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Employed: un- vs. under-

Jobless face stiff competition from part-timers seeking more

CHRISTOPHER LEONARD
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The job market is even worse than the 9.1 percent un-

employment rate suggests. America's 14 million unemployed aren't competing just with each other. They must also contend with 8.8 million other people not counted as unemployed —

part-timers who want full-time work.

When consumer demand picks up, companies will likely boost the hours of their part-timers before they add jobs, economists say. It means they have room to expand without hiring.

And the unemployed will face another source of competition once the economy

improves: Roughly 2.6 million people who aren't counted as unemployed because they've stopped looking for work. Once they start looking again, they'll be classified as unemployed. And the unemployment rate could rise.

Intensified competition for jobs means unemployment could exceed its historic norm of 5 percent to 6

percent for several more years. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office expects the rate to exceed 8 percent until 2014. The White House predicts it will average 9 percent next year, when President Barack Obama runs for re-election.

The jobs crisis has led

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Turn on a book

Digital on way in, textbooks on way out

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

— LECANTO
Technology is no longer creeping into the schools, it's roaring in and that means nothing from days gone by are the same. Including textbooks.

Citrus County schools are moving toward digital textbooks, giving students a remarkable way to read and digest important information on hand-held computer pads.

The state is giving districts until 2015 to ensure half their instructional materials are digitalized, which are designed to give students the latest in data and instruction that textbooks cannot provide.

"State law requires access to a high-quality digital learning environment," Mike Geddes, director of technology, told the Citrus County School Board last week.

Gema Coleman and Crystal Johnson don't need to be told how digital reading impacts classrooms.

They see it for themselves every day.

Coleman and Johnson teach high school at CREST. Most of their students have behavioral issues and are transition-



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

William Teachman, a high school reading student at the CREST School uses a NOOK to read a book recently. The class is utilizing the tools to increase student productivity. The CREST teachers in two classrooms received a grant to buy e-books that students may download onto the monochrome electronic readers.

ing between CREST and their home high schools.

Reading, in particular, is a challenge for some of these students who have trouble sitting still.

Then last year, the district provided 10 NOOK e-readers for the two classrooms to share. The teachers received a grant to buy e-books that students may download onto their NOOKs.

And the teachers discovered something amazing.

"They loved it," Coleman said.

One advantage stood out immediately. Stu-

dents in their classes read at different grade levels and some at lower grade levels are embarrassed to be seen with their books.

Not a problem with the NOOK.

"It's private," Johnson said. "No one else can tell what they're reading."

CREST Principal Rich Hilgert praised the commitment Coleman and Johnson have shown.

"These two have done this on their own," he said.

William Teachman, 17, said he enjoys reading

traditional books and novels downloaded on the NOOK.

"The NOOK is easier to use," he said. "You just touch it and it turns the page."

Codie Posila, 16, said he sees big advantages of a NOOK.

"You won't have to worry about ripping up a textbook," he said.

Coleman and Johnson, constantly on the prowl for grant opportunities, learned last week they received a grant from Dollar General to buy

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County staffer reveals homing instinct

New PIO a return resident

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Coming home feels both familiar and strange.

For Lindsay Ubinas, taking the position of Citrus County's public information officer, represents the second time she has left Tampa for life here.

The first time, she was a 10-year-old with her parents, who still are county residents. Her mother is a seventh-grade reading teacher at Inverness Middle School. Her father has retired as an internal auditor at GTE in Tampa.

Ubinas graduated in 1997 from Citrus High School. She left the county 12 years ago after graduating from Central Florida Community College. Following the completion of her bachelor of science degree in telecommunications from the University of Florida, Ubinas worked for a succession of television stations in Gainesville, Orlando, Winston-Salem, N.C., and WTSP News Channel 10 in St. Petersburg for the past four years.

Ubinas said she was ready to return to Citrus County. Already, as she walks along streets, she is greeting friends who knew her before.

"Citrus County has less stress," Ubinas said. "It's just quieter and safe. It's a way of life, growing up here. My parents were never worried that I was out past dark."

Ubinas said she is starting

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Salt marsh trails worth the whooper-watching

Getting to this hidden Citrus County gem takes a little mastery of directions and institutional knowledge — knowledge off the beaten path in Old Homosassa.

The property lies on the northeastern nib of the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge. It is trapped between the understated beauty of the Florida marsh lands, the Homosassa River, Mason Creek, residential Homosassa and the effortless beauty of the refuge.

It was never open to the public. Today, except for a nondescript silver-hued gate and a small sign, a motorist driving south on Mason Creek Road can easily glide right by the Chassahowitzka Salt Marsh Trails.

However, beyond that gate is a lush stand of oak, magnolia, palm and red cedar, often interlaced with

dangling Spanish moss. Under the canopy is an irregular circle of walking trails, at the head of which is a viewing tower and beside it, a kayak launch.

What is revealed from the viewing tower is a meandering tributary and islands of vegetation on the edge of the Gulf.

And, according to Ross Knudsen, during the winter, just yonder, beyond the island of palms and if you crane your neck just right, you may see, the signature attraction of the refuge — the whooping cranes.

Knudsen, who is a member of the Friends of the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, said his group worked for the past four years to get the property ready for



A.B. Sidibe
OFF THE BEATEN PATH

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Ross Knudsen, a volunteer with the Friends of the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, points Friday to some of the hidden treasures beyond the marsh from the viewing tower at Chassahowitzka Salt Marsh Trails.



A.B. SIDIBE/Chronicle

An observation tower overlooks the marsh. The lower level is wheelchair-accessible.

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people to use and enjoy the peace within its boundaries.

They built a pavilion with seating and table tops made of red cedar claimed from fallen trees, cleared the trails and built the observation towers. Next for the group is labeling the trees and other flora on the property.

Knudsen said the property used to belong to the Cary family and they had two cabins on it. The refuge purchased the property about 15 years ago, but it mostly sat unused. The

IF YOU GO

- From U.S. 19, turn on to Yulee Drive to Old Homosassa.
- When you get to the school, turn left on Mason Creek Road.
- On Mason Creek Road, go about a mile and a half past Shady Tree Road — about 100 yards ahead on the right is the entrance and parking area for the Chassahowitzka Salt Marsh Trails.

Friends group, which started in 1998, decided to do something with the prop-

erty about five years ago. With the blessing and help of refuge officials began the painstaking job of fashioning a trail network and a main service road.

“Now, people can come use it. They can park in the front and use the opening next to the gate to use the trails,” Knudsen said.

He added the trails are about a mile combined and very easy to work. However, he cautions there are no trash cans or drinking water.

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STAFFER

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to adjust to the slower pace.

“In Tampa, there’s the anxiety of getting in the car and driving somewhere,” she said. “You know it is going to take at least 20 minutes to get five miles. It’s a different state of mind. I notice I’m getting to places a lot earlier because I’m anticipating traffic that is not there.”

As this is the place where Ubinas grew up, she said she is thinking of it as the place to really settle down.

“The schools are great here,” she said. “It’s a much better area to raise your children than in Tampa or Orlando. I think I would have been a completely different person had I gone to middle school and high school in Tampa.”

When she graduated from high school, Ubinas had different goals in mind than she has today. Was she thinking of one day returning to the county?

“No, absolutely not,” was her honest reply. “In fact, I was probably like a lot of graduating seniors. My goal was to get out. I always wanted to be in television, to work for the Today show. I wanted to live in New York or Chicago for Oprah and that was my goal. I was thinking so big.”

However, she said her education in broadcasting opened her eyes.

“Probably in my senior year of college, I realized that I didn’t like being in front of the camera,” Ubinas said. “I was doing things for CNN at that time. I’m more of a private person. I just decided I wanted to be behind the camera and I wanted to feel I was making the decisions.”

At WTSP, Ubinas worked as executive producer for the morning and noon news broadcasts, staying out of the way of the cameras while insuring that all looked good and sounded accurate on screen. In addition to going after the news, she managed a staff of 20, worked on promotions and marketing to increase the viewership and managed production budgets.

Now Ubinas is studying ways to help Citrus County.

“Every night I go home, I’m reading,” she said. “I’m doing more reading now than I every have and more research. But I think that’s the fun part. I’m learning more about Citrus



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Lindsay Ubinas is the new public information officer for Citrus County. Ubinas is a 1997 Citrus High School graduate and a graduate of the University of Florida.

County than I ever did. Being an adult in Citrus County is vastly different than growing up here. But it’s fun. I’m invested in what I’m doing now.”

People have made good impressions on Ubinas, too.

“What I’m learning is that everybody here wants to make this county a better place to live,” she said. “The county commissioners are all different in a way that they work really well together.”

Ubinas said she sees her duties as helping county residents feel a greater sense of ownership in county business, especially residents who recently have relocated here. At the same time, she wants people outside of Florida to get to know Citrus County for the many assets it has to offer.

“In terms of marketing, we want people to know where Citrus County is and what it’s all about: the kind of people here and the kind of lifestyle here that is attractive, especially for young families,” she said.

She will work with county officials to present the plan

for Port Citrus to lawmakers in Tallahassee.

“We will work with a vision of being more global,” Ubinas said. “We want people to know who we are and to recognize what the county has to offer.”

In that endeavor, Ubinas will work with the Citrus County Economic Development Council and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce to attract new businesses to the county with the goal of broadening the employment base.

In her own time, Ubinas enjoys the outdoors activities the county has to offer. She goes running in the parks.

“I love being outdoors,” she said. “I’m on a boat a lot. Me and my fiancé go out there a lot.”

All in all, Ubinas is glad to come home.

“I get excited when people know where Inverness is,” she said. “It’s fun when people know where you’re from. I want more and more people to know where we are. In a lot of ways, it is very comforting to be back here.”



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The NOOK is a tool students at the CREST School are using to become more productive readers.

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color NOOKs that will allow them to download math and science textbooks.

District officials are preparing a pilot program to provide digital textbooks to 300 students. Funded with a \$150,000 grant, officials say they want to see the practical use of digital textbooks and teaching before embarking on a districtwide effort.

“We’re stepping into a world we’ve never been to,” Superintendent of Schools Sandra “Sam” Himmel said. Geddes agreed.

“There are so many pieces to that whole picture,” he said. “We have a lot to learn.”

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Gema Coleman, a high school teacher at CREST, has been one of the teachers who has been instrumental in getting the NOOK into the classroom.

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Banner to mark Sept. 11 anniversary

Daughters of the American Revolution to present item at ceremony on Sunday

Special to the Chronicle

INVERNESS — A banner dedicated to the lives lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks will be presented to the city of Inverness at its 10th anniversary ceremony Sept. 11.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will present the banner during a brief 5:30 p.m. ceremony at the Inverness Government Center. The banner was designed by the organization's national chapter to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the attacks.

The banner depicts the World Trade Center towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. The twin towers and Pentagon were struck by planes piloted by terrorist hijackers; a third plane crashed in a Shanksville, Pa., field after passengers onboard forced hijackers to abandon a third target believed to be the White House or Capitol Building.

Along with the banner dedication and speeches to mark the solemn

anniversary, a Freedom Walk will lead from the Inverness Government Center to the Old Courthouse and back. Remax Realty One Inverness office staff will hand out American flags to participants.

From noon to 7 p.m. inside the government building, a memorial exhibit will once again be assembled in the City Council Chamber. Uniforms, medals, photos, newspaper articles, pieces of the World Trade Center and other artifacts will fill the large room.

The display is assembled annually by former New York-New Jersey Port Authority Officer Andy Tarpey and other members of the National Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers

(NARLEO). Tarpey personally knew several of the 37 Port Authority officers killed in the attacks on the Trade Center, and the exhibit has become a personal commitment to him. It has grown to be one of the largest private collections to be displayed in the state.

During the ceremony, the Professional Firefighters of Citrus County will present a check toward efforts to build a 9/11 memorial in Liberty Park later this year. The memorial will feature two granite columns symbolizing the Trade Center towers, and a piece of steel recovered from ground zero.

Tarpey and fellow retired officers

spearheaded efforts to raise funds for the \$15,000 project. Thousands of dollars have been contributed by numerous county businesses, organizations and others.

The memorial will include an inscription that reads: "Dedicated to the courage, strength and indomitable American spirit of those who perished and those who persevered during the events of September 11, 2001. Inverness Remembers."

Anyone interested in making a contribution may send a check to the City of Inverness, care of the 9/11 Memorial Monument Fund, 212 W. Main St., Inverness, FL 34450. For more information, call (352) 726-2611.

Offices closed for Labor Day

Chronicle

Following is a listing of closings for Labor Day on Monday:

■ All county offices and facilities, including the Lecanto Government Building, the courthouse, the Citrus County Resource Center and the county landfill, will be closed Monday.

All county facilities will open the following day, Tuesday, Sept. 6, as usual.

■ The Citrus County Central Landfill will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. It will open as usual Tuesday.

For more information on landfill hours, call (352) 527-7670 during office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or go to the county's website at www.bocc.citrus.fl.us. Click on departments, then Public Works, then Solid Waste.

■ Beverly Hills Waste Management (Rolling Oaks Utilities) will be closed Monday for Labor Day. All Monday customers will be picked up Thursday, Sept. 8. Both yard waste and household garbage trucks will be running.

■ FDS Disposal will be closed Monday. All Monday customers will be picked up on Thursday, Sept. 8, with the exception of Monday recycling customers who will be picked up Tuesday, Sept. 6. All other customers will be picked up on their regularly scheduled day.

■ NCRS regular once a week Monday service was picked up Saturday.

Customers in Riverhaven and Walden Woods will be picked up Thursday, Sept. 8. Put garbage out the night before to ensure pickup.

■ *Chronicle* offices will be closed Monday. The Circulation Department will observe holiday hours, available to take calls for redelivery of papers until 10 a.m. Monday. To reach circulation, call (352) 563-5655.

Water on hold

Wastewater facility waits on protocol approval

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — What's the holdup? That's what the people at Inverness Golf & Country Club are asking regarding the city of Inverness' \$17 million wastewater treatment facility.

Located in the unincorporated area of Inverness, Inverness Golf & Country Club is slated to be the plant's first customer for reclaimed water to be used for irrigation.

"It's not so much that we'll be saving money as it means we won't need to be pumping water out of the ground," Inverness Golf & Country Club General Manager Jeff Shelton said. "We use 250,000 gallons of water a day, and that's a lot of water."

Currently, the 17,000-linear-foot pipeline to the golf course community is in place for the front nine holes, with plans to expand to the back nine once the pipeline is constructed.

They're just waiting for the water to start flowing.

The new treatment facility, which was unveiled in May 2010, replaces the city's old wastewater treatment system and has the capacity to treat about 1 million gallons of wastewater per day and the potential to serve 15,000 residents.

Right now the plant is producing "excellent water," according to Katie Cottrell, Inverness public works director.

The hold up is with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), which is



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Water from the Inverness wastewater treatment facility has yet to flow to the Inverness Golf and Country Club where 250,000 gallons of water from the aquifer is pumped each day. Once the Florida Department of Environmental Protection approves the language of the "Operating Protocol," the water will flow to the front nine holes on the course.

in the process of approving the language of the Operating Protocol, the document ultimately protects the people and facilities affected by the treated water.

"This is a situation where you don't just flip the switch," Inverness City Manager Frank DiGiovanni told the *Chronicle* editorial board. "We cut

the ribbon about a year ago ...and even though you can be operating the plant at 100 percent, pass all the tests, get flying colors, if they don't like the way the operating manual reads, we can't get the full permit."

DiGiovanni said the city's consultants are working with the FDEP to finalize the document.

The next location slated for reclaimed water is Holden Park, which belongs to the county.

"We have the pipeline design complete for that," Cottrell said, "but that project isn't funded yet."

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Tea party to host 9/11 event

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Tea Party Patriots will host the "9/11 Memorial and Tea Party" with the theme "We Will Never Forget" at noon Sunday, Sept. 11, at Little Springs Park behind Crystal River City Hall, off U.S. 19, Crystal River.

Federal, state and local candidates have been invited and will meet with those in attendance.

John L. Casey, author of "Cold Sun" will attend. He is a former White House national space policy advisor, NASA headquarters consultant and space shuttle engineer. "Cold Sun" delves into ominous changes taking place in the sun, which he indicates will result in inevitable and unstoppable climate changes on Earth.

"Sept. 11, 2011, will mark 10 years since terrorists murdered innocent Americans at the World Trade Center. This event will live in our hearts for the rest of our lives," said Edna Mattos, event organizer. "As Americans, we must stand together in unity to remember and to honor their lives and their passing."

Those attending are encouraged to bring beach umbrellas, chairs and any other similar items to be comfortable. Non-perishable food will be accepted and donated to the poor.

There will be additional guest speakers, entertainment and drawings.

Nature Coast Friends competing for free show

Special to the Chronicle

Blues fans can help the Nature Coast Friends of Blues bring Moreland & Arbuckle to Homosassa.

The band is conducting a competition between several blues societies across America and will provide a concert free for the winning blues society, giving them the opportunity for fundraising.

Visit www.telarc.com/justadream and vote today. Voting ends Nov. 30.

The band Moreland & Arbuckle are from Kansas, early influences came from the early 20th century Delta blues, and post-World War II urban blues with rock inspirations. Together, guitarist Aaron Moreland, vocalist, and harp man Dustin Arbuckle and Brad Horner on drums lay down a unique sound that sets them apart from the crowded field of blues bands.

Around THE STATE

Citrus County

Local Republicans to meet Sept. 10

The Nature Coast Republican Club will meet Saturday, Sept. 10, at American Legion Post 155 on State Road 44, Crystal River. Coffee and pastries will be served at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

Citrus Republican Women's Club will join the NCRC at all future meetings. Speakers at the September meeting will be State Rep. Jimmie Smith, who will discuss matters of regarding the happenings of the Legislature as they pertain to Citrus County, and what is expected in next year's session. Mike McCallister, a Republican challenger to Sen. Bill Nelson, will also speak.

Call Fred or Rosella Hale at (352) 746-2545 or email chef8465@tampabay.rr.com.

Tallahassee

Florida A&M female basketball team member killed

Authorities say a student athlete at Florida A&M University died after she was stabbed in the neck, and another young woman has been arrested.

The *Tallahassee Democrat* reports police said Shannon Washington died early Sunday. She was a member of the women's basketball team.

Police said they were summoned around 2 a.m. and found Washington, who was taken to Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, where she died.

They said 20-year-old Starquineshia Palmer, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Police said the two had been arguing when Washington was stabbed.

University President James H. Ammons said in a statement, "Our hearts

and prayers go out to Shannon's family and members of the Lady Rattlers Basketball Team."

The student government association planned to hold a vigil Sunday night.

La Belle

Florida panther found dead in southwest Florida

A Florida panther has been found dead in southwest Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reports the body of a male panther, around 3 or 4 years old, was found on private land in Hendry County on Saturday afternoon. It had been dead several days.

FWC reports there's no clear cause of death. The body will be taken to a Gainesville lab for necropsy.

The *Naples Daily News* reports 22 of the endangered cats have been killed in

2011. Seven were hit by vehicles, and four died in wildfires.

Sarasota

Teen injured by deputy's patrol car

Officials say a teen was critically injured when a Sarasota County deputy's patrol car hit him.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports 14-year-old Stanley D. Collins Jr. was trying to cross a street Saturday afternoon when the deputy hit him. Collins went up on the hood and windshield before falling back to the roadway.

The *Tampa Tribune* reports Collins was taken to a St. Petersburg hospital with serious injuries.

It wasn't immediately clear if the teen was crossing legally or if the deputy would be cited for the collision.

—From staff and wire reports

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

DUI arrest

Jason Edward Bates, 40, of 2432 W. Green Court, Citrus Springs, at 3:53 p.m. Saturday, on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence...

BUI arrest

Leo R. Smith, 57, of 1840 N.W. 16th St., Crystal River, at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, on a misdemeanor charge of boating under the influence...

Other arrests

David Wayne Wilson, 20, of 21710 S.W. Raintree St., Dunnellon, at 3:52 p.m. Friday, on an active Palm Beach County warrant for felony charges of trafficking or endeavoring to traffic in stolen property...

Sean Kelly Greene Jr., 21, of 2715 Reynolds Ave., Crystal River, at 4:27 p.m. Friday, on an active Citrus County warrant for violation of probation in reference to a felony charge of failing to abstain from the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. No bond.

Mary Kaye Lewis, 54, of 16526 N.W. 94th Ave., Alachua, at 6:14 p.m. Friday, on an active Alachua County warrant for a misdemeanor charge of obtaining property by means of worthless check. She was released on her own recognizance.

Santa Maria Belin, 35, of 2670 E. Central St., Inverness, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, on a misdemeanor charge of petit theft, in reference to the removal of a purse, six shirts and a pair of flip-flops from the Walmart Supercenter in Inverness. Bond \$250.

ON THE NET

For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriff.citrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.

Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

For the Record reports are also archived online at www.chronicleonline.com.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Unit is comprised of nearly 900 citizens serving Citrus County. Members come from all walks of life and bring with them many years of life experience. This experience, combined with dedication and a willingness to help fellow citizens, is an excellent example of people "helping one another."

Tucker McClain Medlin, 19, of 12699 S. Oakway Ave., Floral City, at 7:13 p.m. Friday, on an active Citrus County warrant for a felony charge of armed trespassing on property and trespassing on property other than a structure or a conveyance. Bond \$3,000.

Anthony L. Edwards, 22, of 215 S. Washington St., Beverly Hills, at 9:40 p.m. Friday, on an active Volusia County warrant

for failure to appear in reference to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Chassidy Spring Shouse, 33, of 10400 S. Roan Ave., Floral City, at 12:49 a.m. Saturday, on a felony charge of possession of controlled substances in reference to one 10-milligram tablet of hydrocodone and four 15-milligram tablets of oxycodone. Bond \$10,000. Shouse also was

charged with violation of probation that commenced Feb. 12, 2010, for conspiracy to traffic heroin. No bond.

Bradley Wayne Provost, 20, of 4719 N. Laina Point, Beverly Hills, at 4:23 a.m. Saturday, on misdemeanor charges of disorderly intoxication in public and possession a suspended driver's license, after a deputy responded to a report that Provost broke his car windows while in McDonald's parking lot in Crystal River and threw glass into a children's play area. Bond \$150.

Terry Allen Brass, 49, of 8786 W. Arber Court, Homosassa, at 6:32 a.m. Saturday, on an active Citrus County warrant for a misdemeanor charge of three counts of obtaining property by means of worthless checks. Bond \$450.

Angela Kaye Carter, 32, of 7596 W. Dunklin St., Dunnellon, at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, on felony charges of grand theft and possession of a controlled substance, in reference to possession another person's food stamp card, bank debit card, cell phone, about \$500 in cash and a pair of jeans at Bell Villa Motel, Homosassa. When questioned by a deputy, Carter

was reported to have three five-milligram oxycodone tablets in her possession. Bond \$7,000.

Rita Ann Wagner, 59, of 3439 E. Elridge Drive, Dunnellon, at 11:02 p.m. Saturday, on a felony charge of assault and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly intoxication, in reference to deputies responding to a disturbance at West Mayo Drive in Crystal River, where a property manager said property had been damaged. Wagner was reported to have told deputies she had been drinking vodka during the day. Wagner was reported to have attempted to strike a child protective investigator who responded to take two children into custody in an unrelated case. Bond \$5,150.

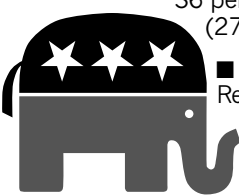
Jackie Lee Cottrill, 48, of 6910 Leaning Oak Court, Inverness, at 8:22 a.m. Sunday, on an active Okeechobee County warrant for a felony charge of grand theft of a vehicle. Bond \$10,000.

Russell Daniel Rendel, 20, of 10915 E. Trails End Road, Floral City, at 7 a.m. Sunday, on a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer without violence, after refusing to stand clear of paramedics treating an injured person. Bond \$500.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

QUESTION: How would you classify yourself?

A tea party conservative. 36 percent (27 votes)

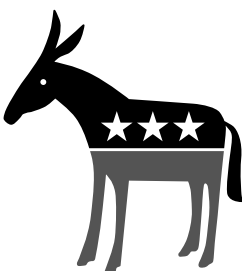


A moderate Republican. 24 percent (18 votes)

A moderate liberal. 22 percent (16 votes)

A staunch Democrat. 18 percent (13 votes)

Total votes: 74.

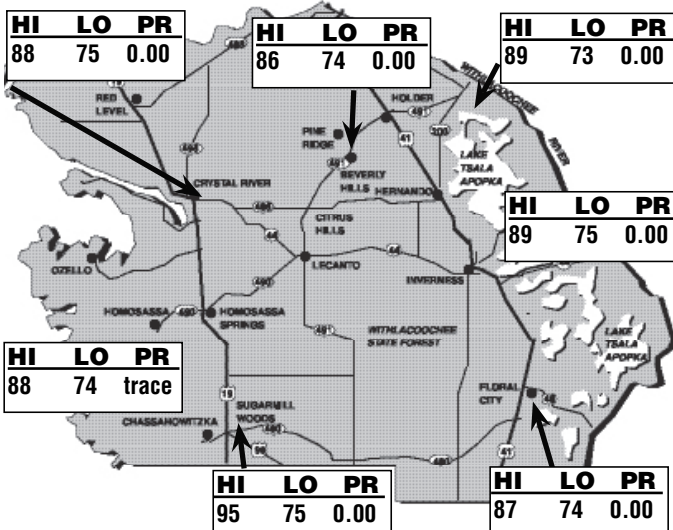


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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast, City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for various Florida cities.

MARINE OUTLOOK

South winds from 20 to 25 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters will be choppy. Cloudy with rain and thunderstorms likely today.

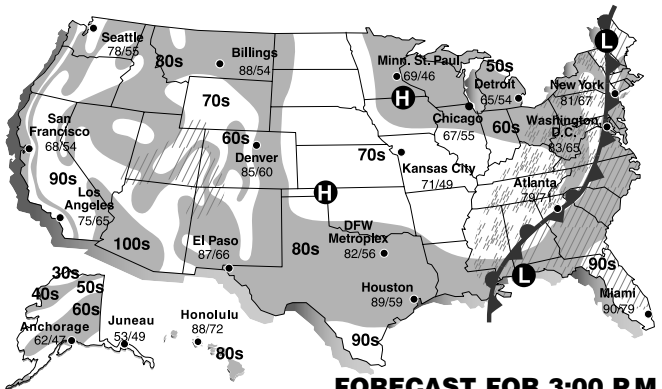
Gulf water temperature

84° Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, Sat., Sun., Full. Lists lake levels for various locations.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. MONDAY

Table with columns: City, Sunday, Monday, City, Sunday, Monday. Lists weather forecasts for various cities.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 114 Borrego Springs, Calif. LOW 24 Stanley, Idaho

WORLD CITIES

Table with columns: CITY, H/L/SKY, City, Sunday, Monday. Lists weather for various world cities.

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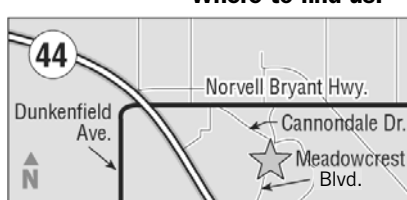
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THREE DAY OUTLOOK

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TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING

High: 92 Low: 76
Partly sunny; 40% chance of thunderstorms

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING

High: 90 Low: 76
Mostly cloudy; 70% chance of thunderstorms

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING

High: 91 Low: 74
Partly sunny; 60% chance of thunderstorms

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TEMPERATURE*
Sunday 91/74
Record 97/65
Normal 90/72
Mean temp. 83
Departure from mean +2

PRECIPITATION*
Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for the month 0.00 in.
Total for the year 47.81 in.
Normal for the year 40.38 in.

UV INDEX: 10
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
Sunday at 3 p.m. 29.90 in.

DEW POINT
Sunday at 3 p.m. 75

HUMIDITY
Sunday at 3 p.m. 64%

POLLEN COUNT**
Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, chenopods

Today's count: 4.1/12

Xxday's count: 5.8

Xxday's count: 5.4

AIR QUALITY
Sunday was good with pollutants mainly particulates.

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Lists sunrise and sunset times.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Table with columns: SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY. Lists celestial event times.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: MODERATE. There is no burn ban.

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi

WATERING RULES

Citrus County/Inverness/Crystal River: Lawn watering is limited to twice per week. Even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Report violations: Citrus County (352) 527-5543; Crystal River and Inverness: (352) 726-4488.

Landscape Watering Schedule and Times: Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek

Table with columns: City, High/Low, High/Low, High/Low, High/Low. Lists tide times for various locations.

Utah ends 4-day workweek experiment

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's experiment with a first-in-the-nation four-day workweek for state workers is over.

Beginning Tuesday, they will be back on the job five days, but they won't be working a full week just yet. The Labor Day holiday will shorten the week to four days.

Lawmakers scratched the experiment, saying it was not saving as much money as hoped and residents were complaining about not having access to services on Fridays.

The change won't be easy for many employees, said Todd Sutton of the Utah Public Employees Association. Some had arranged day-

care schedules for the four-day week, while others were using their free Fridays to work second jobs or volunteer.

"Employees struggled because they adapted their lives to one schedule," Sutton said. "And then it goes to a different schedule."

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman launched the "4/10" workweek — 10 hours a day, Monday-Thursday — for thousands of employees in 2008 to improve efficiency, reduce overhead costs and conserve energy at a time when budgets are tight and resources are dwindling.

A 2010 legislative audit showed the savings never materialized, in part due to a drop in energy prices. The bill that stopped the exper-

iment called on state offices to be open five days, but left it up to the executive branch to determine whether to still schedule workers on for the four-day weeks.

The failure of Utah state government to see the savings, however, isn't reflective of what has been happening in other states and cities that have tried the alternative work week.

In Provo, Utah, one of the state's largest cities with more than 100,000 people, the four-day workweek has been in place for years, with city offices open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mayor John Curtis said the 4/10 system has improved employee morale and seems to save money. He said the four-day workweek

may be more effective at a local level than with a state government.

"Our residents see city employees working, and they know the city is responsive to them," Curtis said.

"People don't have that same interaction with state employees ... and the state needs hundreds of offices, while we only need one," he said.

In El Paso, Texas, Mayor John Cook is proposing a year-round four-day workweek after experimenting with it during the past two summers.

"It has a positive impact on productivity and saved us a lot of money," he said.

Cook said the projected savings for the city of about 800,000 people was more than \$400,000 annually,

primarily because of lowered utility and fuel costs.

There haven't been many complaints about offices being closed Fridays, Cook said. Where there are concerns, such as business licensing, the city is developing on-line solutions.

Creative solutions are becoming more popular for governments facing tight budgets, said Rex Facer, a Brigham Young University associate professor who has studied the effectiveness of four-day workweeks.

Facer worked with El Paso and Provo officials to develop their policies.

Lawmakers in Oregon and Texas considered four-day workweek bills this year, but neither passed.

EMPLOYED

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Obama to schedule a major speech Thursday night to propose steps to stimulate hiring. Republican presidential candidates will likely confront the issue in a debate the night before.

The back-to-back events will come days after the government said employers added zero net jobs in August. The monthly jobs report, arriving three days before Labor Day, was the weakest since September 2010.

Combined, the 14 million officially unemployed; the "underemployed" part-timers who want full-time work; and "discouraged" people who have stopped looking make up 16.2 percent of working-age Americans.

The Labor Department compiles the figure to assess how many people want full-time work and can't find it — a number the unemployment rate alone doesn't capture.

In a healthy economy, this broader measure of unemployment stays below 10 percent. Since the Great Recession officially ended more than two years ago, the rate has been 15 percent or more.

The proportion of the work force made up of the frustrated part-timers has risen faster than unemployment has since the recession began in December 2007.

That's because many companies slashed workers' hours after the recession hit. If they restored all those lost hours to their existing staff, they'd add enough hours to equal about 950,000 full-time jobs, according to calculations by Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the Economic



In this Sept. 2 photo, Ryan McGrath, 26, poses in his home in Michigan City, Ind. McGrath has been working part time designing websites for small businesses, but wants steadier, full-time work.

Policy Institute.

That's without having to hire a single employee.

No one expects every company to delay hiring until every part-timer is working full time. But economists expect job growth to stay weak for two or three more years in part because of how many frustrated part-timers want to work full time.

And because employers are still reluctant to increase hours for part-timers, "hiring is really a long way off," says Christine Riordan, a policy analyst at the National Employment Law Project. In August, employees of private companies worked fewer hours than in July.

Some groups are disproportionately represented

among the broader category of unemployment that includes underemployed and discouraged workers. More than 26 percent of African Americans, for example, and nearly 22 percent of Hispanics are in this category. The figure for whites is less than 15 percent. Women are more likely than men to be in this group.

Among the Americans frustrated with part-time work is Ryan McGrath, 26. In October, he returned from managing a hotel project in Uruguay. He's been unable to find full-time work. So he's been freelancing as a website designer for small businesses in the Chicago area.

Some weeks he's busy and making money. Other times he struggles. He's living at home, and sometimes he has

to borrow \$50 from his father to pay bills. He's applied for "a million jobs."

"You go to all these interviews for entry-level positions, and you lose out every time," he says.

Nationally, 4.5 unemployed people, on average, are competing for each job opening. In a healthy economy, the average is about

two per opening.

Facing rejection, millions give up and stop looking for jobs.

Norman Spaulding, 54, quit his job as a truck driver two years ago because he needed work that would let him care for his disabled 13-year-old daughter.

But after repeated rejections, Spaulding concluded a few weeks ago the cost of driving to visit potential employers wasn't worth the expense. He suspended his job hunt.

He and his family are getting by on his daughter's disability check from Social Security. They're living in a trailer park on Texas' Gulf Coast.

"It costs more to look than we have to spend," he says.

Eventually, lots of Americans like Spaulding will start looking for jobs again. If those work-force dropouts had been counted as unemployed, August's unemployment rate would have been 10.6 percent instead of 9.1 percent.

Emma Draper, 23, lost her public relations job this summer. To pay the rent on her Washington apartment, she's working part time at the retailer South Moon Under. She's selling \$120 Ralph Lauren swimsuits and other trendy clothes.

Her search for full-time work has been discouraging.

Employers don't call back for months, if ever.

"You're basically on their timeline," Draper says. "It's really hard to find a job unless you know somebody who can give you an inside edge."

Retailers, in particular, favor part-timers. They value the flexibility of being able to tap extra workers during peak sales times without being overstaffed during lulls. Some use software to precisely match their staffing levels with customer traffic. It holds down their expenses.

"They know up to the minute how many people they need," says Carrie Gleason of the Retail Action Project, which advocates better working conditions for retail workers. "It's almost created a contingent work force."

Draper appreciates her part-time retail job, and not just because it helps pay the bills. It takes her mind off the frustration of searching for full-time work.

"Right now, finding a job is my job," she says. "If that was the only thing I had to do, I'd be going insane. There is only so much time you can sit at your computer, sending out resumes."

Leonard reported from St. Louis. AP Business Writer Ellen Gibson in New York contributed to this report.

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Feds: Cape Cod island cottages must go

Associated Press

— CHATHAM, Mass.

On a speck of island across Chatham Harbor, a weathered doorway opens to a cottage where beach towels substitute for couch covers and an old-fashioned hand pump counts as a kitchen faucet — with no option for “hot.”

This Cape Cod dune cottage, known as the “Carroll Camp,” has no electricity. The only running water flows off the roof into barrels that feed a shower and the sink. At night, the brightest lights flicker from a nearby lighthouse.

But families stay on the island for weeks at a time, spread out among wood-sided and cedar-shingle cottages built between beaches and bayberry bushes. A boat ride is the only way in. The trip covers less than a mile, but feels farther when visitors step into the chilly shallows and head to shore.

“It’s like coming to heaven,” said Susan Carroll, whose family has leased the tiny, gray cottage for 20 years.

But no place is perfect. The ocean that gives the cottage its remoteness is also washing away the 250-acre island.

Last month, the Cape Cod National Seashore told the Carrolls that, for public safety, their annual lease was being terminated and the camp was going to be burned or demolished. Now, the Carrolls and four other families with similar cottages on North Beach Island have until next month to get personal items out.

The decision has brought sadness and outrage in Chatham, where the rustic camps are fixtures on the horizon. Residents say demolishing five of the existing 11 camps is unnecessary, and a pointless hit to the town’s heritage.

“I have never seen a more sort of callous and unilateral decision by a government entity in my time on the board,” said town selectman Sean Summers. “Those camps are part of our collective soul, really, as a community.”

George Price, head of the agency, a National Park Service division which owns the camps, said he realizes the camps are special to Chatham and families whose children “virtually grew up there.”

But the shoreline, on the ocean side, is retreating back about 80 feet per year, he added. Two of the camps likely won’t make it through the winter and need to be quickly removed before they collapse. And the others have no more than a season or two left. Tropical storm Irene had virtually no effect on the camps but the concern is the next storms inevitably will.

It’s far cheaper to remove all



Associated Press

Roger and Susan Carroll, occupants in one of the 11 cottages on North Beach Island in Chatham, Mass., stand on the island’s beach Aug. 23 near three of the cottages. Five of the 11 dwellings, which are owned by the federal government and leased, are slated to be torn down and must be vacated by mid-September. The Carrolls lease one of the cottages scheduled for demolition.

the camps at one time, Price said.

“In this particular case, Mother Nature has worked against us,” Price said. “We believe the window of opportunity is fairly limited before the majority of the winter storms actually come in.”

Chatham’s Coastal Resources Director, Ted Keon, agrees with the Seashore’s decision, which he says was sudden but not surprising. The erosion is intensifying, the risk of the collapse of the camps is real, he said, and so are the hazards the debris could create in the waterways.

“(If it’s) obvious that things need to get removed, you should remove it ahead of time as opposed to just sitting back and letting it get knocked down,” Keon said.

The existing camps first popped up on the beach in the 1940s, after locals paid a few hundred dollars for a plot of land and built the camps as retreats or as hunting and fishing cottages.

The government took over some of the camps after the Cape Cod National Seashore was established in 1961 to preserve the coastline.

Anyone whose camp was built after 1959, or who couldn’t prove ownership, lost their camp, but received compensation or usage rights in return. The other camps remain privately-owned.

Today, the Seashore leases each of the five camps it owns for \$8,000 a year. The Carrolls, for instance, pay for it by renting out their year-round home on mainland Chatham during the summer

weeks they stay at the camp.

The island’s recent natural history is dynamic and at times devastating for the camps. It was once part of a continuous barrier beach, but became part of a peninsula in 1987 when the sea broke through south of the camps. Four years later, the so-called “Perfect Storm” of October 1991 wiped the camps out, though many were later rebuilt on sturdy pilings to brace against another catastrophic hit.

Remnants of roads are reminders that the land was recently accessible from the mainland, until the ocean split through north of the camps during an April 2007 nor’easter.

The island is now about 2.5 miles long, two-tenths of a mile wide at its widest point, and high tide creeps to within yards of a couple camps.

No one disputes the island is breaking down, but people want to preserve the camps as long as possible, said Susan’s husband, Roger Carroll. He said his camp and others are in no imminent danger, and will sit rock-steady for some time on the deep pilings they were built upon following the 1991 storm. The Seashore made a rash decision for reasons it still hasn’t justified, he said.

“They kind of left us alone for all these years, and then all of the sudden they’re in a panic to get them all out,” he said. “It’s like you lost a member of the family.”

The small community of camp residents has grown close over the

years. But Summers, who doesn’t have a camp on the island, said even Chatham residents who don’t use the camps value them, seeing them as key reminders of the “fishing and fowling existence” that’s the region’s true heritage.

Some residents are now pushing to have the camps listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as a way to force the Seashore to consider ways to preserve them.

Summers added the Seashore acted before consulting with the town about ways to trim the demolition costs or lessen the potential hazards posed by the camps, which Summers believes are wildly overstated.

Price acknowledged, “I could have engaged in a public conversation earlier. That’s my error.”

Price said he’s still listening as town officials and residents suggest alternatives, but he stood by the projections about the imminent danger to the cottages.

“The steady degradation of the shoreline is fact,” he said.

Not all island residents are digging in. Arthur Bloomer’s family acquired rights to stay at a North Beach camp in the late 1970s, figuring they had 20 years ahead. Three decades later, the 79-year-old is grateful for the extra time, and “philosophical” about the government’s decision.

But he added when the camps are gone, something unique will be lost.

“There’s a way of life over there that nobody understands,” he said.

Weird WIRE

Farm dog

CAMAGUEY, Cuba — Yeti the dog already had a litter of pups to care for when the piglets adopted her as a second mom.

Ever since, the Cuban farm dog has been pulling double-duty, nursing not just her own young, but also the 14 swine.

Farmer Mannorkys Santamaria said the piglets also take milk from their mothers, but when they see Yeti, they run to her for a meal. On a recent day, the young porkers followed her around the farm as if she were their real mother.

“No one imposed this on the dog,” Santamaria said. “The piglets discovered this on their own and began nursing with her when they turned 15 days old.”

Santamaria, 35, and his wife Eida Fernandes, 40, raise pigs, chickens, doves and turkeys on their small farm in the eastern province of Camaguey. There are also several mixed-breed dogs who have showed up on the property over the years and stayed.

Not so identical

FAIRBAULT, Minn. — A Minnesota boy who made an incredible hockey shot during a charity event won’t collect the \$50,000 prize because his twin brother should have taken the shot.

