people with

serious health problems. They'll pay more in premiums, but reduce exposure to out-of-pocket costs.

Obama administration spokeswoman Joanne Peters said the new system is still "night and day" from what patients faced for years, because insurers can no longer turn away those with pre-existing medical conditions, and because the new plans cap out-of-pocket costs. While that limits medical debt, it doesn't eliminate it.

One of the leading advocates of the health care law says most people will still come out ahead.

"If the question is, will some people find that coverage and care remain unaffordable, the answer is yes," said Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA. "There will be some people who feel that way. The overwhelming majority will be far better off, even if what they have is not perfect."

# 2013 a fabulous year for many mutual funds

By STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK— It was easy to make money with mutual funds last year, as long as you picked ones focused on stocks.

Stock markets around the world surged in 2013, from New York to Frankfurt to Tokyo, and that helped lift all flavors of stock mutual funds. The market's ascent spread across not only geographies but also industries. That meant everything from high-flying technology stock funds to stereotypically dowdy utility stock funds rose. As long as investors held onto their stock funds through the year - and resisted the temptation to sell at each blip of concern - they enjoyed the best returns in a decade for many funds.

Out of nearly 3,650 stock funds tracked by Morningstar, 92 percent rose over 2013. But funds that focus on bonds struggled, many of them after years of solid performance. Here's a look at some of the trends that shaped the year for mutual-fund investors:

— Portfolio managers with passports were popular. The U.S. stock market surged to a record high in 2013, but investors put more money into funds that invest in stocks outside the U.S. During November alone, investors poured \$1.72 billion into the Vanguard Total International Stock Index fund (VGTIX), for example. Its biggest investments include Nestle of Switzerland and

Samsung Electronics of South Korea.

Through the year's first 11 months, investors plugged a net \$129.38 billion into world stock mutual funds, according to the most recent data from the Investment Company Institute. That's nearly five times the \$27.15 billion that they put into funds focused on just U.S. stocks.

The moves are part of a long-term migration investors are undertaking as they make their portfolios look more like the world's: Stocks outside the U.S. make up more than half the world's total by market value. Plus, foreign stocks sometimes zig when U.S. stocks zag. By adding foreign stocks, the thinking goes, a portfolio becomes more diversified.

— The dollar's moves matter. Many headlines trumpeted the 56.7 percent surge for Japan's Nikkei 225 index last year. That beat the 29.6 percent rise for the Standard & Poor's 500 index of U.S. stocks. But many U.S. investors in Japanese stock funds didn't feel the full benefit. That's because the Nikkei rose 56.7 percent in Japanese yen terms. When converted into dollars, the performance wasn't as good, and Japanese stock mutual funds returned an average of 26.7 percent last year, including dividends. That's less than the S&P 500.

It's a result of the yen's value dropping steadily through the year against the dollar. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has

championed big stimulus efforts to jolt the world's third-largest economy. One dollar bought 105 yen at the end of 2013, up from 87 yen at the start of the year.

Some mutual funds try to blunt the effect of shifting currency values in a process called hedging. But many funds don't hedge against currency moves, saying it's too unpredictable or too expensive to do so.

— Health care funds took the lead. Health care stock funds returned an average of 48.2 percent last year. That beat everything from technology stock funds (an average gain of 35.5 percent) to financial stock funds (34.6 percent). To see why, look at the holdings of the Franklin Biotechnology Discovery fund (FBDIX), which led the way with a 68.6 percent surge in 2013.

The fund keeps about a fifth of its portfolio in just two stocks: Gilead Sciences and Celgene. Both more than doubled in 2013 amid an explosion of interest in the biotech industry.

— Small was big. Some of the best returns in 2013 came from mutual funds that focus on the smallest stocks. Small-cap growth stock funds jumped an average of 40.9 percent, for example. Managers of these funds focus on stocks with market values closer to \$300 million, like 1-800-Flowers.com, than those worth a total of \$300 billion, like Microsoft. Large-cap growth funds returned an average of 33.9 percent.

Small stocks surged more than the rest of the market amid

excitement that their earnings can grow faster. Smaller companies tend to get more of their revenue from customers in the U.S. than big multinational companies do, and the U.S. economy looks to be in better shape than many others. The unemployment rate fell last month to a five-year low, and the Federal Reserve has seen enough improvement that it is slowing its bond-buying program meant to stimulate the economy. To be sure, the gains for small-cap stocks have been so great that some fund managers are worried that they've become too expensive.

— Emerging downers. Not all stock mutual funds rose. Many of those that focus on China, Brazil and other emerging markets fell, with the average emerging-markets stock fund down 0.1 percent. Latin American stock funds fell 12 percent.

Worries about slower economic growth hurt, as did concerns that foreign investors will pull out of developing economies amid a slowdown in stimulus from the Federal Reserve.

— Many bond funds struggled. For years, investors looked to bond mutual funds for a safe way to avoid the whipsaws of the stock market. During 2008, when the S&P 500 lost 37 percent amid the financial crisis, intermediate-term bond funds lost an average of just 4.7 percent.

But last year, bond funds were a big source of fear. Investors yanked a net \$57.92 billion from bond funds through the first 11

months of 2013. It's a sharp turnaround from 2012, when they deposited a net total of \$303.6 billion into bond funds.

Investors were worried about the threat of rising interest rates, which hurt bond prices. When rates rise, it suddenly makes the lower yields paid by older bonds less attractive. That means prices for them drop, hurting the returns for the bond mutual funds that own them. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose from a low of about 1.6 percent in May to 3 percent at the end of 2013.

Intermediate-bond funds are the biggest category of bond funds, with \$935 billion in total assets, according to Morningstar. They lost an average of 1.4 percent in 2013.

— A good rotation. Many experts predicted a "great rotation" in 2013, where investors would dump bonds en masse and move money into stocks. A shift did occur, but many fund managers say the magnitude doesn't yet qualify as "great."

