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Former Lake County resident Phil Baran is a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship recipient.

magazine. "When I went to school I was a terrible student," Baran told the magazine. "I remember not being very interested and I wasn't really good at anything. I just liked to play and build Legos. I wasn't very good with social skills. . . I was pretty much not good at anything."

Not until high school and a move to Central Florida did Baran realize his special skills, Forbes is reporting. His Mount Dora High School guidance counselor urged him during sophomore year to take an

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Staff report

By his own admission, Phil Baran wasn't a very good student until his Mount Dora High School guidance counselor gave him a little direction.

That was about 20 years ago. Today, he's Dr. Baran and a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship recipi-

ent with \$625,000 to spend over the next five years on science projects that interest him. Some journalists refer to the fellowship as a "genius award."

Baran was born in 1977 in Denville, N.J., about 40 miles from New York City. But his early childhood bore no inkling of his future interest in chemistry, according to a story Wednesday in the online version of *Forbes*

Tropical Storm Karen threatens Gulf Coast

KEVIN MCGILL and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

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From a tiny, vulnerable island off the Louisiana coast to the beaches of the Florida Panhandle, Gulf Coast residents prepared Thursday for a possible hit from Tropical Storm Karen, which threatened to become the first named tropical system to menace the United States this year.

Karen was forecast to lash the northern Gulf Coast over the weekend as a weak hurricane or tropical storm. A hurricane watch was in effect from Grand Isle, La.,

to west of Destin. A tropical storm warning was issued for the Louisiana coast from Grand Isle to the mouth of the Pearl River, including the New Orleans area.

In Alabama, safety workers hoisted double red flags at Gulf Shores because of rip currents ahead of the storm.

In Mississippi, Gov. Phil Bryant declared a state of emergency, urging residents to prepare. State

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Police shoot, kill driver after Capitol Hill chase

BRADLEY KLAPPER and LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A woman with a 1-year-old girl led Secret Service and police on a harrowing car chase from the White House past the Capitol Thursday, attempting to penetrate the security barriers at both national landmarks before she was shot to death, police said. The child survived.

"I'm pretty confident this was not an accident," said Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier. Still, Capitol Police said there appeared to be no terrorist link. Authorities would not say whether the woman had been armed.

Tourists, congressional staff and even some senators watched as a caravan of law enforce-

ment vehicles chase a black Infiniti with Connecticut license plates down Constitution Avenue outside the Capitol. House and Senate lawmakers, inside debating how to end a government shutdown, briefly shuttered their chambers as Capitol Police shut down the building.

The woman's car at one point had been surrounded by police cars and she managed to escape, careening around a traffic circle and past the north side of the Capitol. Video shot by a TV cameraman

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EUSTIS

Student pilot crashes during solo flight

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A recording at the FAA office said someone will return calls after the federal shutdown is over.

A student pilot making his first solo flight in an ultralight aircraft crashed near the Eustis airport, just south of County Road 44 Thursday, but the government shutdown prevented federal aviation investigators from being able to go on scene to investigate the crash.

Lake County Sheriff's Office said the pilot was airlifted to Orlando Re-

gional Medical Center in stable condition, but his identity and his condition were not released. Media outlets are reporting the only person in the aircraft was a man in his late 30s or early 40s.

Witness Dana Waltrip told WFTV the ultralight's engine cut off just moments before it crashed in a pasture.

Emergency crews received a call just after

8:30 a.m. that a small plane crashed in a field along Airport Road. Sgt. James Vachon, spokesman for LCSO, initially expected the Federal Aviation Administration to send an investigator, but he said that changed as a result of the government shutdown.

"The FAA has informed us that they decided not to send an investigator to the scene and gave

approval for the plane to be removed," Vachon said. "While they are not sending an investigator to the scene, my understanding is they are still opening an investigation."

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An employee at the Eustis airport said that the pilot was making his first solo flight when the crash occurred.

Safe pols settle in for shutdown

Charles Babington
Associated Press

The government shutdown could last for many days or even weeks because politically safe lawmakers in both parties feel little pressure to compromise.

Heavily gerrymandered districts make many House Democrats and Republicans virtual shoo-ins for re-election, insulating them from everything but the views in their slice of the country. That means some law-

makers can be greeted as heroes back home even if nationally the budget standoff comes to be viewed with scorn.

For decades, lawmakers have redrawn congressional boundaries to pack districts with like-minded people and ensure easy re-election for incumbents. But election results and lawmakers' voting patterns show that the House is more sharply divided along party lines than perhaps at any other point in modern times.

"After every census and reapportionment, the blue districts get bluer and the red districts get redder," said former Rep. Steve LaTourette, R-Ohio, using the colorful terms for liberal and conservative districts. "It's against their electoral interests," he said, for lawmakers from such districts to move toward the center rather than feed "red meat" to their most ideological constituents.

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J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / AP

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., walks to the chamber as Congress continues to struggle with the government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington.



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TAVARES

Wings and Wildflowers Festival set to start today

Birders, native plant enthusiasts and families are invited to take part in the Lake County Economic Development and Tourism Department's second annual Wings and Wildflowers Festival, today through Sunday, at Hickory Point Recreational Park, 27341 State Road 19, Tavares.

Unique birding and wildflower programs during the festival will feature acclaimed speakers, authors, birding and native plant experts, and a host of eco-friendly opportunities for nature lovers and outdoor adventurers.

For information, go to www.WingsAndWildflowers.com.

LEESBURG

Gator Harley-Davidson to host community blood drive

Save a life by donating blood at an all day community blood drive event at Gator Harley-Davidson, 1745 U.S. Highway 441 in Leesburg, Saturday.

The Big Red Bus will be on hand and when you donate you will receive a gift bag with free vouchers from local merchants and more.

Donors can also participate in the open house event at Gator Harley-Davidson with great food, live music and a big sale on Harley-Davidson licensed products.

For information, call Gator Harley at 352-787-8050, or go to www.gatorharley.com.

TAVARES

Class of 1983 graduates sought for 30th reunion

Tavares High School graduates from the class of 1983 are sought for the upcoming 30th class reunion on Oct. 11-13.

