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In anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, the *Suwannee Democrat* will be presenting videos of local residents expressing their thoughts on 9/11 on our website at suwanneedemocrat.com. The short clips will be shown up to and the day of 9/11/11. Coming Friday, a special section called September 11, Why We Remember.

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Suwannee says no to truancy

One parent pleaded guilty to child neglect

By Jeffry Boatright
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With the 2011-12 school year underway, Suwannee School District administrators and personnel are taking a serious stance against truancy, following 20 truancy court cases in the 2010-11 school year with one parent pleading guilty to child neglect.

Elizabeth Simpson, director of student services, emphasizes that students must be present in order to learn and that students between the ages of six and 16 are bound by statute to attend school. Just as the students are required to attend, the District is required to ensure they attend. Simpson pointed out that home-schooled students are also bound to the attendance poli-

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WATER MANAGEMENT

Budget cuts in the millions

Five positions axed

By Jeffry Boatright
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Five positions at the Suwannee River Water Management District were cut after the District lost federal and state funding along with a cut in its millage rate resulting in $9.4 million in budget cuts, according to Executive Director David Still.

"This is the first time the Legislature has ever set the District's millage," Still said. "Up to this point, our board of directors approved the budget and then it went to the governor for approval."

Senate Bill 2142 requires the Legislature to annually review the preliminary budget for each water management district and set the maximum amount of revenue that

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No local damage from Lee

Rain water covers part of the roadway Monday afternoon at the intersection of Howard Street and Ohio Avenue.

Staff photo

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Remnants of Tropical Storm Lee offered the area soaking rains without substantial damage or injury after making its way over our area throughout the Labor Day weekend.

According to Sheriff and local Emergency Management Director Tony Cameron, the area received relief in the form of rain and said there were no reports of notable damage or injury accompanying the rainfall.

Showers set in on the area late Saturday and lingered through Tuesday, totaling 2.65 inches in rainfall at the WQHL-98.1 studios as of Tuesday morning. In addition to the rainfall received in North Florida, a break in the extreme heat was also a welcomed factor that resulted from Lee's course along the northern edge of the Gulf of Mexico.

Daytime highs over the next few days are expected to remain in the upper 80s while nighttime lows will dip down as low as 60 tonight.

According to the National Weather Service, no significant rainfall is in the forecast for our area through Thursday night.

Drew Aldikacti (Left), deputy legislative aide, and Travis Hart, legislative assistant to Senator Charlie Dean, held a rally in front of the Suwannee County Courthouse recently to raise awareness of proposed sinkhole rate increases.

Theft investigation leads to pot bust

Pot growing in plain view in man's front yard

By Jeffry Boatright
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Michael Rogers

A theft investigation led to the arrest of a Wellborn man for growing pot in his front yard, a Suwannee County sheriff's report shows.

Michael Edward Rogers, 46, of 3300 134th Place, Wellborn, was arrested for cultiva-

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Sex offender arrested for failing to register

By Jeffry Boatright
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Eugene Poppell

Failing to comply with the sex offender registration has led to the arrest of a convicted sex offender, according to a Suwannee County sheriff's report.

Edward Talmadge Poppell, 48, address listed as a transient, has been living in his Ford Bronco near

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Sen. Dean: No to sinkhole insurance rate increases

Citizens Insurance proposal could see rates skyrocket

By Jeffry Boatright
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Sinkhole insurance rates could escalate while sinkholes continue to cave in.

Following legislation that passed earlier this year, Senator Charlie Dean, R-Inverness (whose district includes Suwannee County) along with other lawmakers, are now concerned that insurance rates will skyrocket as a result.

Part of Senate Bill 408, passed during the 2011 legislative session, was to protect policyholders from sinkhole scammers and those with fraudulent sinkhole claims. However, SB 408 included a provision that removed the rate cap for optional sinkhole coverage. Now Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, a state-run insurer, is seeking increases that could skyrocket, in some cases, up to 2,226 percent.

Although Dean is wary of rising insurance rates,

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Today' Weather

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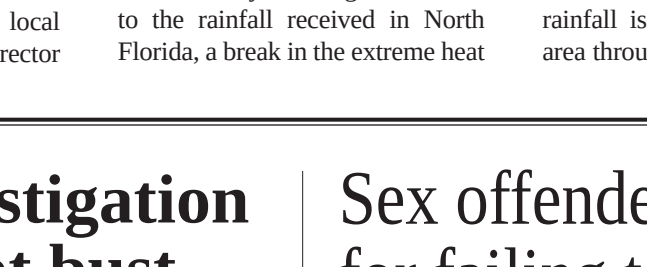
State Texaco Country Showdown final is Sept. 10 at the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park



Eight regional Florida Texaco winners to compete for $1,000 and the state title

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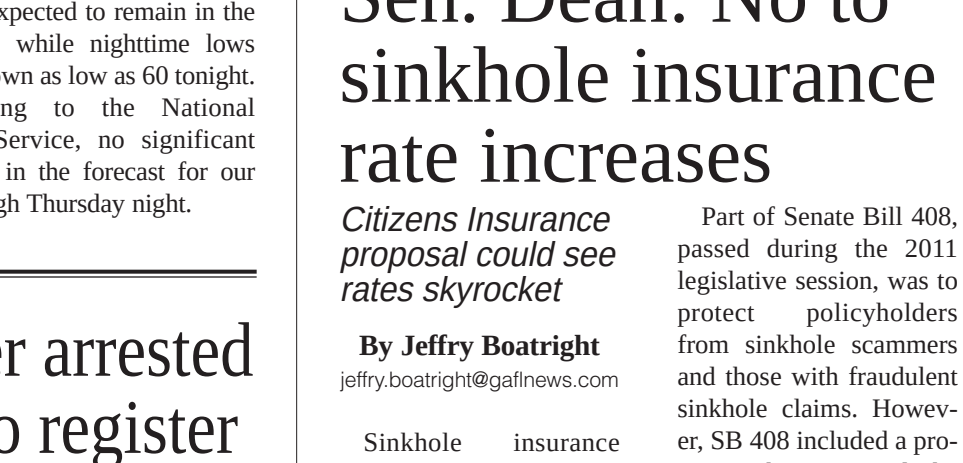

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Calvary Baptist Church to hold 9/11 Service

Calvary Baptist Church will hold their 9/11 commemorative service on Sunday, September 11, 2011. This special event will begin at 6:00 p.m. With a special singer and speaker. A BBQ supper will be held after the service.

9-11 prayer rally

The Awakening America Alliance national 9-11 prayer rally will be held on September 11, 2011 at the Suwannee High School Auditorium at 3 pm. This annual event is a call to Christians in America to come together in unity to pray for revival and a return to the Lord, Jesus Christ, as savior of this nation. This event is opened to the public and all area churches are invited. For more information go to www.awakeningamerica.us, or contact Wayne Godsmark at 386-208-1345

Sex offender arrested for failing to register

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the intersection of US 90 and Interstate 10, west of Live Oak.

Reports show that Poppell is required by the state of Florida to report in person to the local drivers license office of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and obtain either a valid Florida drivers license or identification card but has failed to do so.

Since Poppell has no place to live and is registered as a transient, he was also required to contact officials each day by cell phone at 5 p.m., advising them where he would spend the night.

For about a week, Poppell failed to report to officials and when authorities traveled out to check on him, he was located in a wooded area west of 185th Rd. drinking beer.

Poppell was arrested and charged with failing to comply with sex offender registration.

Theft investigation leads to pot bust

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tion of cannabis, the report shows.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the residence on 134th Place on Aug. 26, in reference to a theft.

Upon arriving, officers noticed a large marijuana plant growing in plain view in the front yard of the property, according to a report.

The marijuana plant was seized and turned over to the evidence custodian. Rogers was arrested and booked into the Suwannee County Jail.

LOTTERY RESULTS
Florida

CASH 3 9/5/11 . . 2,3,5
PLAY 4 9/5/11 . . .0,2,5,1
FANTASY 5 9/5/11. 3,12,19,23,34
MEGA MONEY . . . 6,8,27,33,MB4
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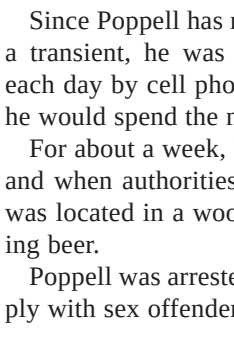

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The Suwannee Democrat prints the entire arrest record each week. If your name appears here and you are later found not guilty or the charges are dropped, we will be happy to make note of this in the newspaper when judicial proof is presented to us by you or the authorities.

The following abbreviations are used below:

SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

LOPD-Live Oak Police Department

FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP-Florida Highway Patrol

FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission

DOT-Department of Transportation

OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole

USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

DOC-Department of Corrections

September 1, Shedrick Lenard Scott, 51, 3311 19th St E, Bradenton, Fl, fta-dwls sarasota co wrt, FHP-M. Finley

September 1, Ignacio Perez-Cruz, 43, 1405 Duval Street # 34, Live Oak, Fl, no valid dl, LOPD-D.Slaughter

September 1, William Adams, 50, 2756 Tropic Dr., Kissimmee, vop o/c dui, L. Land

September 1, Jeffery Jermaine Butler, 24, 1045 CR 417, Live Oak, Fl, vop o/c sale/delivery of cntrl sub w/i 1000 ft of a place of worship; poss of control sub w/in 1000 ft of a place of worship; sale of cannabis w/i 1000 ft of a place of worship; poss of cannabis w/i to sell w/i 1000 ft of a place of worship, SCSO - L. Land

September 1, Cynthia Nichole Hayes, 19, 1527 N SR 53, Madison, Fl, robinson surrendered bond, burglary, poss contr substant, intro contraband into cj, SCSO-T. Lee

September 1, Chase Allyn Yon, 38, 184 SE Jenese Way, Lake City, Fl, vop o/c dui, SCSO-T. Lee

September 1, Mitchell Dale Anderson, 35, 2065 Anderson St., Lake City, Fl, dwls/r 2nd offense, poss alcohol on suwannee river water manage prop, indecent exposure, tresspass, resist w/o violence, SCSO - CPL. J. Stout

September 1, Curtis Lee Courtney, 21, Transient, Live Oak, Fl, disorderly intoxication, LOPD - D. Slaughter

September 1, William Wade Giddens, 60, 212227 49th Dr., Lake City, Fl, agg assault w/f arm (dv), agg battery w/f (dv), SCSO-B. Mincks

September 2, Santos Ajanel, 25, 12910 US 90 Lot 17, Live Oak, Fl, no dl, SCSO-D. Stevenson

September 2, Jason Jamar Cherry, 22, 1716 2nd St., Live Oak, Fl, poss -20 cannabis w/i sel, poss cocaine, poss firearm during fel, poss drug para, SCSO-M. Henry

September 2, Daniel Buck Jones, 33, 203 NW Carier Ave., Branford, Fl, grand theft auto, grand theft, SCSO-C. McInnis

September 2, William Howard Hunt, 22, 4370 280th St., Branford, Fl, resist off w/o violence, SCSO-A. Loston

September 2, Bridgette Shelly Seymore, 23, 22692 47th Dr., Lake City, Fl, battery d/v, SCSO S.Espasito

September 2, Judith Michau McCormick, 49, 1120 Silas Drive, Live Oak, Fl, fta o/c pass worthless ck, cash only, SCSO M. Clark

September 3, Ramero Arenas Rojas, 30, 557 Sophie Rd., White Springs, Fl, no dl, poss cocaine, 1st app--pd app per wfw, SCSO Smith

September 3, Heather Vera Richter, 21, 589 NW Sago Gln A102, Lake City, Fl, dwls/knowingly, SCSO S. Senea

September 3, Anthony W. Goodall, 47, 29847 75th Rd., Branford, Fl, leaving scene w/prop dama, poss firearm by felon, 1st app--pd app per wfw, FHP-K. Weaver

September 3, Angel Mendoza 32, 703 Hamilton Ave., Live Oak, Fl, no valid dl, LOPD-B. Harrison

September 3, Christopher Yagel, 39, 26841 CR 49, Branford, Fl, dixie county wrt-vop o/c, worthless checks 13 cts, SCSO-C. McInnis

September 3, Brenda Lee Carter, 40, 405 NW Scriven Ave., Live Oak, Fl, fta o/c poss paraphernali, cash bond only $500.00, 1st app--pd app per wfw, LOPD B. Harrison

September 3, Mindy Lynette Dortly, 21, 394 SW Buffalo Ct, Ft. White, Fl, dwls/r habitual, FHP-J.R. Tillie

September 3, Lorinda Lynn Green, 43, 10542 24th Street, Live Oak, Fl, vop o/c poss of cocaine, 1st app--pd app per wfw, SCSO M. Clark

September 3, Richard Summerall, 51, 2863 NW 193 TR, Miami Garden, Fl, petit theft, dwls/r, SCSO Stevenson

September 4, Susan Bailey, 66, 114 N San Marino Ave., San Grabriel Ca, dui, FHP Taylor

September 4, Tammy Omans, 26, 95 Empire Church Rd., Lakeland, Ga, bond surrender/chauncey, agg assault x 4; trespass, SCSO C Smith

September 4, Gerardo Cruz Lopez, 22, 1800 West Howard St., Live Oak, Fl, fta no valid dl, drive w/o license, LOPD-Fipps

September 4, Frank Vernon Hayes, 37, 22337 92nd Path, Live Oak, Fl, vop o/c viol of injunctio, vop o/c poss - 20 gms cann, SCSO Tompkins

September 4, Brandy Nicole Stucky, 26, 351 Crossing Blvd., Jacksonville, Fl, marion cty wrt-obtain prop by worthless check, marion cty wrt-obtain prop by worthless check, LOPD-B. Harrison

September 4, Paula Gabriela Flores, 28, 19500 US Hwy 281N Apt 204, San Antonio Texas, dwls/r, FHP-A.L. Hughes

September 4, Donald Randolph Priester, 29, 14218 121st Rd, Live Oak, Fl, vop-poss oxycodone w/i sell, vop-sell of contr subst, SCSO-C. Thompkins

September 4, David Eric Levinson, 24, 1452 Haight St., San Fransisco, Ca, fta-poss cont substance, fta-poss -20 g cannabis, 1st app--pd app per wfw, SCSO-M. Clark

September 4, Brian Stanley Gortmans, 44, 6 Pines Ct, Edgewater, Fl, dwls/r knowingly, SCSO-Z. Clark

September 4, Tim Eugene Bridgeman, 36, 4049 Bracewell Rd., Jacksonville, Fl, poss - 20 cannabis, dwls/r, SCSO-C. McIntyre

September 5, Reginald Eugene Thomas, 30, 937 Bryson St Lot 24, Live Oak, Fl, child abuse - Lafayette co, LOPD-D. Slaughter

September 5, Dontey Lavonn Herring, 33, 9504 W 90, Live Oak, Fl, battery (domestic viol), LOPD-D. Slaughter

SCFR calls for service from Aug. 28 at midnight to Sept. 3 at midnight

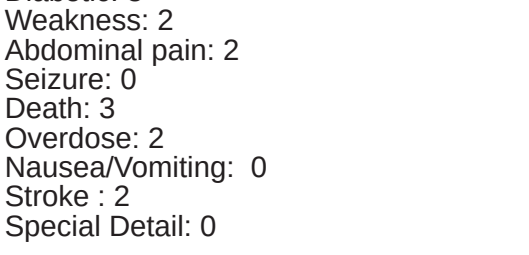
Total calls for service: 78

Medical Calls 62
Cardiac: 8
Trauma: 4
Motor vehicle crash: 7
Miscellaneous medical call: 7
Altered mental status: 6
Respiratory: 7
Diabetic: 3
Weakness: 2
Abdominal pain: 2
Seizure: 0
Death: 3
Overdose: 2
Nausea/Vomiting: 0
Stroke : 2
Special Detail: 0

Fire Calls 16

Structure Fire: 0
Brush fire: 4
Motor vehicle crash: 5
Medical assist: 3
Down power line: 2
Tree on Road: 1
Tree on house: 0
Smoke Inv: 1
Vehicle Fire: 0
Fire Alarm: 0
Tree Fire: 0
Sinkhole: 0

Volunteer Fire Responses: 16
Engine-1 medical calls in Rescue-5: 1



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Life and times of the county

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The old Suwannee County Hospital, 1960s, where many of our citizens were born. The hospital was located on 5th Street behind what is now the Auto Zone store. Photo is courtesy of the Suwannee Valley Genealogical Society. SVGS is located at 215 Wilbur St. SW, Live Oak. Its library is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Go to svgsoc.org for more information.

HOWLAND'S EXPRESS TEAMS UP WITH SUWANNEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND WITH A CAR WASH & YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

Howland's Express, 610 W. 11th St., Live Oak, will be hosting a car wash and yard sale, Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., with the SHS marching band.

Those having their vehicles washed by those in the marching band and their friends will receive Howland's sweet tea and popcorn as well as a 10 percent off coupon for items purchased that day in the Howland's Hardware Store.

Band members and their friends are collecting items for a YARD SALE during those same hours. If you have items to donate, please bring them to Howland's Express that morning. Be sure to visit the yard sale, you might just find the one or two items you just can't do without.

Please set this time aside and get your vehicle washed by the best musicians in Suwannee County while you enjoy a refreshing snack!

Your contributions will help pay the expenses for the marching band to participate in the district and state competitions this year.

Citizens Police Academy starts Sept. 20 REGISTER NOW

Chief Buddy Williams announced that the Live Oak Police Department will be conducting a Citizens Police Academy beginning Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011.

The academy will be held at the police headquarters at 205 SE White Ave. in Live Oak and other selected locations each Tuesday evening, from 6-8:30 p.m. for nine weeks.

The academy offers an opportunity for citizens to learn more about local law enforcement and the criminal justice system, up close and personal, and much, much more.

There is a $20 registration fee payable upon application.

Pick up an application at the Live Oak Police Department.

For further information, contact Erica Elliott at 386-362-7463.

Submit your application soon, space is limited.

After school homework help

Now available from 3 to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Live Oak Public Library.

A help desk has been set up in the Teen Scene Area in Live Oak.

Also, after school homework help is now available, Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Branford Public Library.

HEALTHY START

Healthy Start of North Central Florida Coalition Annual Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 2 p.m. WellFlorida Council, Gainesville, Florida. Public is invited. For more information call Heather Hollingsworth at (352) 313-6500.

Wellborn Baptist Church
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Weddings/Anniversaries

Horne & Norris Wedding Reminder

Randy and Missy Norris of Live Oak, Florida would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Megan Norris to Cory Horne, son of Albert and Rosalind Horne of Live Oak, Florida.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Southside Baptist Church in Live Oak with the reception to follow at the National Guard Armory.

All Friends and family are invited to attend.

Watson 50th Anniversary

Because you have played such an important part in their lives please join us for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception in honor of Gary and Nancy Watson on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Grace them with your presence between 1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m., Camp Weed Juhan Dining Hall, 11057 Camp Weed Place, Live Oak, Florida.