Some types of bond mutual funds were still able to attract money through 2013, even with the worries about rising rates. That's because some funds are better able to tolerate rising interest rates. Bank-loan funds, for example, own loans whose interest rates can rise and fall with the broad market. Investors flocked to them last year and deposited a net \$58 billion through the year's first 11 months. That helped the category's assets nearly double from a year earlier to \$135 billion.

# Boats, pearls, crabs: New museum channels Miami

By LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Model yachts, rustic fishing boats and wooden rafts dangle above visitors as they step into the new Perez Art Museum Miami. The colorful display is both a playful nod to South Florida's maritime culture and a somber reference to the perilous journeys many make to get here. It is the perfect entry to a museum that channels the city around it: whimsical, vibrant, brimming with culture from across the Americas - and yes, a work in progress.

The museum, which opened in December, still lacks a permanent blockbuster, but its retrospective of Chinese master and political dissident Ai Weiwei, on display through mid-March, should temporarily satisfy. And the museum's eclectic and provocative collection, coupled with its bay front location, has quickly turned the PAMM - as locals already call it - into a must-see destination for tourists and natives.

"Our biggest competition down here isn't the other cultural institutions. It's the beach, the water," Museum director Thom Collins said. "So, rather than compete, the museum embraces its surroundings."

As in the rest of Miami's booming downtown, visitors to the Perez Museum are immediately greeted by construction along the museum's front plaza and at the site of a neighboring science museum, set to open in 2015. Once under the PAMM's shaded deck, though, Ai Weiwei's mammoth bronze animal Zodiac Heads welcome guests, and the call of gulls and

ocean breezes take over. The Pritzker Prize-winning Swiss architect firm Herzog & de Meuron took pains to design an airy and hurricane resistant building, with a wide, shaded deck that can serve as the rare outdoor communal space in a city with scorching temperatures and no central park. Beneath the deck's three-story slatted roof, shrubbery-covered columns hang like an abstract enchanted forest, pumping recaptured rainwater through hidden pipes to further cool the deck.

Inside, strategically placed windows offer views of the beaches and downtown skyline and provide natural light, while an open floor plan ensures future exhibits can be shaped around new acquisitions. No space is wasted: the museum's center staircase doubles as a theater that can be divided into two auditoriums.

Ai's retrospective, which includes symbolic crab piles, buckets of pearls, a maze of hundreds of bicycle wheels and an exploration of the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, will be followed by a retrospective of Caribbean art and an exhibit by Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes, whose psychedelic color bursts have earned her fame throughout Latin America and Europe.

Collins says contemporary Latin American artists like Milhazes are sometimes overlooked by major U.S. museums.

"Her work is so baroque and sexual, and often in the U.S. we are somewhat puritanical," he said, "but it will be well received here."

The desire to tap into Miami sensibilities, culture and history is what drew

Collins and chief curator Tobias Ostrander to the boat installation entitled, "For Those In Peril on the Sea." The work by Guyana-raised artist Hew Locke originally hung in a British church but could have easily been commissioned for Miami.

Most of the museum's art comes from the post-World War II period, reflecting the rise of Miami as a metropolis. The museum's strong suit is its Latin American collection, a sizeable portion of which came from Colombian-born developer Jorge Perez, who donated a combined \$40 million in cash and art to earn naming rights. Perez, the son of Cuban exiles, has been a major force behind Miami's urban redevelopment. He says it's only natural that the museum would have such a strong Latin American and Latino influence.

"It's a museum that tries to capture Miami, and in capturing Miami, you have to understand what America - all of the Americas - are about," he said.

Perez began collecting Latin American art while in graduate school in New York. Like many immigrants, he yearned for his homeland even as he prepared to leave it behind. Art was a way to maintain the connection.

The museum's semi-permanent exhibit is entitled Americana and divided into themes rather than chronology: myth and identity, landscapes and desire, pop art and traditional crafts. Perez's collection includes some works by Latin American powerhouses like Colombian Fernando Botero, Mexico's Diego Rivera and Cuban artist Wilfredo Lam. But many of the museum's most interesting pieces are by less well-known artists such as El Paso

native Adrian Esparza, who literally deconstructs the cliché Mexican serape and repurposes it into a vast, complex, geometric weaving.

Collins and Ostrander were adamant they wanted to make the institution's work accessible to a wide range of art enthusiasts. Thus bilingual placards - Spanish and English - placed next to each work provide far more context than the usual name and title.

"You want to encourage people to look and get a lot just from what they are seeing, but labels helps them look longer and opens up new ways to view the art," Ostrander said.

Passions tend to run high in Miami when it comes to politics, but Collins and Ostrander aren't shying away from meatier topics. The museum dedicates several installations to institutional violence throughout the Americas and beyond, including a giant, mixed media collage by Sue Coe, depicting the 1973 imprisonment and torture of Chileans under Gen. Augusto Pinochet, replete with a symbol of U.S. corporate interests - a Pepsi machine - in the foreground.

One of the most popular initial exhibits is that of the late Cuban Avant-garde painter Amelia Peláez, revered in Miami's Cuban exile community. Collins and Ostrander say they'd also like to produce a show by current Cuban artists - a bold move in a town where many still believe such attention would only benefit the island's aging communist government, but also one that like the museum itself, reflects the complex and evolving nature of Miami in the 21st century.

GARDEN TALK



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## Water: Protecting our natural resources

We all know there are no magical, quick fixes to all the freshwater quality and quantity issues in Florida, or any other state. It's an ongoing task for science to seek out the solutions to problems, and the implementation of each solution requires our wide participation and acceptance. As of last Wednesday, January 1, 2014, a new Florida statute went into effect that brings us a step closer.

This new Florida law requires that all persons who make fertilizer applications on turf and/or landscape plants in exchange of payment in money, goods, services, or other bartered material must have this Fertilizer Applicators License. The full name is the Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate (LCFAC) issued according to Florida Statute 482.1562.