The company that insured the event, Odds On Promotions, said Wednesday it would instead donate \$20,000 to youth hockey in Minnesota in the boys’ names.

Eleven-year-old Nate Smith hit the puck through a tiny hole 89 feet away during a charity hockey game in Fairbault on Aug. 11. But it was Nate’s identical twin, Nick, whose raffle ticket won the chance to take the shot.

The boys’ father, Pat Smith, said Nick was outside and told his brother to try.



Associated Press

A dog known as Yeti nurses adopted piglets Friday in Camaguey, Cuba. Yeti has been pulling double-duty nursing not just her own young but also the 14 swine.

Smith told organizers the next day about the swap. Smith said Wednesday the boys are disappointed, but excited youth hockey will benefit.

Wallet returned

SOLON, Ohio — Police in the Cleveland suburbs say an Ohio man has been reunited with his lost wallet containing \$4,600.

A woman found it in a shopping cart outside a Bed Bath & Beyond store in Solon on Thursday and took it to police. Thirty-year-old Leah Kleppinger of Twinsburg told *The Plain Dealer* of Cleveland keeping the money would have been stealing.

Solon police Lt. Bruce Felton told reporters in an email: “There are still honest people in this world.”

Felton described the man who lost the money as someone who carries a lot of cash in his work.

When he picked up the wallet, the man left a reward for Kleppinger at the police station.

She won’t say how much, but said it was “completely unnecessary.”

Lingerie litter

LANCASTER, Ohio — Authorities in central Ohio are trying to solve a panties puzzle: why hundreds of pairs of mostly women’s underwear were dumped along the side of a road.

Fairfield County Deputy Gary Hummel said Thursday the undergarments were found in trees and on hillsides in several spots this week on a road in Berne Township, about 30 miles southeast of Columbus.

He said some of the panties were still folded the way they’d come in packaging, while others appeared to have been worn.

There were nearly 1,700 pairs in all, in a mix of colors and patterns. Hummel says when collected, they filled 10 large trash bags.

He says investigators are “baffled” as to where the panties came from.

Hero poodle

WEST JORDAN, Utah — Authorities say a toy poodle saved a life in Utah by leading firefighters through his owner’s smoke-filled home to a man asleep in the basement.

The *Salt Lake Tribune* reported the dog named Ted was spotted by paramedics responding to the fire in West Jordan early Friday. Officials said when they tried to catch Ted to bring him outside, he headed downstairs instead.

They said he waited until they caught up with him, then led them to a 19-year-old man who was sleeping on a couch in the basement.

Authorities said the man was treated for smoke inhalation, and the dog was not injured. A woman and two children had already escaped the fire, which was possibly caused by a gas leak.

Polar bear visit

OSLO, Norway — A Norwegian boat crew recently had an

unexpected wake-up call when a full-grown polar bear climbed aboard their anchored ship for a 30-minute-long sniff around the deck.

Captain Einar Vallestad said Saturday the bear had been following the Hydrograf vessel in northern Norway for days before finally venturing onboard. Vallestad said “it did no harm. He was just putting his head into our rubbish container.”

The 11-man crew was on assignment for the Norwegian Mapping Authority. A night guard woke up crew members to warn them about the furry visitor.

The crew safely watched from the steering cabin as the bear curiously wandered around the vessel before climbing back into the icy waters.

No one was harmed during last Saturday’s incident.

Bats in class

BUCHAREST, Romania — There was no sign of Dracula, but students in Transylvania did get a visit from dozens of bats that flapped through their classroom.

The students at Csiky Gergely high school in the western Romanian city of Arad were about to take an exam Friday morning when they found bats flying around the room. Others appeared to be sleeping with their wings spread out on the floor.

School official Mirela Aldecsu told Romanian daily *Adevarul* the creatures had probably flown in overnight through open windows. She said rather than disturb them, students took the exam in another classroom.

Transylvania was home to Vlad the Impaler, the 15th century ruler who inspired Bram Stoker’s “Dracula.”

—From wire reports

Obituaries

Iris Eshkov, 64 LECANTO

Iris V. Eshkov, age 64, of Lecanto, Florida, passed away September 3, 2011, at Citrus Memorial hospital in Inverness, Florida. Born on December 2, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York, to Betty (Slifken) Cohen. Iris moved to Citrus County 25 years ago from Princeton, New Jersey. She was a graduate of Brooklyn College, where she earned her BA. She was an administrator and co-owner of the Gulf Coast Dental Associates. Iris was a member of the Jewish faith, the Citrus United Basket and she was a member of Hadassah.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Martin Eshkov of Lecanto, Florida; two daughters, Lisa Eshkov Levison of Land-O-Lakes, FL, and Marsha Eshkov and her husband, Thomas High, of Spring Hill, FL; three grandchildren, Justin Weber, Breena Levison and Joshua Levison.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6th, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Citrus United Basket.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Kenneth Senn, 88 LECANTO

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Kenneth L. Senn, 88, of Lecanto, will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011, at the St. Scholastica Catholic Church, Lecanto.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inverness.

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Human face of 9/11

Associated Press

GANDER, Newfoundland — To hear something nice about 9/11, talk to “the plane people,” the passengers who wound up on the island of Newfoundland that day because U.S. airspace was shut.

Talk to Laura Louie about the overwhelming kindness she and her two small daughters experienced in this distant corner of Canada, briefly transformed by a twist of history into an international aviation hub.

“We were completely taken care of,” she remembers. “For everyone else, 9/11 has a heavy connotation. But for me, it was when I was reminded what humanity is.”

Or listen to Monica Burke, a 44-year-old emergency dispatcher from Seattle: “Our whole world was in chaos. We didn’t even know where we were except that we were in some weird time zone in Canada. I didn’t know when I was getting home, but these people basically put their lives on hold. I mean, their kids couldn’t go to school because we were using the schools as shelters.”

“Bus drivers came off strike to drive us. Pharmacists came to the shelters and said ‘What do you need?’ and nobody asked for money. It’s pretty incredible that they were able to respond like that, especially with short notice.”

Ten years later, that huge, comforting hug of Gander, Newfoundland, still warms the memories of the 6,600 passengers who descended without warning on the town of 10,000. Many of them have made deep friendships with the islanders who cared for them, and some will travel here for the 10th anniversary commemorations.

Across a distance of 3,000 miles from the Pacific to Atlantic, Monica Burke has stayed in regular phone and email contact with Beulah Cooper, the woman who opened her home to her as the horror of 9/11 sank in. She visited her on the first anniversary, and is returning for the 10th.



Associated Press

In this Sept. 12, 2001, photo provided by the Canadian government agency Nav Canada, planes line up on the runway of the Gander, Newfoundland, Canada airport after they were diverted to the remote town following the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Thirty eight planes carried in 6,600 passengers. Residents took care of the stranded passengers for days and many of them have remained in touch with them since.

Cooper, now 70, keeps a large collection of thank-you letters from the many people she helped in different ways.

Among those she comforted are Dennis and Hannah O’Rourke, an elderly couple whose New York firefighter son, Kevin, went missing at the World Trade Center.

He died. The O’Rourkes have remained friends with Cooper and have been back to Gander, whose people Hannah O’Rourke feels eternally indebted to.

“They are so full of love and kindness and they can’t do enough for you,” she said. “I’ll never forget it. Beulah was a mother figure.”

Of the hundreds of flights blocked that day, more than 200 were diverted to Canada, with no warning, recalls David Collette, transport minister.

“They shut down U.S. airspace, period, and we had to pick up the pieces. I don’t fault them for that. It was an absolute tragedy,” Collette told The Associated Press. “There was no request. We were informed that the United States had closed its airspace to all incoming traffic, all planes were grounded in the United States, and that any planes flying into the U.S. airspace would be shot down. Frankly, it was as brutal as that.”

He said despite intelli-

gence reports about more airborne terrorists possibly approaching, he had to let the aircraft in, or else they might attempt unauthorized landings or crash into the Atlantic. “As it was, we landed 33,000 people in a matter of a few hours.”

Norman Mineta, then U.S. transportation secretary, had a different recollection of the day.

“After I closed U.S. airspace, I realized that we’ve got these planes coming in from Europe and Asia and I then called David and I said ‘Hey David, we need your help,’” Mineta said, asking Collette if Canada could take the incoming planes.

“He put me on hold and within a minute or so he said, ‘We’ll take them all,’” Mineta told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The Canadians shunted the traffic away from Toronto and Montreal to the eastern seaboard, and obscure, little used Gander got to relive its glory days as a stopover point for trans-Atlantic aviation before long-distance flights became possible. Built in 1938 in anticipation of the coming world war, it had the world’s longest runway, and on 9/11 it was the second busiest, taking in 38 flights to Halifax, Nova Scotia’s 47.

Flight crews quickly filled Gander’s hotels, so passengers were taken to schools, fire stations, church halls.

Black Hawks boost sales

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — America’s wars since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 have been a boon for the maker of Black Hawk helicopters, a workhorse the U.S. military has relied on heavily to strike targets and ferry troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sales at Stratford, Conn.-based Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. have more than doubled to \$6.7 billion since 2005, boosting the economy of a state that has historically had broad defense interests. George Washington nicknamed Connecticut the Provision State during the Revolutionary War for supplying food and cannons to his soldiers.

Since 2001, the Black Hawk’s ability to handle several jobs — such as ferrying soldiers and hunting down enemy troops — has made it one of the military’s primary tools in unfamiliar countries where it must cover large expanses of desert and rugged mountains. The two wars have marked the longest-ever campaigns for the helicopter, which has evolved with technological advances to keep sand out of the engine and keep pace with the military’s demands.

With about 400 Black Hawk variants at work at any time, the helicopters are among the most heavily used fleet of aircraft in the U.S. Armed Forces, said Tim Healy, director of U.S. Air Force business development at Sikorsky.

“It’s been in incredibly high demand for a very, very long time.”

The Black Hawk, in the U.S. Army inventory since the late 1970s, saw its first combat in Grenada in 1983 and has been in continuous combat deployments since Operation Desert Storm in 1991. It is perhaps best known because of the book and movie “Black Hawk Down,” about the 1993 battle in Somalia where two helicopters were shot down, killing 18 soldiers.

But nothing compares with the action it’s seen since the U.S. invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 and Iraq 17 months later.

The Black Hawk is the only military helicopter with a dual role in fighting conventional battles and facing down shadowy enemies, said Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace analyst at Teal Group in Arlington, Va. It moves soldiers



Associated Press

A Black Hawk helicopter of the U.S. Army’s Task Force Lift “Dust Off,” Charlie Company 1-71 Aviation Regiment, returns from a mission Sunday at Forward Operating Base Edin in the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan.

to and from battles or to medical care and finds and attacks enemy troops.

In comparison, Bell, a division of Textron Inc., and Boeing, which makes the Apache attack helicopter, have carved out smaller niches.

“Counter-insurgency, war-fighting and nation-building: Helicopters are at the center of the diagram,” Aboulafia said.

The number of military helicopters manufactured by Sikorsky is outpacing production of helicopters used in oil exploration, fire-fighting, search-and-rescue and other civilian uses. Analyst Rick Whittington of the brokerage firm of Sturdivant and Co., said Sikorsky’s profit stands out among aviation businesses of parent company United Technologies Corp.

“Sikorsky’s margins, I don’t remember them being this high,” he said.

Sikorsky’s profit margin was 10.7 percent last year, rising steadily each year, from 8 percent in 2004.

For example, during the worst of the recession in 2009, Sikorsky was the only United Technologies business to post higher profit over 2008 due to rising military demand.

With about 9,200 workers in Stratford and three neighboring towns, Sikorsky is the largest employer in southwestern Connecticut.

Paul Timpanelli, president and chief executive of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, said the company has helped the region ride out the weak economy.

“Every time they do well, our region does well. It’s all about payroll and it’s all about people employed,” he said.



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LABOR DAY

Holiday a grim reminder of joblessness

Labor Day, the first Monday of September, has become a time to spend with families and friends in celebration of the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of football season. A day for cookouts, boating, picnics, sales and, ironically, not going to work.

However, it is important to not lose sight of the original reason for the holiday as a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of labor to our economic development. But if you are among the millions of Americans out of work or barely holding on this Labor Day, a community salute to the valor of the "working man" is more likely to add insult to injury than give a person reason to fire up the grill and invite the neighbors over for steaks.

A national holiday that is older than Mother's Day, Labor Day celebrations began in the 1880s in New York City as a means for labor unions to demonstrate the numbers, strength and spirit of the working men and women. Parades, rallies and demonstrations made the way for new laws to benefit workers, such as standardizing the 8-hour workday. The movement spread to other communities, and in 1894 Congress made it a national holiday honoring all American workers for their contributions to our country's prosperity and strength.

While it is appropriate to pay tribute to our vital work force on Labor Day, it should also be a time to reflect on the current state of uncertainty in our na-

tion's economy, its political steps and back-steps in efforts toward recovery, and the fact that most Americans are anxiously awaiting for Labor Day news they can truly celebrate.

Unemployment remains stubbornly high, and many who are working are earning less than they once did.

The lure and enticements of competitive enterprise have put the fight for the highest profit as a greater priority than the need for jobs in our own country.

Critical support to help families through tragedies and misfortune has mutated into a dependency on assistance that has made some forget that work is important.

Despite all these challenges, today should nonetheless be a day to celebrate work, including those who are working on finding work. American labor is still among the most productive in the world and without labor's contributions to our economy we could not have achieved the high standard of living that we enjoy today. The challenge that is distinctly American is that this nation is still an assembly of people who persevere, who won't give up on finding ways to make their business prosper or who, when they are out of a job, continue to search for opportunity.

As we give tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country, we must also remind ourselves as we celebrate this Labor Day, 2011, that finding our way back into economic prosperity might well be one of the hardest jobs we face.

Blackouts are back

"NFL" equals "No Fan Loyalty." The season hasn't even started yet and the NFL is starting with the TV blackouts if they don't get a sellout for a home game. We fans watched that joke of a lockout hoping against hope that the season would start on time, and our reward was the prospect of more blackouts. I'm not sure if the powers-that-be of the NFL are aware of it, but in the Tampa Bay area we have an unemployment rate of almost 10 percent, which makes it tough to pay the mortgage, let alone afford to go to a game — an exhibition game, at that. This whole scenario is confusing. The TV companies pay a pretty good dollar for the right to televise the games and then you turn around and decide not to televise unless the game is a sellout. That sounds like a win-win deal for the NFL — or maybe the proper word should be "greed."

More conservatives

I read with absolute delight the column today (Aug. 23) from Cal Thomas. It is such a spark

to actually see something from a conservative's point of view as opposed to the constant repetitious Democrat playbook that we receive on a daily basis from your paper. Thank you so much for doing that. And, please, if you want to increase your circulation, you will notice that the county is more conservative than liberal and you ought to be looking in that direction.

Crown McCown

What about Luke McCown, the third-string quarterback for Jax Jaguars? He threw for two touchdowns — the only ones made for the Jaguars Friday night (Aug. 19) against the Falcons — yet his name was not mentioned in your Sports column. He received the same treatment playing for the Bucs before. Give credit where credit is due. He's "Cool Hand Luke," as far as I'm concerned, and he deserves credit. Good quarterback.

Zombieland

The coming attraction was announced on TV: "The Walking Dead." My husband quipped, "They're all in Washington."



There can be no justice

On Aug. 26, the case went to the jury and the waiting began.

That's what you do in a civilized country. You take the crime to court and look for justice.

It is a lofty word, isn't it? Suggests a balancing of scales, a putting right of wrongs, the righteous retribution of outraged society. Justice.

Three years ago, a 14-year-old boy named Brandon McInerney walked into a classroom at E.O. Green Junior High in Oxnard, 60-odd miles north of L.A. He sat behind 15-year-old Lawrence "Larry" King, pulled out a .22 caliber revolver and shot King in the head. The teacher screamed. King slumped.

McInerney according to testimony, made eye contact with a classmate. Then he shot Larry King again.

Police found him a few blocks away, talking on his cellphone. "I'm sorry, I did it officer," he reportedly said.

Larry King, who lived in a children's shelter, stood not quite 5 feet tall. He identified as gay and wore high heels and other feminine accoutrements. This made him a target for bullies, McInerney among them, according to witnesses.

But King gave as good as he got.

He flirted with his tormenters, playing on the sexual insecurity that is common in straight men and more so in straight boys. McInerney was humiliated and outraged.



Leonard Pitts
OTHER VOICES

The day before the shooting, King is said to have taunted him, saying, "Baby, I love you." McInerney told anyone who would listen that he was going to kill King. "Tell Larry goodbye because you're not going to see him again," one of King's friends testified he said.

McInerney lived in a bedroom in his father's house containing Nazi memorabilia, including Hitler speeches and swastika drawings. His parents were divorced after a violent, tumultuous marriage. His mother was once arrested for drugs. The father was an alcoholic presiding over a home so dysfunctional that, according to one press report, he forbade his son to cry after punching him in the face.

Prosecutors chose to try this troubled boy as an adult for first-degree murder and a hate crime. It was a grotesque decision. You do not send a boy away for 50 years for a thing he did, no matter how heinous, before he was old enough to shave.

His attorneys defended McInerney by painting King as a sex-

ual predator and claiming their client panicked and snapped from the horror of being flirted with by a gay boy. It was a despicable strategy. Would anyone ask sympathy for an anti-Semite who panicked and snapped because a Jew said, "Baby, I love you"? On Thursday, the case ended in a mistrial after jurors were unable to decide between murder and voluntary manslaughter charges. But the detritus of this tragedy is beyond the power of any verdict to ever repair. Brandon McInerney will always be a ruined boy. School officials will always be wondering what they could have done to prevent this awful thing.

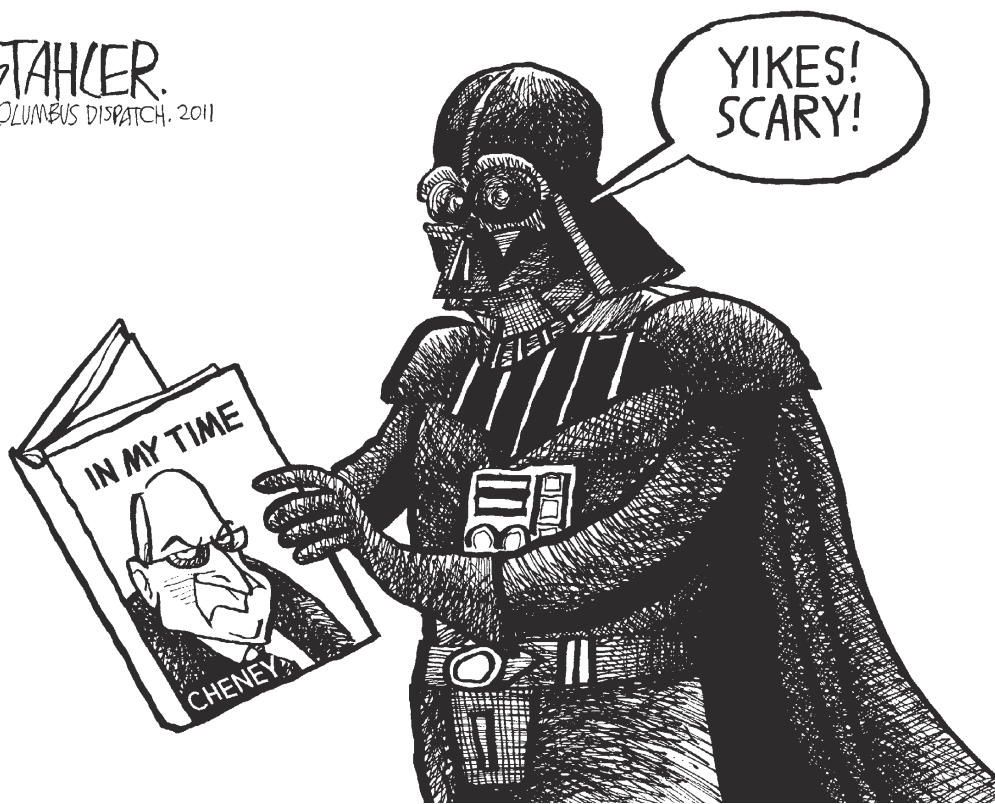
Larry King will always be dead. And the rest of us will go back to grappling with the challenge that never ends: how to build a culture where it's OK to be different, where standing out from the crowd is not an invitation to hatred and violence.

This collision between junior high school boys brings into sharp focus our failure to do that. So instead, we do this: Go to court and look for justice. There is something quixotic about that.

You see, there can be no justice here. It is far too late for that.

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LETTERS to the Editor

A grand opening

With the last ice cream deavored and the last note played at the "Back 2 School Bash," it is time to express our appreciation to all the sponsors who made the first season of Concerts at the Old Courthouse a grand success.