Danny and Michell Watson

Your presence is their gift!

Corbett - Goolsby Jr. Wedding Reminder

Christina Helen Corbett and Wade Goolsby Jr. would like to remind you of their upcoming wedding. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Denise Inez Wood of Live Oak, Florida. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Goolsby, Sr. of Jennings, Florida.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 at the Goolsby Farm in Jennings, Florida.

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 2011:

John Brandyn Clark to Erin Rhoshelle Carroll

Victor Peter Majauskas to Marie Annette Baker

Thomas Clifton Hingson to Kalie Kim Baldwin

Milton Benjamin Owens III to Tiffani Lynne Smith

James Edward Longino to Audrey Lenora Wilder

Milton Paul Sumrell Jr. to Ashlie Lynn Bailey

Fly your flags Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this tenth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

SRWMD Governing Board meeting

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 3 p.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory and land acquisition matters. The first public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget and proposed millage rate will follow the meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at District headquarters.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2011, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will have a workshop at 3 p.m. at District Headquarters. The final public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget and proposed millage rate will follow the workshop, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at District Headquarters.

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

Kicking Off The Great Suwannee River Cleanup 2011

A Kickoff celebration for the 2nd Great Suwannee River Cleanup will be held at Ivey Memorial Park in Branford, Florida, on September 10th from 10 am until 2 p.m. There will be down-home BBQ and great music provided by the Celebration Band to kick off this year's event. The 2011 cleanup will occur during a three-month window from September through November. There are 5 cleanups scheduled in September to be conducted by Amigos Dive Center and the Ax Men, the National Association for Cave Divers, Nestle Waters, Houston's Crew, and the Missed Dinner Bell gang. If you're interested in joining a cleanup in September, go to the URL listed below to find contact information for the group leaders.

Businesses, civic clubs, fishing and boating groups, churches, government agencies, non-profits, chambers of commerce, and groups of friends are all encouraged to participate. Go to the event map at http://tinyurl.com/3wadbd4 to determine your section based on mileposts and GPS coordinates. Then register your group, the date of your cleanup, and your river section online at http://tinyurl.com/44d3obr. Shortly after registration, your cleanup will appear on the event map.

Current Problems is available to assist you as you plan your cleanup and to provide supplies (grabbers, buckets, trash bags, etc.). If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Current Problems' Executive Director Fritzi Olson at 352-264-6827 or e-mail her at aar@currentproblems.org. Pete Butt is coordinating dive cleanups and can be reached through Fritzi Olson.

If you can't participate but would still like to support this effort, the partnership is looking for sponsors to help out with expenses and will also gladly accept in-kind donations. Call or e-mail Fritzi to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

This year's sponsors include American Rivers, Amigos Dive Center, Bronson Hardware, Coin & Jewelry Gallery, Columbia County, Karst Environmental Services, Karst Productions, Normandeau Associates, Inc., The Ocean Conservancy, Plum Creek Foundation, and Suwannee County.

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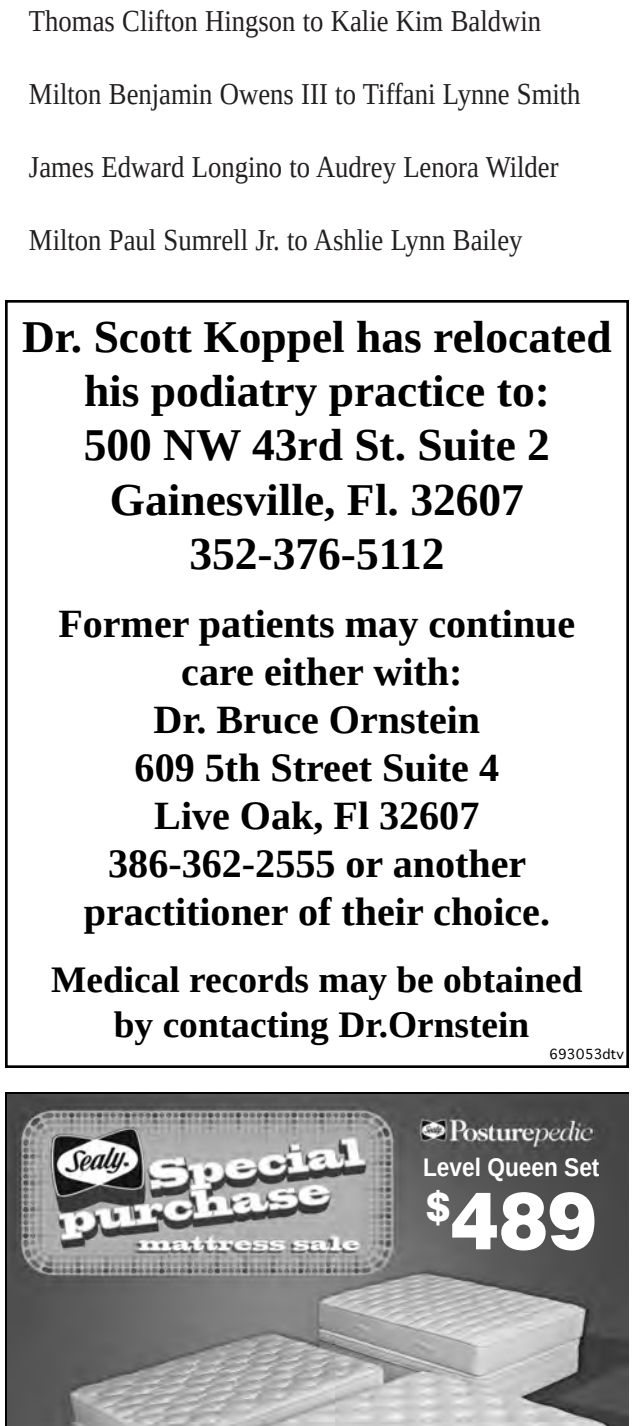

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☑ 3. Take public control of Dowling House
4. Reduce duplication of effort by city/county offices and agencies
5. Continue progress on Perimeter Road

THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

Career day

By Jim Holmes

I think it is fair to say, most parents pray that their children will grow-up to be productive members of society. And if the truth be told, most would be proud beyond words if their kids ended up an attorney, scientist, engineer or physician. These, after all, are four of society's most prestigious occupations.

For example, despite all the negative comments that are heaped upon them, it is the lawyer we run to for help when we have been wronged, for they are the intellectual "gunslingers" of a civilized world. And while it will be the scientist in the laboratory that makes possible a better tomorrow, it usually will be an engineer who takes that lab research and finds a practical application for it.

But of these four great professions, I think the one most of us hold in the highest esteem is that of "healer." After all, it is the physician who takes away our pain, cures our illnesses, gives us our children and last, but not least, helps us enter death's realm with dignity.

So imagine the delight my wife and I experienced when years ago, our teenage son came home and announced that for his high school career day, he hoped to shadow a surgeon in our local hospital.

I couldn't help it. Within seconds, I had visions of a future, where during bragging sessions, I could trump any of my fellow old coots in the retirement home with this simple six word sentence; "Well, my son is a doctor!"

Let me digress at this point and say I've never been much for "pulling strings." In this particular case, however, I made an exception. As a long-time reporter, I had written dozens of medical stories over the years and I was acquainted with many members of our local medical community. So, if my son might be interested in being a surgeon, I would do what I could to insure he had worthwhile career day.

It only took a couple of phone calls before I knew my son's shadowing of doctors would be "special." Not only would he follow physicians on their hospital rounds, but he would also have the opportunity to scrub-up and witness an operation.

Career day came and went and my wife and I were anxious to sit down that evening and hear exactly what our son thought of his experience. I think we both hoped he'd say something like, "Mom… Dad. Those people are fantastic! They save lives every day! I can't think of any nobler profession. THIS IS WHAT I WILL BE!"

Granted, we knew that if this were the case, we'd both probably be working until the end of time to come up with the money for his education. But hell, we thought, it would be worth it.

And so the big question was posed; "Well, what did you think of your day son?"

He paused a moment as if carefully selecting just the right words for us; "Mom…Dad, I can't believe how many old, naked bodies you see in a hospital."

In case, you haven't guessed by now---although very successful in his chosen career---my son ain't no doctor.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." **John 14:23 NIV**

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OPINION

Blacks and politics

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

At one of last month's Congressional Black Caucus-sponsored "job fairs," Rep. Andre Carson, D-Ind., told the audience: "This is the effort that we're seeing of Jim Crow. Some of these folks in Congress right now would love to see us as second-class citizens. Some of them in Congress right now with this tea party movement would love to see you and me -- I'm sorry, Tamron -- hanging on a tree." Carson's reference to Tamron was acknowledgment of the presence of MSNBC's black reporter Tamron Hall, who didn't deem it fit to report the congressman's statement. Another black attacker of the tea party movement is Rep. Maxine Waters, who told her constituents: "This is a tough game. You can't be intimidated. You can't be frightened. And as far as I'm concerned, the tea party can go straight to hell." "Let us all remember who the real enemy is. And the real enemy is the tea party," reminded Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla. The Rev. Jesse Jackson said the tea party should be called the "Fort Sumter tea party that sought to maintain states' rights and slavery." Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., in telling a job fair audience to register to vote, said, "Turn the tea party upside down!"

What about Hastings' call for blacks to register to vote? What has it meant? For several decades, blacks have held significant political power, in the form of being mayors and dominant forces on city councils in our major cities, including Philadelphia, Detroit, Washington, Memphis, Atlanta, Baltimore, New Orleans, Oakland, Newark, Cincinnati and many others. In most of these cities, blacks have served as school superintendents, school principals and chiefs of police. Plus, there's precedent setting black political power at the national level, with 39 black congressmen and a black president.

Here's my question: What would you think of someone who claimed that black political power has yielded great results? In these cities where blacks dominate the political machinery, black academic proficiency is on a par with the rest of the nation. Black families are more stable and illegitimacy and welfare dependency are much lower than they were when whites dominated the political machinery of these cities. Also, since blacks have replaced white mayors and city councils, black citizens are murdered less and are far safer on the streets and in their homes. Even more noticeable is the fall in unemployment, particularly since the nation elected a black president. You say, "Williams, anyone making such statements suffers from a special kind of lunacy and ought to be put into an insane asylum!"

It doesn't demean black political achievement to ask what black political power means for the lives of ordinary black people. Put another way, is political power a necessary condition for economic power? Let's look around.

Japanese- and Chinese-Americans faced gross discrimination in our country, but when's the last time you heard them worrying about how many mayors and congressmen they have? Are they in a tizzy over the tea party's call for constitutional government, reduced spending and a balanced budget? By the way, Japanese- and Chinese-Americans have median family incomes higher than white Americans despite having no political power, even in areas where they are most numerous.

Let me be clear. I am not stating a causal link between the fact of black political power and the poor living conditions of so many blacks in our urban centers. I'm simply offering evidence that the expectation that black political power will translate into socio-economic well-being for the ordinary black citizen is apt to be disappointing. Political power empowers -- and even enriches -- the political elite; for them, getting out their constituent vote is the be-all and end-all. It's the economic arena, featured by personal liberty, that best serves the ordinary person.

As long as black politicians can successfully run a rope-a-dope on their constituents by keeping them focused on allegations of white racism and telling them that salvation lies in voting for them, little good will come to their poorest constituency.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to voice my dissatisfaction with another poor decision by the majority of the City Council of Live Oak. For a second consecutive year, a majority of the City Council has voted to give raises to city employees while also increasing the cost of utilities to our taxpayers. Quite frankly, it is absolutely disgraceful!

There is no logic in giving wage increases to government employees in this economy when we should be grateful to simply have jobs. There is no excuse for slapping the taxpayers in the face with a utility rate increase in this economy when so many are without jobs. And to put icing on the big government cake, we have a majority of the City Council that turn a blind eye. It is true that this utility increase is to help pay for the necessary sewer rehabilitation that has taken place. However, we should have found a different way to pay for it. If we would reduce the size of our government in some way, then we could use the savings generated to pay for a project like this rather than automatically passing the cost on to the taxpayers.

It is time for elected people to take their positions seriously or find something else to do. The taxpayers both expect and deserve more from their elected officials. I do not mince words, nor do I apologize for speaking bluntly. I am sick and tired of politics as usual.

Ronald Reagan said, "Let us not forget that the government is not our Master, it is our servant. And that it only has the power which we the people allow it to have."

Get involved,

Adam M. Prins
City Councilman, District 4
386-590-5224.

FACEBOOK POLL QUESTION

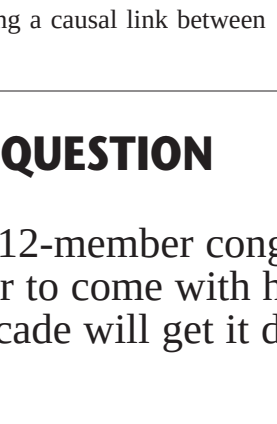
This week's question:

Do you think the 12-member congressional "super committee" that has been set up in order to come with how to cut $1.5 in trillion in spending over the next decade will get it done by its Thanksgiving deadline?

Yes No

GUEST EDITORIAL

All Americans need to share debt-reduction burden



By Taylor Armerding
CNHI News Service

My back is safe.

President Obama has promised that the nation's fiscal crisis will not burden the backs of veterans. And I'm a veteran.

Too bad about the rest of you.

Just kidding. You know how it is here in the Dependent States of America. If the president makes a promise to one group, all the other groups get in line.

And that's the little (actually gargantuan) problem with President Obama's vow during a speech recently to the American Legion in Minneapolis.

"As a nation, we're facing some tough choices as we put our fiscal house in order," he said. "But I want to be absolutely clear: We cannot, we must not, we will not, balance the budget on the backs of our veterans. As commander in chief, I won't allow it."

It is the kind of stock applause line that shows up all the time in political speeches. Times are tough, says the president or the governor, senator, congressman, mayor or city councilor. There will have to be sacrifices. But fear not, we won't balance our budget "on the backs" of (insert name of special-interest group here). You won't have to sacrifice. Other people will.

But stock line or not, it is yet more evidence that the 12-member congressional "super committee" that is supposed to come up by Thanksgiving with $1.5 trillion in spending cuts over the next decade is not a serious undertaking. It is simply more deficit-reduction theater.

There have already been two serious attempts to forge a compromise to address the nation's catastrophic long-term debt – one from a committee hand-picked by the president, which worked for eight months to come up with bipartisan recommendations. Both groups have been ignored. This one will be too. The president, with his vow to veterans, is already interfering with the current committee's work. How can they negotiate with one another if the president puts certain programs off limits?

You can hear the advocacy groups: If veterans are exempt, we should be too. You can't balance the budget on the backs of the children. Not on the backs of disadvantaged minority groups. Not on students trying to get an education. Not on the elderly. Not on the most vulnerable among us. Not on our teachers, cops and firefighters. Not on our farmers. Not on our green energy pioneers. Not on working people.

Let's see, who does that leave? Oh, right: Millionaires and billionaires, some of those corporate jet owners – you

SEE ALL AMERICANS, PAGE 11A

Celebrating National Constitution Week

By Jeffry Boatright
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The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the largest women's patriotic organization in the world was present on the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 31, as Live Oak Mayor Garth R. "Sonny" Nobles issued a proclamation in support of Constitution Week.

Immediately following, the ladies of DAR traveled to Branford, where Branford Mayor Donald Owens also issued a proclamation in support of Constitution Week.

The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. National celebration of Constitution Week begins Sept. 17. The national celebration was signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower after DAR petitioned Congress in 1955.

The aims of the celebration are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have over 165,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries.

Betsy Burch, Bivian Howell and Jane Walker present Branford Mayor Don Owens with the novel "Over the Mountains of Freedom" by Lewis Rich.

Jane Walker, Bivian Howell, and Betsy Burch of DAR look on as Branford Mayor Don Owens signs a proclamation for Branford's support in the national celebration of Constitution Week.

Nell Moores, Betsy Burch, and Bivian Howell of DAR present Live Oak Mayor Sonny Nobles with the novel "Over the Mountains of Freedom" by Lewis Rich. -Photos: Submitted

All Americans need to share debt-reduction burden

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know, the kind of people Obama vilifies for most of the year and then hangs out with them during his vacation on Martha's Vineyard. The kind of people who, even if government confiscated 100 percent of their income, don't have enough to come close to putting a significant dent in the debt.

The president, as we hear time and again, is a very smart man. Surely he knows that a financial problem this big is only going to be solved by putting some of it on everybody's back.

Yes, some can afford to shoulder more of it than others. But a real leader would not go around telling groups – even groups as worthy as veterans – that they will be exempt from the sacrifices necessary to restore fiscal soundness, and sanity, to government.

That is not leadership. That is shameless pandering.

If certain groups have no skin in the game, it will breed resentment, not unity. And a chance to bring the country together to overcome a problem will have been squandered.

So, since the president seems wedded to the concept of leading from behind, it is time for the people to step up to the front.

Instead of demanding that the budget be balanced on somebody else's back, demand that it be balanced on everybody's, including your own.

I don't have major standing as a veteran. I served for only two years and never went into harm's way. But I'm willing to accept a modest reduction in benefits for which I'm qualified.

I'm willing to bet that a significant number of those who have made greater sacrifices than I would be willing as well.

I'm willing to bet that a lot of fifty and even sixty-somethings, like me, would be willing to have the qualifying age for Social Security moved to 69 or even 70. When the program began under FDR, the average person collected for three years or less. Now it is 13 years. That is not sustainable.

Sure, the rich should, pay more. They already do. But everybody should pay something – veterans, elders, minorities and working people at all levels.

America became great because its people collectively shouldered difficult burdens. If we don't fight this problem together, we will never solve it. And dividing us into competing interest groups is not a good way to start.

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Budget cuts in the millions

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may be increased during the next fiscal year through its ad valorem tax.

The amount of revenue generated from the ad valorem tax for the SRWMD during the 2011-12 fiscal year is set at $5.4 million. Ad valorem revenues the District received during the 2010-11 fiscal year was $5.9 million.

The ad valorem revenue projections included in the tentative budget are based on a millage rate for the district of 0.4143. This is 9.9 percent below the rollback rate. The ad valorem revenue only accounts for about 11 percent of the District's overall revenue.

The SRWMD budget indicates a decrease in federal and state funding as well. Federal revenues have fallen from nearly $2.8 million to just over $1 million for the new fiscal year. However, miscellaneous revenues have increased from $3.9 million to $5.3 million.

In all, the District would be left with a $56.5 million budget, after $9.4 million in cuts.

The District is also facing other changes as well.

"In addition to cutting five positions, we have halted land acquisitions," Still commented. "Conservation easements have been stopped as well."

During the 2010-11 fiscal year, SRWMD employed 68 full time workers.

Suwannee says no to truancy

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cy, according to state law, and could be required to attend in a traditional setting should they become truant.