Lawn and landscape personnel must attend special training and pass a test to obtain this certification. The training focuses on information and guidance on turfgrass and landscape management practices that minimize non-point source pollution in order to conserve and protect our water resources. As a homeowner, you can ask or check online to make certain your lawn service worker has lawfully been trained to obtain the Fertilizer Applicator Certificate.

It is estimated that at least 75 percent of Florida homeowners care for their own lawns. This could mean anything from 'manicuring a carpet-like turf' to 'mowing anything that's green.' Most of us fall somewhere in between, but we often operate without a real maintenance plan. To make this part of the water solution work, it's going to take participation from homeowners as well as the green industry personnel.

I know it's a bit early to be talking about lawn care. But it's never too early to plan for improving water quality. Do you know the answer to these questions? If not, you have time to find answers at <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/yourfloridalawn/> or call the Master Gardeners at 752-5384.

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- Do different turfgrasses require different rates of fertilizer?
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- How do you know which bag has slow release fertilizer?
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- How high should your type of grass be kept and why?

WATER continued on 3D

# Winter's here: AVOID CABIN FEVER



COURTESY

Fortunately, residents of Florida don't have to deal with winter weather like our friends up north, but when the chilly weather does come, here are some tips to keep you comfortable and cozy inside your clean, winterized home.

## Tips for maintaining your winterized home.

By StatePoint

During the cooler months, you likely are spending more time indoors. So having a clean, cozy home is important. And making the process smooth and easy can help you focus on family, friends and the spirit of the season. Here are some winter maintenance tips that will save you time and energy:

### Organized House

When you're expecting company, you'll want the house to be clean and in tip top order.

De-clutter closets by giving away unneeded items. While all the items are out, vacuum the floor and clean the baseboards.

Clean appliances, counters, cabinets, tables and chairs. Scrub and sanitize sinks, countertops and backsplashes. Clean your range top and refrigerator top and exterior, as well as inside and outside your microwave. And wash those floors!

Or for a thorough, customized deep clean of your home, and to cross a major chore off your to-do list, consider using a professional service that can help ensure no small detail is overlooked.

### Peace of Mind

Be sure your heating system and appliances are in proper working order all winter long -- the last thing you'll want is a broken heater during the cooler months.

Feel more confident in your repair or replacement with a home warranty that covers many of the appliances and system components found in most homes.

### Lawn Care

Your lawn makes a first impression, especially around the holidays when attention is called to your home's exterior. Boost curb appeal by taking great care of your yard year-round. For example, corrective pruning can prevent dead or overgrown plants from detracting from your home's cheery personality. It can

also enhance a plant's growth for the coming spring. Core aeration will help your lawn breathe and strengthen roots.

To save time at this busy time of year, opt for a professional lawn care specialist that can tailor a plan for your lawn using science-based solutions.

### Pest Control

It may be cooler outside, but pest control should be a year-round concern. Use weather stripping and caulk to seal exterior doors, cracks, and openings around pipes and utility lines. You'll not only improve your home's energy efficiency but you'll prevent pests from entering your home.

To make your home more inviting this winter, take steps to maintain your home.

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

## Top 10 Best of Halifax

One of the Canadian stops for our recent cruise included Halifax, Nova Scotia. This was a beautiful area and we took a "Top 10 Best of Halifax" coach tour. The sites included a short stop atop the hill at the Citadel, an old fort and National Historic Site in Canada; and a trip to Peggy's Cove, an authentic fishing village whose namesake has a story all her own. Next, stops at Acadian Maple Syrup (yum!), then a short walk through the Public Gardens and a lunch stop along Spring Garden Street, where we ate pizza and sampled a local beer at The Fickle Frog. After lunch, we drove to the Fairview Lawn Cemetery where 121 victims of the Titanic disaster are buried.

This last stop was probably what intrigued me the most. All I knew about the Titanic disaster before this visit to the cemetery was what I saw in the James Cameron movie back in the late 90's.

Apparently the Titanic went down about 750 nautical miles from Halifax, where the White Star Line had offices. After the accident, they commissioned 4 ships to go in search of bodies in the disaster area.

HALIFAX continued on 3D

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

## Facts you may not have known

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
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A sophisticated, real-world study confirms that dialing, texting or reaching for a cellphone while driving raises the risk of a crash or near-miss, especially for younger drivers. But the research also produced a surprise: Simply talking on the phone did not prove dangerous, as it has in other studies.

This one did not distinguish between handheld and hands-free devices — a major weakness.

And even though talking doesn't require drivers to take their eyes off the road, it's hard to talk on a phone without first reaching for it or dialing a number — things that raise the risk of a crash, researchers note.

Earlier work with simulators, test-tracks and cellphone records suggests that risky driving increases when people are on cellphones, especially teens. The 15-to-20-year-old age group accounts for 6 percent of all drivers but 10 percent of traffic deaths and 14 percent of police-reported crashes with injuries.

For the new study, researchers at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute installed video cameras, global positioning systems, lane trackers, gadgets to measure speed and acceleration, and other sensors in the cars of 42 newly licensed drivers 16 or 17 years old, and 109 adults with an average of 20 years behind the wheel.

The risk of a crash or near-miss among young drivers increased more than sevenfold if they were dialing or reaching for a cellphone and fourfold if they were sending or receiving a text message. The risk also rose if they were reaching for something other than a phone, looking at a roadside object or eating.

Among older drivers, only dialing a cellphone increased the chances of a crash or near miss. However, that study began before texting became more common, so researchers don't know if it is as dangerous for them as it is for teens.

Engaging in distractions increased as time went on among novice drivers but not among experienced ones.

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# Americans see downhill slide to 2050

## Pessimism's the rule in responses to yearly national survey.

By **CONNIE CASS**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ask people to imagine American life in 2050, and you'll get some dreary visions.

Whether they foresee runaway technology or runaway government, rampant poverty or vanishing morality, a majority of Americans predict a future worse than today.

Whites are particularly gloomy: Only 1 in 6 expects better times over the next four decades. Also notably pessimistic are middle-age and older people, those who earn midlevel incomes and Protestants, a new national poll finds.