When this new series of concerts began in January, it represented a risk. When a full house of over 160 came to the Jack Williams concert, the Citrus County Historical Society was very pleased. It happened again in March when Richard Smith and Julie Adams shared their prodigious talents. Perhaps the biggest gamble came in June. Florida's Gatorbone trio filled the rafters of the Old Courthouse.

"Concerts" arose from a little folder at B&W Rexall's restaurant. The pamphlet noted how dollars spent locally circulate many times before leaving the Citrus County. A list of potential sponsors began with Ken and Tina Heimann at B&W Rexall. Then the Citrus County Chronicle added its support with display advertising. Neale and Charlie Brennan helped spread enthusiasm for this project. The Chronicle asserts that folks read local newspapers, and clogged phone lines asking for reservations were the proof.

Ted and Judy Stauffer were quick to add their support to the project. Ted is the instigator behind the greatly successful Jazz at the Museum. Jan and Tom Metcalf, owners of Smith Optical Services, became sponsors. Then Wan and Mary Robinson from Edward Jones Financial Services joined the growing group.

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Charles and Maribel Richer became supporters. Richer was instrumental helping David Rom and State Farm Insurance to sponsorship. Charles E. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory became a sponsor as did Shane Bryant on behalf of Nick Nicholas Ford.

Two other supporters made all the difference in the world. Donna DeHart at the Ice Cream Doctor in Inverness not only gave the new series her financial backing, but supplied ice cream for everyone at the Back 2 School Bash. Brad and Patty Gibbs, owners of Deco Café in downtown Inverness, provided delightful refreshments all season long.

Donna, Brad and Patty's willingness to make a winner reflects a special kind of business

wisdom. They and all the other sponsors for Concerts at the Old Courthouse recognize the synergy between cultural events and the success of their businesses.

For all of us — John Grannan of the Citrus County Historical Society, Kathy Turner-Thompson from county government, Frank DiGiovanni for the City of Inverness — and to all those who volunteered their time and talents, we are grateful for your support and look forward to next season's series.

Jim Davis
 Hernando

Concerts at the Old Courthouse

Consistent coverage

I note that all your obituaries for military veterans have an American flag symbol over their name. Also significant is your coverage of military-related issues and events.

A case in point is the Aug. 19 Associated Press story on Army Staff Sgt. Lanier and his family. On Aug. 20, there were two articles: Life Pirates LLC held a "Support Our Troops" night, and the Homosassa VFW and Citrus County's Operation Welcome Home honored Army Spc. Maher. Also on Aug. 20, there was an excellent letter to the editor by Mr. Stewart of Operation Welcome Home. Along with the Chronicle, Citrus County is proactive in recognizing our military veterans, past and present. I am pleased and proud to be a new resident of Crystal River and Citrus County, and to read the Chronicle daily. Thank you for caring.

Gene Dahm
 Crystal River

Letters to THE EDITOR

Hospice expanding

On behalf of HPH Hospice, I am pleased to announce the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) has approved our application to build a free-standing inpatient care facility in Citrus County. With the state's approval, we will be able to proceed with our plans to build a \$4 million permanent office and hospice care facility for Citrus County residents.

In December 2010, HPH Hospice announced the purchase of 16.41 acres on (State Road) 44 in Lecanto and the intention to build. We presented our plans to the Economic Development Council (EDC) as well as the *Citrus County Chronicle's* Editorial Board. The *Chronicle's* Editorial Board called the facility "a good fit" and John Siefert, EDC executive director, said "their plan fulfills the EDC's desire to see companies invest in the county."

We, too, feel our hospice facility will be a good fit for the community. With only 16 permanently licensed hospice beds, and 10 temporary/leased hospice beds, to serve the approximately 2,400 people who died in Citrus County last year, we feel this facility will improve the quality of end-of-life care for our residents. To note, the state looks at licensed beds that are leased differently because those beds are a temporary solution to a permanent need and are at the mercy of the leaseholder with regard to longevity.

HPH Hospice looks forward to initiating the permitting process as soon as the appeal phase ends and we receive AHCA's final approval. Between the land purchase, building and outfitting of the facility, HPH Hospice will have invested about \$5 million in this community and will begin a new era in the care of people at life's end.

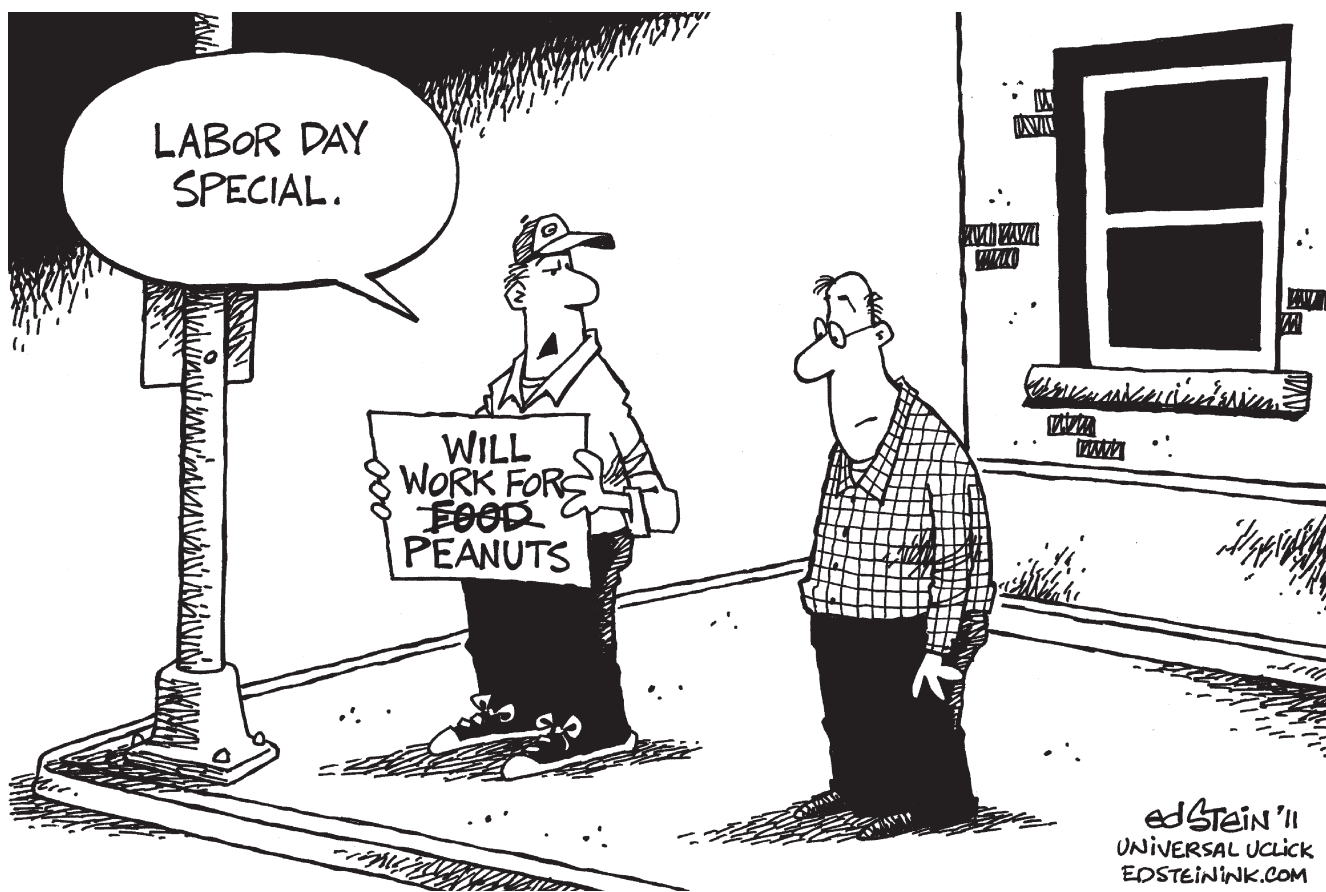
Tom Barb
president and CEO
HPH Hospice

Encore, Encore

My friends and I had the pleasure of seeing the Encore Ensemble presentation of "My Big Fat Italian Funeral" and "The King is Back," starring Bill "Elvis" Lindsey. The dinner and play were greatly enjoyed and the cast playfully captivated everyone's attention.

The personalities of each individual performer shined through as they delivered the lines of their respective characters, never missing a beat and filled with the emotion of their characters. It was obvious this troupe enjoys what they do, and they pass that infectious enjoyment along to everyone in the room.

"The King is Back" was a revue of Elvis favorites performed by Bill Lindsey. His performance was nothing less than Las Vegas caliber.



Close your eyes, and it was Elvis back again. But you didn't want to blink for fear of missing a trademark movement, constant with the music. Fast, slow, in between — every song performed in pure Elvis tradition, but also gave the audience a glimpse into Mr. Lindsey's personality.

We also had the pleasure of the comedy of "Jersey" Mike Shier, who kept us all laughing with his humor and the awesome singing voice of Mike Shier II. Individually, these gentlemen are five-star entertainers. Together, they create a show that leaves you wanting more. That, to me, is an unforgettable evening.

To all involved in the Encore Ensemble, thank you for sharing your hard work and talent with all of us. To "Jersey" Mike, thank you for making us all laugh. Mr. Lindsey, thank you for an unforgettable performance (and the scarf). And Mike II, keep doing all you do because you are so good and thanks for the dance. Thank you all for bringing your combined talents to Citrus County. I am looking forward to the next Encore Ensemble presentation. Best of luck to all.

Dolores Tinnen
Homosassa

No surprise

The situation surrounding Miami athletics, especially football, comes as no surprise to college fans.

Twenty or more years ago when I was on the sports desk of the Indianapolis Star, meetings on the football field were referred to locally as "Catholics vs. Convicts."

It would appear that Miami simply expanded its "perks" to its athletes if recent reports are correct, and who is to doubt them? SMU's transgressions earned it the NCAA's "death penalty," but that pales in comparison to Miami's sins.

A "life sentence" would

seem to be appropriate. That could be a wake-up call to other athletic programs in general — let's drop the designation of "athlete students" and get back to "student athletes."

W.L. (Bill) Pickett
Crystal River

Separation genesis

Contrary to the Aug. 11 letter from Joe D. Gilbreath, the separation of church and state has always been the practice since the beginning of our nation.

Mr. Gilbreath made a reference to two Bible quotes that prescribed tax rates (gift/contribution): 1 Kings 10:25 and 2 Chronicles 17:3-10. Both of these quotes mention people bringing presents to the king. Exodus 21:7 tells how a man can sell his daughter to be a servant; Exodus 35:2 states the Sabbath should be a day of rest and "whoever doeth work therein shall be put to death;" Leviticus 24:16 says the Lord told the entire congregation to stone a man to death for blaspheming and cursing a lot. Clearly, we do not live by these and many other admonitions that can be found in the Bible. The Bible is a sacred text, but it is not a document that can always be read literally. The Bible has to be interpreted to have an appropriate meaning for the times in which we live.

While the words "separation of church and state" are not in the Constitution, the First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishing of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This means to me, and the courts, that church and state are separate. While Thomas Jeffer-

son did not participate in writing the Constitution, he drafted the preamble to the Virginia State of Religious Freedom in 1777, which reads, in part, "that to compel a man to furnish contributions of money (through taxation) for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical..." I agree with Thomas Jefferson. I do not want my money (through taxation) to be used to support a religion which I do not believe. Religion is a matter of the heart and the mind, and the support of it is voluntary. Separation of church and state is basic to the democracy of the United States of America.

The Rev. Mary Louise DeWolf
Crystal River

A tax plan

With all the activity on debt and deficit, other solutions might work.

First, balance the budget; eliminate enough proposed spending to equal anticipated revenues. Also, add an ongoing balanced budget amendment. (Reminder: all budgets have to have a reasonable contingency line).

Next, institute a small sales tax on all purchases, strictly for paying down the debt. This tax would apply to all purchases, giving all citizens an opportunity to help restore our financial stability. This fund would be restricted strictly to paying the debt. When the debt is paid, the sales tax would expire. This is critical to making it work. Typically, when government entities institute a tax it never dies, but this one would.

The next and a very important part of the plan would be to stop the fed-

eral government from threatening business with financial ruin, so they can plan and expand. This way, economic activity can resume in a growth pattern solving many of our money problems.

Of course, the fair tax would solve the problem sooner since it would be progressive and non-punitive.

I suggest taking a serious look at one of these proposals to see if it can work to the benefit of all of us.

Robert E. Hagaman
Homosassa

Financial plague

The black plague disease, originally caused by fleas on rats and then transmitted by coughing, sneezing, touching, body fluids and infected air during the 14th century, killed approximately 75 million people, or about 50 percent of the population of Europe. The cure for this virus is mega doses of antibiotics.

Is it possible in the 21st century the population of the world is facing a financial plague that already is affecting the totality of the 7 billion people now existing on earth?

The basic causative factor of this modern plague appears to be due to many financial factors related to the seeming inability of individuals and corporations of every variety, as well as local, county, state and especially officials of the federal government to discipline themselves to balance budgets.

This dastardly disorder affects, in some fashion, the majority of the 325 million U.S. citizens, and has resulted in loss of homes, loss of jobs, loss of educational opportunities and deprivation in dozens of

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other ways. Is it possible our problem does not come from fleas off rats, but rather from individuals who seemingly disregard the need to plan long-term expenditures of income because instant gratification and greed overrides common financial sense?

What is needed to straighten out the financial mess that our nation is in is just a tiny bit of horse sense math, which almost every horse on the myriad farms in Marion County can be taught.

William C. Young
Crystal River

Reagan's take

In reference a recent article regarding placing the monument to the words of Jesus Christ, The 10 Commandments of the Lord:

I am sick and tired of the ACLU tearing us about our Savior. Let the people alone and let them believe what they do. This anti-American ACLU needs to be placed on the anti-American subversive list along with the Council on Foreign Relations (and its subversive subunits), the Muslim Brotherhood, the Communist Party, the Fascist Party and the Nazi party. Along with that sentiment, I wish you would read and heed the following:

"I was pleased last year to proclaim 1983 the year of the Bible. But, you know, a group called the ACLU severely criticized me for doing that. Well, I wear their indictment like a badge of honor."

— Ronald Reagan, president.

"Well-meaning Americans in the name of freedom have taken freedom away. For the sake of religious tolerance, they've forbidden religious tolerance, they forbidden religious practice."

— Ronald Reagan, president, May 6, 1982, National Day of Prayer.

Chester Lee McWhorter Sr.
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ATTACK ON AMERICA

World Trade Center collapses in terrorist attack; Washington hit by apparently coordinated attack

Center of attention Citrus officials react

It's probably watched more people die today than did at Pearl Harbor

WE WILL NOT FORGET

September 11, 2001

The Citrus County Chronicle dedicates its Sunday, Sept. 11 edition to the reflections, reports and remembrances of the day that changed America forever.

World BRIEF

Arriving



Associated Press

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, former head of the International Monetary Fund, and his wife Anne Sinclair gesture to the media upon their arrival in the courtyard of their home Sunday in Paris, France.

Strauss-Kahn returns home

PARIS — Dominique Strauss-Kahn has returned home to France for the first time since a New York hotel maid accused him of attempted rape, unleashing a scandal that dashed his chances for the French presidency.

New York prosecutors later dropped their case against Strauss-Kahn, who had been chief of the International Monetary Fund, because of questions about the maid's credibility.

Strauss-Kahn had been the pollsters' favorite to win next year's presidential elections in France before his May arrest. Few expect him to return to French politics soon, but his return to French soil has been widely awaited.

Strauss-Kahn faces another investigation in France over attempted rape, based on accusations by a French novelist.

Nation BRIEFS

Katia strengthens to Cat. 2 hurricane

MIAMI — The National Hurricane Center says Hurricane Katia has strengthened to a Category 2 storm in the open Atlantic.

There are still no watches and warnings in effect and it's too soon to know if it will threaten land. Forecasters warned that Bermuda could begin seeing strong surf and rip currents this week.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, the storm's center was about 365 miles northeast of the Northern Leeward Islands and moving northwest at 12 mph.

It had sustained maximum winds that jumped up to 105 mph (165 kph) after wavering earlier in the morning between a tropical storm and weak hurricane status.

Forecasters expect Katia to strengthen further and said it could be a major hurricane by Monday.

US warns of small plane terror threats

WASHINGTON — The FBI and Homeland Security have issued a nationwide warning about al-Qaida threats to small airplanes, just days before the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Authorities say there is no specific or credible terrorist threat for the 10-year anniversary of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. But they have stepped up national security a precaution.

According to a five-page law enforcement bulletin issued Friday, as recently as early this year, al-Qaida was considering ways to attack airplanes.

The alert, issued ahead of the summer's last busy travel weekend, said terrorists have considered renting private planes and loading them with explosives.

The bulletin also says al-Qaida would like to use sympathetic Westerners to get flight training, then get them to become flight instructors.

—From wire reports

Typhoon Talas drenches Japan

Record amounts of rain kill 20 people

Associated Press

TOKYO — Typhoon Talas dumped record amounts of rain Sunday in western and central Japan, killing at least 20 people and stranding thousands more as it turned towns into lakes, washed away cars and triggered mudslides that obliterated houses. At least 50 people were missing, local media reported.

Evacuation orders and advisories were issued to 460,000 people in the region, which is hundreds of miles from the country's tsunami-ravaged northeastern coast.

At least 3,600 people were stranded by flooded rivers, landslides and collapsed bridges that were hampering rescue efforts, Kyodo News agency reported.

Public broadcaster NHK showed a bridge swept away after intense rain caused a river to swell with brown torrents. People holding umbrellas waded through knee-deep water in

city streets and residential areas.

The typhoon dumped record amounts of rain in some areas, and more was expected. It was the country's worst storm since one in 2004 that left 98 people either dead or missing, the *Yomiuri* newspaper said. By Sunday, Talas had been downgraded to a tropical storm.

Ten people were killed and 32 were missing in Wakayama prefecture alone, police said. One landslide buried three homes; a woman was killed and four people were missing, but a 14-year-old girl was rescued from the debris.

In nearby Nara prefecture, seven people were reported missing after their homes were swept down a river, NHK said. A 73-year-old man died in Nara when his house collapsed in a landslide, police said.

The storm damaged Nijojo castle in the ancient city of Kyoto, tearing a large piece of plaster from the gate wall. The castle, a popular tourist destination, is designated an important cultural treasure.

The center of the season's 12th typhoon crossed the southern island of Shikoku and the central part of the main island of Honshu overnight Saturday. It was moving



Kyodo News/Associated Press

Firefighters and rescue workers search through the debris of houses collapsed by a landslide Sunday in Tanabe, Wakayama prefecture, western Japan. Powerful Typhoon Talas left a trail of heavy rainfall and mudslides as it moved northward past Japan.

slowly north across the Sea of Japan off the country's west coast, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Because of the storm's slow speed, the agency warned heavy rains and

strong winds were likely to continue. With the ground already soaked, fears of additional mudslides were growing, and the agency issued landslide warnings in nearly all of the country's prefectures.

Deep South deluge



Associated Press

Braie LaSalle, 10, walks down East Hickman Street on Sunday in Delcambre, La., while other kids play in the background. Water from Tropical Storm Lee's storm surge flooded the neighborhood roadways Sunday morning. No homes appeared to have sustained water damage as of noon Sunday.

Tropical Storm Lee lashes Gulf; flood threat expands inland

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The center of Tropical Storm Lee made landfall Sunday on the Louisiana coast, bringing up to a foot of rain, spinoff tornadoes and fears of inland flash flooding to the Deep South and beyond.

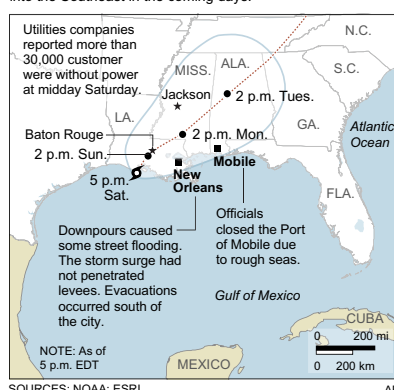
The vast, soggy storm system spent hours during the weekend hovering in the northernmost Gulf of Mexico. Its slow crawl to the north gave more time for its drenching rain bands to pelt a wide swath of vulnerable coastline, raising the flood threat.

By Sunday, at least 6 to 10 inches of rain had fallen in some spots along the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts, and the National Weather Service warned there was a threat of extensive flooding and flash floods because of the storm's slow, meandering jog inland.

The rain bands were expected to head northward into the Tennessee

Lee drenches Gulf Coast

The slow moving Tropical Storm Lee was expected to drop more than a foot of rain across the northern Gulf Coast and into the Southeast in the coming days.



Valley later in the week as forecasters warned that 10 to 15 inches of rain were possible along the central Gulf Coast and up to 20 inches in isolated spots.

National Hurricane Center specialist Robbie Berg said the flash flood threat could be more severe

as the rains moves from the flatter Gulf region north into the rugged Appalachians.