Superintendent of Schools Jerry Scarborough understands the importance of good attendance and is committed to ensuring students are attending.

"It is hard to develop student achievement status if the kids aren't in place," Scarborough said.

Simpson acknowledges that students are often absent for various reasons that are valid, but if a student has five unexcused absences within 30 days, 10 unexcused absences within 60 days, or 15 unexcused absences within 90 days, that student may be considered truant.

"The necessary steps of intervention are taken should a pattern of truancy develop," Simpson explained.

Simpson said the District refers parents of truants to the courts after all other efforts have been exhausted. One such case evolved from truancy into child neglect just last school year. The parent was initially charged for truancy but the state's attorney's office opted for the charge of child neglect. The parent later pled guilty.

According to Simpson, letters are sent and phone calls are made to the parents in attempt to avoid truancy. Home visits are even made by District staff to get the students back in school.

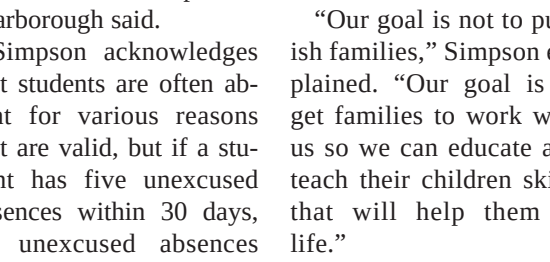
"Our goal is not to punish families," Simpson explained. "Our goal is to get families to work with us so we can educate and teach their children skills that will help them in life."

Simpson also stated that contributing factors to truancy can be addressed in order to help families.

Julie Ulmer, chairman of the Suwannee County School Board, recognizes the standards are difficult today and children who miss so much school find it difficult to catch up.

"Parents need to take very seriously the fact that their kids need to come to school," Ulmer said.

SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS
Branford 2011



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Sen. Dean: No to sinkhole insurance rate increases

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he acknowledges his initial support of the bill. "I voted for the general bill because it had a provision for homeowners to spend the dollars on the house and not take the money and run," Dean stated in a recent telephone interview, referring to insurance money paid to homeowners when sinkholes occur. Dean noted that insurance fraud is rampant where sinkholes are concerned.

"Outside Medicare and Medicaid fraud, there is nothing bigger than sinkhole fraud," Dean said.

Dean's office has called on the Office of Insurance Regulation to hold open meetings and hearings for those impacted by the attempted rise in Citizens Property Insurance sinkhole rates.

"I am absolutely against us having citizens insurance. It should be insurance as a last resort," said Dean. "This is wrong. Florida needs to get out of the insurance business."

The OIR has since announced they will hold a hearing on rate increases proposed by Citizens in Tampa on Sept. 13.

"We are hopeful OIR will hear the citizens outcry and deny the rate increases," Dean's office said.

Dean's office held rallies in Live Oak, Inverness, and Lecanto recently denouncing Citizens sinkhole rate increases.

There were 21 sinkhole policies in force in Suwannee County as of Dec. 31, 2010, Christine Ashburn, director of legislative and external affairs for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, said by email.

"There were 830 personal residential policies in force as of July 31, 2011 in Suwannee County," she said.

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Caribbean Carnivale

The 4th Annual Live Oak Police Department Police Officers' Charity Ball was held Saturday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at the youth pavilion at Camp Weed in Live Oak. Proceeds from the benefit went to Gary Edwards Memorial Fund, LOPD Community Outreach Programs, Guardian Ad Litem/Voices for Children and the Suwannee Foundation for Excellence in Education.

Staff photos

Sponsors of the Caribbean Carnivale.

People in attendance at the ball.

The food was fit for a king.

Folks posing for the camera.

Live Oak Police Department's Erica Elliott with one of the chef's.

Live entertainment was enjoyed by many.

Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams and wife Amy Williams.

The food was plentiful.

The Sports Connection was on hand helping out.

A fancy feast of fruits.

Cupcakes for all.

Posing for the camera.

The feast was plentiful.

A chef enjoying the fruits of his labor.

People having a good time at the ball.

Obituaries

E. Marshall Clay
Nov. 30, 1930
Sept. 4, 2011

E. Marshall Clay, 90, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011 at Shands at Live Oak hospital after a long illness. The Asheville, North Carolina native moved to Live Oak in 1972 from Bellview, Fla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving during WWII, a farmer and a member of the New Harmony Methodist Church, Live Oak, Fla. He is Survived by a sister-in-law: Margret Clay, Orlando, Fla. and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife: Ozeta Clay; sister: Vera Baldwin; and brother: John C. Clay.

Funeral services were held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 at the New Harmony Methodist Church, Live Oak, Fla. with Rev. Stan Posey officiating. Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. before the service. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Gotha, Fla.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., of Live Oak and Branford, FL in charge of arrangements.

Wannie Mae Brannan
Dec. 17, 1923
Sept. 3, 2011

Mrs. Wannie Mae Brannan, 87, passed away Sept. 3, 2011 peacefully at the Good Samaritan Center in Dowling Park, Fla. Wannie was born on Dec. 17, 1923 to Arthur and Sarah Bennett Evans. She is preceded in death by her husband Clyde Brannan. Wannie graduated from Suwannee High School. She worked as an Avon representative, Annie's Beauty Shop and retired as a telephone operator from Alltel telephone company. She enjoyed working in her yard, and most of all being with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her three daughters, Judy Lamb, Branford, Fla., Jeanette Scarborough (Jerry), Live Oak, Fla., and Clydie Wheeler, Lake City, Fla.; three sisters, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Corbin, bother of Live Oak, Fla. and Christine Miller (Clarence), Thornville, Ohio; one brother-in-law, Billy Brannan (Ernestine) Live Oak, Fla., two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Langston, Thompson, Ga. and Elizabeth Evans, Live Oak, Fla.; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 at the Community Presbyterian Church in Live Oak, Fla. at 11 a.m. Interment followed in the Live Oak Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Advent Christian Village Center, Dowling Park, FL. or Community Presbyterian Church in Live Oak, Fla.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL. 32025. (386)752-1234. Please sing our guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Richard Tucker
Dec. 31, 1942
Sept. 2, 2011

Richard Tucker, 68, of Wellborn, Fl. passed away Friday, Sept. 2, 2011 after a long illness. Mr. Tucker was a native of Suwannee County, retired after 23 years as a deputy for the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, a member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church in Wellborn, Fla.

He was survived by his wife, Martha Sue tucker of 12 years of Wellborn; four daughters, Lisa (Larry) Stegall of Branford, Fla.; Jada (Tim) Ingold of White Springs, Fla.; Edith (Loren) Kewanimptewa of Live Oak, Fla. and Tina Tucker of Live Oak; one stepson, Derrick (Kelli) Williams of Live Oak; one brother, Jim (Sue) Tucker of Live Oak; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services for Mr. Tucker were held Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 at 2 p.m. in Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, Wellborn. Interment followed in the Beulah Baptist Church cemetery, Dowling Park, Fla. In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations be made to Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Kenya Project, P.O. Box 1072, Live Oak, FL. 32064. Visitation at Daniels Funeral Home was held Monday, Sept. 5, 2011 from 6-8 p.m.

Daniels Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., in charge of all arrangements.

Mary Frances Larsen
March 30, 1921
Sept. 4, 2011

Mary Frances Larsen, 85, of Live Oak, Fla. went home to the Lord on Sept. 4, 2011. Mrs. Larsen was born in Chicago on July 17, 1926 to the late Mary and Herbert Martin. Mrs. Larsen was preceded in death by her loving husband of 45 years Roy A. Larsen. Mrs. Larsen moved to Live Oak in 1991 and joined First Baptist Church of Live Oak where she lovingly served over the years as a G.A. Leader, chairman of the Homebound Ministry, visited the Homebound, coordinated the flowers for the sick, and was a member of the Rainbow Ladies Sunday School Class. Mrs. Larsen was treasurer of the Shands of Live Oak Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed ordering the gift shop items.

Mrs. Larsen is survived by her son James (Diane) of Ormond Beach, Fla. and her daughter: Barbara (William) Queale, Chandler, Ariz. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, Joseph and Kevin Queale, Michelle & Kenny Larsen and her great-granddaughter Sophia Larsen.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2011 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Phillip Herrington officiating. Family and Friends will be received on Friday, Sept. 9 from 1-2 p.m. at the church before the service. In lieu of flowers , donations may be made to the Baptist Children's Home.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., of Live Oak and Branford, FL in charge of arrangements.

Mildred C. Meyer
May 18, 1926
Sept. 1, 2011

Mildred C. Meyer passed away Sept. 1, 2011. She was born in Hamilton, Ohio on May 18, 1926. She retired here in 1988 with her husband, Arthur J. Meyer, who now resides at Emerald Coast Center in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Survivors include her son and daughter in law, Terry & Renee Meyer of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; grandson, Tod Meyer and granddaughter and husband, Chris and Tracie Davis; her great grandson, John Hollis Meyer, all of Clayton, Georgia. A Memorial Service will be held at the Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at 1 p.m. Final arrangements entrusted to ICS Cremation & Funeral Home, Lake City, 386-752-3436.

DEATH NOTICE

Charles P. Culp
Nov. 30, 1930

Charles P. Culp, 80, of Live Oak Fla., passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011.

Daniels Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. Live Oak and Branford, Fl.

William "Bill" Marks
April 6, 1930
Sept. 4, 2011

William "Bill" Marks, age 81, of Branford, Florida, passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 4, 2011 in the Polk Medical Center in Cedartown, Ga.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, FL 386-364-5115 is in charge of all arrangements.

Concerned Citizens meetings

Concerned Citizens (CC) of Dowling Park will meet in the Depot Room at Phillips Center at 10 am on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2011. Everyone is welcome. Attorney KrisAnne Hall will continue her discussion on the rich history of our United States Constitution. She believes that our heritage of liberty is a gift from God. Mrs. Hall, who lives in Wellborn, travels the state sharing this message to encourage Americans to reclaim our history and the greatness of our nation. Come enjoy this pertinent information.

Flea Across Florida

The first Flea Across Florida. Florida's longest yard sale will take place Fri.~ Sat. & Sun. Sept. 9, 10 & 11 on US Hwy. 90. The 272 mile yard sale will link all communities and towns from Historic Live Oak to Pensacola with stops in every community along the way.

The Flea Across Florida Yard Sale wil feature vendors selling everything from antiques, collectibles, furniture and locally crafted items to the traditional yard sale fare. Yard sale sites will range from large multi-organization sites to individual sites along Hwy. 90. A special "Official Yard Sale" sign will identify each official Flea Across Florida yard sale site.

Participating vendors will include a variety of sidewalk sales at downtown businesses as well as traditional yard sales. Official Yard Sale hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. all 3 days, rain or shine.

Flea Across Florida Yard Sale is being organized by the Live Oak Partnership & the Suwannee County Tourist Development Council. Participants may be businesses, municipalities, Tourist Development councils, Chamber of Commerce's, Convention and Visitor Bureaus and other organizations in towns and communities on Hwy. 90 from Historic Live Oak to Pensacola.

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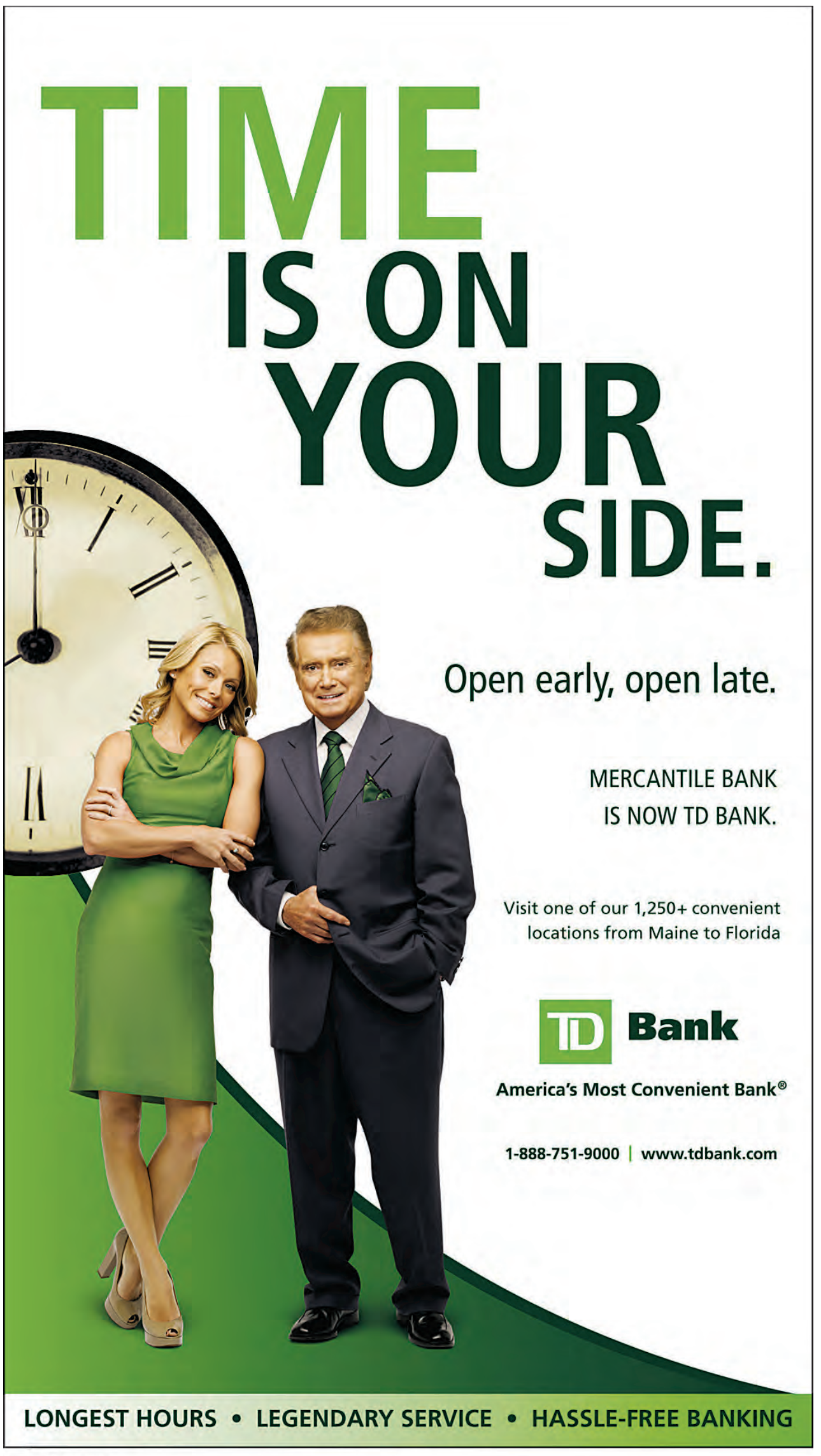

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TERC provides a vast collection of information on over 4,000 colleges and universities across the United States. Students and parents can find financial aid by searching the scholarship and grants database. To further prepare for college, timelines and checklists are available in the Family College Planning Center.

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U.S. Senate candidate to speak at North Central Florida Tea Party meeting

Submitted by
Sharon Higgins

Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, for our monthly meeting. Ron McNeil will be our guest speaker. Ron is running for the U.S. Senate against Bill Nelson. We will be holding our Straw Poll for the Presidency 5 vote that will be held in Orlando, September 22-24, 2011, (we have two of our members going to vote in this straw poll!). We will have tickets available for our fundraiser (Glock 9mm raffle); and more information on our "Conservative Countdown" that will be held on October 22. For more information call John 386-935-0126, Sharon 386-935-0821 or go to www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org. Visit our facebook page for pictures of our latest event.

Please try to come to this meeting; bring a friend and get involved. We meet at the Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Avenue in Lake City, Florida. The Taylor Building is located on the corner of US 90 and Birley, approximately 3 miles west of the I-75 interchange in Lake City. It is a large gray building with a Century 21 sign in front. The North Central Florida Tea Party is a non-partisan group who is concerned about where our nation is going. Our goals are to educate ourselves on the issues facing us today, act on what we learn, and motivate other like-minded people to become involved.

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Collection period is from September 7th through October 1stThe Friends of the Library is hosting its annual book sale on October 6-8, 2011 then the following week of October 13-15, 2011 at the Suwannee Regional Library, 1848 Ohio/ML King, Jr., Avenue, south, US 129, south of Live Oak.

The Suwannee County Friends of the Library is a volunteer booster organization for Suwannee River Regional Library. Through membership and fundraisers, such as The Great Book Sale, thousands of dollars have been donated to enhance and provide for library services. Furniture, staff training, books, videos, DVDs, special children's programs and even major contributions to the construction of the Live Oak and Branford Libraries have been supported by the Suwannee County Friends of the Library.

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2011 NFL Preview

By ProFootballTalk.com and Corey Davis

AFC East

1. New England-Jets will make them sweat, but nice blend of experience and quality young talent and Bill Belichick's coaching makes Pats AFC's top team. Brady and Ochocinco figure to click and be very fun to watch. And nobody deserves a Super Bowl berth more than Bob Kraft for doing more than anybody in the sport to save this season.

Michael Vick

2. N.Y. Jets-Still not sold on Sanchez, but defense remains a major strength. Shonn Greene spearheads good-looking ground game. Plaxico could be legitimate Comeback of the Year candidate. Shaky special teams could be a real problem, but not enough to thwart a playoff berth.

3. Buffalo-Jets' loss of all-purpose Brad Smith is Bills' gain, and Ryan Fitzpatrick is better than he's been given credit for. Bills will be better this season, but with weak lines on both sides of the ball and a very ordinary receiving corps, they remain well below average.

4. Miami-I smell a disaster. Defense is okay, but Dolphins will rue the day they decided to take a pass on Kyle Orton. Stephen Ross has been a joke of an owner up to now.

My comments: Hard to disagree here, until someone consistently comes along and overtakes New England, it's hard to pick against the Patriots, who have the best coach and quarterback in the league.

AFC North

1. Baltimore-After all is said and done, I see Ravens turning the tables on arch-rival Steelers this season, even though they sure lost a lot of veteran talent this offseason. Huge year for Ray Rice could be on the horizon. And Lee Evans should help aerial game.

2. Pittsburgh-Mediocre O-line will be Steelers' undoing, as they fail for the third straight time to make the playoffs after playing in Super Bowl.

3. Cleveland-Is there a more nondescript team in the NFL? Still scratching head over hiring of Pat Shurmur as new head coach. Schematic changes on both sides of the ball could be problematic. I'm kind of intrigued by Colt McCoy, but his receiving corps looks weak with a capital "W."

4. Cincinnati-Andy Dalton could have gray hair on a par with yours truly by season's end. Bungles are my top candidate for top draft pick in 2012.