"I really worry about my grandchildren, I do," says 74-year-old Penny Trusty of Rockville, Md., a retired software designer and grandmother of five. "I worry about the lowering of morals and the corruption and the confusion that's just raining down on them."

Even groups with comparatively sunny outlooks — racial and ethnic minorities, the young and the nonreligious — are much more likely to say things will be the same or get worse than to predict a brighter future.

"Changes will come, and some of them are scary," says Kelly Miller, 22, a freshly minted University of Minnesota sports management grad.

She looks forward to some wonderful things, like 3D printers creating organs for transplant patients. But Miller envisions Americans in 2050 blindly relying on robots and technology for everything from cooking dinner to managing their money.

"It's taking away our free choice and human thought," she says. "And there's potential for government to control and regulate what this artificial intelligence thinks."

Overall, 54 percent of those surveyed expect American life to go downhill, while 23 percent think it will improve, according to a December survey from the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Only 21 percent predict life will stay about the same. That minority may be onto something, however.

While no one can say what catastro-

phes or human triumphs are to come, contentment at a personal level has proven remarkably stable over the past four decades.

Interviews by the federally funded General Social Survey, one of the nation's longest-running surveys of social trends, show Americans' overall happiness as well as satisfaction with their jobs and marriages barely fluctuating since 1972. Those decades spanned the sexual revolution and the women's rights movement, race riots and civil rights advances, the resignation of one president and impeachment of another, wars from Vietnam through Afghanistan, the birth of the home computer and the smartphone, boom times and hard times.

Despite the recent shift toward negativity about the state of the nation, the portion of U.S. residents rating themselves very or pretty happy stayed around 9 out of 10.

"Most people evaluate their lives very stably from year to year," said Tom W. Smith, who has been director since 1980 of the GSS, conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. "You don't want massive surges and falls in personal happiness, and the fact that we don't see that is reassuring."

The GSS, conducted once every two years, will send interviewers back into the field in 2014. The AP-NORC Center survey asked people to rate the change in American life during the period tracked by the GSS, from 1972 to 2012.

A majority — 54 percent — say life in America is worse today than four decades ago.

Those old enough to remember the early '70s are especially nostalgic, as are tea party supporters and people who live in the countryside. Those who say U.S. life has declined are more apt to name politics, the economy, moral values or changes in families as the biggest difference.

The 3 in 10 who think life is better are more likely to point to computers and technology as the big change. Racial and ethnic minorities are apt to cite domestic issues, including civil rights.

The GSS offers a look at the real-time changes in American opinion, along with things that have stayed the same, and hints for the future:

### EQUALITY

Some of the opinions voiced in the 1972 survey are rarely uttered today.

Back then, nearly 4 in 10 nonblacks agreed with the idea that whites had the right to keep blacks "out of their neighborhoods." A quarter of nonblacks said they wouldn't vote for a black man for president, and 26 percent of all adults wouldn't back a well-qualified woman.

Now the president of the United States is black and a woman is the most-discussed prospect for 2016. The GSS dropped those three questions in the 1990s as results began to show they were no longer contentious.

La'Shon Callaway, a 19-year-old political science student at Stockton College in New Jersey, is optimistic that his generation will make the future brighter and that he'll see discrimination fade over his lifetime.

"People are getting tired of it, and fed up," said Callaway, who is black. "They're realizing even if you're not the same color as me, you're still a person and I'm still a person."

As 2050 approaches, one central component of U.S. race relations will change: Non-Hispanic whites will no longer make up the majority of the population, according to Census Bureau projections.

### LOVE AND FAMILY

In 1972, the sexual revolution was ablaze. That year the Supreme Court ruled that unmarried couples had a right to birth control. "The Joy of Sex" manual was published. And then there's "Maude," the sitcom character who shocked Americans by getting an abortion.

Still, a third of Americans back then disapproved of a woman working if she had a husband to support her. The GSS no longer bothers asking that one.

Americans today are more worried about divorce and the increasing number of never-married moms. Nearly 4 out of 10 women who gave birth in 2011 were unmarried, according to the census.

"It's very sad to me," says Christine Hicks, 57, of Nashville, Tenn., who divorced when her two children were teens. "It's really hard to be a parent when you're alone."

Despite the social turmoil, 98 percent of married people today say their union is happy, including two-thirds who are "very happy." And marital fidelity remains an ideal endorsed by nearly all Americans.

The political debate over abortion shows no signs of being resolved, more than 40 years after Roe vs. Wade. Young people

today are somewhat more conservative on the issue than middle-aged Americans.

Gay marriage, on the other hand, appears headed toward future acceptance. Young people are solidly in favor, while opposition is strongest among the oldest Americans.

### GOD

Through those decades of moral tumult, the vast majority of Americans held onto belief in God or some higher power. Fewer than 1 in 10 say there's no God or no way to know.

Yet ties to organized religion are slipping.

Since 1972, the number of Americans who name no faith preference has quadrupled to 20 percent.

"Maybe it just means people are thinking for themselves and not following blindly," says Hicks, a Tennessee state worker and Methodist churchgoer. "But I do think the church gives families a foundation."

### MONEY

Recession, a stock market crash, runaway inflation and an oil crisis marred the U.S. economy in the early 1970s. Forty years later, those look like the good times to many.

Before the Great Recession hit in 2007, most people consistently said their family finances were getting better instead of worse. That's not the case anymore. Americans are more likely to consider themselves "lower class" than ever in GSS history — 8 percent say that.

"You read every day about 'no more middle class'," says Bill Hardy, 67, a Westerville, Ohio, investment adviser. "It's the poor versus the rich almost."

Whites are especially pessimistic about their prospects. Black and Hispanic optimism surged after Barack Obama became the first black president in 2008.

Overall, about half of Americans still believe their children will have a better standard of living than they do.

"I just think they're going to have to deal with a lot," Hardy, who is white, said of his grown children and three grandkids. "They'll deal with it. Kids today are very smart."