Closer to the Gulf, the water is "just going to sit there a couple of days," he said. "Up in the Appalachians you get more threat of flash floods — so that's very similar to some of the stuff we saw in Vermont."

Vermont is still cleaning up and digging out dozens of communities that were damaged and isolated by heavy rain from Hurricane Irene last week that quickly overflowed mountain rivers.

At midday Sunday, there were scattered tornado warnings for spinoff twisters from Lee.

Lynn Burse, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, says the possible twister hit Lamar County, Miss., Sunday morning. No injuries or major damage was reported. Burse said drier air pivoting behind the system could increase the risk for tornados.

Tea party bulls way into 2012 GOP race

Candidates move to gain group's favor

Associated Press

BERLIN, N.H. — Bulling its way into 2012, the tea party is shaping the race for the GOP presidential nomination as candidates parrot the movement's language and promote its agenda while jostling to win its favor.

That's much to the delight of Democrats who are working to paint the tea party and eventual Republican nominee as extreme.

"The tea party isn't a diversion from mainstream Republican thought. It is within mainstream Republican thought," Mitt Romney told a New Hampshire newspaper recently, defending the activists he's done little to woo, until now.

The former Massachusetts governor is starting to court them more aggressively as polls suggest he's being hurt by weak support within the movement, whose members generally favor rivals such as Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann.

Romney's shift is the latest evidence of the big imprint the tea party is leaving on the race.

Such overtures come with risks, given more Americans are cooling to the tea party's unyielding tactics and bare-bones vision of the federal government.

After Washington's debt showdown this summer, an Associated Press-GfK poll found 46 percent of adults had an unfavorable view of the tea party, compared with 36 percent just after last November's election.

It could give President Barack Obama and his Democrats an opening should the Republican nominee be closely aligned with the tea party.

Yet even as the public begins to sour on the movement, Romney and other GOP candidates are shuffling off past tea party disagreements to avoid upsetting activists.



Mitt Romney

Obama pledges help for Irene recovery

Associated Press

PATERSON, N.J. — President Barack Obama stood on a bridge overlooking the rain-swollen and fast-rushing Passaic River in New Jersey's third-largest city and said Sunday the federal government would work to rebuild towns recovering from Hurricane Irene's wrath.

The Passaic, which had washed over the bridge, swept through the once-booming factory town of

150,000, flooding the downtown area and forcing hundreds to evacuate. More than 100 people had to be rescued from the rising waters after the storm.

"You know, it could have been worse. But we should not underestimate the heartache that's going through a lot of these communities, affecting a lot of families," Obama said.

In nearby Wayne, the



Barak Obama

president made his way down Fayette Avenue, walking past flooded homes, the garage doors open. Piles of water-damaged debris littered the curb.

"Everybody's going to be working hard to help you recover," Obama told one woman as he hugged her.

The Passaic crested at twice its flood stage at a record 14 feet, depositing

debris and muddy water stains on buildings and homes across Paterson.

"The entire country is behind you," Obama said after viewing the destruction. "We are going to make sure that we provide all the resources that's necessary in order to help these communities rebuild."

He pledged to people all along the Atlantic Coast who were affected by Irene that he won't allow "Washington politics" to get in the way of bringing federal help.

■ The Sprint Cup Atlanta Race has been rescheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. and will be televised on ESPN.

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Hall of Fame defensive end Lee Roy Selmon dies

Associated Press

TAMPA — Lee Roy Selmon, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Hall of Fame defensive end who teamed with his brothers to create a dominant defensive front and led Oklahoma to back-to-back national championships, died Sunday — two days after being hospitalized for a stroke. He was 56.

A statement released on behalf of his wife, Claybra Selmon, said he died at a Tampa hospital surrounded by family members.

"For all his accomplish-

ments on and off the field, to us Lee Roy was the rock of our family. This has been a sudden and shocking event and we are devastated by this unexpected loss," the statement said.

Selmon was hospitalized Friday, and the Buccaneers confirmed later that he suffered a stroke.

The Glazer family, which owns the team, released a statement mourning him.

"Tampa Bay has lost another giant. This is an incredibly somber day for Buccaneer fans, Sooner fans, and all football fans.

Lee Roy's standing as the first Buc in the Hall of Fame surely distinguished him, but his stature off the field as the consummate gentleman put him in another stratosphere," the statement said.

Selmon and his brother, Dewey, were both chosen as All-Americans in 1975 when the Sooners won their second straight championship under Barry Switzer. They followed older brother Lucious to Oklahoma, and the three played together during the 1973 season.

News of Lee Roy Sel-

mon's stroke had already spurred tributes to Selmon on Saturday, when members of the University of South Florida's football team wore his number on their helmet. Selmon had served as the school's athletic director from 2001 to 2004.

"We all loved him, and we're all deeply saddened," said USF President Judy Genshaft. "We're a better university because of Lee Roy Selmon. He was an incredible role model, who cared about all of our stu-



Lee Roy Selmon, who died on Sunday afternoon, is remembered fondly by his Buccaneers and USF families alike.

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PGA GOLF

Watson has 1-shot lead in tourney

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Even after three wins over the last 15 months, Bubba Watson still gets nervous going into the final round with a chance to win. At least he has some company at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

A lot of company.

Right when Watson looked as though he might pull away Sunday at the TPC Boston, the wind became strong enough to make him think twice about the shots he wanted to hit. Three of them didn't turn out real well and led to bogeys. He at least managed one more birdie for a 1-under 70 and the lead going into the last round.

Watson was one shot ahead of five players. Another five players were two shots behind. Seven other players were three shots behind. And even Phil Mickelson, who started the round 11 shots behind, suddenly was only four back.

"Anybody has a chance," Watson said.

Watson likes his chances just a little bit better. Despite the wind causing some indecision on the back nine, he still rifled a 3-iron into the fairway and a wedge to 8 feet for birdie on the 17th to get some separation, even it was just a single shot.

"It's always nice to be in the final group because then you know what everybody is doing. If you play slow enough, you'll be two holes back, so when you know what you have to do," said Watson, one of golf's quickest players. "It's a good position to be in. That's where you want to be."

"Every week, that's what we try to do, is get in the final group because that means you have a great chance."

Even so, the Labor Day finish figures to be wide open.

Adam Scott (71) and Jason Day (67) were among five players in a tie for second. Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world, and Jim Furyk were in the large group just two shots behind.

Mickelson even has a chance. He holed out a 7-iron from the rough on the 12th hole for eagle on his way to a 63, and wound up among two dozen players separated by four shots with 18 holes remaining.

"It's not even that there's so many guys," Brendan Steele

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Darby Dehn recently won her latest national championship at the Amateur Athletic Union Taekwondo competition in Austin, Texas. The youngster's ultimate goal is to one day compete in the Olympics.

Kickin' it for Real

Dehn racking up the medals in Taekwondo

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE
 For the Chronicle

A third-degree black belt. Four consecutive titles at the national level. An array of trophies, state championships, and medals (mostly gold) over the course of seven years of dedication to the sport of taekwondo. Potential future Olympian.

Meet eleven-year-old Darby Lynn Dehn.

Not the type of individual your mind fit to the description?

Ms. Dehn is not your average eleven-year old girl, though her persona away from the dojo and the stage would show you no sign of such. Soft-spoken, polite, and perhaps a bit shy, it is a truly amazing thing to know what this young lady has accomplished in her short life.

Most recently, Darby won her latest national championship at the Amateur Athletic Union Taekwondo competition in Austin, Texas, which immediately followed a second-place showing at the USA Taekwondo Junior Nationals in San Jose, California in July. This was a mere week after earning the third stripe on her black belt, and her father Raymond's telling of her last accomplishments spell her dedication.

"We headed off to San Jose, then hopped on a plane to Austin, Texas," Raymond said. "Before the first fight of the day, she didn't get breakfast, we were almost late, but she wanted it. Darby went in there, won four fights, and won the gold medal."

This victory on the national stage qualified Dehn to join the National Cadet Team, for boys and girls ages 10 to 13 years old. It is an early step toward the grandest stage of all - the Olympic Games - with other steps up the ranks along the way.

Since then, the AAU Junior Olympics on August 1 in New Orleans were dominated by Dehn, who ran away with three gold medals - one each for sparring, forms, and team forms.

All the travel, red-eye flights, six-day weeks of training, and constant work have yet to tire Dehn of her dedication to taekwondo. In fact, she's been at it with no stopping since she was four years old. The defining moment came during a trip to the movies, when outside the theater in Inverness the younger Dehn implored her mother to let her peer into the window of Park's Taekwondo Academy. She has attended the same dojo ever since.

Master Il Yeong Park has been her instructor from the beginning, and he received nothing but praise from Raymond, who also pointed out the many benefits his daughter's craft has given.

"Her teacher says she's very worldly," Raymond said. "She's more mature than other kids her age. She's been to so many states. And taekwondo, because of the respect they teach, it's helped her in school. She gets honor roll grades, and she helps the other kids in her class."

Modesty is another attribute that defines Dehn, as Raymond tells of her business-as-usual approach when it comes to tournament victories.

"She doesn't jump up and down after she wins, she quietly walks off with her medal," says Raymond. "But privately to herself, I can see it, in her eyes."

That look had to be at its most clear following a sparring win in Austin, as Dehn finally defeated a fellow Floridian who Raymond says had beaten Darby five or six times over the last six years in various tournaments.

And while Darby sees all the good that comes out of her involvement in the sport, and is

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TRIATHLON

Aussies dominate Triathlon

Chronicle Labor Day Triathlon wraps up season

LARRY BUGG
 Chronicle correspondent

CRYSTAL RIVER — It was a "G'day" for some triathletes from "Down Under" Saturday.

Two world class professional triathletes from Australia managed to find their way to Crystal River's Fort Island Gulf Beach and won their respective races in the Crystal River Sprint Triathlon 3. Ryan Bailie won the overall race in a little over 57 minutes and Charlotte McShane of Sydney, Australia won the women's race with a time of one hour and 54 seconds. She was third overall.

"I am going to the pro circuit," Bailie said. "The course is very quick. I'm not used to the non-drafting on the bike. The weather was good. I took the lead coming out of transition. I will be doing the World Cup. It's nice to be in an English-speaking country."

McShane didn't expect to do this well.

"I had a pretty hard week's training," said McShane. "I traveled over from Europe this week. My body was a bit tired. I did better than I expected. I am training at the AAA Triathlon in Clermont. Ryan Bailie and I decided to come along. I loved it (the course). The spectators were really good. It is a beautiful day. I have a lot of work to do. I have a race in Buffalo Springs in New York. I will probably finish up the year with a couple of world cups."

Nic Tautava of Orlando, another world class pro triathlete, was second with a time of 58:47. Tautava, 21, is a college student.

"I have not raced here before," Tautava said. "It cooled off a lot. It's like 71. The course is awesome. This is really good for me. I will compete in Beijing, China."

Sadly, with pro triathletes doing their damage, Zephyrhills Robert Kniss wound up fifth overall. He won the overall series but had a streak of three triathlon triumphs in a row until the Aussies ended that streak.

"They ganged up on me," said

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Nadal wins, then deals with painful leg cramps



Associated Press

Rafael Nadal returns a shot to David Nalbandian during the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York.

Associated Press

U.S. OPEN TENNIS

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal rolled his head back, squeezed his eyes shut, covered his contorted face with his left arm and leaned awkwardly in the leather chair used by players during U.S. Open news conferences.

Frozen by the leg cramps that simultaneously hit his right hamstring and thigh about two hours after he'd won his third-round match, Nadal stopped taking reporters' questions and paused between deep breaths to plead in Spanish, "Can you call a trainer for me, please?"

Then slowly — and scarily to those watching, because it was unclear at that moment to anyone but Nadal himself exactly what was wrong — the defending champion slithered out of the chair and went down to the ground, hidden from view by a table. Within minutes, Nadal was sitting up, and then standing, after being given bags of

ice to soothe his painful leg and bottles of water and Gatorade to drink.

Even if it all amounted to nothing serious from a medical standpoint — as Nadal and his manager would later insist, chuckling — it was a bizarre scene, one at least as memorable as anything that took place on court Sunday at the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

"It's bad luck it happened here," Nadal said, "and not in the locker room."

His point was that tennis players often deal with cramps, particularly after competing in the sort of conditions Nadal did while beating 2002 Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian 7-6 (5), 6-1, 7-5 on a muggy afternoon with the temperature in the 80s.

"It's just something that happens. It's just unfortunate it happened in front of you all," 2003 U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick told reporters after a

straight-set victory over Julien Benneteau to get to the fourth round. "Every single player in there has had that happen before. Every single one. What we do — we run around, run miles and miles and miles and miles on the tennis court in nasty weather — (and) you throw nerves in there. I mean, it happens. As long as it doesn't happen during a match, you're fine."

Roddick continued: "Cramps are fine. It's not an injury. A cramp is a cramp. When you go to bed and your foot cramps, it's the same thing."

With No. 28 John Isner and unseeded Donald Young also winning Sunday, and No. 8 Mardy Fish advancing Saturday, Roddick is part of the first quartet of American men to reach the U.S. Open's fourth round since 2003.

Others moving on included 2008 runner-up Andy Murray, who beat No. 25 Feliciano Lopez 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 at night;

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Short-handed Miami ‘can’t wait’ to face Maryland

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — In spite of everything the Miami football program has gone through this summer, the Hurricanes won't be bringing a woe-is-us attitude into Monday night's game against Maryland.

Eight players were suspended, including quarterback Jacory Harris and standout linebacker Sean Spence, after an NCAA investigation revealed several team members took money from a booster. The Hurricanes will be decidedly short-handed in their first game under Al Golden — and they're OK with it.

“There hasn't been any complaining. There hasn't been any excuses. There's been a next-man-in mental-

ity,” Golden said. “I feel badly for the guys who can't play, but it's an incredible opportunity for guys who maybe haven't played as much, or are on the young side, to step up and make a statement on an incredible stage.”

The Atlantic Coast Conference matchup is expected to attract a sellout crowd and will be televised for a national audience. Not only will Golden be making his debut with Miami, but it's also coach Randy Edsall's first game at Maryland.

Best of all for the Hurricanes, it's a chance to play football instead of talking about sanctions, suspensions and shame.

“We're looking very forward to this,” running back Mike James said. “I can't explain it to you. We've been waiting for this time since they put the countdown clock in the locker room. I can't wait. It's an 8:02 kickoff, and I'll be ready to go.”

It's not as if Miami is suddenly scrambling.

“We had a little bit of foresight when this thing first happened that we might have to alter some plans and do some things, which gave us some time to start to think about, ‘If this, then that,’” defensive coordinator Mark D'Onofrio said. “We started to get some guys depts early enough on, so I think it's going to help us

Monday night.”

The Hurricanes know all about playing without their first-string quarterback. Harris missed last year's game against Maryland because of a concussion, and his backup, Stephen Morris, threw the game-winning touchdown pass in a 26-20 win.

Morris will start this time, too. And Jordan Futch will serve as the replacement for Spence, considered by many to be the best player on the Miami defense.

“Sean's an incredible talent,” Futch said. “That's the hardest part, trying to fill his shoes. But I'm going to try. He's been coaching me up real good, getting me prepared for this game.”

Futch and the Miami defense will try to duplicate their performance last year

against Terps quarterback Danny O'Brien, who went 9 for 28 for 134 yards in his worst outing of the year.

“He's going to come out and try to kick our behinds,” Futch said. “He's going to be fired up. He's going to be ready to go.”

O'Brien is eager to go, but his motivation has nothing to do with last year's loss.

“It's going to be a great atmosphere,” the sophomore quarterback said. “It's a huge opportunity for us to start the year off on a positive note. Not only winning the first game, which is always important, but it being a conference game and getting a leg up in the ACC, that would be huge for us, too.”

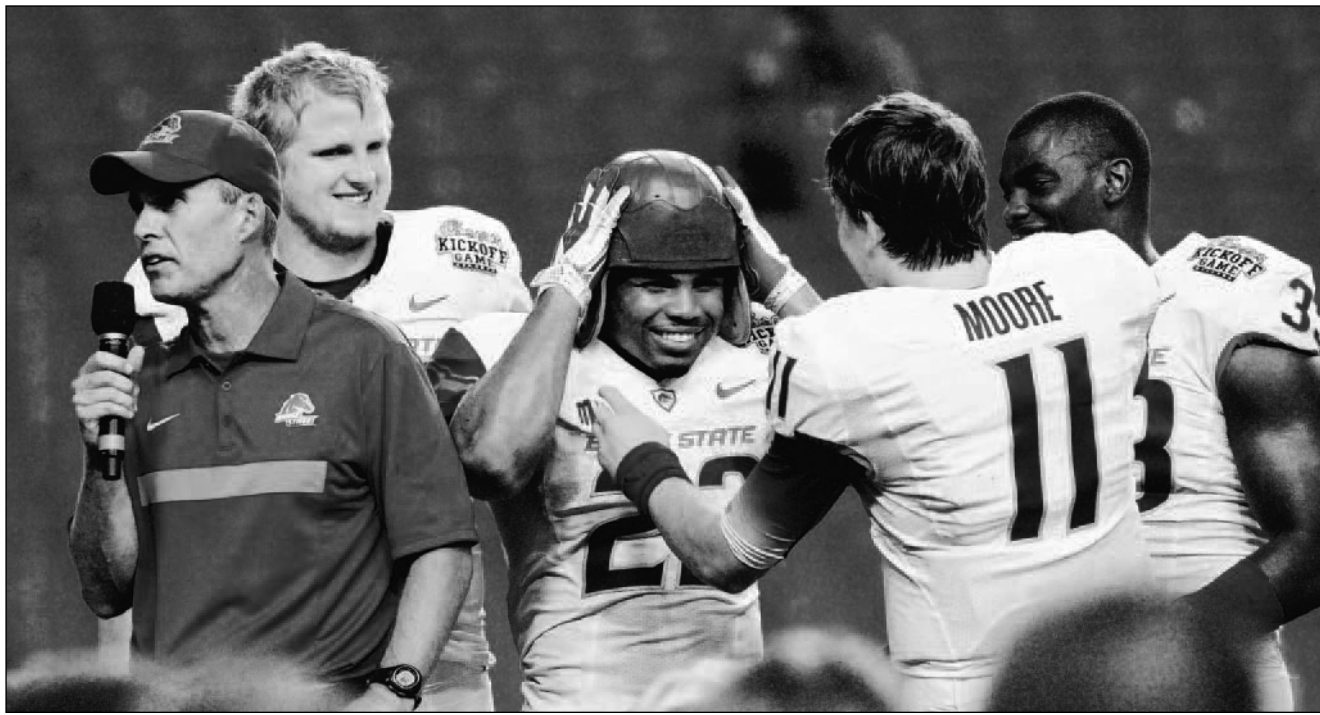
There is an aura of mystery surrounding both

schools. Golden is trying to rebuild a team that has not performed to its usual lofty standards in recent years. Edsall, the successor to Ralph Friedgen, is attempting to take Maryland to a higher plateau.

“We've got it where we want it. The kids know what we want to do and how we want to do it,” Edsall said. “I have tremendous confidence that they can go out and do the job.”

Edsall can sympathize with Golden, whose rebuilding effort has encountered many more obstacles.

“It's unfortunate when you see that happen to a colleague,” Edsall said. “It's not self-inflicted, so it's a tough situation. All you can do in a situation like that is play the cards you're dealt.”



Associated Press

Boise State running back Doug Martin (22) tries out the weathered helmet, which is part of the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Classic trophy, as coach Chris Petersen, left, addresses the crowd and Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore (11) joins them after their 35-21 NCAA football game win over Georgia on Saturday, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Let the Boise debates begin

Associated Press

The first college football Saturday of the year was not even a day old and Boise State had already ensured that yet another season would be dominated by bickering about the Broncos.

Championship contender? Or pretender? Here we go again.

The latest statement by coach Chris Petersen's team had to feel extra special to Broncos fans.

No matter how many times Boise State knocks off big name teams from elite conferences, some fans dismiss the accomplishment because the Broncos play so few games against topflight opponents.

Southeastern Conference fans have been particularly adamant about putting Boise State at the kiddie table.

It is an indisputable fact that Boise State, even now that it has switched from the Western Athletic Conference to the Mountain West, does not play a schedule with as many potential pitfalls as most teams in the SEC, Big Ten, Pac-12 and maybe even the watered-down Big 12.

Mississippi State of the SEC, for example, has a schedule featuring six teams that started the season ranked. Georgia is one of two teams on Boise State's schedule that were in the preseason poll. Which is why so many looked at the Broncos' playing the Bulldogs 70 miles away from their Athens, Ga., campus as Boise State's toughest test of the season.

But it's getting harder and harder to argue this Boise State program is not one of the very best in the country.

This is the third straight season impeccable quarterback Kellen Moore and the Broncos have started by beating a ranked team. Georgia joined Oregon and Virginia Tech as Broncos' conquests.