My comments: I really like Baltimore's defense led by Ray Lewis and Ed Reed and it seems they took big steps last

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Chris Johnson

Seahawks trade Jennings to Cincinnati

Alex Brown cut from Saints

RENTON, Washington-The Seattle Seahawks traded former first-round pick Kelly Jennings to Cincinnati for defensive tackle Clinton McDonald on Monday, giving the cornerback a chance to get past his disappointing times in Seattle.

Alex Brown. -Photos: Special

Jennings was the 31st overall pick in the 2006 draft out of Miami, but struggled throughout his career in Seattle dealing with larger receivers. He played in 78 games and started 43 with the Seahawks, but had just two interceptions in his five seasons.

Jennings was deemed expendable with the development of Walter Thurmond and Seattle's offseason acquisition of Brandon Browner.

"We looked at him in the offseason a little bit," Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer said. "He can run. Now we have to try and get him playing good."

The Bengals have been trying to upgrade their secondary since the NFL lockout ended. Starting cornerback Johnathan Joseph left for Houston as a free agent, deciding he had a better chance to win there. No. 3 cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones is recovering from neck surgery and isn't allowed to participate in contact drills.

The Bengals signed free agent cornerback Nate Clements to take Joseph's spot. Coach Marvin Lewis said the Bengals considered Jennings before signing Clements.

"It seemed like a move that was good for both clubs," Lewis said. "It's sad we had to watch Clinton walk out the door in order for it to happen, but if he comes in like we expect, he can play 500-600 snaps this season, even more. He gives us some more depth."

McDonald was a seventh-round choice of the Bengals in 2009. He played in eight games last season after being signed from the practice squad.

Jennings graduated from Suwannee High School in Live Oak, Florida. During his Senior Year he placed 4th at the 2A State Track Meet in the 100m dash, current NFL

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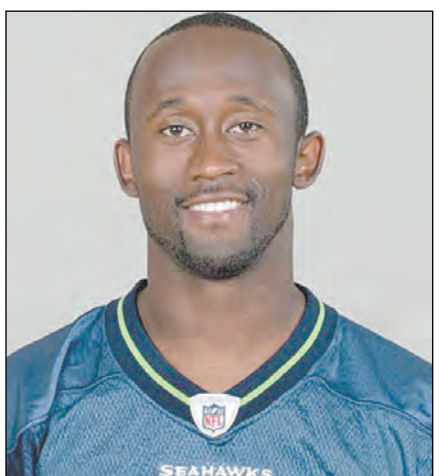

Kelly Jennings

Bruce Johnson. -Photos: Special

Where are they now:

Andra Davis, Bruce Johnson

By Corey Davis
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For years they each roamed the sideline at Paul Langford Stadium in Live Oak, but what have Andra Davis and Bruce Johnson been up to since?

Davis attended Suwannee where he was a four-year starter for the Bulldogs and as as a senior in 1996, Davis was the team captain for the football and basketball teams and was recognized as a first-team Florida Class 4A all-state selection and a SuperPrep high school All-American in football.

After graduating, he received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he played for coach Steve Spurrier 1998-2001.

As a senior team captain in 2001, he was recognized as a first-team All-SEC selection and a second-team All-American. During his college career, he played in thirty-five games and started 23 of them; he finished his career with 232 tackles, five quarterback sacks and four forced fumbles, three of which were recovered.

Davis was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round (141st pick overall) of the 2002 NFL Draft and he played for the Browns for seven seasons from 2002-2008 making his NFL debut against the Kansas City Chiefs on September 8, 2002.

Davis became the Browns starting middle linebacker in 2003 and finished

Andra Davis

the season leading the team with 171 tackles. He also tied a franchise record with four sacks in a single game that year against Kansas City. During the 2004 season he missed the final five games of the season with a knee injury, but finished the season with 89 tackles and three interceptions.

In 2005, Davis recorded a career high and team leading 199 tackles. His best games were a 20 tackle effort against the Green Bay Packers and a 14 tackles, 2

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season to take the next step.

AFC South

1. Houston-They were my sleeper pick to click last year and the year before that. Will they tease me again? With potent, well-rounded offense and Wade Phillips back in his element as a first-rate defensive coordinator, I think not — especially with Indy looking so iffy.

2. Indianapolis-I wouldn't be nearly as concerned about Peyton Manning as the rest of a team that seems to have regressed, especially on defense. Not only won't Colts reach lofty goal of making Super Bowl appearance in their home stadium, a 10th consecutive postseason appearance looks like a long shot.

3. Jacksonville-Average at best again. The big story will be how long it will take for Blaine Gabbert to replace David Garrard under center. Eight or nine games sounds about right.

4. Tennessee-A team in transition. The more I think about it, I see real scary cracks in the bridge Matt Hasselbeck is supposed to provide for the Jake Locker era. Chris Johnson's contract snafu certainly doesn't help matters.

My comments: Can't disagree more with this pick, I am not jumping on the bandwagon and picking the Texans to win this division. The Colts run this division and until someone takes it from them I'm not ready to take the trophy away.

AFC West

1. San Diego-I'll be surprised if Chargers stumble out of the gate again. With Philip Rivers pushing Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady for league's top QB honors, San Diego looks like the class of the division by a wide margin. I make Chargers a good bet to face Pats in AFC title game.

2. Oakland-Despite losing a lot of key players this offseason (Nnamdi Asomugha, Zach Miller, Robert Gallery), Raiders trade places with Chiefs and just might make a playoff run under energetic new head coach Hue Jackson. Keep an eye on McFadden-Bush RB tandem, which could be as productive as any in the league.

3. Kansas City-Chiefs have some good, young talent for sure, but I see a potentially dramatic decline in the offing, as much tougher schedule takes its toll. The Jonathan Baldwin-Thomas Jones brouhaha seems like it might be a bad omen.

Denver-The quarterback won't matter. Early loss of Ty Warren is eerily reminiscent of Elvis Dumervil's killer injury last year. Four wins, tops.

My comments: The second worst division in the NFL is really up for grabs again, it really wouldn't surprise me to see any of the four teams win the division. Since I have to pick one thought, I'll go with San Diego.

NFC East

1. Philadelphia-Eagles are no "Dream Team," but banner offseason moves seem like enough to separate them from the rest of the pack in what remains a pretty decent division.

2. Dallas-Tony Romo bounces back big-time, and Rob Ryan gets maximum mileage out of defense, as Cowboys reach double digits in wins and seriously flirt with wild-card berth.

3. N.Y. Giants-Every year there's one team I have a really difficult time figuring out. This year it's the Giants. Something tells me they are going to be either really good or really disappointing. Losing up-and-coming CB Terrell Thomas for the year could be serious blow.

4. Washington-How excited can anybody really get over either John Beck or Rex Grossman being the starting QB? I've been saying for a long time now that Mike Shanahan has been an average head coach at best since saying goodbye to John Elway in Denver.

My comments: Count me in as one of the people believing the hype of the Dream Team Philadelphia Eagles. However, lets face it who else would I pick. Dallas still is behind Romo, the Giants seem to be snake bitten with injuries and the Redskins how much time do you have to dissect that team.

NFC North

1. Green Bay-Packers are every bit as good as last year, if not better. But even though they overcame major adversity on the road to the Super Bowl in 2010, the odds of winning back-to-back NFC championships, let alone Super Bowl titles are simply too overwhelming.

2. Detroit-They're my sleeper team, and I know I'm not alone. DT Ndamukong Suh is the league's top defender bar none, Calvin Johnson replaces Andre Johnson as the league's top wide receiver, and Lions push Pack to the hilt if Matthew Stafford can remain upright all season. Granted, that's a pretty big if.

3. Chicago-Jay Cutler will be better, and Julius Peppers spearheads deep, talented D-line. But the O-line remains offensive, the Roy Williams experiment is destined to fail and the back-seven depth on defense is cause for considerable concern.

Minnesota-Eventually, Leslie Frazier is going to make Vikes a team to reckon with. But I don't reckon they'll be anything more than an also-ran in his first full year at the helm.

My comments: Hard to pick against the defending Super Bowl champions so I won't but watch out for the Lions if they can stay healthy.

NFC South

1. Atlanta- I love 'em! Best team in the league's best division. After humiliating playoff loss to Green Bay, they have reinvented themselves with a blueprint borrowed directly from the Pack. An explosive offense, a resilient defense and the league's most underrated head coach make the Falcons the 11th different team in the last 11 years to win NFC title.

2. New Orleans-No way they're not in the hunt again! As is the case with Atlanta after being embarrassed in the playoffs, Saints will have blood in their eyes week in and week out. I really like the moves they've made this offseason. Rookie Mark Ingram and newcomer Darren Sproles make an excellent offense even better. Falcons-Saints NFC title game seems like a pretty good bet to me.

Tampa Bay-When the offseason started, I had it in my mind that the Falcons, Saints and Bucs could each very well win 10 games. Even though I really like Josh Freeman, I've changed my mind about the Bucs for reasons I can't fully explain. A much tougher schedule probably has a lot to do with it.

Carolina-Tattoos and body piercings are the last thing Jerry Richardson should be worrying about. Like Leslie Frazier, Ron Rivera is eventually going to make this team a legitimate force. Not this year, though. Neither Cam Newton nor Jimmy Clausen provides any reason for genuine optimism.

My comments: Until last season, the NFC South had a long streak of the last place team finishing first the next season. Something tells me we shouldn't worry about Carolina making any playoff noise. The best division in the league may not be decided till the final week between Atlanta, New Orleans and Tampa Bay. I'll pick the Saints.

NFC West

1. St. Louis-Although Kevin Kolb is growing on me in Arizona, Sam Bradford gives the Rams by far the best quarterback situation in what once again shapes up as a woefully weak division. In addition, St. Louis' defense continues to make impressive strides.

2. Arizona-Kolb and Larry Fitzgerald figure to work quite well together. But the loss of rookie Ryan Williams hurts Arizona's ground game, and there are concerns across the board on defense, especially in the secondary. Cardinals have all the makings of a 7-9 have-not.

3. Seattle-Too many questions with Seahawks to pick them any higher than third in the division, starting with Tarvaris Jackson at quarterback.

San Francisco-New head coach Jim Harbaugh could prove me wrong, but suspect O-line, WR corps and secondary keep Niners on outside looking in and maybe in a position to make Andrew Luck their top draft pick next April.

My comments: The absolute worst division in the NFL is so bad they shouldn't award a playoff berth to its winner. It was absurb last season when Seattle got to host New Orleans at home in the playoffs despite the Saints having the better overall record. Flipping a coin with this pick I will agree and go with St. Louis.

Awards

Offensive MVP: Packers QB Aaron Rodgers

Defensive MVP: Lions DT Ndamukong Suh

My playoff predictions

AFC playoff bound: New England, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Indianapolis, San Diego, NY Jets

NFC playoff bound: St. Louis, Atlanta, Green Bay, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Tampa Bay

AFC Championship game: New England over Baltimore

NFC Championship game: Philadelphia over Green Bay

Super Bowl: New England over Philadelphia

Seahawks trade Jennings to Cincinnati

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Player Yamon Figurs was 2nd.

After Suwannee, Jennings played college football at the University of Miami, where he graduated with a degree in finance and a 3.0 grade point average. He currently is in the process of acquiring a second degree in business management.

Jennings was drafted by the Seahawks out of Miami with the 31st overall pick in the first round of the 2006 NFL Draft. Kelly has played for the Seahawks on special teams and defense.

Jennings' selection in the 2006 first round kept alive an ongoing record by the University of Miami, which has had players selected as first-round draft picks in each of the past 12 NFL drafts and the following 2 drafts after Jennings selection. No other college or university has ever matched this record.

In his rookie season, Jennings served as a nickelback and special teamer primarily until Marcus Trufant, Kelly Herndon, and Jimmy Williams all sustained injuries in week 16 and 17 of the 2006 NFL season. He ended up playing in 16 games, starting in 2, recording 40 tackles, 1 interception, 6 passes defended, 1 forced fumble, and giving up 2 touchdowns.

Through five NFL seasons, Jennings has accumulated 207 tackles and 2 interceptions during his career.

A day after Jennings was dealt to Cincinnati, former Hamilton County star Alex Brown was cut by the New Orleans Saints. The team officially announced the release of Brown, who tweeted the news earlier in the day.

Brown had been starting opposite Will Smith, who could serve a suspension for testing positive for a banned substance in 2008.

Saints head coach Sean Payton, however, said the Saints tried not to allow uncertainty surrounding Smith to figure into their evaluation of Brown.

"We really tried not to because then we'd be making a decision predicated on a possible or not possible suspension," Payton said. "I would say to you honestly that that didn't come into play, because if it had come into play more, then we might have gone in a different direction."

The Saints drafted Cameron Jordan in the first round but he has seen limited reps in the preseason. New Orleans also signed former Detroit defensive end Turk McBride shortly after the NFL lockout ended.

"It was a hard decision. We spent a lot of time on it," Payton said. "It wasn't that we just drafted a young player at that position. I think you try to factor in all the practice snaps, all the game film and it was something that, after going through it all and also looking at the timing of it, there's still that opportunity within the next week that he'll have a chance to sign with someone else.

Brown, who started all 16 games for the Saints last season, wrote the following post on his Twitter page Tuesday:

"It saddens me to say that I have been released from the Saints because their a first class organization and I will miss it. Good luck to the guys and Who Dat Nation keep roaring... My family and I had a blast here.. Thanks."

The release of Brown comes with no salary-cap implications. He was scheduled to make $3 million in base salary and had no outstanding roster bonus pro-rations. His release clears up $3 million in cap space.

Brown had 39 tackles and two sacks for the Saints in 2010. Brown played his first eight seasons in Chicago, but Bears coach Lovie Smith wouldn't comment on the possibility of Brown rejoining the Bears.

"Did Alex leave on a good note here? Yes," Smith said. "Alex Brown is a lifetime friend. I pull for him, was planning on pulling for him 15 games this season [the Bears face New Orleans in Week 2]. Again, that's a part of it. Don't know enough about it to respond to it. I try not to respond unless I have all of the facts. "We've seen Alex. Alex has been here before. We like our guys we have right now. There's great competition with the guys we have on our roster right now."

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tackles for loss and 2 pass breaks ups in a 22-0 win over the Miami Dolphins, which led to him being named the AFC Defensive Player of the Week.

On December 15, 2005 the Browns gave him a five-year contract extension. During the 2006 season Davis played in 14 games, finishing with 104 tackles, one sack and two interceptions. During the 2007 season he struggled starting only 10 of 16 games, finishing with only 67 tackles.

After the 2008 season, Davis became a free agent. He finished his six seasons with the Browns starting 83 of 105 games, recording 711 tackles (484 unassisted), 8.5 sacks, and 8 interceptions.

On February 28, 2009, Davis signed a two-year contract with the Denver Broncos and they released him on March 11, 2010.

In his single season with the Broncos, he started 13 of 16 games, recording 90 tackles and 3.5 sacks.

Davis signed with the Buffalo Bills on March 16, 2010 and recorded 41 tackles last season.

Through nine years, Davis had accumulated 772 tackles and 12 sacks during his career.

As a senior at Suwannee in 2004, Johnson played cornerback and wide receiver for Suwannee, making 44 solo tackles along with 17 assisted tackle, one forced fumble, and two interceptions, along with 39 receptions for 546 yards and three touchdowns and was named the District Player of the Year. Out of high school he was ranked the 20th best cornerback by Scout.com. and chose Miami over Auburn and Clemson.

After going undrafted in the 2009 NFL Draft, Johnson, who is the nephew of current Seattle Seahawks cornerback and former Miami Hurricane teammate Kelly Jennings. was signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Giants.

On September 20, 2009, he returned a Tony Romo interception 34 yards for a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys, the first defensive touchdown scored in the Cowboys new stadium.

On December 21, 2009, he recorded his second interception of the season for 49 yards against the Washington Redskins on Monday Night Football. The Redskins ran the Swinging Gate on that play before halftime with punter Hunter Smith at quarterback which resulted in Johnson getting the interception.

Johnson ended his rookie season with 46 total tackles, 1.0 sacks, 2 forced fumbles, 8 passes defended, 2 interceptions and a touchdown.

His second season in the league was an unforgettable one as he recorded just five tackles and was placed on the IR half way through last year with a knee injury.

Coming off an injury, Johnson was eager to get back on the field this season but according to Giants, he ruptured his Achilles tendon in practice August 4 which may sideline him for a while and possibly the entire season.

SPORTS

Corralled again

By Corey Davis
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MADISON-A week after surrendering 14 points in the final minute in a loss to Colquitt County, Madison (1-1) made sure their home opener against Suwannee was over quickly in a 40-8 win at Boot Hill.

Deontaye Oliver scored twice within a two minute span to give the host Cowboys a 13-0 lead following a 50-yard run and 26-yard run.

Tommie Young was on the receiving end of a 33-yard touchdown pass from quarterback DJ McKnight with 11:46 in the third quarter increasing the lead to 20-0 at the half.

Oliver scored his third touchdown of the game taking the second half kickoff back 78 yards to increase the lead to 27-0 fourteen seconds into the third quarter.

Two minutes later, Young added a 10-yard touchdown run and a 23-yard touchdown reception from McKnight three minutes later to make it 40-0.

Suwannee (0-1) avoided the shutout late in the third quarter when Josh Wright hooked up with Kyle Stebbins for a 50-yard touchdown pass. Marcus Lane ran in the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 40-8 with 2:48 left in the third quarter.

A host of Madison County Cowboys gang tackle a Suwannee tailback. -Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The Suwannee County Citizens Advisory Task Force on Community Development will hold a public meeting in the Live Oak Seaboard-ACL Union Passenger Depot located at 210 Ohio Avenue North, Live Oak, FL on September 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Fiscal Year 2011 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Kasey Stewart, at least five calendar days prior to the public hearing and an interpreter will be provided. Any nonEnglish speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Kasey Stewart, at least five calendar days prior to the public hearing and a language interpreter will be provided. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Kasey Stewart at (386) 364-3450, at least five calendar days prior to the public hearing. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TDD) please call (800) 955-8771.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 11-67-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF HAROLD EDWIN THOMAS,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of HAROLD EDWIN THOMAS, deceased, whose date of death was June 29, 2011; File Number 11-67-CP is pending n the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: August 31, 2011.

/s/ Douglas Lowell Thomas

DOUGLAS LOWELL THOMAS
Personal Representative
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Live Oak, FL 32060

/s/ James W. Prevatt, Jr.
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Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 0352012
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123 East Howard Street
Live Oak, FL 32064
Telephone: (386) 362-7979
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 10-88-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF NELSON ARCANGEL TORRES
Deceased.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of NELSON ARCANGEL TORRES, deceased, whose date of death was July 18, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for SUWANNEE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Suwannee County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) for 2011 which hears appeals regarding property classifications, exemptions and value assessments for real and tangible personal property and tax deferrals will hold an **Organizational Meeting** to attend administrative and procedural issues for this year. The purpose of this meeting is NOT to entertain appeals or consider any filed petitions. Petition Hearings will be scheduled as received for dates later in October. The organizational meeting will be on **Thursday September 22, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and held at the Historic Union Train Depot, 210 Ohio Avenue North, Live Oak, Florida.** The meeting is open to the public. Any person who may wish to challenge or appeal in either an administrative hearing or to the courts, any decision or action of the VAB, will need to themselves ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made for their use and at their expense.