For information, former graduates can email Ivy Marvin King at Ivyflowert@aol.com, or call 352-267-2582.

MOUNT DORA

City to host ceremony for streetscape project

City officials in Mount Dora will host a reopening ceremony to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the downtown streetscape project in Mount Dora during a ceremony at 4 p.m., today.

The ceremony will also include the rededication of Childs Park as "Sunset Park" and will showcase the newly redesigned Sunset Park, pedestrian mall and a new public art piece that will be unveiled.

The second phase of the streetscape project will begin in May 2014.

For information, go to www.cityof-mountdora.com.

LEESBURG

Ghost walks, historical tours to begin in October

The Leesburg ghost walks and historical tours begin in October and will run at 7 and 8 p.m., every Friday and Saturday, allowing guests to take a stroll around downtown Leesburg learning the about the stories that have forged Lake County history.

The 60-90 minute, 1.25 mile lantern-led walk begins at 310 W. Main St., and tickets are \$10 a person.

For reservations and information, call 352-430-4972.

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SUMTERVILLE

Alleged child molester claims memory loss

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The sexual battery trial of a 69-year-old Sumter County man, accused of repeatedly raping a child, has been postponed after the defendant claimed during a pretrial hearing Thursday he suffers from a combination of dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

The trial for Carl Geer, of Sumterville, had been scheduled to start Monday, but the Sumter County judge decided it would be continued at least until a psychological evaluation is conducted on the suspect.

Prosecutors said the results of the evaluation could determine if Geer should be ruled incompetent to stand trial. And if so,

he could be committed to a mental hospital for treatment before being sent back to trial if found competent at a later date.

Angelina Rodeo, the assistant state attorney who's prosecuting the case, said they are unaware of any documented history of Geer suffering from memory loss.

"We believe he is competent, but we will see what the evaluation says," said Rodeo, walking out of the Sumter County courthouse Tuesday morning.

According an arrest affidavit, Geer had been sexually assaulting the girl since she was about 9 years old. The allegations came to light in April of last year,



GEER

after a school bus the child was riding in was struck by a vehicle near Bushnell.

An arrest affidavit stated the child's cousin rushed to Geer's home, which the defendant shared with the victim and her mother, to check on the child's safety and allegedly found Geer on top of her in bed. The child told relatives Geer forced her to have sex when they were alone and told her the Department of Children and Families would take her if she told anyone.

Geer was arrested on four counts of sexual battery and remains in jail without bond. He was charged with witness tam-

pering about a month later after allegedly phoning the child despite a restraining order.

According to court records, Geer has written Judge William Hallman about a dozen letters, at least once claiming the family set him up. In his latest letter, received by the courthouse Aug. 21 of this year, Geer claims he has a history of memory loss, blackout spells and heart problems. It took eight pages to list various medications he said he has taken.

Geer said a stomach operation left him with memory loss.

In his letters, he also criticizes his public defenders and told of crimes he believes his fellow inmates have committed in jail.



AP FILE PHOTO

Voters mark their ballots for an election in Jacksonville.

Election chief tries to win support for purge

GARY FINEOUT and
MELISSA NELSON-GABRIEL
Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Undeterred by criticism that Florida is targeting minority voters, the state's top election official on Thursday kicked off an effort to win over skeptical election supervisors about a revived plan to remove non-U.S. citizens from the state's voter rolls.

Secretary of State Ken Detzner met with 15 county election officials from the Panhandle where he and other state election officials tried to reassure them that this year's effort to identify voters will go more smoothly than the 2012 attempt that drew lawsuits and fierce criticism.

But top Democrats, including U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz,

are already criticizing the move as a "political ploy" by Gov. Rick Scott to intimidate valid voters.

Wasserman Schultz said the small number of invalid voters found previously did not justify all the time spent launching a new search. She insisted that the real reason Florida says it is going after non-U.S. citizens is to dissuade minority voters, including Hispanics, from voting next year when Scott is up for re-election.

"It is designed to intimidate real voters from going to the polls and casting their ballot," Wasserman Schultz said.

It was Scott that first pushed to have the state look for non-U.S. citizens on the rolls. The state initially compared a list of driver's licenses

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DETZNER

Teen accepts plea deal in sex case

Associated Press

VERO BEACH — A Florida teen accused of having sex with her underage girlfriend accepted a plea deal Thursday that her attorney says is in her best interest.

Kaitlyn Hunt, 19, pleaded no contest to battery, interference with child custody and contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.

Hunt was charged in February with having sex with a 14-year-old female schoolmate. Hunt was 18 at the time. A previous plea deal was withdrawn in August following allegations that Hunt exchanged thousands of texts with the girl and sent her nude photos. A judge revoked her bond, sending her to jail. Prosecutors added a charge of transmit-

ting material harmful to a minor.

Under the terms of Thursday's deal, Hunt will stay in jail until mid-December but won't have to register as a sex offender. She is prohibited from having contact with her girlfriend, faces probation and must perform 150 hours of community service.

Her attorney, A. Julia Graves, said in a letter to *Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers* that Hunt's goal after completing the conditions of her deal would be to work toward changing the law so that teens attending the same school can't be prosecuted for having sexual relationships, regardless of sexual orientation.

"Kaitlyn, her family, friends and supporters never want to see another teenager in this kind of situation," Graves said.

Car of man missing since 1986 pulled from canal

Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA — The car of a man who went missing nearly 27 years ago has been pulled from a southwest Florida canal.

The *News-Press* reports that Charlotte County workers pulled Terrance Paul Beghin's 1982 white Chevrolet Corvette from a Punta Gorda canal Thursday morning.

Beghin was 26 when he went missing in November 1986.

Witnesses said at the time Beghin was slightly depressed and uncharacteristically reckless when he left home to go for a drive. He also appeared to be drunk despite the fact he was diabetic.

On Thursday, detectives said it didn't appear Beghin was inside the vehicle.