“I love playing early in the season in games like this. It sets the tone for the rest of the season. It's a taste of what a big bowl game can be like with this type of atmosphere,” Boise State Byron Hout told the Idaho Statesmen. “If you can do the right thing you can find yourself in another event like this at the end of the season.”

If it were only so simple for Broncos.

Where do they go from here? Well, it seems the move to the MWC will only

bump up Boise's degree of difficulty a bit this season.

The next time we'll see the Broncos will be in Toledo, playing an above-average Mid-American Conference team.

Boise State then returns to the blue turf to face Tulsa, which opened the season with a 47-14 loss to No. 1 Oklahoma, and Nevada. The Wolf Pack handed Boise State its only loss last season, but that was on the road and quarterback Colin Kaepernick is no longer galloping around defenses in Reno.

The last nonconference game is against another old WAC rival, Fresno State, which has been playing nail to Boise State's hammer for years now. The Broncos have won nine of 10.

In the MWC, TCU was supposed to be Boise State's toughest test — and could still turn out to be. But the Horned Frogs started their season with a 50-48 loss at Baylor on Friday night and their Nov. 12 game will be in Boise.

Boise State is 59-2 at Bronco Stadium since 1999, so good luck with that Frogs.

Fact is, the Broncos might have already peaked — and that's what ticks off Boise State supporters. They'll be favored — often huge favorites — in their remaining 11 games. Their lopsided victories will be greeted with a shrug by most poll

voters and those big margins don't even register in the BCS computer rankings, which are programmed more to pay lip service to sportsmanship more than to determine the best teams.

What Boise State needs to reach the BCS title game — in addition to going unbeaten — is for Georgia to right itself and reach the SEC title game, TCU to avoid another loss and maybe for Nevada, Fresno State or Air Force to pull off an upset or two — just not against the Broncos.

Meanwhile, the debate will rage. And thanks to a postseason system that allows only two teams to play for the national championship, it's unlikely anything will get resolved.

BIGGER, BETTER? YES. Forget Texas and Oklahoma. A few more weekends like this and Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott might be putting in calls to the Packers and Patriots to see if they'd like to join his conference.

In addition to the 40-27 thumping two-time defending league champion Oregon took in Dallas to LSU, Oregon State lost 29-28 in OT to FCS member Sacramento State; Washington barely beat Eastern Washington; UCLA lost 38-34 at Houston; Hawaii beat Col-

orado 34-17; and Southern California squeaked by Minnesota 19-17.

Not a great start.

As for the possible looming demise of the Big 12 if the Sooners and Longhorns decide to leave for the Pac-12, a big question seems to be whether the Longhorn Network would preclude Texas from going West.

Texas wanting its own cable network was a deal breaker when university officials and Scott were working to create a 16-team super conference last year.

Blogger and attorney Kristi Dosh, aka SportsBizMiss of businessofcollegesports.com, analyzed Texas' contract with ESPN and came to the conclusion that there's nothing in it that can't be worked out if the Longhorns and Pac-12 want to get hitched.

NOT SO STUNNING: Yet another team with no tradition or pedigree entered the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium and beat the Fighting Irish.

Just toss the South Florida loss on the pile with recent losses to Tulsa, Connecticut, Navy and Syracuse.

But before Irish fans go into full blown panic mode about that storm-delayed 23-20 defeat, it's worth stressing this: Notre Dame outgained USF 508-254.

NFL News

Bears, Meriweather agree to 1-year deal

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears added to their secondary, agreeing to a one-year deal with two-time Pro Bowl safety Brandon Meriweather.

The Bears announced the move on Sunday, a day after he was released by New England.

Meriweather was a first-round pick with 244 total tackles and 12 interceptions over four seasons. In 2009, he had a career-high five interceptions and made the first of two straight Pro Bowls.

He joins a team that won the NFC North at 11-5 last season and made the conference title game with a defense that ranked ninth overall but just 20th against the pass.

The Bears rely heavily on takeaways and Meriweather should help in that area, considering his 12 interceptions the past three years is tied for fourth among NFL safeties.

Chris Harris and Major Wright have been starting at safety for Chicago and neither had a takeaway during the preseason. Backups Craig Steltz (hip) and Chris Conte (concussion) left the final preseason game on Thursday with injuries.

Meriweather is known to freelance at times, but he has that history of making plays. He has also been involved in some controversy in the past.

In October 2006 while still at Miami, he was part of an on-field fight with several Florida International players.

About three months earlier, he fired a gun at an assailant who had shot Miami backup safety Willie Cooper outside the house Cooper shared with Meriweather.

Man found dead in pool of Texans player

RICHMOND, Texas — A man has been found dead at the bottom of the swimming pool at the home of Houston Texans defensive end Antonio Smith.

Fort Bend County sheriff's spokesman Bob Haenel (HAY-nuhl) says the suspected drowning was reported about 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Smith's home just north of the Houston suburb of Richmond. He says foul play is not suspected, but an autopsy has been ordered.

Haenel said the dead man was reportedly a 37-year-old family friend of Smith's from the nearby suburb of Katy, and Smith had hosted a birthday party Saturday night.

The 6-foot-4, 295-pound Smith is about to start his eighth season, and third with the Texans. He's started 31 of 32 games for Houston since signing with the team as a free agent before the 2009 season. Smith was originally a fifth-round pick by Arizona in the 2004 draft out of Oklahoma State.

“We are aware of the situation,” Texans general manager Rick Smith said in a statement Sunday. “We are gathering facts and have no further comment at this time.”

The Texans open the regular season against Indianapolis on Sunday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING THE TOWN CODE CHAPTER 1 TOWN OF YANKEETOWN, FL

TOWN OF YANKEETOWN ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN REPEALING AND RESCINDING ARTICLE IX SECTION 1-9 (b) (LOCAL PROHIBITION ON DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN SUBDIVISIONS) PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND LEGAL STATUS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT.

“Article IX. Section 1-9 (b) Whoever shall shoot or discharge any firearm within the subdivided portion of the Town except, in defense of life, limb or property.”

Pursuant to 166.041, Florida Statutes, The Yankeetown Town Council will hold hearings on Ordinance 2011-04. The first hearing will be on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00pm or immediately following the budget hearing and the second and adoption hearing will be on September 26, 2011 at 7:00pm or immediately following the budget hearing. Both hearings will be held at the Inglis-Yankeetown Lion's Club located at 22 59th Street in Yankeetown, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to consider and take public comment on amendments to the Town of Yankeetown's Chapter 1.

All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance at the public hearing. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, located at Yankeetown Town Hall, 6241 Harmony Lane, Yankeetown, Florida, Monday through Friday, during regular Town Hall business hours (9:00am till 12noon) as well as the Town's Web Site at <http://yankeetownfl.gov/office2.com>.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, pursuant to Fla. Stat. Section 286.0105.

Any handicapped or person with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this hearing are encouraged to attend and should contact the Town Clerk at (352) 447-2511 at least 48 hours (if possible) prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made pursuant to Fla. Stat. Section 286.26 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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				East Division														
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	Home	Away									
New York	85	53	.616	—	7-3	W-4	44-26	41-27	Detroit	77	62	.554	—	—	7-3	W-2	41-29	36-33
Boston	84	55	.604	1½	5-5	L-1	42-29	42-26	Cleveland	70	67	.511	6	13	7-3	L-1	39-30	31-37
Tampa Bay	76	63	.547	9½	6-4	W-2	37-32	39-31	Chicago	68	68	.500	7½	14½	5-5	W-3	31-37	37-31
Toronto	69	71	.493	17	3-7	L-3	33-34	36-37	Minnesota	58	81	.417	19	26	3-7	L-2	29-39	29-42
Baltimore	55	83	.399	30	4-6	L-2	32-39	23-44	Kansas City	58	83	.411	20	27	4-6	L-1	34-39	24-44

				Central Division								
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	Home	Away			
Texas	80	61	.567	—	50-19	34-38	—	—	6-4	W-3	50-19	34-38
Los Angeles	76	64	.543	3½	36-33	38-33	9½	8½	7-3	L-1	36-33	38-33
Oakland	64	76	.457	15½	20	27	4-6	L-1	34-39	24-44	37-34	32-37
Seattle	58	81	.417	21	26	3-7	L-2	29-39	29-42	34-39	24-44	32-37

				West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	Home	Away
Texas	80	61	.567	—	6-4	W-1	44-28	44-28	36-33
Los Angeles	76	64	.543	3½	2½	5-5	W-2	40-29	36-35
Oakland	64	76	.457	15½	2½	5-5	W-4	38-30	26-46
Seattle	58	81	.417	21	26	3-7	L-4	34-37	24-44

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				East Division														
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	Home	Away									
Philadelphia	88	48	.647	—	6-4	L-2	46-22	42-26	Milwaukee	84	57	.596	—	—	6-4	W-3	50-19	34-38
Atlanta	82	57	.590	7½	5-5	W-1	44-28	38-29	St. Louis	74	66	.529	9½	8½	7-3	L-1	36-33	38-33
New York	68	70	.493	21	8-2	W-1	30-36	38-34	Cincinnati	69	71	.493	14½	13½	5-5	W-1	37-34	32-37
Washington	64	74	.464	25	2-8	L-1	38-30	26-44	Pittsburgh	64	76	.457	19½	18½	3-7	L-1	31-38	33-38
Florida	62	77	.446	27½	4-6	W-2	27-42	35-35	Chicago	60	80	.429	23½	22½	3-7	W-1	33-39	27-41
									Houston	47	93	.336	36½	35½	5-5	L-3	26-45	21-48

				Central Division								
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	Home	Away			
Arizona	80	60	.571	—	6-4	W-3	50-19	34-38	Arizona	80	60	.571
San Fran.	73	67	.521	7	9½	4-6	L-2	40-32	33-35			
Los Angeles	68	71	.489	11½	14	8-2	L-1	36-35	32-36			
Colorado	66	74	.471	14	16½	4-6	L-1	35-33	31-41			
San Diego	61	79	.436	19	21½	1-9	W-1	29-40	32-39			

				West Division								
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	Home	Away			
Arizona	80	60	.571	—	9-1	W-2	42-26	38-34	San Fran.	73	67	.521
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Colorado	66	74	.471	14	16½	4-6	L-1	35-33	31-41			
San Diego	61	79	.436	19	21½	1-9	W-1	29-40	32-39			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Oakland 3, Seattle 0
Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 8
Boston 12, Texas 7
Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1
L.A. Angels 10, Minnesota 6

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 9, Toronto 3
Texas 11, Boston 4
Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 9, Kansas City 6
L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 1
Oakland 8, Seattle 5
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
Baltimore (Matuz 1-7) at N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 11-7), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 6-13) at Cleveland (U.Jimenez 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 12-5) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 1-2), 1:07 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Shields 13-10), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Humber 8-8) at Minnesota (Swarzak 3-5), 2:10 p.m., 1st game
Kansas City (F.Paulino 2-6) at Oakland (Harden 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Z.Stewart 1-3) at Minnesota (Diamond 1-2), 8:10 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle (A.Vasquez 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Haren 13-8), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 5
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4
Milwaukee 8, Houston 2
Washington 8, N.Y. Mets 7
L.A. Dodgers 2, Atlanta 1, 10 innings
Florida 8, Philadelphia 4
Colorado 5, San Diego 4
Arizona 7, San Francisco 2

Sunday's Games
Florida 5, Philadelphia 4, 14 innings
Hardy ss 4 0 1 0 Damon dh 3 0 1 0
RAdms pr 0 0 0 Ruggin pr-dh 0 0 0
Markks 1b 4 0 0 0 Longori 3b 3 1 1 0
AdJons cf 3 1 2 1 Joyce rf 3 1 1 2
Guerrr dh 3 0 0 0 Loaton c 4 1 0 0
MrFlynt 3b 3 0 0 0 Kchm 1b 3 1 0 0
Andino 2b 3 0 1 0 Guyer lf 4 2 1 0
KHdson lf 3 0 0 0 Brignc ss 4 0 1 3
Tatum c 3 0 0 0 SRrdgz 2b 4 1 2 2
Totals 30 14 1 Totals 33 8 7 8

Monday's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 11-14) at Washington (Lannan 8-11), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Sosa 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 8-7), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Willis 0-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 7-10), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 2-1) at Colorado (Rogers 6-4), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-12) at San Diego (Stauffer 8-11), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 11-9) at St. Louis (Westbrook 11-7), 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 9-12) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 10-11) at Florida (Vazquez 8-11), 7:10 p.m.

Brewers 4, Astros 0

HOUSTON — Shaun Marcum allowed his only hit with one out in the sixth inning, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Houston Astros 4-0 Sunday for a three-game series sweep.
Ryan Braun homered among his three hits and drove in two runs for Milwaukee.

Marcum (12-5) pitched seven stellar innings, allowing a single to center field to Jordan Schafer and two other base runners. He struck out eight and walked one.

Marcum has not allowed an earned run in his last two starts, a span of 14 innings and he's allowed four earned runs in his last five starts. After Schafer's hit, Marcum retired the next five batters to complete his day.

Francisco Rodriguez and Takashi Saito each allowed a hit in one inning of relief to finish the three-hitter.
Matt Downs reached on Yanesky Balancourt's throwing error to first base in the second inning. Schafer walked with two outs in the third for the only other baserunners off Marcum.

Marcum struck out Jimmy Paredes to end the third and then retired the next seven batters in a row.

Milwaukee	Houston	Milwaukee	Houston
ab	r	h	b
C.Hart rf	5	0	1
HrstnJr 2b	3	1	0
Braun lf	3	1	3
Fielder 1b	3	0	0
McGeh 3b	4	0	1
YBtncr ss	4	0	1
Lucroy c	4	1	1
CGomez cf	4	0	0
Marcm p	3	1	1
FrRdrpg p	0	0	0
TGreen ph	1	0	1
Saito p	0	0	0
DellRsr p	0	0	0
Wright p	0	0	0
FrRdrpg p	0	0	0
Bourdzg p	1	0	1
WLopez p	0	0	0
Totals	34	49	4

Milwaukee	Houston	Milwaukee	Houston
ab	r	h	b
D.Gordn ss	5	1	3
Loney 1b	4	0	0
Kemp cf	3	1	1
JRiver lf	4	0	0
GwynJr lf	0	0	0
Ethier rf	4	0	0
Miles 3b	4	0	1
Barajs c	2	0	0
Sellers 2b	3	0	0
Lindl p	3	0	0
Elbert p	0	0	0
Hwksk p	0	0	0
Kersh p	3	1	2
JCarroll 2b	1	0	0
Conrad ph	1	0	1
OFHrt p	0	0	0
Kimrel p	0	0	0
CJones ph	0	0	0
Totals	33	37	3

Los Angeles	Atlanta	Los Angeles	Atlanta
ab	r	h	b
Miles (6), D.Ross (3), DP—Atlanta 1.			
LOB—Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 8. 2B—D.Gordon (5), Bourm (30). HR—Kemp (32). SB—D.Gordon (15). CS—Constanza (4).			
IP H R ER BB SO			
Los Angeles			
Kershaw	7	8	3
Lindblom	1-3	1	0
Elbert	1-3	0	0
Hawksworth L,2-5	1	2	1
Atlanta			
Delgado	5	4	3
C.Martinez	2	2	0
O'Flaherty	1	1	0
Kimrel W,4-2	1	0	0
HBP—by Delgado (Sellers). WP—Kershaw, Hawksworth, Delgado. PB—D.Ross.			
T—3:15. A—33,852 (49,586).			

Rays 8, Orioles 1

ST. PETERSBURG — Jeremy Hellickson needed just 97 pitches to finish off his latest strong outing.

Hellickson threw a four-hitter, Reid Brignac had three RBIs and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 8-1 on Sunday.

"He had a sneaky fastball that set everything else up," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "When he wanted to throw the ball somewhere, it was going there."

Hellickson (12-10) has two complete games this season, both against the Orioles. The rookie right-hander also tossed a four-hitter in a 3-0 win against Baltimore on May 13.

"I felt good in command of all my pitches," Hellickson said. "Even the curveball felt good. I was throwing that for a strike once in a while, and I was keeping the ball down."

Tampa Bay scored four times with two out in the third to take a 6-0 lead. Evan Longoria came home when third baseman Mark Reynolds misplayed Brandon Guyer's grounder, and Brignac followed with a three-run double.

"I haven't had too many opportunities of late to drive in some runs," Brignac said. "The way Jeremy was throwing, all we needed was a few runs to get through the game."

Brignac had driven in two runs in previous 41 home games this year.

Adam Jones homered for the Orioles. Jeremy Guthrie gave up seven runs — three earned — and seven hits over five innings en route to his major league-leading 17th loss.

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	Baltimore	Tampa Bay
ab	r	h	b
Angle rf	4	0	0
Hardy ss	4	0	1
RAdms pr	0	0	0
Markks 1b	4	0	0
AdJons cf	3	1	2
Guerrr dh	3	0	0
MrFlynt 3b	3	0	0
Andino 2b	3	0	1
KHdson lf	3	0	0
Tatum c	3	0	0
Totals	30	14	1
Baltimore	000	010	000
Tampa Bay	024	101	00x
E—Mar.Reynolds (2), Kotchman (2). DP—Tampa Bay 2. LOB—Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 9. 2B—Ad.Jones (25), Brignac (3). HR—Ad.Jones (23), Joyce (18), S.Rodriguez (7). SF—Joyce.			
IP H R ER BB SO			
Baltimore			
Guthrie L,6-17	5	7	3
VandenHurk	21-31	1	1
Z.Phillips	2-3	0	0
Tampa Bay			
Hellickson W,12-10	9	4	1
HBP—by Guthrie (Damon). PB—Tatum.			
T—2:26. A—15,790 (34,078).			

Braves 4, Dodgers 3

ATLANTA — Martin Prado needed eight pitches to get a read on Blake Hawksworth.

When Prado saw a changeup to his liking, he hit it hard.
"I was just going to put the ball in play," he said. "I was thinking any pitch I can drive, hit it solid. I saw it, I hit it."

Prado singled in the winning run in the ninth inning and the Atlanta Braves snapped the Los Angeles Dodgers' six-game winning streak with a 4-3 victory on Sunday.

The Braves avoided getting swept in a three-game series for the first time this season and gave themselves a good send-off for an eight-game road trip that begins Monday against NL East-leading Philadelphia.

"It was big for us not to go into Philly having lost three straight," third baseman Chipper Jones said. "One of the biggest wins of the year, I'll tell you."

Los Angeles	Atlanta	Los Angeles	Atlanta
ab	r	h	b
D.Gordn ss	5	1	3
Loney 1b	4	0	0
Kemp cf	3	1	1
JRiver lf	4	0	0
GwynJr lf	0	0	0
Ethier rf	4	0	0
Miles 3b	4	0	1
Barajs c	2	0	0
Sellers 2b	3	0	0
Lindl p	3	0	0
Elbert p	0	0	0
Hwksk p	0	0	0
Kersh p	3	1	2
JCarroll 2b	1	0	0
Conrad ph	1	0	1
OFHrt p	0	0	0
Kimrel p	0	0	0
CJones ph			

NFL 2011 — NFC NORTH

UPCOMING NFL DIVISIONAL PREVIEWS
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7 — NFC WEST

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series of all eight NFL divisions the Chronicle will run leading up to the start of the NFL regular season.

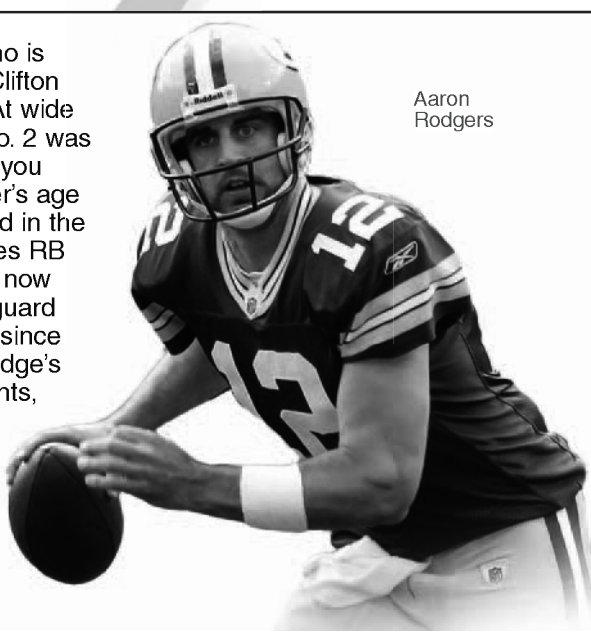
Green Bay Packers

Week 1 - NEW ORLEANS Sept. 8, 8:30 p.m. (NBC) (Thu.)	Week 7 - at Minnesota Oct. 23, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 13 - at N.Y. Giants Dec. 4, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)
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Week 6 - ST. LOUIS Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - at Detroit Nov. 24, 12:30 p.m. (Fox) (Thu.)	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.