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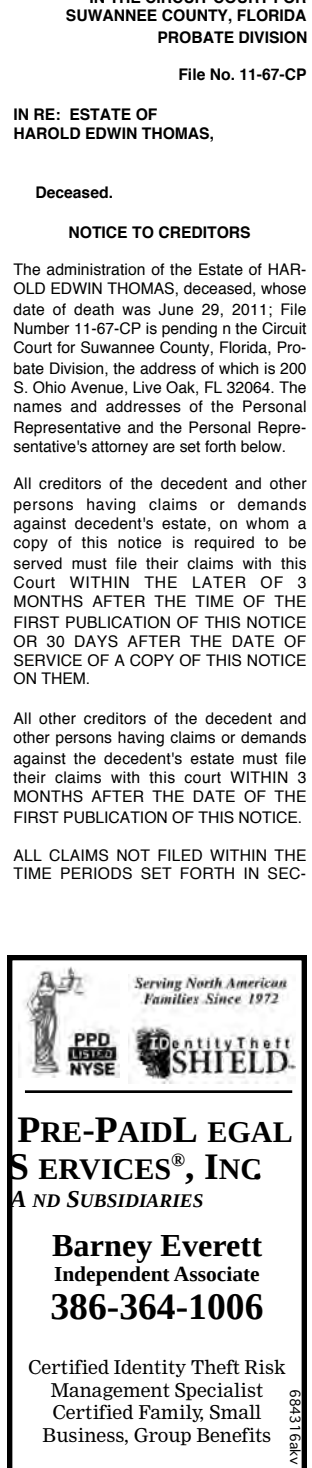

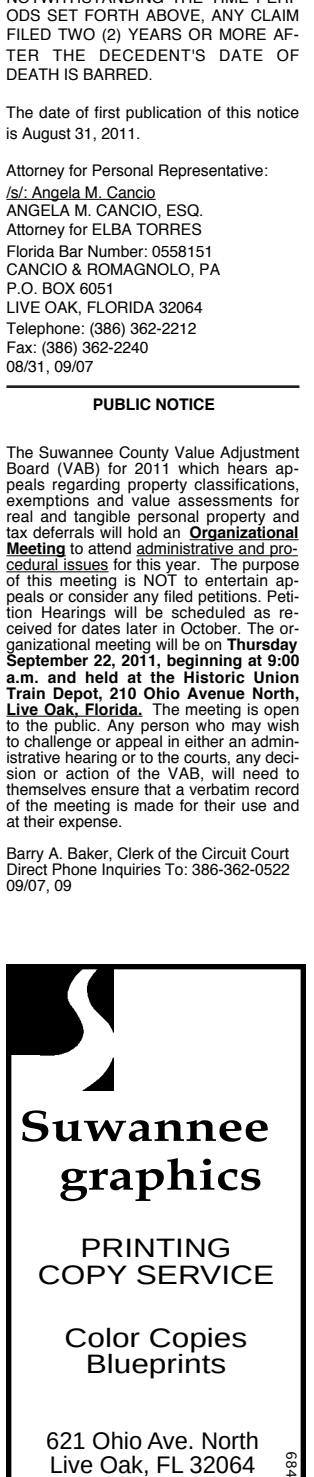

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Eight regional Florida Texaco winners to compete for $1,000 and the state title

It's finally time for the Texaco Country Showdown Florida Finals Sept. 10 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Fla.

Eight of the best country singers in the state of Florida will compete for the state Showdown title, $1,000 in cash and the right to compete in one of five national regional contests, which is just one step away from the Nashville, Tennessee finals to be held in January 2012.

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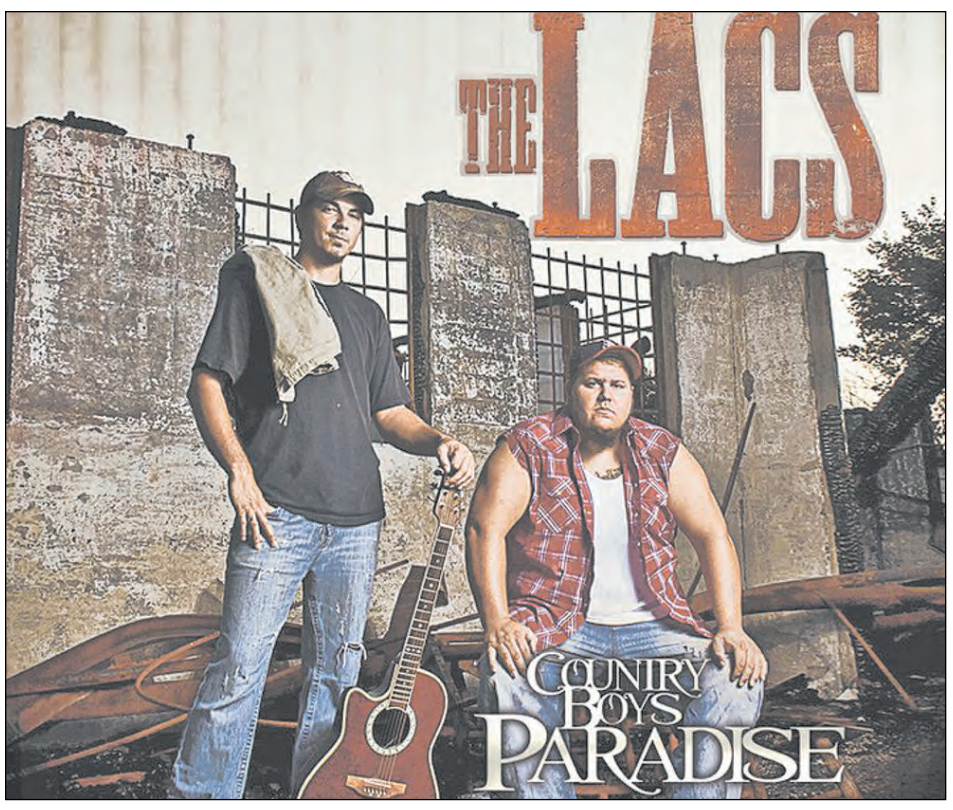
Tiffany Turner

Rainer Berry

Amber Lee Abbott, from Lee, is represented by WQHL-98.1. Amber is the 2010 and 2011 North Florida winner at the SOSMP.



The LACS

Beth Beighy

Tom Jackson, Bell Glade native, 2011 Texaco for Port. St. Lucie.

Shane Duncan

Emily Brooke, 2011 Okeechobee Texaco winner for WOKC.

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Cure the craving with some creative cooking

FAMILY FEATURES

Nothing brings the family together quite like taco night. So why not make it extra special by putting a taco twist on some other family favorites to make an easy, fun meal the whole family will love?

Whether it's the crunch that brings them to the table, the craveable taste of tacos or the ability to make their taco, their way, it's the one dinner the whole family loves.

- Do the kids love cheeseburgers? Try the Old El Paso ABC Taco (Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Taco) recipe to change things up.
- Need something to spice up spaghetti? Make Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos, which serve up spaghetti and meat sauce in a fun fiesta form.
- Chicken nuggets, again? Spice up the flavor by adding taco toppings such as lettuce, sour cream and salsa and serving in hard and soft taco shells.

Visit www.OldElPaso.com for coupons and more ways to put some fiesta into your weeknight dinner routine.

Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Start to Finish: 25 minutes
5 servings (2 tacos each)

- **5 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half**
- **1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef**
- **1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix**
- **1/2 cup water**
- **1 1/4 cups tomato pasta sauce (any variety)**
- **1 box (4.7 ounces) Old El Paso Stand 'N Stuff taco shells (10 shells)**
- **1 medium tomato, chopped (3/4 cup), if desired**
- **2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese**

Cook spaghetti as directed on package; drain.

Meanwhile, in 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 3 to 4 minutes or until thickened. Stir in pasta sauce; cook over medium heat until hot. Stir in cooked spaghetti.

Meanwhile, heat taco shells as directed on box. Spoon about 1/2 cup spaghetti mixture into each taco shell; top with tomato and Parmesan cheese.

Variation: If you like corn, add 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn with the pasta sauce. Cook about 5 minutes or until hot.

Kids love participating in meal time, so gather the whole family to pitch in and make taco night right — and let the fiesta begin.

Chicken Nugget Tacos

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Start to Finish: 30 minutes
6 servings (2 tacos each)

- **24 frozen breaded cooked chicken nuggets**
- **1/4 cup sour cream**
- **2 teaspoons Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix (from 1-ounce package)**
- **1 to 2 tablespoons milk**
- **1 box (7.4 ounces) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)**
- **3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese (3 ounces)**
- **1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce**
- **1/2 cup Old El Paso Thick 'n Chunky salsa**

Bake chicken nuggets as directed on package. Cover to keep warm. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F. Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix sour cream, taco seasoning mix and enough milk for desired consistency. Set aside.

Fill each taco shell and tortilla with 2 chicken nuggets, cheese, lettuce and salsa. Drizzle each with sour cream mixture.

Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Start to Finish: 25 minutes
6 servings (2 tacos each)

- **1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef**
- **1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)**
- **1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix**
- **2/3 cup water**
- **1/2 cup Old El Paso Cheese 'n Salsa dip (from 15-ounce jar)**
- **1 box (7.4 ounce) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)**
- **1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce**
- **1 large tomato, seeded and chopped (1 cup)**
- **6 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled**

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Stir in dip until well mixed.

Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Fill heated taco shells and tortillas with warm beef mixture, lettuce, tomato and bacon.

Substitution: Can't find the Cheese 'n Salsa dip? Try 4 ounces Mexican prepared cheese product, cubed, or another soft cheese that melts easily. If you prefer less spice, use regular prepared cheese product.

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That final winner will receive a check for $100,000 presented by Leanne Rimes and be named Best New Act in Country Music.

Those competing will be Tiffany Turner of Fairhope representing WXBM in Pace; Beth Beighey of Panama City representing WAKT in Panama City Beach; Shane Duncan of Miami representing WKIS in Miami; Amber Lee Abbot of Lee representing WQHL in Live Oak (Amber is the 2010 and 2011 North Florida winner at the SOSMP); Emily Brooke of Wellington/Palm Beach representing WOKC in Clewiston, who was also the 2009 North Florida winner at the SOSMP; Rainer Berry of Bushnell representing WWKA in Orlando; Tom Jackson Band of Belle Glade representing WAVW/WQQL/WPHR in Port St. Lucie; and Nalani Quintello of Jacksonville representing WIYD in Palatka. Quintello also represented WIYD in 2008 when Orlando's Johnny Bulford won the state contest at the SOSMP during the first statewide country showdown held at the SOSMP. Bulford went on to win the regional and national, taking home $100,000 in cold cash and the national title of Best New Act in Country Music.

This year's event will be held outside. One of the most unique country bands around, the LACS, will entertain after the contest has ended and the winner has been selected.

The LACS say their brand of country is Hick Hop and Southern Rock like you've never heard before! This group is going to have you out of your chair and cheering them on as you dance the night away.

The LACS are from the back roads of Baxley, Georgia, a sawmill and turpentine stills town. The group consists of Hip Hop artist Clay "Uncle Snap" Sharpe and lead vocalist / guitarist Brian "Rooster Kang" King. Their first album, "Country Boy's Paradise," was just released by BackRoad Records/Average Joe's Entertainment and is on iTunes at http://bit.ly/hYa7nC. It has already created a buzz with the world's first country rapping artist Colt Ford performing on the song "Shindig." Also performing on the debut album is Matt Stillwell, JB and the Moonshine Band and Danny Boone of Rehab.

The statewide contest is sponsored by radio station WQHL 98.1 along with The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. WQHL's famous radio personality "Kickin" Kevin Thomas is the emcee for the Texaco Country Showdown finals.

The SOS Café and Restaurant has great food and will be open with yummy selections at regular prices as well as weekend specials. Doors to the Music Hall open at 5 p.m. Saturday night, Sept. 10, for dinner with the show beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park or to book overnight or longer reservations for cabins, primitive camping or RV sites for this event or any of our upcoming events, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up this year at the SOSMP such as Magnolia Fest, Blackwater Music Festival, Bear Creek Music and Art Festival, Raid on the Suwannee Civil War Re-enactment, Thanksgiving dinner and Old Tyme Farm Days and the opening of the Festival of Lights and much, much more!

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak, Fl off US 129 at the famous Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129. Keep an eye out for the SOSMP sign and white painted board fence!

2011 Annie's Project Set for Columbia and Suwannee counties

"To empower women in agriculture to be better business partners"

Annie's Project, a national program developed to empower farm and ranch women to be better business partners, will begin its second year in Florida in 2011. Columbia and Suwannee Extension Services are offering Annie's Project jointly to women in their communities. Classes will be held on six consecutive Tuesdays from Oct. 4 to Nov. 8, 2011.

"If someone is thinking about starting a farm, or has an established farm, it's good to think about their farm as a business, think like an entrepreneur," said Jenny Jump, Columbia County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent. "I like to call it 'agri-preneurship.' That's the mindset you need."

Annie's Project is a national program, found in about 25 states. This is the second year the program is being offered in Florida. "Annie's Project could be equally useful to men and women," Jump said, "but when an Illinois farmer's wife was widowed, she taught herself business management and became wealthy as a result. Her daughter, Ruth, founded Annie's Project in her name to educate and empower other women."

Topics covered in the course include: human resources, women and money, business plans, alternative enterprises, interpersonal skills, farm succession, retirement and estate planning, using spreadsheets, marketing strategies, insurance, accounting, and financial records. For more information visit http://programs.ifas.ufl.edu/anniesproject

Classes will be held at the Columbia County Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City. Each class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served during each session. Participants are requested to bring a bag lunch.

Registration is limited to 20 participants, so women are encouraged to register early. Registration fee for the course is $40 which includes software, books, snacks and materials. For registration information, contact Mary Sowerby in Live Oak at (386) 362-2771 or Jenny Jump in Lake City at (386) 752-5384. Full payment must accompany registration applications.

Extension programs are open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in any activity should contact the Suwannee County Cooperative Extension Service at 1302 Eleventh Street, SW, Live Oak, Florida 32064 or telephone 386-362-2771 at least five working days prior to the event. Hearing impaired can access the foregoing telephone by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 or 800-955-8772 (TDD).

Secondhand smoke a killer to nonsmokers

Most men and women who smoke tobacco are fully aware of the damage they might be doing to their bodies. In addition to increasing their risk for lung cancer, smoking can also increase a person's risk for heart disease and other potentially deadly ailments.

What those men and women might not know is the extent of the damage their smoking is doing to those around them. According to the American Cancer Society, secondhand smoke is responsible for 3,400 lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers each year. Gaining a better understanding of secondhand smoke might help smokers quit once and for all.

What exactly is secondhand smoke?

Also known as environmental tobacco smoke, secondhand smoke is actually a mixture of two forms of smoke that comes from burning tobacco. Smoke that comes from the end of a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe is known as sidestream smoke, while the smoke a smoker exhales is called mainstream smoke. Compared to mainstream smoke, sidestream smoke has higher concentrations of cancer-causing agents known as carcinogens. Sidestream smoke also contains smaller particles than mainstream smoke, making it easier for sidestream smoke to enter the body's cells.

Do nonsmokers take in nicotine from secondhand smoke?

Nonsmokers who inhale secondhand smoke do take in nicotine in the process. A 1988 report from the U.S. Surgeon General concluded that nicotine is a drug that causes addiction and can cause a short-term increase in blood pressure, heart rate and the flow of blood from the heart. Because nonsmokers who take in secondhand smoke are taking in nicotine, they, too, are susceptible to the aforementioned side effects.

In addition to taking in nicotine, nonsmokers around secondhand smoke are also taking in the thousands of other chemicals secondhand smoke contains. These chemicals include carbon monoxide, which is also found in automobile exhaust, and cadmium, a chemical element commonly used in batteries.

Does secondhand smoke cause other kinds of diseases?

Secondhand smoke is responsible for thousands of deaths each year in the U.S. alone. But secondhand smoke does not only contribute to cancer. In fact, the ACS notes that secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 46,000 deaths from heart disease in nonsmokers who live with smokers.

What many people find the most troubling figures associated with secondhand smoke is its impact on children, especially those younger than 18 months of age. The ACS estimates that each year secondhand smoke is responsible for 50,000 to 300,000 lung infections, including pneumonia and bronchitis, in children younger than 18. An additional 750,000 middle ear infections in children can be linked to secondhand smoke.

Studies are ongoing into a possible link between secondhand smoke and breast cancer. Though research is ongoing, the ACS notes that chemicals from tobacco smoke reach breast tissue and have been found in breast milk. However, debate over a possible link between breast cancer and secondhand smoke continues for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that breast cancer risk has not been shown to increase among active smokers.

Where does secondhand smoke pose a problem?

Secondhand smoke is problematic anywhere someone is smoking or has smoked. In fact, the Canadian Cancer Society points out that cigarettes produce roughly 12 minutes of smoke, even though a smoker might only inhale 30 seconds of smoke from the cigarette. As the smoke lingers, even long after a smoker has disappeared, nonsmokers are left to breathe in that smoke.

Smokers who recognize the potentially deadly side effects of their habit should be especially mindful of those side effects when lighting up. Smoking inside a home, for instance, is putting everyone in the home at heightened risk of a host of ailments. Children are especially sensitive to secondhand smoke, and the ACS notes that between 50 to 75 percent of children in the U.S. have detectable levels of cotinine, the breakdown product of nicotine, in their blood. Many public places, including New York City's famed Central Park, have banned smoking, and smoking in the workplace is illegal in many countries.

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Calendar of Events

Learn to Square Dance

Learn to Square Dance with the Vagabond Squares Thursday evening, Sept. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hale Recreation Center, 215 Ne Duval St. in Live Oak, Fl, opposite the fire station and water tower. Wear comfortable clothes, smooth soled shoes would help, and the first night is free, so check it out. Refreshments provided. For more information call 386-365-3909 or 386-752-2544. The caller insrtuctor is Ralph Beekman.

Concerned Citizens Resume Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 16 at 10 AM in the Depot Room Concerned Citizens (CC) of Dowling Park will meet in the Depot Room at Phillips Center at 10:00 am on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2011. Everyone is welcome.

KrisAnne Hall

Attorney KrisAnne Hall will continue her discussion on the rich history of our United States Constitution. She believes that our heritage of liberty is a gift from God. Mrs. Hall, who lives in Wellborn, travels the state sharing this message to encourage Americans to reclaim our history and the greatness of our nation. Come enjoy this pertinent information.