WILDWOOD

Pantless man faces battery charge

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A 69-year-old Plant City man was arrested after allegedly stopping at a McDonald's restaurant drive-thru in Wildwood with no pants on and trying to make an employee touch him.

Steve Orville Clemons was charged with battery and placed in the Sumter County jail in lieu of \$500 bail. The incident occurred last week.

According to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, the McDonald's employee initially didn't notice the driver was not wearing pants. Lt. Bobby Caruthers, sheriff's spokesman, said when the employee gave the man his change back, she noticed he was performing a sexual act on himself.

He then reportedly grabbed her hand and attempted to pull it into his vehicle towards his crotch. The employee closed the window and called 911.

Caruthers said deputies spotted the vehicle about five minutes later at a nearby gas station — where Clemons was still inside with a T-shirt over his crotch



CLEMONS

OBITUARIES

Harriett June Callahan

Harriett June Callahan, 79, of Leesburg, Florida, was born May 28, 1934 in Independence, New York and died Tuesday, October 1, 2013. She is survived by her daughter, Cathy (Charles) Briggs; four sons, Michael Callahan, Robert (Barbara) Callahan, Shawn Callahan, Kevin (Rene) Callahan; fifteen grandchildren: Christopher Kuykendall, Carrie (Rob) Turner, Abigail Briggs, Angela Callahan, Devon (Rene) Callahan, Molly Callahan, Tyler and Casey Briggs, Jamie, Lisa, Kelli, Rachael, Justin, Jessica Callahan and Genevieve Robarge; four great

grandchildren; brother, Lawrence (Marilyn) Comfort; sister, Betty Harwood and several nieces and nephews. Harriett is predeceased by her husband, John; her parents, William Burr and Harriett Comfort; her aunt and uncle, Carrie and Reuben Waldorf who raised her since birth; four brothers and four sisters. Harriett worked at the Olean Medical Group in Olean, NY for 10 years and various other places in that area. She and her husband moved to Houston, TX in 1979 where she was employed by the Texas State Department of Transportation for 17 years, retiring in August 1996. After her husband's retirement, they traveled throughout the United States in their motor home for three years and then settled in

a retirement community in Leesburg, FL. They enjoyed country music, dancing, traveling and collecting teddy bears and bells. Visitation will be Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10-11AM with a service at 11.00 AM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg. Inurnment will be in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to a charity of choice or Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

Vertie Mae Lewis

Vertie Mae Lewis, 93, of Webster, passed away on Tuesday, Octo-

ber 1, 2013. She lived a long and busy life making a home for her family and working outside the home over the years in a shirt factory, canning plant, purse factory, shoe factory, and electronic plant. She was also a charter member of SCARC. Mrs. Lewis loved music and enjoyed her church, the Linden Church of God, where she was a member for many years, as well as attending Gant Lake Baptist Church. She was a talented seamstress who took pride in her work while making quilts, Christmas stockings, and aprons for family members and friends. She is survived by her daughters, Ophelia Tucker, and Rachel Dobson; grandchildren, Michelle Tucker, Michael Tucker, James Dobson, Tommy Dobson, and

Reasa Lewis; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Hazel Brown, and Myrtle Driggers. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Dotson Lewis in 2006. A Visitation will be held at the Linden Church of God on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 11-12 pm. Services will follow at 12:00 pm. Interment will follow at Linden Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.purcellfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, FL.

Margaret McCarthy

Ms. Margaret McCarthy was born February 09, 1936. A long time residence of Leesburg, FL and formerly of Jasper, FL. Margaret passed from this earthly walk of life Friday, September 27, 2013 at her

residence in Leesburg, FL. She will be greatly missed by her family and many sorrowing friends. Home going celebration will be 3:00 P.M. Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Jesus The Living Word of Deliverance Church, Jasper, FL. Kathy Hawkins is the pastor, and Min. Tyrone White will officiate. Burial will follow in the Friendship Cemetery, Jasper, FL. The McCarthy family will receive other relatives and sorrowing friends from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. this evening at Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Jasper, Florida. Professional Mortuary Services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held October 10, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Goodwill Baptist Church, 2330 Olivet Ave. Leesburg, Florida.

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TV pitchman may avoid jail due to government shutdown

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A television pitchman accused of misleading viewers about his weight-loss books during his late-night infomercials could avoid jail — for now — because of the partial federal government shutdown.

A U.S. judge in Chicago was set to decide Friday whether to jail Kevin Trudeau, 50, for failing to pay a \$37 mil-

lion civil judgment. But the court agreed to delay the hearing after Federal Trade Commission attorneys said they weren't getting paid.

To counter Trudeau's claim he's destitute and so can't pay, the FTC lawyers presented evidence he has recently spent \$920 on cigars and \$359 on two haircuts. After a brief stint in jail last month, they argued he still is not being forthcoming about his global assets.

Trudeau's case is one of several in the Chicago-area U.S. court system delayed by the shutdown, and courts in the other 93 federal districts around the country have faced similar delays, said Tom Bruton, the clerk for the Northern District of Illinois — one of the nation's busiest courts. There are nearly 10,000 civil and around 1,000



KEVIN TRUDEAU

criminal cases pending in the district, he said.

Delays in the Northern District also were expected because many of the some 30 prosecutors assigned to civil cases were furloughed, prosecutors' spokesman Randall Samborn said earlier this week. Criminal prosecutors stayed on the job.

A prolonged shutdown could further exacerbate delays, Bruton said. The normal flow revenue is already

cut off to the Chicago-based courthouse by the shutdown. It and other districts around the country have been able to sustain near-normal operations by drawing on \$400 fees paid into the system whenever someone files a new civil case, Bruton said. About 1,000 new cases a month are filed in Chicago.

In Trudeau's case, Judge Robert Gettleman had already sent Trudeau to jail for a single night last month. And he warned he could order him to jail again at Friday's hearing for not fully accounting for his assets.

But in a filing days before the hearing, the FTC asked for an indefinite delay until an agreement on the federal budget is resolved and the shutdown over. The judge granted the motion Wednesday.

VOTERS

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with voter registration data and came up with a list of 180,000 voters suspected of not being citizens.