*Associated Press Director of Polling Jennifer Agiesta and AP News Survey Specialist Dennis Junius contributed to this report.*

# Sights from Colorado pot industry's opening day

By **KRISTEN WYATT**  
Associated Press

DENVER — The nation's first recreational pot industry opened in Colorado on Wednesday, kicking off a marijuana experiment that will be watched closely around the world. Already, it is attracting people from across the country.

Some of the sights in Denver, the Mile High City, on the historic day:

### FROM JAILHOUSE TO POTOUSE

Less than a year ago, James Aaron Ramsey was serving a brief jail sentence for pot possession. On Wednesday, the 28-year-old musician, having driven from Missouri, was among the first to legally buy weed.

He brought a guitar and strummed folk tunes for about 20 people waiting outside one dispensary for sales to begin, as light snow fell at times.

"I'm going to frame the receipt when I go home," Ramsey said with a smile. "To remind myself of what might be possible. Legal everywhere."

Others who were waiting in line shared their own pot incarceration stories over coffee and funnel cakes.

"They made me go to rehab for marijuana, but I'd get out and see all my underage friends getting drunk all the time," said 24-year-old Brandon Harris, who drove 20 hours from Blanchester, Ohio.

"I had to do pee tests, probation visits, the whole thing. Trafficking conviction. Nineteen years old. For a plant, how stupid," he said, shaking his head.

### 'YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S POT CONNECTION'

Tinted windows on a black limousine idling outside one Denver dispensary showed another side of the newly legal weed market — people eager to try legal marijuana, but not ready to be seen publicly buying it.

Addison Morris, owner of Rocky Mountain Mile High Tours, had 10 clients waiting in the limo who paid \$295 for four hours of chauffeuring by a "marijuana concierge" who would help them choose strains and edible pot products.

"We're your grandmother's pot connection," the 63-year-old said. "We're not the hippie stoners who are going to stand in this cold and party."

Morris said she's booked through the

end of February with out-of-state clients. Guests receive samples in designer bags before getting tours.

Morris said she's selling discretion. Guests are asked to leave cameras at home. They avoided the crowd at the dispensary, where younger shoppers noshed on funnel cakes and doughnuts from a food truck.

Asked if her guests wanted any of the carnival-style treats, Morris recoiled.

"Oh God no," she said. "We're going to Whole Foods for breakfast."

### WILL THERE BE ENOUGH?

Not all marijuana users in Colorado are toasting the dawn of retail sales.

Some medical marijuana patients groups say they're worried about supply. That's because the retail inventory for recreational use is coming entirely from the preexisting medical inventory. Many in the industry warned patients to stock up before recreational sales began.

Laura Kriho of the Cannabis Therapy Institute said she worries prices will spike and patients will be left paying more if they're not able to grow their own.

"We hope that the focus on recreational doesn't take the focus away from patients who really need this medicine," she said.

### AT LEAST THEY OPENED ON TIME

Some Green Wednesday openings were grand, with coffee and live music awaiting early shoppers. Others were more slapdash. As in, not sure until the sun went down New Year's Eve they'd have all their licensing and permitting to open.

The Clinic marked the opening of sales by turning on a Bob Marley CD and hurriedly putting out inventory.

Manager Ryan Cook didn't get clearance to open until Tuesday evening.

"Never thought we'd be able to get here, but we did it," a bleary-eyed Cook said, hustling around his shop after a long night waiting for new packaging bags that comply with new Colorado regulations.

### NOT EVERYONE WAITED

Recreational sales weren't legal until Wednesday, but pot has been legal and free to share in Colorado for more than a year.

So marijuana aficionados gathered statewide to mark New Year's Eve with a group toke to count down to when sales

began at 8 a.m.

At one party, a 1920s-themed "Prohibition Is Over" gala in Denver, women wore sparkly flapper dresses and men donned suits and suspenders to gather around communal rigs to light up together.

A jazz band played, TV monitors showed "The Untouchables" and revelers gathered around a craps table and several card tables. Most of the smoking was outside, but still the air was heavy with marijuana.

"This is just pure joy," said David Earley, a 24-year-old marijuana grower from Colorado Springs. "To be able to come out and smoke publicly, it's truly amazing."

### THEY BRAVED LONG LINES ...

Two hours. Three hours. Five hours.

Marijuana shoppers Wednesday paid a price for shopping on the first day — long waits. Lines snaked down the street outside most pot shops, and the waiting crowds routinely gave a little cheer when shoppers emerged, bags in hand.

"How long have we been here?" one marijuana shopper asked his buddies as they emerged from one shop. The sun was setting and the group from Olathe, Kan., hadn't yet checked into their hotel. They'd arrived at the pot shop five hours earlier.

The group was smiling, though.

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## WATER

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■ How does fertilizer affect grass in shady spots?

There will be a training class held at the UF/IFAS Extension, Columbia County Office in Lake City on January 17th from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. This is the training needed to obtain the Fertilizer Applicator's License, but anyone interested is welcome to attend. The \$25 fee includes lunch and all materials. Please call the office at 752-5384 by January 15th to pre-register.

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## HALIFAX

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The numbers are absolutely staggering. There were just over 2,200 passengers and crew members aboard, of which approximately 700 survived. The 4 ships from Canada were able to recover 328 victims but only had enough space to bring back 209 – the rest were buried at sea. When the victims were brought out of the water, they were “tagged” with numbers and any of their clothing and personal effects were put in a bag and also numbered.

Of the 209 brought to Canada, 59 were claimed by family members. The remaining victims were then separated by what religion they were thought to be so they were buried in the proper places. Those thought to be Catholic or Jewish were buried in those cemeteries, leaving 121 to be buried in the Protestant cemetery, Fairview Lawn; where we visited.