2010 Record: 10-6, second place, NFC North; 4-0 in postseason, defeated Steelers in Super Bowl XLV
Head Coach: Mike McCarthy, sixth season
Additions: LB K.C. Asiodu
Departures: RB James X. Johnson, LB Nick Barnett, G Daryn Colledge, DE Cullen Jenkins, G Jason Spitz, RB Brandon Jackson, RB Ahman Green, LB Brady Poppinga
Key Draft Picks: OT Derek Sherrod (1), WR Randall Cobb (2), RB Alex Green (3), CB Davon House (4), TE D.J. Williams (5)
Offseason review: What do you get for the team that has everything? Well, if you're Aaron Rodgers and the Super Bowl champion Packers, the answer is depth. An already formidable offensive line added



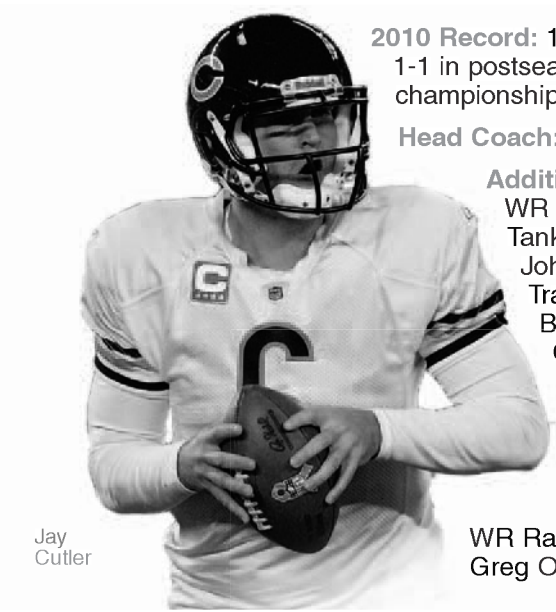
Sherrod with the first-round pick, who is slated to replace starting LT Chad Clifton when his contract expires in 2012. At wide receiver, Cobb's selection at No. 2 was a surprise to some, until you consider Donald Driver's age (37). Green, selected in the third round, replaces RB Brandon Jackson, now in Cleveland, but guard could be an issue since the departed Colledge's possible replacements, Nick McDonald and Marshall Newhouse, aren't ready. And the selection of TE Williams in the fifth round gives the team depth behind starter Jermichael Finley.



Aaron Rodgers

Chicago Bears

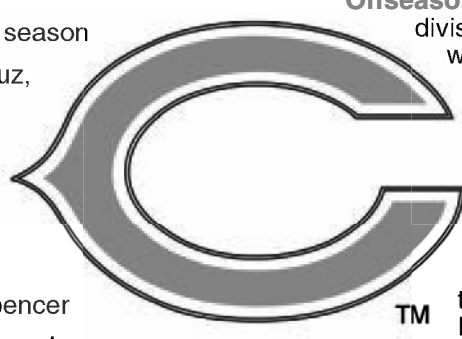
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Jay Cutler

2010 Record: 11-5, first place, NFC North; 1-1 in postseason, lost to Packers in conference championship
Head Coach: Lovie Smith, eighth season

Additions: WR Andy Fantuz, WR Onrea Jones, DL Tank Tyler, LB Chris Z. Johnson, LB Patrick Trahan, RB Marion Barber, DT Amobi Okoye, P Adam Podlesh, TE Matt Spaeth, C Chris Spencer
Departures: DT Tommie Harris, LB Hunter Hillenmeyer, OT Kevin Shaffer, WR Devin Aromashodu, WR Rashied Davis, S Danieal Manning, TE Greg Olsen



Key Draft Picks: OT Gabe Carimi (1), DT Stephen Paea (2), S Chris Conte (3), QB Nathan Enderle (5)

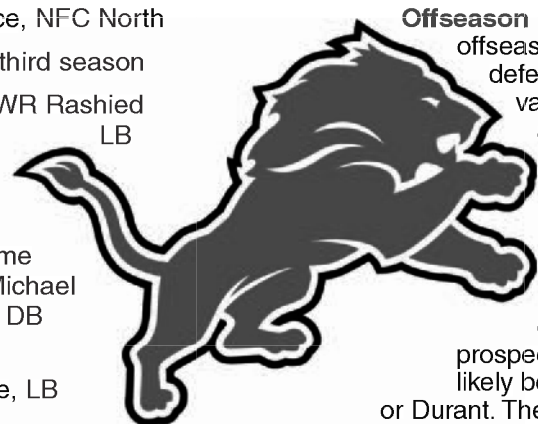
Offseason review: For a team that won its division, the Bears came into the offseason with a surprising amount of needs, among them the offensive and defensive lines and the receiver corps. The Bears had one of the NFL's worst O-lines last year, giving up a league worst 56 sacks. So the arrival of first-round pick Carimi will certainly be a sight for QB Jay Cutler's sore eyes — and body. Still, the team has more needs there, so look for them to make a run at re-signing C Olin Kreutz, while going the free agency route to fill both guard positions. The defensive line is a little thin, so second-rounder Paea may find himself starting right out of the gate. And the release of Hillenmeyer opens a left linebacker slot, for which sixth-rounder J.T. Thomas may be a candidate.

Detroit Lions

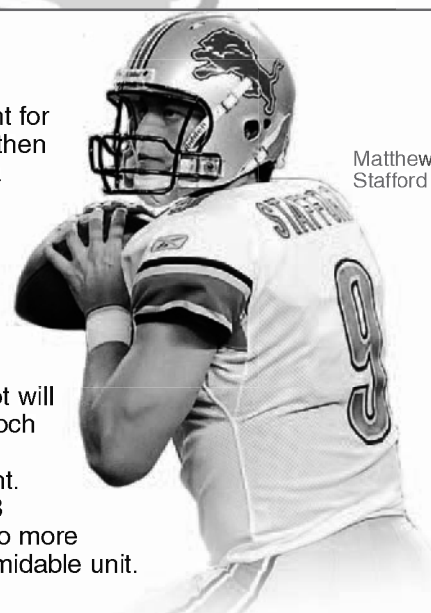
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Week 6 - SAN FRANCISCO Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - GREEN BAY Nov. 24, 12:30 p.m. (Fox) (Thu.)	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.

2010 Record: 6-10, third place, NFC North
Head Coach: Jim Schwartz, third season

Additions: S Erik Coleman, WR Rashied Davis, LB Justin Durant, Stephen Tulloch, CB Eric Wright, WR Maurice Stovall, DE Keyunta Dawson, DT Montavious Stanley, RB Jerome Harrison, RB Mike Bell, DB Michael Johnson, C Rudy Niswanger, DB Anthony Madison
Departures: DE Turk McBride, LB Zack Follett
Key Draft Picks: DT Nick Fairley (1), WR Titus Young (2), RB Mikel LeShoure (2), LB Doug Hogue (5)



Offseason review: The Lions came into the offseason needing major work on their defense. With their first pick, they went for value in DT Fairley, who will strengthen an interior line that was already a strength. The team jettisoned strongside linebacker Julian Peterson, so his replacement will either be holdover Bobby Carpenter or Durant, because fifth-round pick Hogue is considered a developmental prospect at this point. The other OLB slot will likely be filled by free agent signees Tulloch or Durant. The Lions also went the free agent route to fill their cornerback opening with Wright. On offense, the additions of WR Young and RB LeShoure should give QB Matthew Stafford two more legitimate options in what is already a very formidable unit.



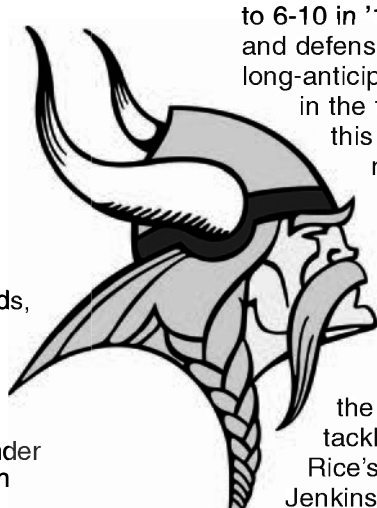
Matthew Stafford

Minnesota Vikings

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Week 6 - at Chicago Oct. 16, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)	Week 12 - at Atlanta Nov. 27, 1 p.m. (Fox)	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.

2010 Record: 6-10, last place, NFC North
Head Coach: Leslie Frazier, second season

Additions: QB Donovan McNabb, WR Devin Aromashodu, OT Charlie Johnson, NT Reme Ayodele, WR Michael Jenkins
Departures: QB Brett Favre, DE Ray Edwards, QB Tarvaris Jackson, WR Sidney Rice, OT Bryant McKinnie, LB Ben Leber
Key Draft Picks: QB Christian Ponder (1), TE Kyle Rudolph (2), DT Christian Ballard (4), CB Brandon Burton (5)



Offseason review: A precipitous fall-off from 12-4 in 2009 to 6-10 in '10 meant many needs to be filled on offense and defense, starting at quarterback, where Brett Favre's long-anticipated retirement prompted the drafting of Ponder in the first round and the trade for the likely starter this year, McNabb. The team went for value over need at No. 2 with the selection of TE Rudolph, who could wind up replacing starter Vianthe Shiancoe when his contract expires next year. But probably the team's biggest need, the offensive line, didn't get addressed until the sixth round, where C Brandon Fusco and OT DeMarcus Love may vie with free agent signee Johnson for starting jobs. On the defensive line, Ayodele will likely start at nose tackle if 39-year-old incumbent Pat Williams bolts. Rice's departure was addressed by the signing of Jenkins, but the linebacker corps is still thin.

Vianthe Shiancoe

Monday Evening September 5, 2011. Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WFTS, etc.) listing programs and their details.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. J. Paul Getty said, "If you look after the pennies, the dollars will look after themselves." Is the bridge equivalent that if you look after the spot-cards, the honors will look after themselves? This week's deals require carefully watching the spot-cards. In today's example, how should South plan the play in three no-trump after West leads the heart queen? South might have opened two clubs or two no-trump. The hand has 22 high-card points, but eight of them are in quacks (queens and jacks), which is not good. However, the hand contains only four losers, one in each suit. So it is acceptable to upgrade the hand to a two-club opening. South starts with six top

Bridge puzzle. North hand: 9-5-11, 7-4-2, 6-6-5, 10-8-5-3, A-J-4-3. South hand: A-Q-J-10, K-8-6-5, A-2, K-Q-J, K-Q-7-2. Dealer: South, Vulnerable: Neither. Opening lead: Heart Queen.

tricks: one spade, one heart and four clubs. Declarer does not have time to play on diamonds, because he should lose at least one diamond and four hearts. Instead, he must hope that East has the spade king. Then South can pick up four spades to go with one heart and four clubs. But he might need to take the spade finesse three times. And if so, that requires three dummy entries, which must come from the club suit. Declarer should cash his club king before leading the club seven to dummy's jack. In the dummy, South plays a spade to his queen. Then, since the clubs are 3-2, declarer overtakes his club queen with dummy's ace and repeats the spade finesse. Now South leads his carefully preserved club two to dummy's four, takes a third spade finesse, and claims.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes word search grids for GUNYO, TYKTI, RIOASL, KELWYE and a cartoon about a book on the origin of labor day.

- ACROSS 38 Astrologers of old, 39 New York area, 41 Resinous deposits, 43 Yves' girlfriend, 45 Round Table knight, 47 Nutty, 50 APB datum, 51 Moon viewer, 54 Maui wreath, 55 Pious assent, 56 Adornment, 57 Kind of critic, 58 W. Hemisphere role, 59 Pouches. DOWN 1 Food steamer, 2 Long-legged wader, 3 Kind of sausage, 4 Bean or pea, 5 Chew out, 6 Planet, in verse.

Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with words: TREE, TROLL, CHOLLA, AUNTIE, POTION, INSIST, LUSH, ADD, SAS, UNLEASH, ALF, AYN, AIMS, BEINGS, MURALS, CAVEAT, ACETIC, DEAN, PREAMI, ROGUISH, SPA, IBM, ILKS, EIGHTS, BANANA, REHEAT, ARGUED, FRAME, CEDUE.

Dear Annie: My husband and I were married for 47 years. Four years ago, he said he wanted to "find himself." A month later, he was in Las Vegas (with another woman), using the company car and gas card. When he stopped answering his phone, I called his manager to find out where he was, and consequently, he was fired. He blamed me. I was so angry that I moved in with my sister, and he brought that woman to live in our house. Until that moment, I had no idea there was an ongoing affair. I still have not received any divorce papers, which he told me I was supposed to sign. How can I find out if he actually filed? — Waiting in Los Angeles

Dear Waiting: In most states, divorce filings are a matter of public record and can be accessed through your local county offices. Regardless, you should get a lawyer immediately. Your husband has not proved himself to be trustworthy, and it's important that you protect yourself. Dear Annie: Three months ago, my husband and I received an email invitation to a friend's 70th birthday party, given by his adult children. A month later, another email arrived, informing us that each guest was expected to pay \$25 for our meals at the restaurant, and that there also would be a "money tree." I thought that was tacky, but we like this guy and still planned to go. Then, a week before the date, we received a third email, saying the price would now be \$32 apiece. The son said he'd be at the entrance to collect money, and for our convenience, "there is an ATM nearby." Annie, if the hosts couldn't afford a restaurant, why didn't they simply have people at their home for coffee and cake? I called the son and told him we are senior citizens and on a fixed income. I said we were sorry, but could not afford to attend. Then, the son tried to put a guilt trip on me. I have never heard of anything so nery! There's a Yiddish word for it, but I don't know how to spell it. I hope we haven't lost a friend. — Now I've Seen it All

Dear Disappointed: Children DO owe the parents who loved, clothed, fed and educated them. At a minimum, they owe them respect and consideration. I agree that phone calls should not turn into power plays and the lines run both ways. But many people still believe in respect for one's elders, not to mention the commandment to honor one's parents. But we give you points for not being hypocritical about it. Annie's Snippet for Labor Day (Credit Jonas Salk): "The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more."



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

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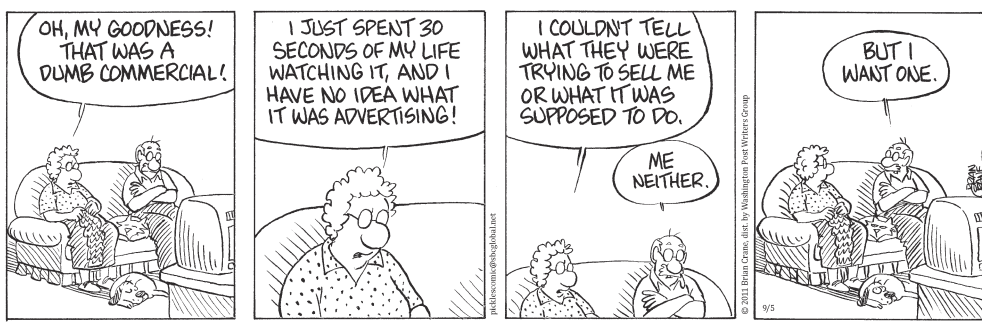
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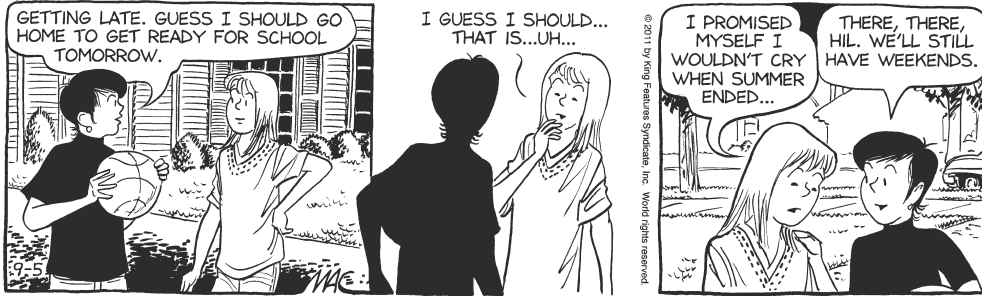
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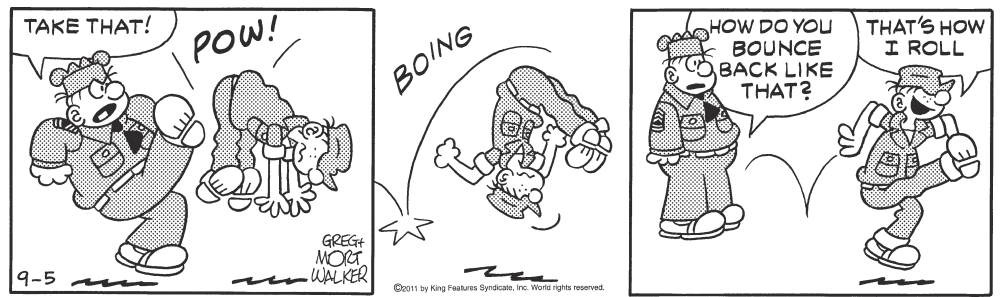
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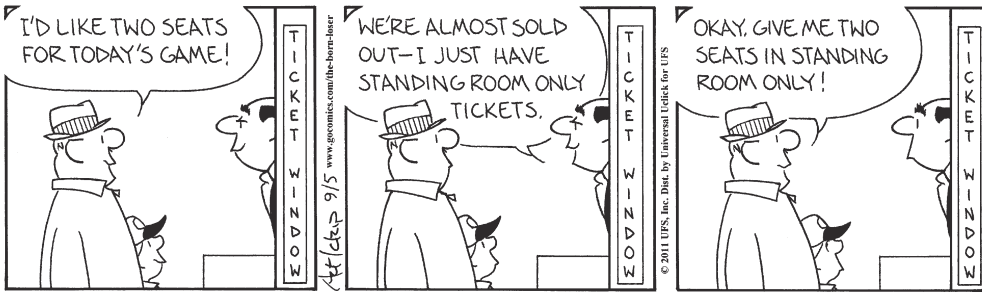
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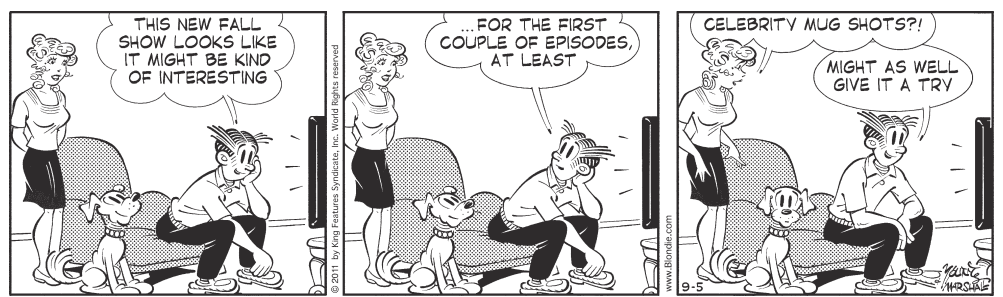
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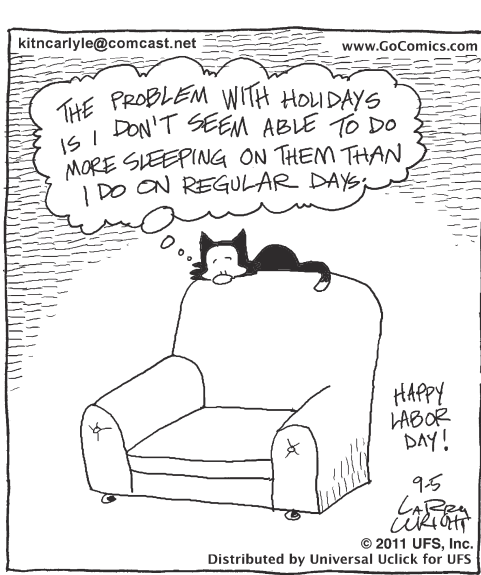
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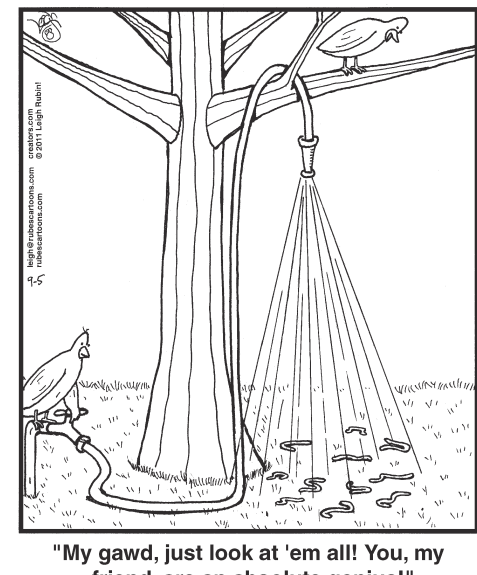
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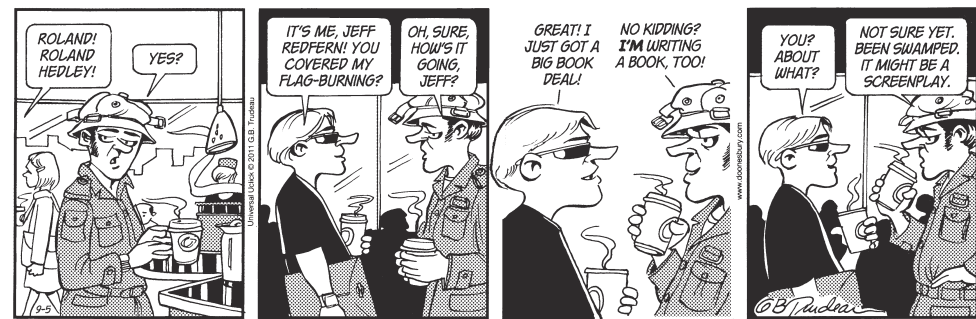
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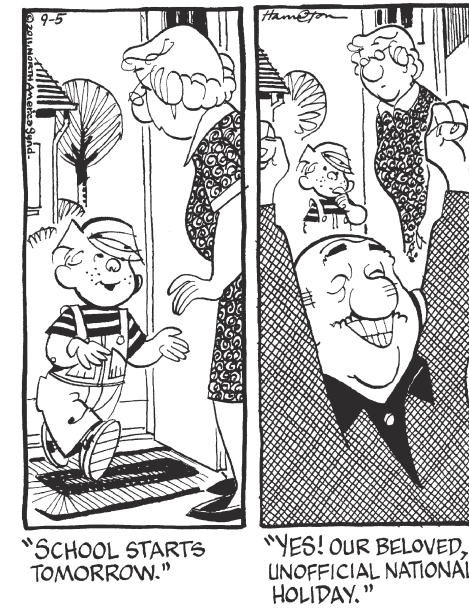
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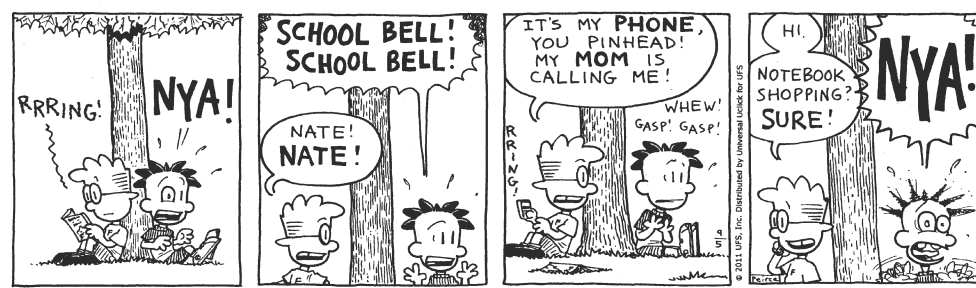
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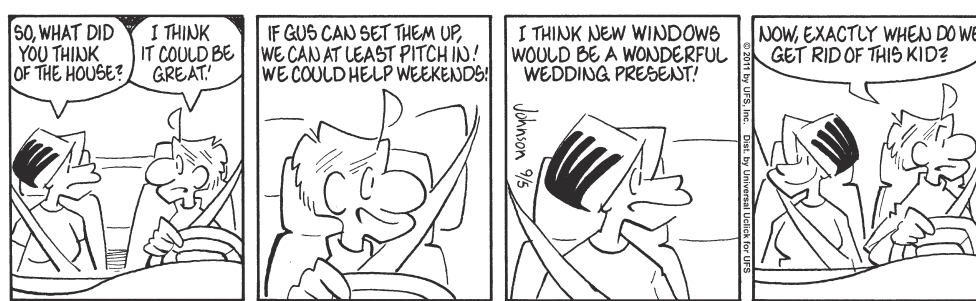
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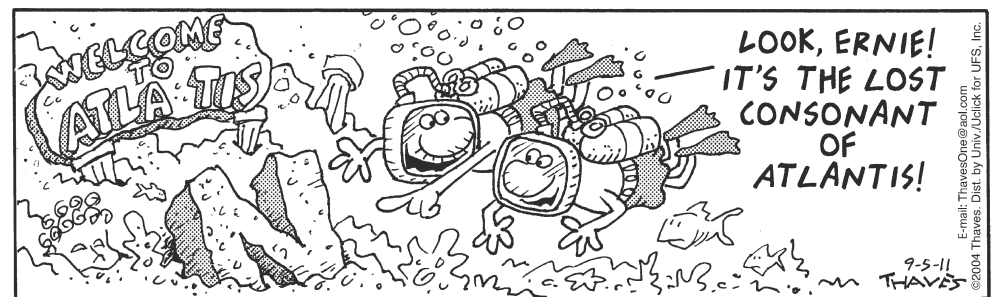
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