That list was pared back — to more than 2,600 registered voters — and sent to county election officials last year. Many election supervisors, however, did not wind up removing anyone after questions arose about the law and the accuracy of the list. Some citizens wound up on the list.

Florida then reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security to screen names on a federal immigration database. That yielded a list of nearly 200 names, including some people who had voted.

The state was ordered to halt its search for non-U.S. citizens because of a lawsuit filed by voting rights groups. After a key U.S. Supreme Court decision this summer, Detzner said the state would resume its effort to find non-U.S. citizens.

During Thursday's meeting, one state official acknowledged "false starts and missteps." But some supervisors said this year's proposal — which includes several steps to

re-check the information — is better than the one used last year. Still, questions were raised questions on how often the federal immigration database is updated to see whether or not someone has become a naturalized citizen.

Ion Sancho, the Leon County supervisor of elections, anticipates there will be glitches and problems using the federal database for years to come.

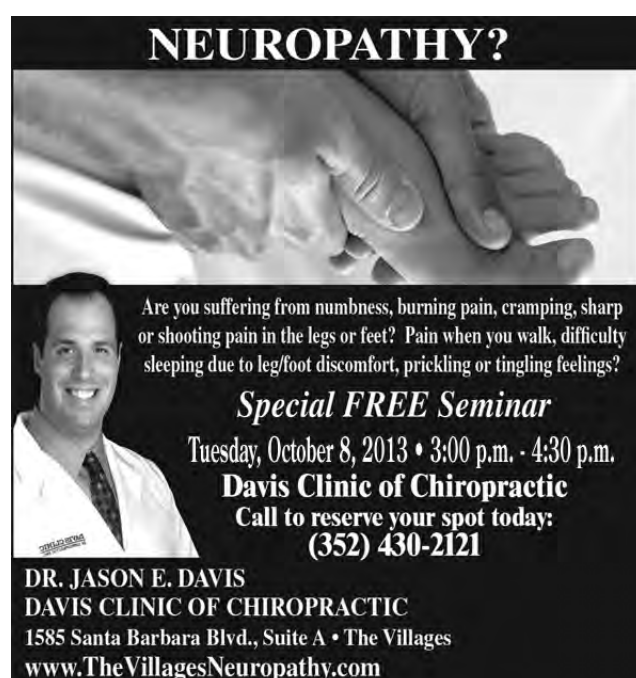
Detzner did take time to answer questions to him that were written down. Several questions focused on whether the state really has a problem with non-citizens voting. Detzner said there is no data on that but it is his job to follow the law and the law states that non-citizens are not eligible to vote.

Sue Carol Elvin, a Bay County resident, received applause from the audience when she told Detzner that she believes Florida is going back to the days of Jim Crow.

Elvin, who is white, said she grew up in the segregated Panhandle.

"My parents didn't protest, but they always told me things would be better one day in my time," she said. "It just pains me to see us go back."

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Shutdown jeopardizes nutrition program for poor

MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Jacob Quick is a fat and happy 4-month-old with a big and expensive appetite. His mother, like millions of other poor women, relies on the federal Women, Infants and Children program to pay for infant formula — aid that is now jeopardized by the government shutdown.

Pennsylvania and other states say they can operate WIC at least through the end of October, easing fears among officials that it would run out of money within days. But advocates and others worry what will happen if the shutdown drags on beyond that.

“What’s going to happen to my baby?” asked Jacob’s mother, Cierra Schoeneberger, as she fed him a bottle of formula bought with her WIC voucher. “Am I going to have to feed him regular milk, or am I going to have to scrounge up the little bit of change I do have for formula or even baby food?”

WIC serves nearly 9 million mothers and young children, providing what advocates say is vital nutrition that poor families might otherwise be unable to afford.

Schoeneberger, for example, said her son goes through about \$40 worth of formula a week. “It’s like a car payment,” said the unemployed mother of three.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Pro-

gram for Women, Infants and Children — better known as WIC — supplies low-income women with checks or debit cards that can be used for infant formula and cereal, fruits and vegetables, dairy items and other healthy food. WIC also provides breast-feeding support and nutrition classes. Poor women with children under 5 are eligible.

Just before the shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture had warned that states would run out of WIC cash after a “week or so.” Now the agency says WIC should be able to provide benefits through late October, with states using \$100 million in federal contingency money released Wednesday and \$280 million in unspent funds from the last budget year.

If the aid dries up, desperate moms will probably dilute their babies’ formula with water to make it last longer, or simply give them water or milk, said the Rev. Douglas A. Greenaway, head of the National WIC Association, an advocacy group. Pediatricians say children under 1 shouldn’t drink cow’s milk because they can develop iron deficiency anemia.

“These mothers have trust and confidence in this program, and that trust and confidence has been shaken by Congress,” Greenaway said. “This is just unconscionable.”

Groups that fight hun-



JAE C. HONG / AP

Carlos Rodriguez kisses his 2-year-old daughter Diana, who relies on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children while waiting for his wife outside a WIC office, in Los Angeles. WIC aid is now in jeopardy because of the partial government shutdown.

ger say they are also concerned about the confusion that needy mothers may be feeling. Though most WIC offices are open, many mothers mistakenly assumed that benefits were cut off.

Advocates are also worried that there will be a cumulative effect as other, smaller government feeding programs run out of money.

Adding to the uncertainty: While USDA has said that food stamps are guaranteed to continue through October, it is unclear what will happen after that.

In Pennsylvania, whose \$208 million WIC program supports 250,000 women and children, all local WIC offices remain open and benefits are being dispensed as usual. The state Health Department said it has \$25.5 million on hand to con-

tinue operating the program through October. Ohio said it has enough money to last through the second week of November.

“Ohio WIC is open for business!” proclaimed the headline on a state website.

Utah’s WIC program, though, immediately closed its doors Tuesday in the wake of the government shutdown, meaning that families who hadn’t already received their October vouchers were out of luck and new applications couldn’t be processed. The state got \$2.5 million in USDA funding on Thursday, and WIC offices throughout the state planned to reopen by noon Friday.