What amazed me is the length at which the crew members and authorities took care to give final respect to these victims. There are still 40 victims that were never identified. Yet, they have a burial place and a headstone that reads: “Died, April 15, 1912, and their Number assigned below it.” An unidentified child was one of the first victims found by the crew of one of the ships. When he was never identified, the crew were so saddened that they asked to sponsor this child and raised the money themselves to hold a proper service and purchased his headstone.

Fast forward 100 years to the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic and shortly after that, a gentleman coming forward with a pair of toddler shoes that his great grandfather had in his attic. He couldn't bear to turn them over at the time and with the assistance of DNA samples from a family in England and exhuming the child's remains, he was finally identified and received a new headstone with his name – Sidney Goodwin.

Learning more about the history of this tragic event made me realize how horrific it really was and also gave me a lot of respect for the role the people of Halifax had in it. Not only was this a beautiful city, but its people are equally so.

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## TEXTING

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The National Institutes of Health and the National Highway Traffic Safety

# Start with celery for a healthy, crunchy salad

By **ELIZABETH KARMELE**

*Associated Press*

I know this will make me sound like some ultra-serious dieter — which I'm not! — but I love raw celery.

The humble celery stalk shines in so many ways, from a bloody mary to a snack stuffed with peanut butter or pimento cheese. To me, it's the cracker of the vegetable world. It's what I reach for when I want a snack or a salad that is pure and simple and uncomplicated. Conveniently, it also happens to be high in fiber and low in calories.

There is an urban legend that it has zero calories — meaning that it takes more calories to digest than it contains. That is not true, but it always makes me feel

better when I am on a diet. And I bet celery sales spike in January, when everyone is attempting a healthy makeover of their diet.

Sadly, raw celery often is relegated to the crudite platter that hardly gets touched when there are more crave-worthy (and fattening) dishes to choose from. But it doesn't have to be that way! This January, eat your celery in my favorite have-it-your-way celery salad.

This crunchy salad is seriously satisfying and elevates celery to gourmet status. The secret is in slicing the celery paper thin with a mandolin, or the slicing blade of a food processor. A tart lemon vinaigrette and thin ribbons of real Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese enhance the dish.

The combination of cool crunchy slices of celery and thin bits of savory cheese is what makes this simple salad so satisfying. It also is a great foundation for add-in, one of the reasons that I make it all the time. Depending on my mood or what I find at the market, I fancy it up with mushrooms, fennel, apples, pears, beets — all thinly sliced — and/or walnuts, even pomegranate seeds. Try any ingredients that suit your fancy. Just keep the two main ingredients — celery and Parmesan cheese — the same.

### HAVE-IT-YOUR-WAY CELERY SALAD

A food processor is the fastest way to thinly slice large amounts of celery, but a mandoline

does a better job of getting the slices as thin as possible. The trouble is that it is almost impossible to use the hand guard of the mandoline when slicing celery. Some kitchen shops sell safety gloves for slicing, which can help. Another way to make it easier is to hold several celery stalks together (nestled into one another) when slicing.

**Start to finish: 15 minutes**  
**Servings: 2**

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 8 ribs celery, very thinly sliced crosswise
- 2-ounce chunk Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

■ Additional salad ingredients, as desired (fennel, sliced mushrooms, fruit, nuts, etc.)

### Directions:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice and mustard. Season with salt and pepper, then add the sliced celery. Toss well to coat, then divide the celery between 2 serving plates.

Use a vegetable peeler to shave some of the cheese over each serving, then add additional salad ingredients as desired. Mushrooms, plouts and fennel make an excellent combination with this celery base.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 280 calories; 190 calories from fat (68 percent of total calories); 22 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 9 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 12 g protein; 920 mg sodium.

## Original Cheerios to go GMO-free

By **CANDICE CHOI**

*AP Food Industry Writer*

NEW YORK — General Mills says some Cheerios made without genetically modified ingredients will start appearing on shelves soon.

The Minneapolis-based company said Thursday that it has been manufacturing its original-flavor Cheerios without GMOs for the past several weeks in response to consumer demand. It did not specify exactly when those boxes would be on sale.

Original Cheerios will now be labeled as “Not Made With Genetically Modified Ingredients,” although that it is not an official certification. The labels will also note that trace amounts of GMO ingredients could be present due to contamination during the manufacturing process, said Mike Siemienas, a company spokesman.

The change does not apply to any other Cheerios flavors, such as Apple Cinnamon Cheerios or Multi Grain Cheerios.

“We were able to do this with original Cheerios because the main ingredients are oats,” said Siemienas, noting that there are no genetically modified oats. The company is primarily switching the cornstarch and sugar to make the original Cheerios free of GMOs, he said.

Other varieties of Cheerios are made with ingredients such as corn, making it harder for the company to make them free of GMOs, Siemienas said.

Consumers have expressed concerns about the long-term impact GMOs could have.

## Lowry Park Zoo seeks help from Tampa for upgrades

*Associated Press*

TAMPA, Fla. — Lowry Park Zoo officials are asking the Tampa City Council to help the borrow money to make upgrades that include a new veterinary hospital and a feeding center.

The council plans to take up the matter on Jan. 9.

The Tampa Tribune reports zoo officials want to get the upgrades in place by early next year when the Association of Zoos and Aquariums will review the zoo's fitness.

The association last visited in 2010. They produced a list of improvements the zoo needed to make.

It's not clear what would happen in the renovations are not completed by then, said Steve Feldman, a spokesman for the organization.

“This would be a factor in the accreditation review,” he said. “Significant progress is always taken into account.”

Officials hope the city, which owns the zoo, can help them borrow up to \$6.5 million.

In addition, zoo officials need to raise another \$3 million to finish the upgrades, said Craig Pugh, the zoo's

executive director and CEO.

After the critical report by the zoo association, Lowry Park Zoo began a “New Horizons” fundraising campaign. They started off with a \$1 million donation from Jacarlene Foundation, but the economy has made it difficult to raise money, Pugh said.

So, officials are seeking the city's help to borrow the money at a low rate. Interest income from the loan would be tax-free because of the city's involvement.