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Homecoming Services at Philadelphia Baptist Church

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold Homecoming services on September 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School Services). Pastor, Joshua Wynn will bring the message, with special music by Donald Warren and Shelly Monroe. Covered dish luncheon will be enjoyed in the fellowship hall following the services. Everyone is invited. For information contact Pastor Joshua Wynn at 776-1541.

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Roberson - Taylor Reunion

Plan to join us Saturday, September 24, 2011 for the Roberson - Taylor family's 50th reunion **(Big Celebration)** in Live Oak.
We will meet at the Coliseum which is on the left side of the Garden's Club House. Doors will open at 12 p.m., we will eat at 1 p.m. Please come and bring a picnic lunch (including tea) for a good ole fashioned family get together. Eating utensils, plates, ice, cups and napkins will be furnished. For information: Doyle Roberson, 3111 Old Dobbin Rd, Montgomery, Al. Cell number: 334-202-0744.

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Where: Sylvan Learning Center, 2496 US Hwy 90, in Lake City, Fl.
When: September 10, 2011, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have information on homeschooling K-12, how to get started, ongoing activities such as art classes, bowling and possible field trips for all ages. We will have sign-up sheets and membership applications for FACE, FPEA and 4H. If you need more information please contact Kim Wong at 386-758-8896. Please leave a detailed message and she will return your call.

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The Arc North Florida, formerly Comprehensive Community Services Annual Awards Banquet and 30th Anniversary Celebration

The Arc North Florida, formerly Comprehensive Community Services Annual Awards Banquet and 30th Anniversary Celebration "A Night on Treasure Island" September 8th, 2011 ~ 6 PM - 9 PM Wellborn Baptist Church Free to all ~ Please RSVP By September 2nd. Janet Sampson jsampson@arcnfl.com / 386-362-7143 ext 5

Literacy Day 4th Annual Literacy Day Event

High Springs- Join us next to the Santé Fe River within O'Leno State Park to celebrate our 4th Annual Literacy Day event on September 17, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Highlights will include Magic and the Gentle Carousel Therapy Horses promoting "Reading is Magic!" Puppet shows, guest readers and local authors reading children's stories. Take an adventure walk "Where Tails Meet Trails". Bring a camera and take the Outdoor Challenge for Children and earn a free day pass to a state park for their whole family. There will also be an arts and crafts area, live animals and refreshments. Admission to the park is free if you show a library card, a library book, or with the donation of a new or gently used family oriented book. To learn more about Gentle Carousel Therapy Horses go to HYPERLINK "http://www.horse-therapy.org" www.horse-therapy.org .
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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., September 17, 2011, O'Leno State Park, High Springs, Florida, (located 6 miles north of High Springs on Hwy. 441)

Calvary Baptist Church to hold 9/11 Service

Calvary Baptist Church will hold their 9/11 commemorative service on Sunday, September 11, 2011. This special event will begin at 6:00 p.m. With a special singer and speaker. A BBQ supper will be held after the service.

The Awakening America Alliance national 9-11

The Awakening America Alliance national 9-11 prayer rally will be held on

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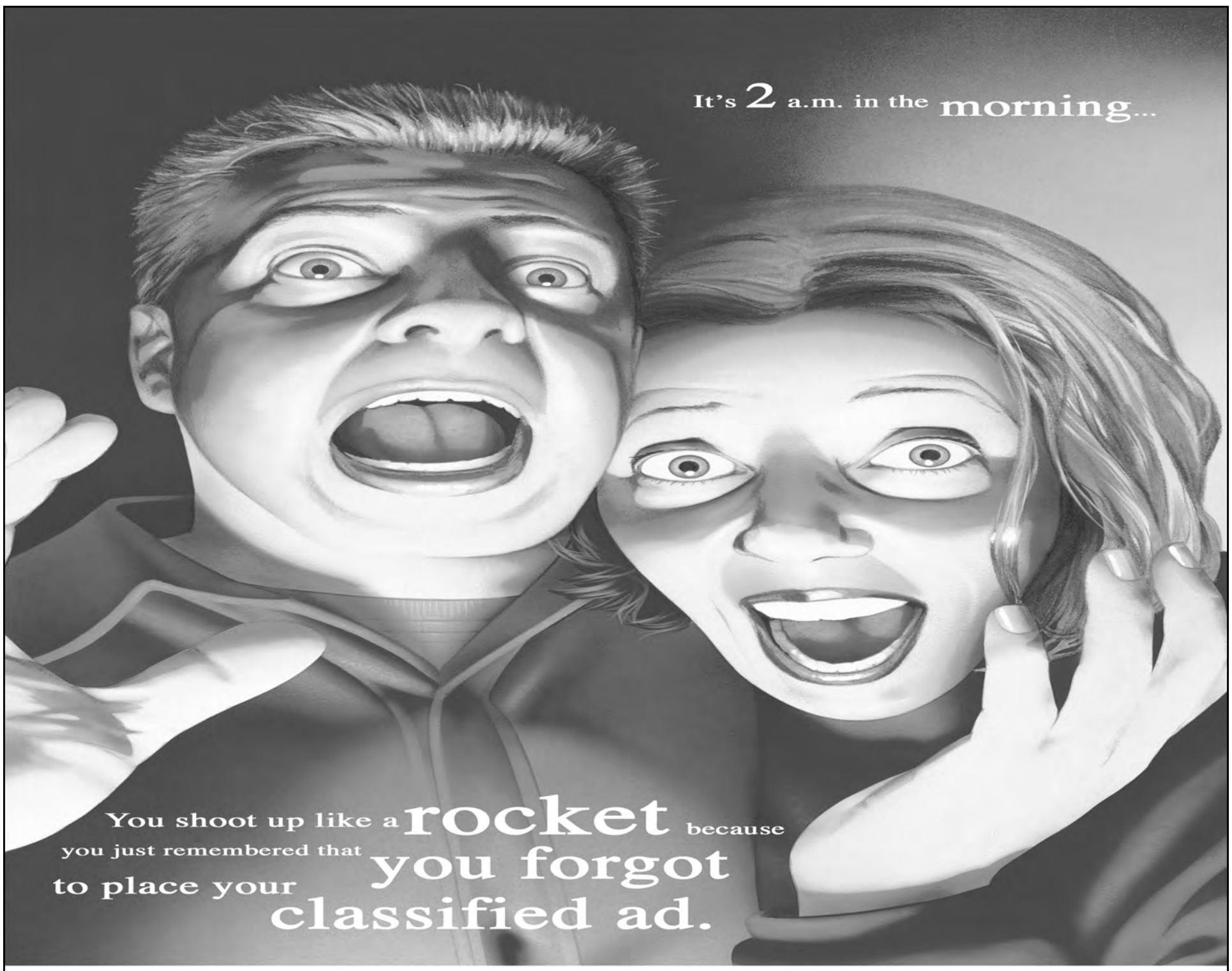

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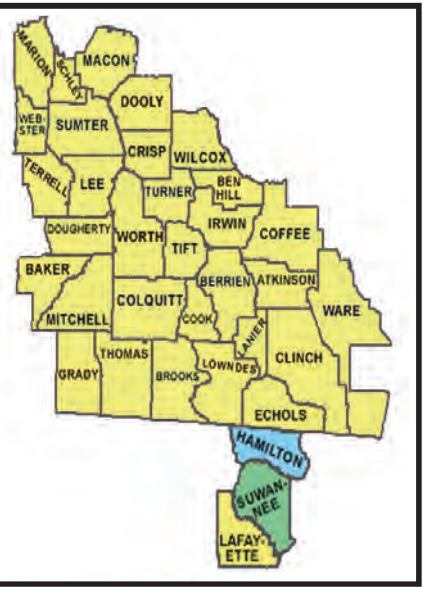

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My four brothers and I decided to get my Mom a new car for her 60th birthday. Our idea was to drive the new car until it had 60 miles on the odometer to match her 60th birthday. While we thought this was easy with a new car, the car we picked out at the dealership already had 85 miles on it. The dealer said the car is still considered "New". But with that many miles on it already, shouldn't it be considered "used". After all, I doubt my Mom would consider herself "New" at 85.

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Cash: I doubt if she'd appreciate being referred to as "used" either, so I'd be careful how you present that new car. No gift can make up for insulting a woman's age.

Carry: My wife taught me that lesson years ago. Now on her birthday cake, I make sure to never have more than 29 candles.

Cash: I commend you on the great idea of driving the new car until it had 60 miles. It would have been a great surprise for your Mom. However, a car with 85 miles does not have to be considered "used".

Carry: The laws in each state govern what is considered a "new" or "used" vehicle. In your state of Virginia, if the dealer drove the car in order to transfer it from one dealership to another or from their storage facility to the showroom, then the car would accumulate mileage, but still be considered "new".

Cash: However, if the vehicle were test driven by another customer or sold and returned, then the car would have to be classified as "used".

Carry: Typically a car arrives at the dealer with up to ten miles on it. These first few miles are often accumulated as a function of quality checks performed by the manufacturer or from transporting the vehicle to get it to the dealership.

Cash: Since the 85 miles concern you, talk it over with your dealer. He can explain where those 85 miles came from and maybe even compensate you for the additional mileage on the car. After all, a good dealer will typically do something to insure that you leave a happy customer.

Carry: And if not, just see what he says when you ask him to turn back the odometer by driving it 15 miles in reverse!

Fast Facts

Tricked Out

Considering the high price of a new car, it pays to protect it from theft. Here is one trick that is used to deter thieves from stealing your car. Have the car's VIN number etched into the corner of all your windows. This process only takes a few minutes, but can help prevent your car from being stolen. The thieves would have to replace all the glass in addition to the VIN labels. That's enough for them to leave your car alone. As an added benefit, some insurance companies will even offer a discounted premium.

Odorless

Almost everyone loves the fresh smell of a new car. But what is that intoxicating scent? You may be surprised to learn that well-known smell is actually a combination of the adhesive and sealers used to affix the fabric and plastic inside your car. As these adhesives dry, they release residual solvents into the air that fill the passenger compartment. The aroma dissipates over time as the gases escape through open doors and windows.

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Reader Humor

Ala Carte

I was working as a doorman at a fancy restaurant when a woman came rushing inside in a panic. She accidentally locked herself out of her car and needed help getting it unlocked.

Happy to help, I told her the restaurant had a Slim Jim for just such occasions. I grabbed the tool as she told me it was the red car parked outside.

Since it was raining, she waited inside while I went out to open the door.

A few minutes later I returned and happily said, "You're all set, but you'll have to turn off your car alarm."

I was a bit shocked when she replied, "I'd love to, but MY car doesn't have an alarm."

(Thanks to Ralph C.)

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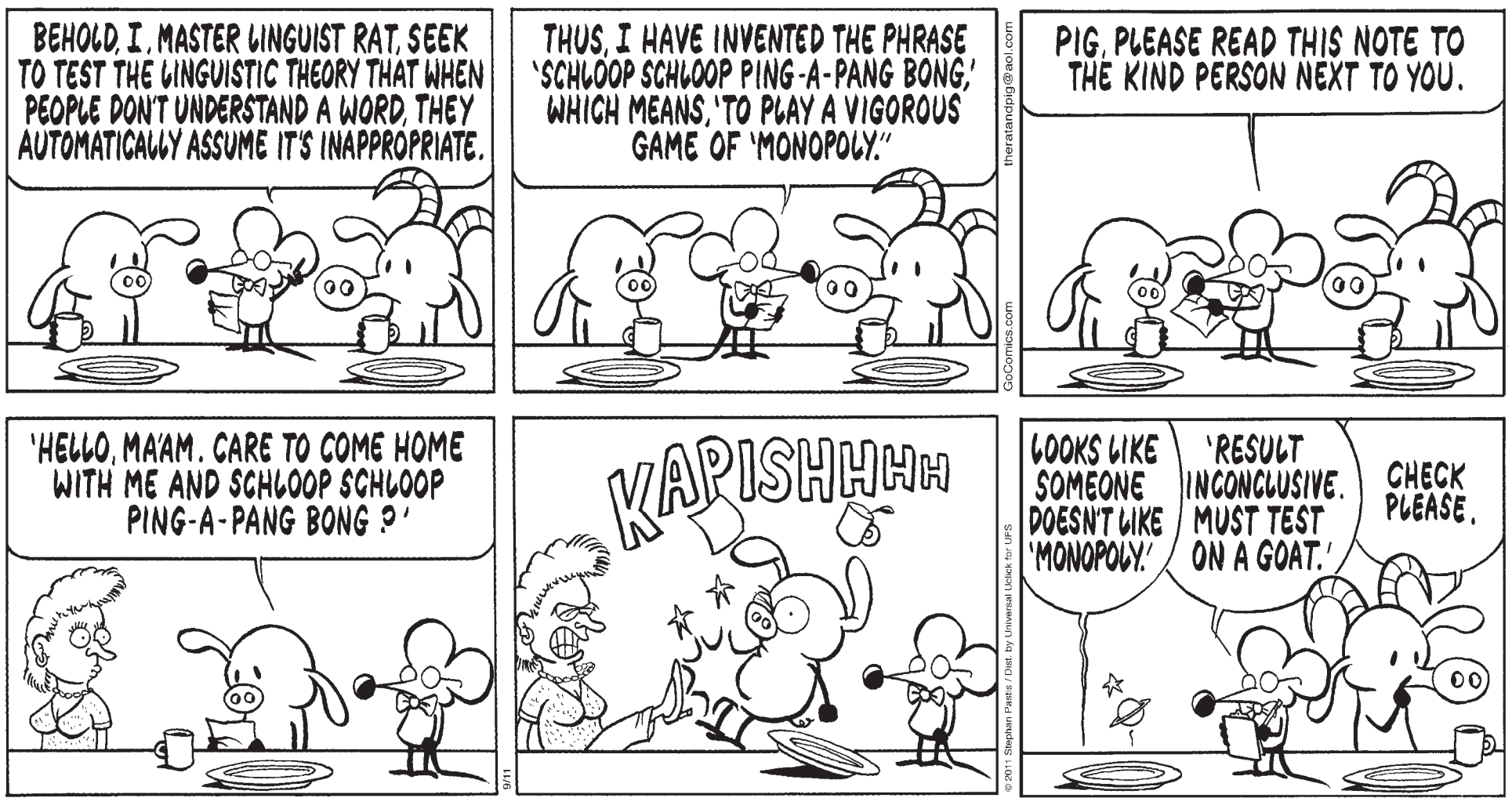

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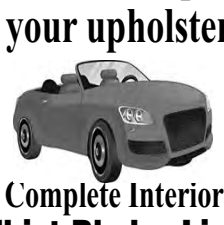
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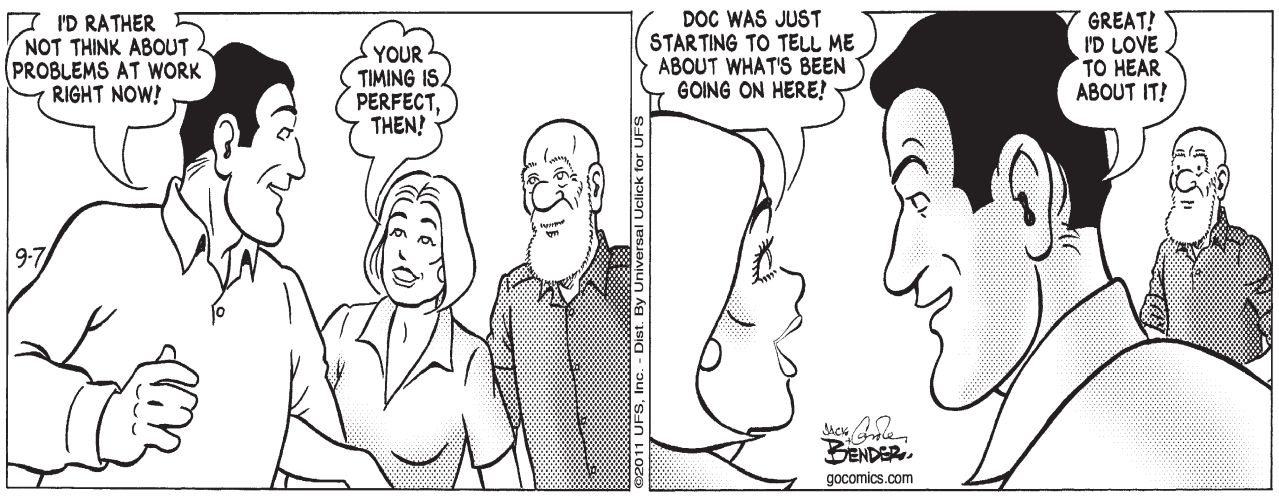

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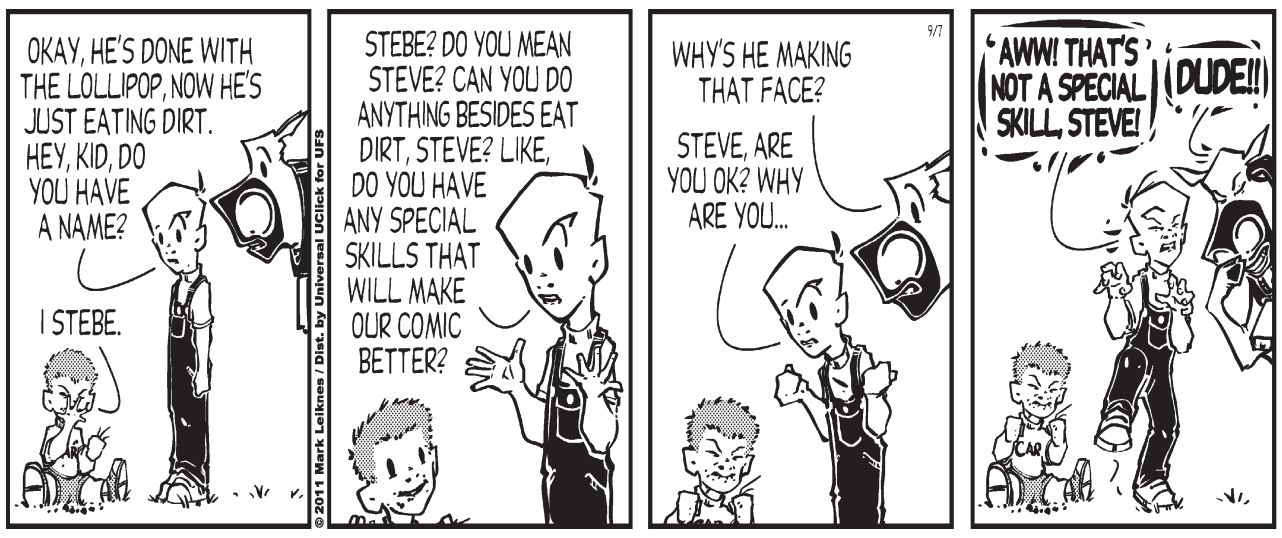