Charitable groups were already filling the void. A Facebook group called “The People’s WIC — Utah” was launched hours after WIC offic-

es closed, matching up families in need with those able to donate formula and other food.

In Layton, about 25

miles north of Salt Lake City, a donation drive was planned for Saturday, with organizers asking for fresh fruits and vegetables, unopened baby formula and other necessities.

Food banks, meanwhile, are bracing for a surge in requests for help if WIC runs out of money.

Linda Zimmerman, executive director of Neighbors In Need, which runs 11 food banks in Massachusetts, said her organization already provides a lot of baby formula to its clients, most of whom get WIC aid as well.

“I think they’re truly nervous,” Zimmerman said. “We’re going to have to be doing a lot of work to make sure we can keep up with need for infant formula.”



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SHUTDOWN

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Many House Republicans insist that President Barack Obama curtail all or part of his landmark health care law, which they call “Obamacare.” But Democrats, who control the Senate, say it’s preposterous to yield ground on a major accomplishment that survived a Supreme Court challenge and Obama’s 2012 re-election.

Both sides appear unwilling to budge, thanks to lawmakers’ ideological beliefs and the strong support they generally receive from voters back home.

“It might be that both sides are backed into a corner so far that it’s hard to get out of,” said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho. “Obama is not going to give up on Obamacare, for either a delay or defunding it,” he said. “And I don’t see how we can give up on trying.”

Constituents calling and emailing his office, Simpson said, generally oppose both the shutdown and the Obama health law. He said the government shutdown could last at least two weeks, which would overlap with the more consequential question of whether to raise the U.S. debt limit to avoid defaulting on obligations.

Like many Republicans, Simpson said the GOP will have more political leverage on the debt ceiling because the stakes will be so high. The White House calls that an irresponsible and unacceptable strat-

egy, and it vows not to negotiate on something that could rock financial markets worldwide and trigger a new recession.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., fully endorsed that view Thursday. He said no conditions can be attached to a “clean” extension of government funding and a hike in the nation’s borrowing capacity. If that forces House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to rely on Democratic votes and possibly lose his speakership to angry conservatives, Reid told reporters, then so be it.

Interviews with House Republicans and Democrats expose the ideological chasm that separates them, and the self-assurance of politicians strongly favored to win next year’s election, regardless of the shutdown outcome. One side’s reasonableness is the other side’s absurdity.

“Something that is very reasonable is for us to give them a one-year CR in exchange for a one-year delay” in the entire health law’s implementation, said Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho. A “CR” is a continuing resolution, which would extend government funding at current levels.

Labrador won his last election with 63 percent of the vote, and Obama lost Idaho to Mitt Romney by a 2-to-1 margin.

Democrats scoff at Labrador’s suggestion.

“The only way this ends is when the speaker allows the full House to work its will,” said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., who took 63 per-

cent of the vote in his last election. “We could pass a clean CR, to keep the government funded, today,” he said, if Boehner would allow all House members to vote.

Thus far, Democrats have opposed Boehner almost unanimously, saying he has made no meaningful concessions. That leaves Boehner at the mercy of his 232-member GOP caucus, where conservative hardliners prevent him from passing any measure they oppose.

In past decades, congressional leaders often crafted bipartisan solutions in the political center to resolve tough issues. Then, however, more House members came from politically competitive districts. Taking a more centrist, cooperative stand often helped these lawmakers win re-election.

Now, far more House members come from firmly conservative or firmly liberal districts. Their only election vulnerability is in their party’s primaries, when ideological purists might accuse them of being unacceptably cooperative with the other side.

The previous two government shutdowns, in the mid-1990s, ended fairly quickly.

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Staff Writer - Curt Lentz

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- Tim Moore
General Manager

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from 9:15am - 5:45pm and Sunday, October 6th from 12:15pm - 4:45pm. It will be open to the public, and promises to be the biggest thing Mt. Dora has ever seen!

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Advantage Chrysler Dodge Jeep located at 18311 US HWY 441 in Mt. Dora. Any phone calls should be directed to Tim Moore at 352-735-3777.

CHASE

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showed police pointing firearms at her car before she rammed a Secret Service vehicle and continued driving. Lanier said police shot and killed her a block northeast of the historic building.

One Secret Service member and a 23-year veteran of the Capitol Police were injured. Officials said they are in good condition and expected to recover.

"This appears to be an isolated, singular matter, with, at this point, no nexus to terrorism," said Capitol Police Chief Kim Dine.

Authorities did not immediately identify the driver of the car. Stamford, Conn., May-



ALHURRA TELEVISION

This image from video provided by Alhurra Television shows police with guns drawn surrounding a black Infiniti near the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Thursday. A woman with a young child inside tried to ram through a White House barricade, then led police on a chase toward the Capitol, where police shot and killed her, witnesses and officials said.

or Michael Pavia said the FBI was executing a search warrant at a Stamford address in connection with the in-

vestigation. Police officers had cordoned off a condominium building and the surrounding neighborhood in the shoreline city.

The pursuit began when the car sped onto a driveway leading to the White House, over a set of lowered barricades. When the driver couldn't get through a second barrier, she spun the car in the opposite direction, flipping a Secret Service officer over the hood of the car as she sped away, said B.J. Campbell, a tourist from Portland, Ore.

Then the chase began.

"The car was trying to get away. But it was going over the median and over the curb," said Matthew Coursen, who was watching from a cab window when the Infiniti sped by him. "The car got boxed in and that's when I saw an officer of some kind draw his weapon and

fire shots into the car."

Police shot and killed the driver just outside the Hart Senate Office Building, where many senators have their offices. Dine said an officer took the child from the car to a hospital. She is in good condition under protective custody, officials said.

A few senators between the Capitol and their office buildings said they heard the shots.

"We heard three, four, five pops," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. Police ordered Casey and nearby tourists to crouch behind a car for protection, then hustled everyone into the Capitol.

Others witnessed the incident, too.

"There were multiple shots fired and the air was filled with gunpowder," said Berin Szoka, whose office at a technology think tank overlooks the shooting scene.