The loan would be secured by pledges the zoo has collected through the New Horizons project.

The deal doesn't put the city on the hook for repaying the fund should the zoo fail to do so.

The newspaper reports the city has taken similar action with other non-profit agencies, including the Moffitt Cancer Center.

The new hospital would replace the existing building, which opened 25 years ago and is now too small and outdated to serve the zoo's needs.

“Our most important needs are central to animal care,” Pugh said.

## Grand Canyon gives incentive for quieter planes

By **FELICIA FONSECA**

*Associated Press*

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz — The fees for air tour operators that use technology to quiet the sound of aircraft at Grand Canyon National Park have been reduced.

The new \$20 fee per flight took effect Jan. 1 for any of eight operators authorized to take visitors sightseeing over the massive gorge. Operators that don't have the technology considered to be quiet will continue to pay \$25 per flight.

The National Park Service and the Federal Aviation Administration were required to come up with incentives for quiet air technology aircraft at the Grand Canyon as part of a massive transportation bill passed in 2012.

Hikers and tourists on the ground have complained that aircraft noise interferes with the feeling of solitude and appreciation of nature.

“Any kind of a reduction from noise is going to provide a better experience for park visitors,” said park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge. “It's not quiet but it's quieter than the standard technology.”

The FAA determines whether aircraft is considered quiet using a formula that takes into account noise certification levels and number of seats. About 60 percent of the aircraft conducting tours at the Grand Canyon already meet that standard, Oltrogge said. At full conversion, the reduced fee would save the operators \$250,000 a year, she said.

Quiet technology is in use at other national parks, including Volcanoes and Haleakala in Hawaii and the Statue of Liberty in New

York, according to the FAA.

The standard doesn't necessarily mean aircraft will be completely quiet. Operators could, for example, add more seats to existing aircraft or switch out engines to meet the definition of quiet technology.

The benefit to visitors at the Grand Canyon depends on what action the operators take, said Jim McCarthy of the Sierra Club.

“It potentially could be counterproductive,” McCarthy said.

The National Park Service was close to finalizing rules to manage air tours and noise at the Grand Canyon before the federal legislation forced the agency to change its goal for restoring natural quiet to the park. The Park Service wanted to make 67 percent of the canyon quiet for three-fourths of the day or longer.

Some members of Congress pushed a provision in the 2012 federal transportation bill to make half of the park free from commercial air tour noise for at least 75 percent of the day and provide incentives for quiet air technology. Many of the tours originate from Las Vegas.

Oltrogge said the Park Service's plan that had been in the works for decades since has been halted.

U.S. Sen. John McCain applauded the incentive and said he is looking forward to more meaningful initiatives that would improve access to popular flight corridors for quieter aircraft.

“This is the first step toward meeting the requirement set by Congress to convert all aircraft at the park to quiet technology in a way that protects tourism jobs and allows all visitors to enjoy some of the most breathtaking views of the Grand Canyon,” he said in a statement.

## Texting, dialing while driving raises the risk of crash

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**

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A sophisticated, real-world study confirms that dialing, texting or reaching for a cellphone while driving raises the risk of a crash or near-miss, especially for younger drivers. But the research also produced a surprise: Simply talking on the phone did not prove dangerous, as it has in other studies.

This one did not distinguish between handheld and hands-free devices — a major weakness.

And even though talking doesn't require drivers to take their eyes off the road, it's hard to talk on a phone without first reaching for it or dialing a number — things that raise the risk of a crash, researchers note.

Earlier work with simulators, test-tracks and cellphone records

cognitive distraction, he said.

“You don't swerve so much when you're talking on a cellphone; you just might run through a red light,” and sensors would not necessarily pick up anything amiss unless a

crash occurred, Strayer said.

As for texting, “we all agree that things like taking your eyes off the road are dangerous,” he said.

At least 12 states ban the use of hand-held cellphones while driving and

41 ban text messaging. All cellphone use is banned by 37 states for novice or teen drivers, says the National Conference of State Legislatures, citing information from the Governor's Highway Safety Administration.

Administration paid for the research. Results are in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

David Strayer, a University of Utah scientist who has done research on this topic, said the findings that merely talking on a

phone while driving was not dangerous is “completely at odds with what we found.”

The study methods and tools may have underestimated risks because video cameras capture wandering eyes but can't measure

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# Australian blueswoman to perform here

Anni Piper, who played Lake City last year, makes an encore.

From staff reports

Anni Piper, Australia's award-winning First Lady of Blues, continues her three-month Winter 2013 Canadian/U.S. tour with a performance at Rock Star Lounge, 723 E. Duval St. Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Piper recently won "Best Blues Album" at the 2013 Canberra Roots & Blues Awards in Australia, for her collaborative effort with Nicole Hart on the critically-lauded *Split Second*.

Piper first started playing electric guitar at age 12, but switched to bass at 14. In 2004 she released an album titled "Jailbait" in her native Australia, for which she won "Best New Talent" at the 2005 Australian Blues Music Awards. Subsequent album releases include 2007's "Texas Hold 'Em," 2010's "Chasin' Tail" and her newest, 2013's "Split Second." She also released "Two's Company," a compilation from her two Australian releases. Throughout her career, Piper's charismatic stage presence and sultry vocals have garnered her both great reviews and multiple music industry awards nominations.

Released earlier this year, "Split Second" continues receiving extensive international radio airplay (including charting on *Living Blues*) and was a recent "Pick to Click" on SiriusXM's popular *Bluesville* show while earning terrific reviews from music critics everywhere.

Piper performed at Rock Star in Lake City in 2013.



Anni Piper, Australia's award-winning First Lady of Blues, is scheduled to perform Wednesday in Lake City.

COURTESY

# Hotel guest sends clerk on trip to bowl game

By CHUCK WILLIAMS

The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Like most Auburn fans, Jonathon Spearman has had a pretty good couple of months — and it is about to get better.