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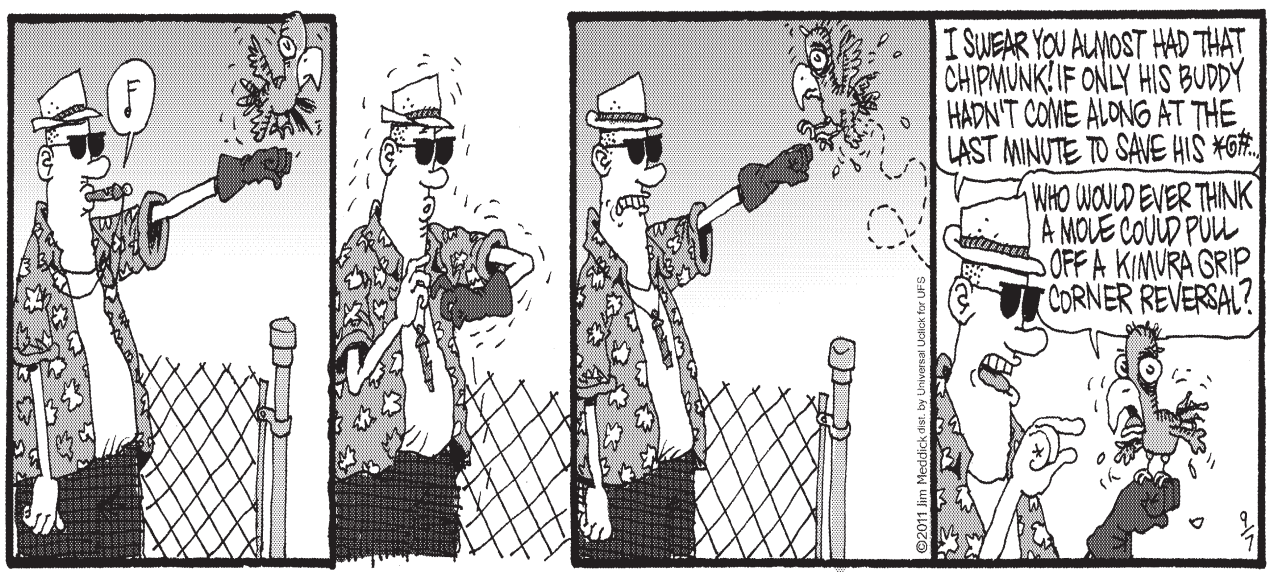

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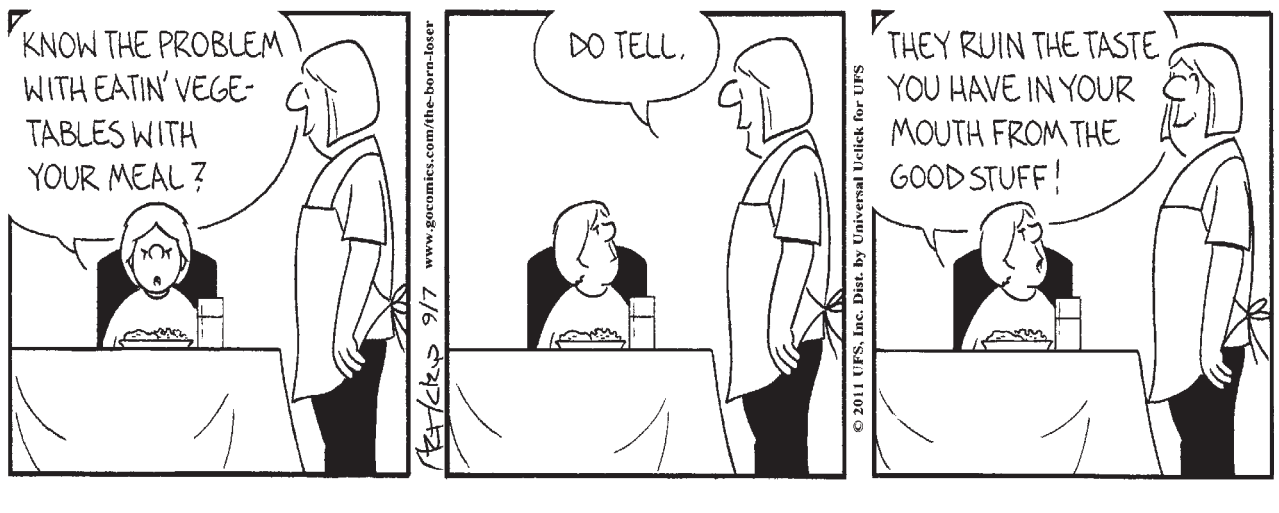

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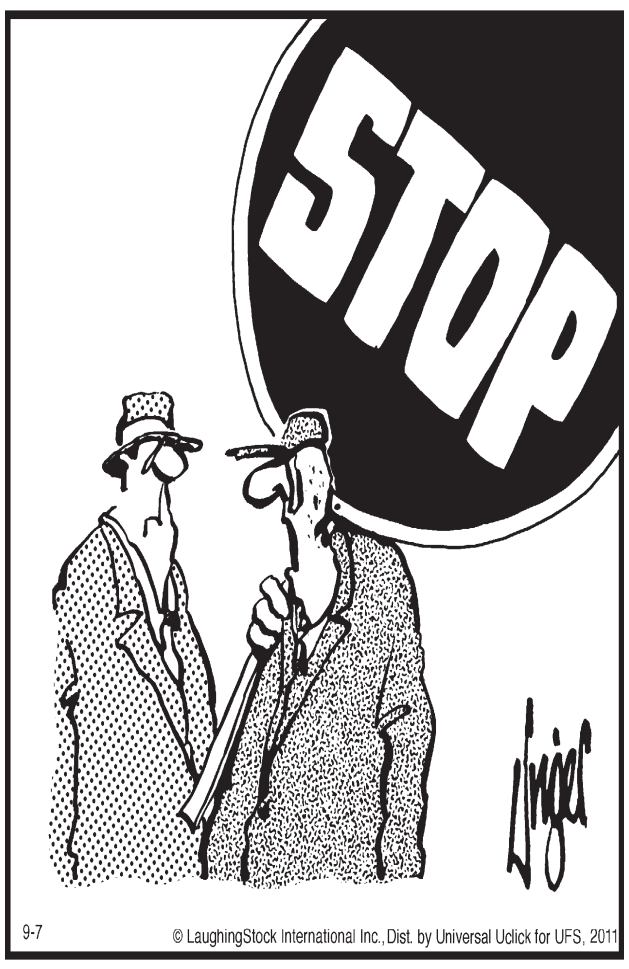


"I guess you heard what happened to me last month."

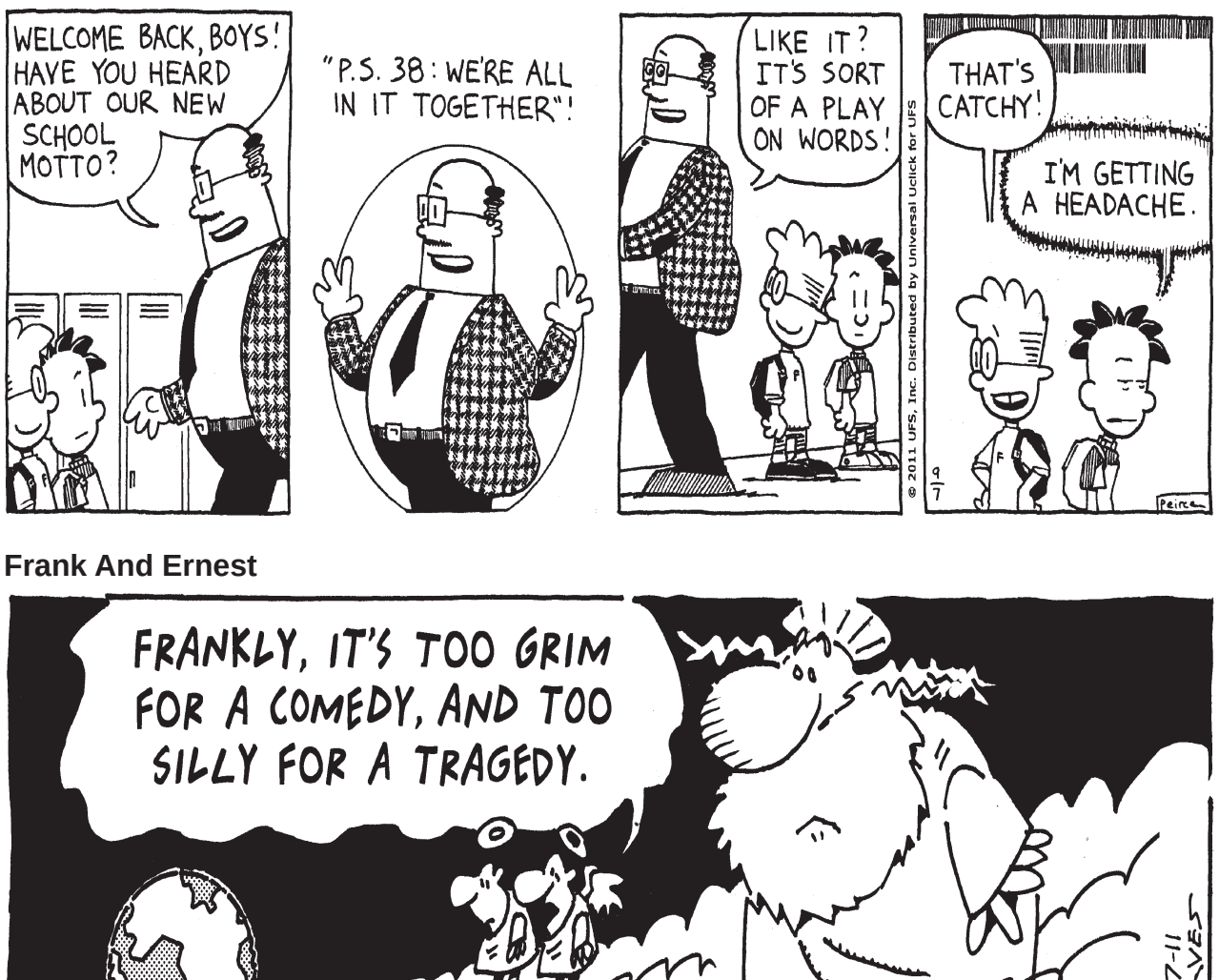
Marmaduke

"Oh, yes, you will get off!"

Moderately Confused

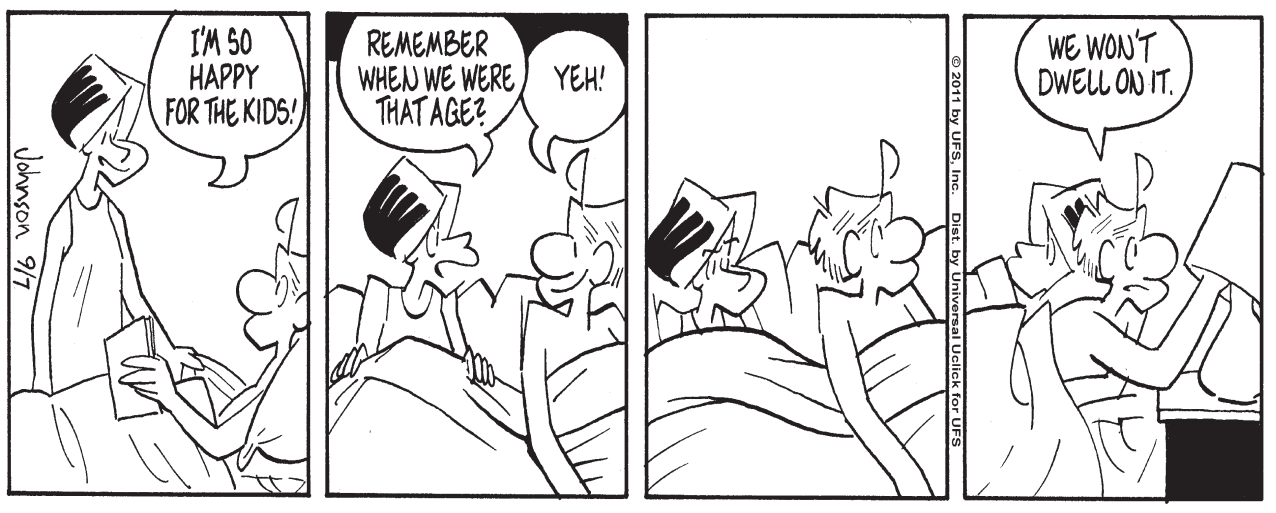
Soup To Nutz

Big Nate



Frank And Ernest

Arlo and Janis



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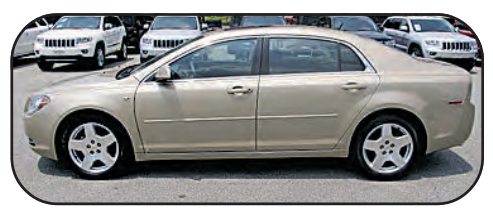

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Xtra Clean, Leather/Suede Seats, Sunroof, Heated Seats, Woodgrain Interior Trim, Alloy Wheels, **THIS IS NOT YOUR GRANDPARENTS MALIBU!!!**

2002 Ford T-Bird Convertible
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2007 Hyundai Santa Fe Limited
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2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT Conv.
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Automatic, Heated Seats, Factory Rockford Fosgate Audio System, Power Driver's Seat, **YOU WILL BE SPORTY IN THIS ONE!!!**

2009 Ram 2500 Quad 4x4
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Power Windows & Locks, Spray-In Bedliner, Tow Pkg., **GUTS & GLORY IN THIS CUMMINS DIESEL!!!**

2007 Grand Cherokee Laredo
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Power Windows, Locks & Driver's Seat, Tilt & Cruise, **LOW MILES, MID SIZE SUV!!!**

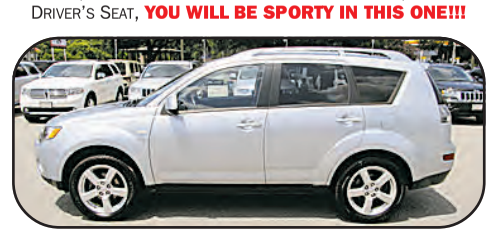
2004 GMC Extended Z71 4x4
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Power Windows, Locks & Driver's Seat, Tow Pkg., Spray-In Bedliner, Dual Climate Controls. **ULTRA LOW MILES!!!**

2001 Chevy S-10 LS
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Spray-In Bedliner Alloy Wheels, **SUPER CLEAN & ULTRA LOW MILES!!!**

2005 Ford F-250 EXT Sport
Local Trade, Sport Pkg. w/Painted to Match Bumpers & 2-Tone Seats, Power Windows, Locks & Driver's Seat, Tilt & Cruise, Tow Pkg. **LOOKING FOR AN ECONOMICAL DIESEL...YOU'VE FOUND IT!!!**

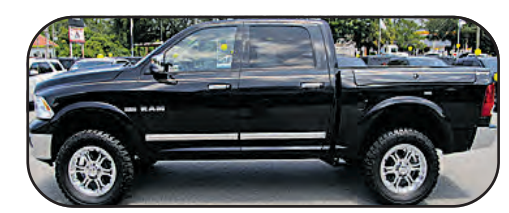
2002 Ford F-150 Ext. Lariat 4x4
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Power Driver's Seat, Spray-In Bedliner, Tow Pkg., Power Windows & Locks. **THIS 4x4 TRUCK IS SUPER CLEAN INSIDE & OUT!!!**

2008 Volkswagen Beetle
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Heated Seats, Power Windows & Locks, **YOU'LL LOVE THIS BUG AT THE PUMP!!!**



2007 Mitsubishi Outlander XLS
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather,Sunroof, Heated Seats, Power Driver's Seat & Rockford Fosgate Audio System. **THIS MIDSIZE SUV IS LOADED!!!**

2008 Chrysler 300C
ONE OWNER, We Sold It Here New! Local Trade, The Nicest Example You Will Find, Leather, Boston Premium Audio System, Dual Power Seats, Sunroof & Heated Seats. **HEMI ENGINE, ULTRA LOW MILES, PREMIER LUXURY SEDAN!!!**



2009 Ram 1500 Crew Laramie 4x4
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Xtra Clean, Leather, Dual Power Heated & Cooled Seats, Dual Digital Climate Control, "Ram Boxes" on the Bed To Store Your Valuables. **THIS ONE HAS A BRAND NEW LIFT KIT w/NEW MICKEY THOMPSON BAJA ATZ TIRES.!!!**

2008 Chevy Suburban
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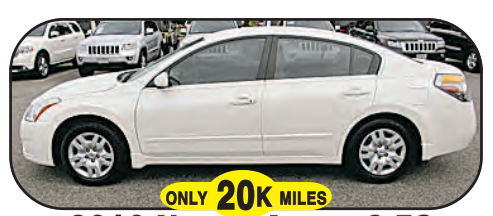
2008 Ford Edge
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Power Windows & Locks, Alloy Wheels, **LOTS OF ROOM & ECONOMICAL TOO!!!**

2010 Toyota RAV 4 Sport
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Extra Clean, Sunroof, Alloy Wheels, All The Power Equipment, Plenty of Space. **LIKE BRAND NEW... SAVE THUSANDS!!!**



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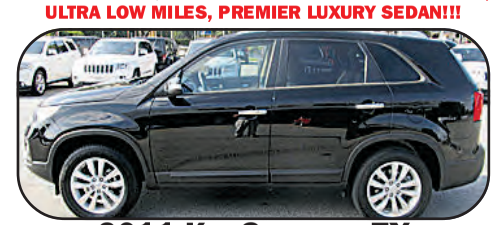
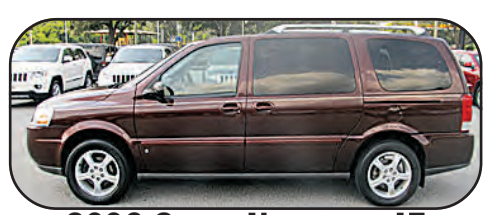
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Power Windows & Locks,Tilt & Cruise **VERY SPACIOUS FOUR DOOR SEDAN!!!**



2011 Kia Sorento EX
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Back-Up Camera, 3rd Row Seat, Dual Climate Control, Alloy Wheels, **THIS IS A GREAT LOOKING SUV!!!**

2001 Dodge Dakota
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Spray-In Bedliner, Alloy Wheels, Ice Cold A/C! **YOU WON'T FIND A NICER TRUCK FOR THE MONEY!!!**



2006 Chevy Uplander LT
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Power Doors, Quad Bucket Seats, Rear Air, DVD Entertainment System, **THIS VAN IS LOADED!!!**

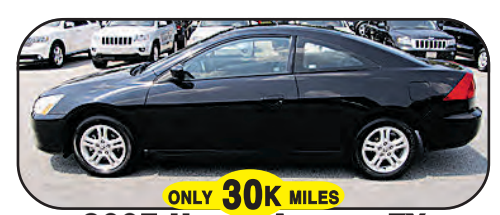
2007 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LT
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Power Windows & Locks, Spray-In Bedliner, Tow Pkg., **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!**