The shooting comes two weeks after a mentally disturbed employee terrorized the Navy Yard with a shotgun, leaving 13 people dead including the gunman.

Before the disruption, lawmakers had been trying to find common ground to end a government shutdown. The House had just finished approving legislation aimed at partly lifting the government shutdown by paying National Guard and Reserve members.

Capitol Police on the plaza around the Capitol said they were working without pay as the result of the shutdown.

Associated Press writers Adam Goldman, Mark Sherman, Philip Elliott, Jesse Holland, David Espo, Alan Fram, Eric Tucker, Brett Zongker, Donna Cassata and Henry C. Jackson in Washington, Michael Melia in Hartford, Conn., and John Christoffersen in Stamford, Conn., contributed to this report.

Extremists make connections after Kenya attack

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — The Westgate Mall attack in Kenya threw the spotlight on al-Shabab, a Somalia-based group of Islamic militants that claimed responsibility. But its relationship with al-Hijra, a relatively obscure cell of extremists in Kenya, represents what terrorism analysts say is a worrying trend in Africa: an increase in collaboration among religious radicals across borders and vast, poorly policed regions.

For now, the experts say, this networking lets militant groups in Africa aid one another in the face of pressure from security forces, but doesn't entail a coordinated, continent-wide strategy that could sideline the local agendas they hold dear. The fear is that the more these groups talk to each other, the more people they will kill as they thwart efforts to contain them.

"It is the growing connectivity between some of these groups that is starting to form a network across Africa which could be very, very dangerous," Gen. Carter Ham, then chief of the U.S. military's Africa Command, said in December. Ham, who has since retired, warned at the time that al-Shabab and other like-minded outfits were increasingly working together in the fields of training, funding and weapons.

No evidence has yet emerged that shows such regional networking played a role

in the Sept. 21 Nairobi mall attack that killed at least 67 people. But some observers believe al-Hijra may have played a role in the mall attack, noting its close ties to Somali militants.

"It is really a close affiliate, a Kenyan part of al-Shabab," said Stig Jarle Hansen, a Norwegian academic who has written a book about al-Shabab.

Al-Shabab, which has pledged allegiance to al-Qaida, said the assault was payback for Kenya's military role in pushing back Islamic fighters in neighboring Somalia. The Kenyan police, meanwhile, may be going after suspected al-Hijra members at home.

Al-Hijra, formerly known as the Muslim Youth Center, has been "plagued by unexplained killings, disappearances, continuous 'catch and release' arrest raids and operational disruptions," the United Nations said in a July report on Somalia and Eritrea.

Human rights groups blame Kenyan police for the forced disappearances and executions.

"Al-Hijra is striving to regain the initiative, in part through its fighters in Somalia returning to conduct new and more complex operations and through strengthening its ties to other groups in the region," the U.N. report said. It said al-Hijra was building links with extremists in Tanzania, as well as al-Shabab affiliates in Rwanda and Burundi.



AP FILE PHOTO

This file image taken from video shows a foreign hostage who was among seven seized in Niger by an al-Qaida offshoot, according to a group that monitors terrorism.

UNSPECIFIED SITE STRATEGY NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 4, 2013
The City of Groveland
156 South Lake Avenue
Groveland, FL 34736

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 23, 2013, the City of Groveland will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to provide CDBG Housing Rehabilitation assistance to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) residents. The project includes rehabilitation, demolition/replacement (where necessary) and temporary relocation for a minimum of 9 LMI housing units. All housing units will be addressed in accordance with the current Florida Residential Building Code, relevant local housing codes (whichever is more stringent for each code-related item) and the City's adopted Housing Assistance Plan. All activities will be completed within the Jurisdiction Boundaries of the City of Groveland, FL. The estimated cost of construction is budgeted at \$540,000 for rehabilitation and/or demolition/replacement with \$12,500 available for temporary relocation. Additionally, \$97,500 has been budgeted for administration.

The City of Groveland has determined that the activities proposed in the Unspecified Site Strategy are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requirements. As eligible sites are located, a site specific checklist will be completed prior to the commitment of funds for each unit. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 156 South Lake Avenue, Groveland, FL 34736.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to James "Jim" Gearhart. Additional project information is contained in the ERR on file at City Hall, 156 South Lake Avenue, Groveland, FL 34736, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. All comments must be received by October 21, 2013. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Groveland requesting a release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Groveland certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Mayor James "Jim" Gearhart in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Groveland to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Groveland's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Groveland; (b) the City of Groveland has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Groveland to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Sleeping with baby can lead to a nightmare

A WISCONSIN LAWMAKER wants to make it a felony to harm or kill an infant by sleeping with it while intoxicated.

There's little doubt that sharing a bed with a baby after drinking or taking drugs increases the risk of the adult crushing or suffocating the infant. One study in the *British Medical Journal* several years ago said such behavior increased the risk of death by nearly half.

But the toll of unsafe sleep settings for babies goes far beyond the relatively rare situation of an impaired adult. One study of infant-death reviews, from 2005 to 2008, found that nearly half of the fatalities occurred when the baby was in a bed with an adult.

Every year in the United States, more than 4,000 babies up to 1 year old die suddenly and unexpectedly in their sleep. And researchers and death investigators say at least 90 percent of those deaths occur when a baby is not in an optimal setting: sleeping alone, on its back, in an uncluttered crib.

That's not to say a parent and baby can't ever share a bed. But before nodding off, adults need to get the infant into a crib. The American Academy of Pediatrics says sharing a room for convenience is fine, but not a bed.

Infant-safety advocates around the country have been working hard to teach moms and dads about safe sleep practices, but it takes a lot of repetition and grass-roots outreach to get the message out. Cultural influences, poverty, worries about safety in a bad neighborhood and other concerns must be assuaged.

A new study, out this week, indicates that more caregivers have started sleeping with babies within the past 20 years. Annual surveys of nearly 19,000 caregivers — 85 percent moms — found the percentage who shared a bed with a baby in the past two weeks rose from 6.5 in 1993 to 13.5 in 2010. Among blacks, the rate in 2010 was nearly 39 percent and 20.5 percent among Hispanics.