Spearman, a senior criminal justice major at Columbus State University, grew up a big Auburn fan despite the fact that most of his family pulled for Alabama. He was in Jordan-Hare Stadium when Auburn pulled off miracle wins against Georgia and Alabama on its way to Monday's BCS championship game against Florida State in the Rose Bowl.

Three weeks ago he got to meet Gus Malzahn when the Auburn coach was speaking to a banquet in Columbus' Hilton Garden Inn, where Spearman works as a front desk clerk. Folks told Malzahn that Spearman was the biggest Auburn fan

they knew, and the coach sought him out. Malzahn even signed Spearman's tie and posed for a photo.

Not a bad month.

Well, thanks to a frequent Hilton Garden Inn guest, Spearman will be leaving this weekend for Pasadena to cheer the Tigers on in the title game. And the way he will get to the big game is a "Hail Mary" worthy of Auburn's fortuitous season.

Spearman was prepared to watch the title game at his Phenix City home.

A friend had an extra ticket for the game to be played in the historic Rose Bowl. Spearman didn't have the cash to buy a plane ticket.

"I didn't have a way out there," Spearman said. "The flights were \$1,000 or more, and I just couldn't afford it."

Enter Shawn Frey, a general contractor from Port St. Joe, who stays at the Hilton Garden Inn six or seven nights a month

and has done so for more than a year and a half.

"He's a good kid," Frey said of Spearman. "He's the kind of guy if you are having a tough day, he can just turn it around with his smile."

After Auburn won the SEC title, Frey was staying at the hotel and heard a bartender talking about Spearman. She told Frey that Spearman had a ticket to the game, but no plane ticket.

Frey went over and asked Spearman for his email address. He then called Delta Air Lines, cashed in some of his frequent flier miles and bought Spearman a plane ticket to Los Angeles.

"He is just a special guy and I thought he deserved to go," Frey said. "I hope he enjoys it. I am sure it is something he will remember the rest of his life."

After booking the flight, Frey went back to Spearman at the front desk and told him

to check his email. When he did, he found a confirmation for the flight.

Spearman can't stop smiling.

"You don't understand how excited I am," Spearman said this week.

It didn't take long for word of Spearman's good fortune and Frey's generosity to reach Hilton Garden Inn partner Glenn Davis.

"I have never seen anything like this," Davis said. "He is an outstanding young man. But to me it shows if you take a little time, go the extra mile and do the right things, you never know how you might get repaid."

The fact that Spearman gets to watch his favorite team in the biggest of games is not lost on Davis, a former Major League baseball player.

"I have never seen a bigger Auburn fan," said Davis, who played baseball at Georgia. "I am so happy for him. It couldn't happen to a better guy."

# A look at 10 historic sites saved, 10 lost in 2013

The Associated Press

The National Trust for Historic Preservation compiled a list of 10 historic preservation saves and losses from 2013.

## Ten sites saved:

1. Peavey Plaza, Minneapolis, Minn. — Preservationists persuaded the Minneapolis City Council to drop a demolition plan and undertake a rehabilitation plan instead.

2. Jensen-Byrd, Spokane, Wash. — Preservationists persuaded Washington State University to restore and reuse this 104-year-old former warehouse, rather than sell and demolish the structure.

3. Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va. — Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell approved a master plan to restore and revitalize this former military base.

4. Stamford Post Office, Stamford, Conn. — A federal court ruled against the sale and demolition plan for this historic post office. The ruling could help preservationists save historic post offices nationwide.

5. Montana's Upper Missouri River Breaks, Central Montana — The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled the Bureau of Land Management violated laws protecting historic sites along this national monument.

6. Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles — Vacant historic buildings at this former shipbuilding center from World War I and World War II could be saved under a plan approved by the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners.

7. Wrigley Field, Chicago — Earlier plans for massive

renovations of this historic ballpark have been amended to address the concerns of preservationists.

8. Five National Monuments designated by President Barack Obama — Each site represents a diverse chapter in American history from the Native American and Latino communities of Rio Grande del Norte to the Underground Railroad and the Buffalo Soldiers of the Civil War.

9. New Orleans' Saenger Theatre — This historic 1920s movie house and performing arts space was severely damaged in Hurricane Katrina but reopened to the public in October after rehabilitation.

10. Waterfront, Charleston, S.C. — A federal court found the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated preservation laws when it approved the construction of new cruise ship terminals on the waterfront.

## Ten sites lost:

1. Prentice Women's Hospital, Chicago — After a long battle during which advocates urged preservation of the building, the way was cleared for the structure's demolition.

2. Cyclorama Center, Gettysburg, Pa. — The removal of the Cyclorama Center from the Gettysburg National Park is a loss for advocates of 20th century architecture, though it was supported by some preservationists under the grounds that it would improve the interpretation of the battlefield's history.

3. Chinese Hospital, San Francisco — Once the only medical facility available to the local Chinese community,

the historic hospital was marked for demolition to make room for a new hospital center.

4. The Pagoda Palace Theater, San Francisco — The historic vaudeville theater and movie house was razed in 2013 after 20 years of vacancy and failed proposals for redevelopment.

5. World Port Terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York — Was listed among the 11 most-endangered historic sites. Delta Airlines began demolishing the jet-age structure and plans to turn it into an aircraft parking zone.

6. Univision Building, San Antonio, Texas — Demolition began in November of this 1955 site known as the birthplace of Spanish-language broadcasting, to make way for new apartments.

7. St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. — The first Croatian parish in the Western Hemisphere was demolished after the diocese closed its doors in 2000.

8. Charleston County Public Library, Charleston, S.C. — A court case allowed demolition to proceed on this first racially integrated library, built with an open, contemporary design.

9. Hojack Swing Bridge, Rochester, N.Y. — The historic railroad bridge was demolished after a 10-year fight by preservationists.

10. Pompey's Pillar Vandalism and Government Shutdown — Nine days after the U.S. government shutdown began, this sandstone pillar marking the expedition of Lewis and Clark was vandalized with a new signature carved into the stone while no rangers were guarding the site.