2004 Ford F-350 Dually XLT
Local Trade, Xtra Xtra Clean, w/Ultra Low Miles, Power Windows & Locks, tilt & Cruise, Spray-In Bedliner, This Truck is Immaculate Inside & Out. **POWER STROKE DIESEL WILL TOW ANYTHING!!!**

2004 Ford F-250 Ext. 4x4
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Tilt & Cruise, Spray-In Bedliner, Long Bed To Haul That Extra Load. **A LONG TERM WORK HORSE!!!**

2007 Toyota Matrix XR
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Power Windows & Locks, Sunroof, **SPORTY WITH GREAT GAS MILEAGE TOO!!!**

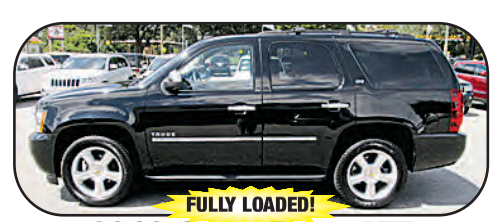
2010 Nissan Sentra SE-R
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra clean, Power Windows & Locks, Alloy Wheels, **THIS IS THE "TOP OF THE LINE" SENTRA!!!**



2007 Honda Accord EX
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Xtra Clean, Leather, Sunroof, Heated Seats, Power Driver's Seat. **LOADED & IMMACULATE CONDITION!!!**

2005 Dakota Quad Cab Laramie
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Leather, Infinity Audio System, Headrest DVD Entertainment System, Spray-In Bedliner, **THIS DAKOTA IS LOADED!!!**

2002 Chevy Avalanche Z-66
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Xtra Clean, Leather, Power Windows & Locks. **TREATED WITH TENDER LOVING CARE!!!**



2010 Chevy Tahoe LTZ
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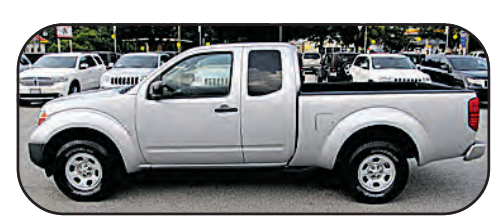

2006 Nissan Frontier Ext Cab
ONE OWNER, Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Tilt & Cruise, Spray-In Bedliner, **YOU WON'T FIND A NICER ONE!!!**

2008 Ram 3500 Quad Cab Flatbed
Local Trade, Xtra Clean, Tilt & Cruise, Automatic, **PARKBILT FLATBED ALREADY INSTALLED W/ TOOLBOXES. A REAL WORKHORSE WITH REMOVABLE TOOLBOXES!!**

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September 11, 2011 at the Suwannee High School Auditorium at 3 pm. This annual event is a call to Christians in America to come together in unity to pray for revival and a return to the Lord, Jesus Christ, as savior of this nation. This event is opened to the public and all area churches are invited. For more information go to www.awakeningamerica.us, or contact Wayne Godsmark at 386-208-1345

The Neveils, Nevil, Carroll, Jowers Family Reunion

Sat. Sept. 10, 2011, 10 a.m. until evening, Suwannee River State Park (Pavillion #3 by the play ground) 8-10 miles west of Live Oak, Fla. on US Hwy 90. This is pot luck so bring your favorite dishes and plan on sharing with everyone. Plan to eat around noon. Bring your cameras so you can get photos of all the families. Bring your old family photos and storeis to share with others. The park charge is $5 per car entrance fee. For more information contact Marla Neveils home: 602-276-3161 cell: 480-287-1336, email marlaneveils62@myfamily.com, Bill Neveils Home: 706-374-2951, cell: 770-656-2737. email: bneveils@tds.net. Come one and all. Spread the word to all your family.

57th Reunion Planned for Class of 1954

The SHS Class of 1954 is planning its 57th Reunion, October 11-14, 2011, at Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center (east of Live Oak). All Class Members and friends are invited. A written invitation has been sent to all Class Members. Deadline for Registration is September 1. For more information please contact: Erma Evans Parker – 904-221-1203 or Ken Voyles – 352-861-8650

"FREE Nursing Home Planning Workshop!

Everyone who is concerned about how they will pay for nursing home care should attend this informative workshop led by local elder law attorney Teresa Byrd Morgan. The program is Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lifestyle Enrichment Center (628 S.E. Allison Court, Lake City). Reservations are required. Call Shana Miller at 386-755-1977."

Local Artist to be remembered

Friends and family of the late Wayne Edwards are planning to have an exhibition of Wayne's art works. This free art exhibition is scheduled to be held sometime in October, at the Crapps Mansion, now known as Heritage Park and Gardens. If you have or know of anyone that has any art work done by Wayne, and may be willing to loan it to us, please contact us at 386-209-1257, 386-688-0830, 386-362-4198 or Carolyn Spilatore at 386-208-4828.

Citizens Police Academy

Chief Buddy Williams announced that the Live Oak Police Department will be conducting a Citizens Police Academy, beginning on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. The Academy will be held at the Police Headquarters at 205 SE White Ave. and other selected locations each Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for nine weeks. The Academy offers an opportunity for citizens to learn more about local law enforcement and the Criminal Justice System, "Up Close and Personal," and much, much more. There is a $20 registration fee payable upon application. Pick up and application at the Live Oak Police Department, located at 205 White Ave. S.E. For further information: contact Erica Elliott at 386-362-7463. Submit your application soon! Space is limited.

Annual meeting scheduled

The Suwannee Coalition has changed our annual meeting schedule. We will no longer be meeting monthly. We will meet quarterly - four times per year. Here are the dates we will meet in the upcoming fiscal year: August 4, 2011, October 6, 2011, February 2, 2012, April 5, 2012

THE LAKE DESOTO FARMERS MARKET LAKE CITY, FL

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8am to 1 p.m. in Wilson Park, located along Lake DeSoto between the Columbia County Courthouse and Shands Lakeshore Hospital. For more information about the Lake DeSoto Farmer Market call 386-697-2176 or 386-719-5766.

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Alcohol Anonymous - Live Oak Group

Voting precinct building, Nobles Ferry Road, Live Oak, Fl. Tuesday, Thursday (BBS) and Friday 8 p.m. Contact Rosemary 386-362-6338 or Carl at 386-362-4221.

Reunion of the Descendants of Dick and Edge Land and Oren and Anita Land

Reunion will be held Sept. 10, 2011, at the Mayo Community Center, located on West US 27, Mayo. We will eat at 12 noon, bring a covered dish, paper goods, etc. and enjoy fellowship. For more information call: 386-294-1269 or 386-935-2204.

Bingo, Bingo, Bingo! -

Hosted by American Legion Post 107 Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. early games, 7 p.m. evening games. Take Hwy 129, 6 miles south of Live Oak, turn left at the BINGO sign, then 1 mile.

Grief support group

meeting weekly at First Baptist Church in Live Oak at 6 pm on Wednesdays starting August 24, 2011. Call 362-1583 for more information. Non-denominational - everyone welcome. This is an on-going support group and I would appreciate you placing it in your publication through the fall.

Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

and it states that they meet every 2nd Thursday of the month. They will not be having any meetings through the summer, would you place something in parenthesis such as this (No meeting through the summer, will start again in September)

Love Forever

Live Oak Church of Christ, 1497 SR 51 (Irvin Ave) will be open every third Saturday morning of each month for a clothes closet and food pantry, 10:30 - 12 noon.

The Lafayette Republican Executive Committee

meets the second Monday of each month at the Lafayette Public Library, 120 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, at 7:00 pm. Everyone interested in promoting conservative principles are invited to attend. For more information, please call Carolyn Land at 935-0174.

Millennium Nights

Friday nights beginning June 10 at Millennium Park in downtown Live Oak. Show starts at 7 p.m. and is held the second and fourth Friday of the month. Bring your lawn chairs to listen to country, blue grass, gospel, country rock and karaoke.

MCALPIN COMMUNITY CLUB MEETINGS CANCELED FOR THE SUMMER

The McAlpin Community Club meetings for June, July and August have been canceled. The next regular meeting will be in September. We hope that you will have a cool and relaxing summer. For information about the club call Barbara Parks at 362-3044.

CHOMP CANCER FOUNDATION 1st ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK & COMMUNITY DAY

8 a.m. • October 15, 2011 • Fort White Community Center • Fort White, FL, Chomp Cancer Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and enhancing quality of life for cancer patients and their families, will host its 1st annual Chomp Cancer Run/Walk on October 15, 2011. The 5k Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. with walkers beginning a few minutes after the start of the race. Hosted at the Community Center in Fort White, this event is expected to draw as many as 400 spectators, athletes and volunteers. All proceeds from the Chomp Cancer 5k Run/Walk will benefit the UF & Shands Cancer Center. To promote the start of another football season, the finish line will be Florida Gator themed. The race will also be professionally timed and winners will be announced. The event will include food from local vendors, music, and other post-event race activities. Donations to a silent auction would be greatly appreciated as well. Registration for the 5K is $25/pp and includes t-shirt, bib number and goody bag. Placed winners will receive recognition gifts. Online registration is available at http://www.active.com keyword "Chomp Cancer." For more information please email Lauren Valentine at chompcancer@gmail.com or visit www.chompcancer.com

SHS Class of 1961 reunion

The Suwannee High School Class of 1961 is planning a reunion for September 23 and 24th. Information has been sent out. Information including addresses is needed for the following class members: Charles Crosby, Evelyn Greene, Bonnie Klinger, Johnnie Rawlins, and Johnny Whaley. If you have information or desire more information about the reunion please call William

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Class of 1981 Reunion Plans Underway

Looking for members and we need your help. Please send your contact information to either of the following addresses: Email: shsclass1981@hotmail.com or cynthiarobinson2002@yahoo.com or phone: Kay Capell Fulda at (864) 617-8598 or Susan Olson at (864) 376-8083. Facebook: Suwannee High School Class of 1981. Tell Everyone.

NOTICE: CANCELED!

The "Trip to Recovery" Group of Narcotics Anonymous that met at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak, Florida on Saturdays at 7 p.m. has been cancelled.

USS COLUMBUS CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 Reunion

September 21 - September 24, 2011 at SHERATON NATIONAL HOTE - Arlington, VA. Please contact Allen R. Hope President, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4505, Home: (260) 486-2221 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern time, Fax: 260-492-9771, email: Hope4391@frontier.com

The Columbia Federated Republican Women meet

the 2nd Monday of each month, 7p.m., brown bag dinner & social time at 6:30 p.m. Currently we meet in Lake City at the old Guardian ad Litem yellow house on Duval Street just east of the First Baptist Church and across from Advanced Auto. We are committed to advancing the participation of women in all areas of the political system and are dedicated to encouraging and empowering women of all ages and backgrounds. Visit the Florida Association's web page at http://www.ffrw.net/home.html. Covering North Central Florida - all women are encouraged to attend and be involved in the political process! For more info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, gcannon@atlantic.net

First Baptist Church of Dowling Park Free Meals for Seniors

We are a meal site for the Suwannee River Economic Council. Free meals are served for seniors over the age of 60 in the church fellowship hall Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please contact us at 386-658-2360.

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals

who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at HYPERLINK "http://ombudsman.myflorida.com/" http://ombudsman.myflorida.com.

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

will serve dinners from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. second Saturday of every month at Hale Park Recreation Center at 105 East Duval St., Live Oak, FL. For information call Audrey Howell @ 386-364-4560.

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

The 2nd Thursday night of every month beginning at 6:30 pm the men of Wellborn Baptist Church and their friends join together to eat and worship together with a special speaker and music. You are invited to come and bring a dessert. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, Fl. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at www.wellbornbaptist.com. (No meeting through the summer, will start again in September)

Boy Scout Troop 693 meets

at the Live Oak Shrine Club, 11595 100th Street, Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 p. m. This building is just east of US 129 south, on the same road as the Suwannee Valley Elec. Co-op. Membership is open to all boys 11-17 years old. Come join us for having fun with monthly camping, as well as week-long winter and summer camps! Parents are encouraged to participate as adult leaders, committee members and merit badge counselors.

Wellborn Community Association (WCA) -

Meets second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Wellborn Community Center, 1340 - 8th Avenue, Wellborn. For info contact Wendell Snowden, 386-963-1157, follow us on Facebook, or see www.wellborncommunityassociation.com. A Blueberry Pancake Breakfast is held the first Saturday of each month serving blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The Annual Blueberry Festival is held on the first Friday & Saturday of June.

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107 hosting Wall of Honor

The Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107 is hosting a Wall of Honor. If you have a friend or relative that is currently in active duty of any of the military branches, we would like to honor him/her by posting a picture and name on our Wall of Honor. It will be located in the American Legion main hall on post 107, the same building bingo is currently held. Please send name, rank and branch of service, along with current photograph, to Teri Hamilton, Americanism Committee Chairman, Legion Auxiliary, 12364 146th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida 32060. 386-362-7978.

Addiction Support Group

Greater Visions faith-based addictions support group meets weekly in two locations. Meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in Lake City at the Christ Central Church building on Sister's Welcome Road. The group also meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Live Oak at the Suwannee Coalition office located at 208 North Ohio Ave. This group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Come experience the freedom from addictions that is found in Christ. Greater Visions is an outreach of Christ Central but open to anyone. For more information contact 386-208-1345.

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church The 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning at 11, there is a senior luncheon with a special speaker and music. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, Fl. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at www.wellbornbaptist.com.

Lake Park Line Dancers

offer beginner lessons Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:15 pm. at Lake Park United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall on Hwy 41 S. at S. Essa Street. For info call (229)455-2267.

LINE DANCE

Lessons at Uncle Freddy's, Lake Park next to KOA Office Across from Outlet Mall I-75 at Twin Lakes Blvd. (Hwy. 376) 5274 Jewell Futch Rd. 2nd Friday/mo. 7 - 8 pm., 4th Saturday/mo. 7 - 8 pm. For more information contact: talbot483@gmail.com or call: 229/455-2267

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Glamalicious

A day to shop shamelessly for all the things fabulous and remember why you love being a girl. Event to be held at Camp Weed Youth Pavilion Saturday, Sept. 10 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Door prises, local vendors, free samples, free tastings and other great goodies. Sponsored by The Suwannee Democrat. For more infor call Monja Slater at 386-362-1734 or email: monja.slater@gaflnews.com

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Pickin' & Grinnin' every Saturday

6 p.m. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park If you play an ocoustic instrument or just like to sit and listen to good Country, Gospel or Blue Grass music, come on out to the Pickin' shed in the loop camping area. Pot luck dinners the third Saturday of each month. Join us --- its fun ---- its free! Sponsored by Suwannee River Bluegrass Association.

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak

is available for rentals on Saturdays until 11 p.m. Is there a baby shower, wedding reception, holiday party or other event coming up? Please call Richard or Shirley Tomac at 362-4508 to reserve your date and time. Make a wonderful memory.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS -

The "Trip to Recovery Group" meets Saturdays at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1391 SW 11th St. in the Fellowship Hall (on 136 across from the hospital. Contact: Joan C. (386) 362-3615.

Weatherization funding available

Funding is available for Home Repairs in Suwannee County. Families must meet income eligibility requirements for services. Examples of weatherizing repairs that could be available are installation of doors, windows, insulation, hot water heaters and window air conditioners. For more information, please call the local Suwannee River Economic, Inc. at (386) 362-6079.

Free English Classes -

Clases de Ingles - Gratis, aprenden, Pronunciacion, Conversacion -Clases empiesan el 8 de Agosto, 2011, cada lunes y jueves, 7 -9 p.m. Maestra Felicia Doty y el equipo, 386-249-0096. Las clases van estar en la Iglesia Episcopal, San Lukas, 1391 SW 11th St., (Se encuenntra la Iglesia en frente del hospital en Live Oak).

Senior Citizens meet the first Monday

of each month in the west annex of the Suwannee Co. Coliseum. If you are fifty years old or older or disabled. The dues are $5 per year. Each member is to bring a covered dish to each meeting. We will be having drawings for gifts which include complimentary visits for two a different restaurants. Door prizes will be given. There will be bingo after the meal. Also, there are trips planned for this group. Please call 330-6319 if you have any questions. Please put Senior Citizens meetings on the first Monday of each month on your calendar. Come join us and enjoy great friends and wonderful fellowship.

Live Oak Elks Lodge #1165 Bingo

Monday and Thursday nights 7-10 p.m. Card sales begin at 6 p.m., $20 minimum payout-30 games played - $250 Progressives --2 Last game winner take all (Monday dob all odd numbers - Thursday all even numbers. Bring a new player-get a free dobber or free paper. Is it your birthday? Get free dobber or paper must show I.D. Live Oak Elks Lodge #1165, 415 East Howard St. Live Oak, Fla. Phone 386-362-1165, e-mail elks1165@.net

Cub Scout Pack No. 408-

Tiger, Wolf, Bears and Webelos dens (grades one - five) - every Thursday, Aug.-May only; 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Church of the Nazarene.

Suwannee County Open Market

Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Thursdays 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Suwannee County Historical Museum, North Highway 129. Live Oak. Shop fresh, shop local for farm fresh produce, flowers, plants, herbs, baked goods, coffee, locally produced honey, jellies, jams, soaps, arts and crafts and more. We accept State of Florida WIC/FMNP coupons. All vendors welcome. Call 386-362-1776 or 386-364-4560 for more information.

Mothers of Preschoolers

(MOPS) Meeting - Meets second and fourth Tuesday of every month (August-May) at First Baptist Church of Live Oak @ 9:30 am. MOPS International exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader. Breakfast and childcare are provided. www.mops.org.

Family history book

I am putting together a family history book on the descendants of Stephen, William & Sarah Ann Grant. Surnames include Grant, Hewitt, Adams, Land, McCray, McClamma & any other related. If you would like to submit information or photos or are interested, please contact Cher Newell at 386-209-1559 or 386-364-1608.

Please sign up to volunteer to help with the sale at the library.

The Suwannee County Friends of the Library is a volunteer booster organization for libraries of Suwannee County. Through membership and fundraisers, such as The Great Book Sale, thousands of dollars have been donated to enhance and provide for library services. Furniture, staff training, books, videos, special children's programs and even major contributions to the construction of the Live Oak and Branford Libraries have been supported by the Suwannee County Friends of the Library.
Betsy Bergman, President of the Suwannee County Friends of the Library, 386/842-2953.

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FREE SUNDAY LUNCH

For the past several months a group headed up by Pat and JoAnn Lynch have been serving a free lunch at the community center in Live Oak the last Sunday of the month. This past month we fed around 300 children and families. We support this project by selling donated items at the Flea Market in Lake City. We have cleaned out all of our closets, garages and are now in need of items to be donated to this cause. We also need volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to donate garage sale items you may contact Pat and Jo Ann Lynch at (386) 935-1076 or Roger Burnside at (386) 935-3343.

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