Wisconsin state Rep. Samantha Kerkman, a Republican, proposed her bill out of frustration with repeated tragedies. Already this year in Milwaukee, 10 babies or toddlers have died in an unsafe sleep setting. Several parents or caregivers have been charged under existing laws for co-sleeping while impaired. Similar charges have been filed in other states.

The proposed Wisconsin law also would require new parents to get safe-sleep counseling before leaving a hospital with their baby. Several other states already have adopted this step.

This might well save more lives than any new criminal penalty. Tiny babies simply aren't built to be in a big bed with others sleeping beside them. They need to be alone, on their backs and in a crib — simple as ABC.

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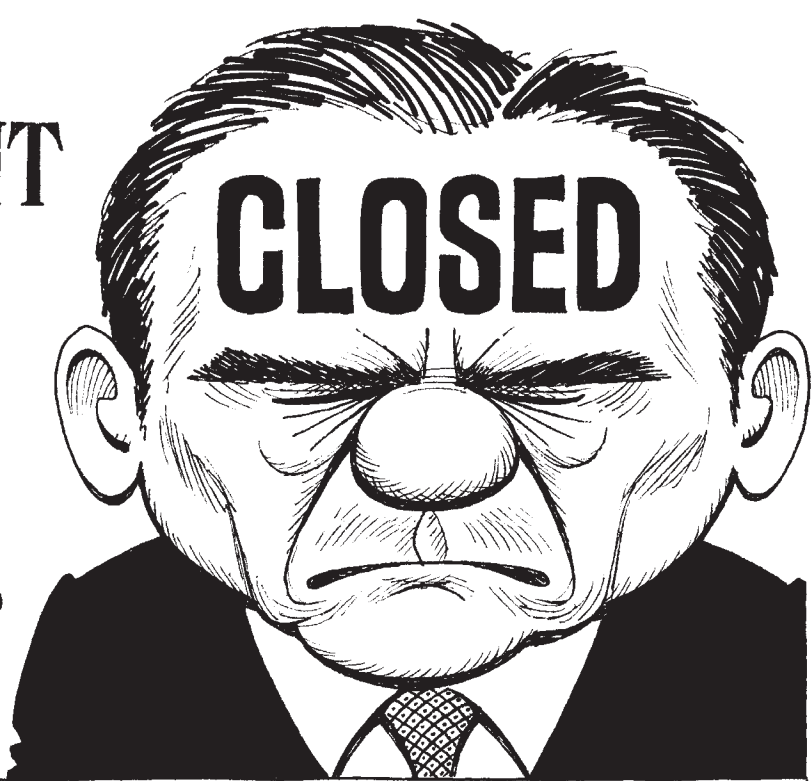
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OTHER VOICES

Congress' shutdown joke is no laughing matter

The humorist Will Rogers once compared Congress to the greatest comedic gathering in history. It's not difficult to imagine what he would think of that august body now as the national angst grows by leaps and bounds, thanks to a dysfunctional legislature.

The clowns who occupy Capitol Hill today not only are a collective joke, they seem determined to put us through a period of chaos with one purpose: to satisfy some vague ideological belief that we all would be better off back in the 1950s. At least some of those who obviously would like to undo the election of Barack Obama seem to feel that way.

Ostensibly, the fight is over health care reform, including those roughly 40 million Americans who don't have any insurance at the moment. But the intensity of their anger makes it is easy to believe there is something far more sinister at foot here that has overtones most of us don't like to think about in this modern age — a palpable dislike for the current president based on his uniqueness in history. It began almost immediately after his 2008 election to a first term.

House Republicans — and I'm including their weak-kneed, seemingly impotent leaders — are being dragged around by a rather small minority of so-called tea party enthusiasts who don't seem to care that a new Quinnipiac poll showed 74 percent of Americans not only blame them for shutting down the government, but also think they're a passel of anarchist nincompoops who delight in the possible wreckage they might cause.

These Republicans' objective appears to be to cause enough damage and pain that some Senate Democrats, facing re-election in the conservative South



Dan K. Thomasson

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and West, will be forced to break a solid front and join the effort to scuttle or delay "Obamacare." That's the most cynical scenario, but it would be in keeping with the atmosphere of self-preservation that has pervaded Congress in recent decades.

Most of these lawmakers couldn't manage a statesmanlike act if the alternative meant the end of democracy as we know it, which it just may. The House of Representatives — the institution closest to the people — at the moment is a miserable failure. It hasn't produced a budget or passed an appropriations bill in recent memory. It did adopt health-care reform without any input from Republicans, who refused to come up with an alternative. Perhaps if they had, they might have been more satisfied at the outcome.

For this viewpoint, I'm sure I will be either castigated or con-

demned as a raving liberal who can't get his facts straight. Actually, I have been and remain highly critical of the Affordable Care Act and the way the new president spent precious time biting off more than I thought the country could chew during a major economic downturn. The fact that he left it up to the Democratic majority in Congress to design rather than propose a tight, less ambitious outline was a serious mistake. The result was a ridiculously confusing overhaul of a large portion of the economy. That wrought uncertainty, producing a change in control of the House and nearly in the Senate and gave sway to a breed of lawmaker whose motives are on the edge of anarchy.

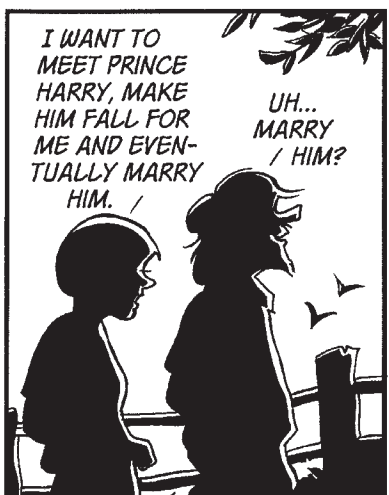
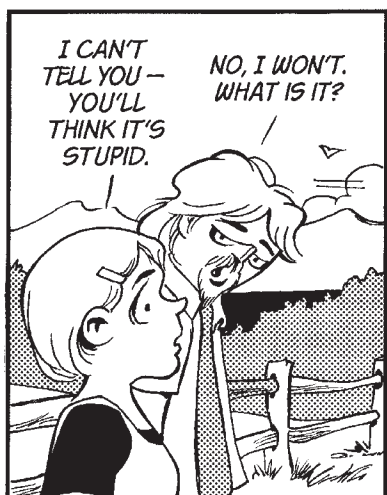
Someone needs to explain to the radical element that the way to make significant changes in a democracy is to win an election. If this continues, the few remaining Republican moderates' concerns may come true: that without change, it will be a long time before the party can reoccupy the White House and control both wings of the legislature. Under the circumstances, an overwhelming defeat at the polls may be the only way to bring some sensible direction back to the GOP.