TODAY'S CLUE: N equals V

"XRJ HCGGH MH WKYIXH TW WKC BPYSC
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CIJ RZ GTDRP YH WR XTYI GCYHMPC."
— TPYHWRWGC

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The voice collects and translates your bad physical health ... your personal troubles." — Placido Domingo

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Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377
"Shark Night" (PG-13) In Real 3D. 1:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. No passes.
"Shark Night" (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.
"Apollo 18" (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
"Colombiana" (PG-13) 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
"Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" (R) ID required. 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"The Help" (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7 p.m.
"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:10 p.m.

"Shark Night" (PG-13) 4:45 p.m.
"The Debt" (R) ID required. 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m. 7 p.m.
"Our Idiot Brother" (R) ID required. 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
"Colombiana" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
"Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" (R) ID required. 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
"Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World" (PG) 1:10 p.m., 4 p.m.
"The Help" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
"Cowboys and Aliens" (PG-13) 7:10 p.m.

Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
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ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

MDA telethon hosts say Lewis retired

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The hosts of the 46th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon said Sunday that Jerry Lewis retired from the yearly fundraiser — the organization's first comments about the beloved icon's departure since an announcement last month.



Jerry Lewis, publicist Candice

Cazau declined comment to The Associated Press when told of the comments to open the telethon on Sunday.

Co-host Nigel Lythgoe said during his opening comments on the telethon that he didn't realize Lewis, 85, was thinking about retirement during the show last year, when the comedian offered Lythgoe his seat as Lewis took a break and Lythgoe was coming on the air.

"He made such a big point about it. I've never done this before," he said," said Lythgoe, the executive producer of "American Idol." "I didn't realize then that he was contemplating retiring.

"And Jerry, and I know you're watching, when you gave me that chair I know it's possible to sit on it, but it's isn't possible, Jerry, to replace you, sir," he said. "What you have done for this organization and its families is something close to a miracle and I know that we all want to carry on your legacy."

Entertainment journalist Jann Carl followed Lythgoe by saying Lewis retired from the telethon this year.

MDA spokesman Jim Brown declined comment beyond the hosts' remarks, but said the telethon would include at least one more nod to Lewis.

Lewis, who's appeared in scores of films and TV shows as well as produced, directed and taught film, had been chairman of the MDA since the early 1950s, before the famed telethon began.

The Lewis-less telethon began airing live on the east coast Sunday night with an opening number featuring young dancers performing to David Guetta's "Titanium," with an introduction from Abbey Umali, the organization's tween goodwill ambassador.

The MDA is asking millions of Americans during the six-hour broadcast for at least \$1 more than the \$58.9 million it raised last year.

This year's revamped fundraiser was expected to trot out as much A-list punch as it could muster as the charity works to raise money for neuro-muscular research, clinics and summer camp for youngsters known as "Jerry's Kids."

WHO WILL WEAR THE DAYTIME CROWN?



The daytime talk show "The View" is hosted by five women with different opinions. Co-hosts include, from left: Whoopi Goldberg, Barbara Walters, Joy Behar and Elizabeth Hasselback. The fifth co-host, not picture, is Sherri Shepherd.

'The View' primed for run at top of ratings, claim Oprah's spot

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NEW YORK — With Oprah Winfrey gone, daytime television is ready for a new monarch.

Barbara Walters and the show she invented 15 years ago, "The View," pronounce themselves ready to step up. She may be past 80 now, but would you bet against her?

The show begins its new season Tuesday, with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as guest. In a muddled daytime picture, "The View" plans to compete aggressively for displaced Winfrey viewers with a more topical feel, aggressive booking of guests and a few pages ripped from Oprah's playbook.

"Oprah was the only other show that did some of the things that we did," said Bill Geddie, executive producer. "Quite honestly, some of the people that we might have gotten second, we'll be getting first now."

"The View" has just as much chance as any to become the daytime talk leader. Late afternoon, where Winfrey's show ran across most of the country, is considered a more desired time slot than the 11 a.m. home of "The View." But a big mixture of personalities like Dr. Phil, Ellen DeGeneres, Anderson Cooper and Dr. Oz will now compete in the afternoon, some of them new to their time slots or new to the business, and none goes in with a huge advantage in the ratings, said Bill Carroll, an expert in the daytime market for Katz Media.

Meanwhile, "The View" is a fixture at its time of day.

"Consistency always works in your favor," Carroll said.

Geddie noted no 11 a.m. show has ever been the top daytime talk program, and he seems eager for the challenge of changing that.

The time slot was no real prize back in 1996. ABC had a string of failures there before asking Walters to come up with an idea for a show. She thought of presenting a handful of women with diverse backgrounds and opinions, primarily an entertainment show. Still busy at ABC News, Walters appeared only two days a week and asked Meredith Vieira to be moderator, a role now held by Whoopi Goldberg.

Only 60 percent of ABC viewers could see the show at first, and Walters remembers spending much of

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her first year cajoling station managers across the country to carry it. Now "The View" is seen virtually everywhere on ABC.

"The View" evolved to become more topical and opinionated as the years went on, a progression that is continuing. The Sept. 9 show will feature former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and focus on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Former Vice President Dick Cheney and GOP presidential candidate Jon Huntsman are each scheduled to appear in the first month.

Such guests co-exist with the popular "hot topics" opening segment, where Goldberg, Walters, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd kick around the day's water-cooler subjects.

Still, Walters cautioned, "We are not 'Meet the Press.'" Not when Kim, Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian are booked for Wednesday. Matthew Broderick, Jennifer Aniston, Demi Moore and Alicia Keys are among other first-month guests.

Behar and Shepherd will talk about what it was like for each of them to get married this summer, and the show plans to candidly follow Shepherd's effort to have another child.

"We still do loving interviews," Walters said. "We're not Bill O'Reilly."

Fox News' O'Reilly, who's had some memorable tangles with the ladies of "The View," is also booked for the first month.

"Authors, actors, celebrities and

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Barbara Walters
co-host of The View.

so forth need a place to go," she said. "And we're a very good place to go. We're an intelligent show, we are a stable show, we like each other. ... It's a fun show, and I think they will feel all the more comfortable with us."

Sound like a pitch? Walters has made a few in her day. Much of the energy she brought to finding big interview "gets" for ABC News is now focused on "The View," where she usually appears three or four days a week. Firmly establishing the topical niche is a pre-emptive strike against CNN's Cooper, who premieres his show this fall, and Walters' ABC colleague Katie Couric. Couric, who was a guest host on "The View" for a week this summer, begins her own daytime talk show next year.

Geddie also talks about more frequently using panels of expert contributors — doctors, lawyers and such — to answer questions. That also sounds very Oprah-like, given the satellite system of contributors she developed through the years.

The competitive approach also extends to cosmetics. Instead of slapping a fresh coat of paint on an old set, "The View" completed a sleek redesign. Gone is the uncomfortable couch where Walters joked some guests nearly toppled over and off the set.

"We've always thought of ourself as the little engine that could, and now we're practically the railroad," Geddie said. "The landscape is changing, and it's not just Oprah. The soap operas are going away. At ABC, we were always the third or fourth show behind the soaps and now we're the No. 1 show. We felt that if we were a big show, we ought to look like it and act like it."

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2011. There are 117 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight:
On Sept. 5, 1972, Black September terrorists attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

On this date:
In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1939, four days after war had broken out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation declaring U.S. neutrality in the conflict.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed legislation making aircraft hijackings a federal crime.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

Ten years ago: Mexican President Vicente Fox arrived at the White House as the first state visitor of the Bush presidency.

Five years ago: Boeing executive Alan Mulally was named president and CEO of Ford Motor Co., succeeding Bill Ford, the great-grandson of founder Henry Ford.

One year ago: Jefferson Thomas, one of nine black students to integrate a Little Rock high school in America's first major battle over school segregation, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 67.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 82. Actress-singer Carol Lawrence is 79. Actor William Devane is 72. Actor George Lazenby is 72. Actress Raquel Welch is 71. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is 61. Actor Michael Keaton is 60. Country musician Jamie Oldaker (The Tractors) is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Terry Ellis is 48. Rock musician Brad Wilk is 43. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 42. Actress Rose McGowan is 38. Actress Katerina Graham is 25.

Thought for Today: "If moderation is a fault, then in-difference is a crime." — Jack Kerouac, American novelist (1922-1969).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthdays: Conditions in general look extremely promising for you in the year ahead, especially in areas where you have already been busy laying solid foundations. One or more could take you straight to the winner's circle.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In many situations, money-making tips given by "insiders" are of little or no value. However, when information comes from one who has made it big, take a second look.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Rather than engage in activities that involve a lot of mental gymnastics as you generally would, you're likely to find a lot of enjoyment in pursuits that are more on the physical side.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This could turn out to be a rather good day for you where your material affairs are concerned. An investment you thought of as being a loss might suddenly turn a profit.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Something important that

has been totally out of your hands is making its way back to you. Once it is within your grasp again, you'll be able to control matters to your liking.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lady Luck is opening up a new door of opportunity for you. You are likely to get a chance to participate in a development that is being run by another and that is doing quite well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You will be entering into a new cycle in which big opportunities abound, stemming from partnership arrangements. Don't turn down any invitation to join a group that has a good chance of being successful.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you come up with a good idea regarding a new way to advance your ambitions and aspirations, move on it promptly, even if it is a shot in the dark. It's likely to succeed.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — If you want to end up having the upper hand when involved in a competitive situation,

whether it involves a sport, game, romance or business, adopt a positive mindset.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Important changes can be made that could have some far-reaching effects. Don't hesitate to move things around a bit if you believe it would better your lot in life.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — When you don't try to second-guess yourself, your judgment can be pretty good. When an on-the-spot call needs to be made, do so without hesitation.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — An abundance of opportunities are all around you, both in your personal life and in work-related situations. Watch out for insignificant matters to suddenly become very important.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Ventures or enterprises you personally direct or have a hand in developing should live up to your expectations. Be extremely careful not to delegate too much authority.

Sound OFF

Cowardly act

This is to the coward who keyed my car, which was parked on Wright Street: If you didn't like where it was parked, you could have left a note on the car or asked me and it would have been moved. But I hope you can sleep with yourself and look at yourself in the mirror because that was a very cowardly thing to do.

Blighted building

Regarding the comment on Aug. 27 in Sound Off about the Meadowcrest building and the costs: If (the) person had bothered to attend the lengthy presentation done by the county with pictures and complete details about the conditions at the building and the lack of space. And if you've ever been there, it's not a parking lot, it's a series of pot-holes. It's awful. There was one bathroom for that entire building and a leaky roof, as well. Plus the fact that the state, because of taking over the driver's licenses, told them that the security was unacceptable. So they really have no choice, not just because of that, but because of the deplorable conditions of the building. They were just pitiful.

Share sheriff's cars

On Aug. 16, "Tight funds should lead to policy review."

We had a police department quite a bit larger than all of Citrus County and we didn't take our cars home. What we did is, when an oncoming shift came in, they would double up with us for two hours and then we would turn the car over to them. At that time if the car was not clean, fueled or anything else, it was noted on the report.

They do not need to take these cars home. They need to learn how to share them. You do not need an individual car for every officer. That's a ridiculous spending of our money.

Defense overfunded

All this talk concerning the military defense budget. The Pentagon's budget has increased immensely during the past few decades and the Defense Department will spend every single dol-



lar it's given. Consider all the military pay grades, all civilians employed by the military, retirement benefits for life, two unnecessary 10-year wars which were not funded, lifetime medical benefits for PTSD and those permanently disabled, plus all the troops unnecessarily stationed since World War II in Germany, France, England, Japan, Korea and the Philippines, to include military housing and American schools. We could slash the Pentagon budget in half with all these troops which are not needed in peaceful foreign countries. The costs to maintain these bases and facilities is incredible. End the two unnecessary, unfunded wars and half the problem is solved.

Testing is too far

The one that called in Sunday (Aug. 28) in Sound-Off about "Nothing to hide," about drug testing, urine testing. I had to take a urine test two months in a row and I did it because I knew I was OK with it, but I still have a problem doing it. I don't like doing it. I think it's an invasion of my privacy and I had nothing to hide, neither. But I still think it isn't right, especially when our government officials don't have to do it and our doctors and nurses

don't have to do it regular. I think it's ridiculous that other people have to do it. Those are people who count. Even the police department should have to do it regularly, and the fire department. But everybody (who) lives off our tax dollars gets away with murder and everything else and have the best benefits. But anyhow, the urine testing, I take it but I'm still against it. So there is nothing to hide, but I'm still against it.

Summer fan setting

On Aug. 28 someone called in to Sound Off and asked which direction they should have their ceiling fans. In the summertime, your ceiling fan should go counterclockwise. This has been checked out with the power companies and the fan companies. Counterclockwise in the summer.

Smart safety

I'm reading in today's paper about the prop shrouds on boats to protect the manatees. I, too, have wondered why we haven't instructed our boat owners to do the same thing. Even if they were to raise the lower end so the skeg on the motor was above or below the prop to prevent

the manatees from getting hurt. It's about time we did some of these smart things.

Civic need

I sure hope the Beverly Hills Civic Association does not go bankrupt as did the Rec Association. We need the Civic Association to help enforce our deed restrictions. This helps keep our property values up and helps keep Beverly Hills from becoming a slum area. It's worth the membership fee to join this organization. We need their representation and you should attend the meetings if you possibly can.

Defining church

This call is in reference to "In defense of Nancy." This is in defense of Scripture. The person (who) called in said, "Do this in remembrance of me," but they skipped the first part of the Scripture that says, "This is my body, this is my blood, do this in remembrance of me." As far as Nancy, she has the right to choose what she wants as far as churches. But I also don't understand the part that says, "Besides, church is a body of people, not a building." I don't quite understand that, if someone would explain that to me.

Anti-corruption laws

According to a recent report, an activist in India went on a hunger strike in his campaign against the corruption by public officials and bureaucrats. In this once-grand nation, we may now need to have very strict laws that actually have extended prison time as a penalty for any politician who is found to be corrupt in a court not run by his or her partners in crime.

Unexpected rain

Hey, yeah, I've heard of umbrellas, but I didn't know my kids were going to need one the first week of school. Nobody told me. So evidently both my kids got soaking wet and they're not afraid of water, but when they're soaking wet and they walk into a 70-degree classroom and now I'm taking both of them to the doctor. And can you picture 3,000 kids walking around the high school all with umbrellas, all teenagers with umbrellas? What do you think they're going to do with them? Cover the school up because I've already got two doctor bills.

Craving chicken

What I think would really be a good idea is to put a Chick-fil-A in the mall since

we're trying to regroup over there. I think that would bring in a lot of customers. I really don't know anyone who doesn't like Chick-fil-A.

Loud noises

This is regarding the plans for a new firing range. I live two miles from the firing range the police use on (State Road) 44 at the landfill. Especially on the weekends, it sounds like we are in a war zone with machine-gun fire. It is very disturbing. Anyone in the vicinity of this proposed firing range near Rock Crusher Road should be aware sounds travel long distances and this could be a nuisance to you also.

Halve political ranks

Food for thought: Now there's a proposal to tax bottled water to pay for the cost to manage empty bottles. Let's join other states and have a deposit bottle bill.

The extension of the Sun-coast Parkway will create short-term jobs and leave a lifelong-term scar across Citrus County. Want to give your brain a rest from politics? Just commit to vote for Ron Paul for president. If we really want to save taxpayers' money, we need to reduce the number of politicians we have. Citrus County needs only three commissioners. Cut in half representatives, congressmen and senators. Come on, voters, sound off.

Who's doing study?

I read the Opinion page Monday, Aug. 29. I am puzzled as to who is doing the feasibility study. And is the feasibility study only for the port or other proposed county projects on the barge canal? I would like to see a feasibility study on the barge canal of good, clean industry such as a marina, high-end hotels and motels and restaurants. Seeing as in your paper lately of King's Bay and the manatees being closed to large boats, to me I feel this could put more people to work, seeing that I don't think there is that many barge pilots and large crane operators in Citrus County that are out of work. I'm sure we have plenty of truck drivers. That's all I'm saying.

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