The self-anointed greatest nation on earth is quickly becoming less than that in the rest of the world's eyes. What happens next? The debt ceiling and default become more possible with every passing hour. The need for compromise has seldom been more necessary. The consequences of anything else are unthinkable.

The black humor in all this: You now can start signing up for health insurance if you don't have it.

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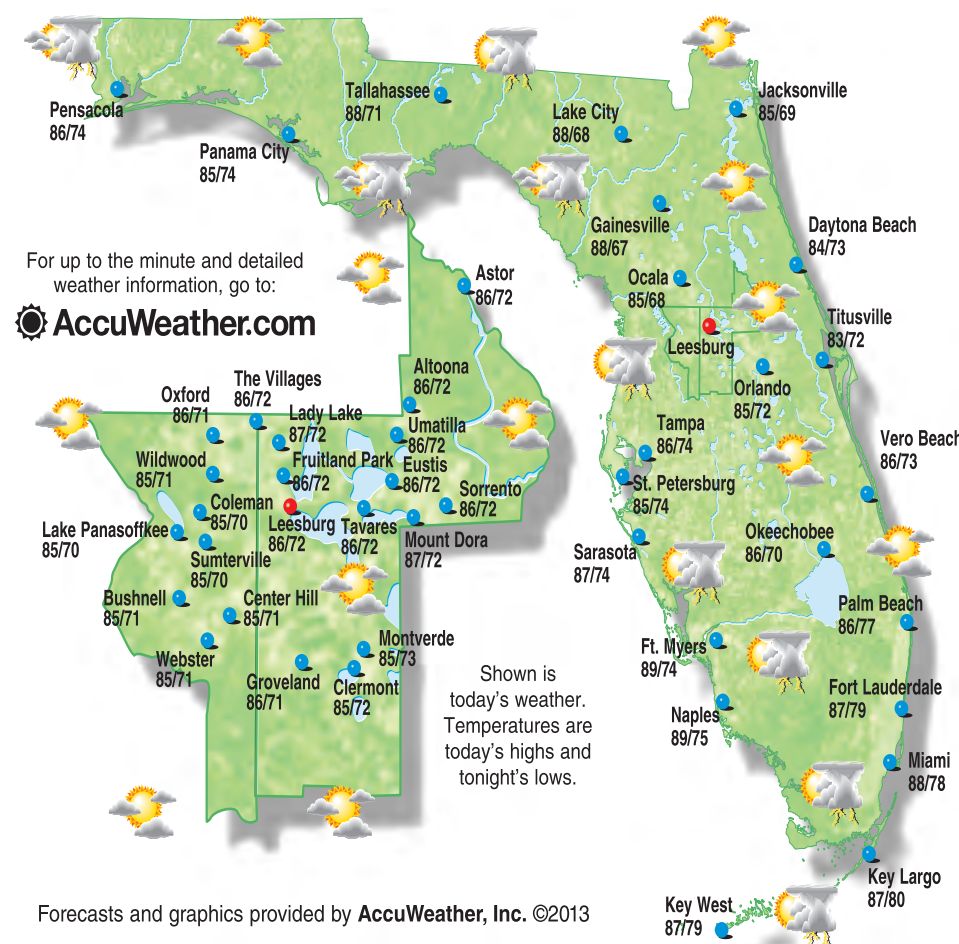


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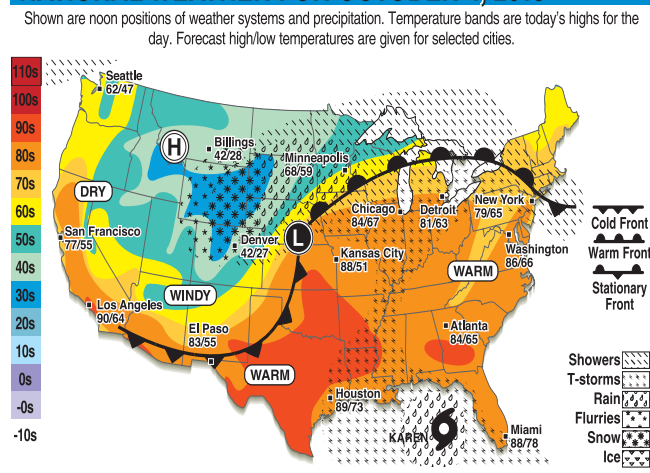
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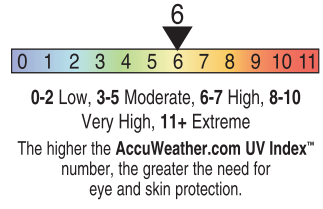
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Moonrise	6:55 a.m.	7:54 a.m.				
Moonset	6:53 p.m.	7:34 p.m.				

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WEEK 6
Today's Games

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- The Villages at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
- Orlando Bishop Moore at Tavares, 7 p.m.
- Windermere Prep at Mount Dora Bible, 7 p.m.
- Wildwood at Crescent City, 7 p.m.
- Leesburg at Orlando Edgewater, 7:30 p.m.
- Eustis at Keystone Heights, 7:30 p.m.
- South Sumter at Dade City Pasco, 7:30 p.m.

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Frank Jolley
THE SPORTS COLUMN

Private schools coming of age!

The Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex will be the center of the football universe later this afternoon!

OK, so that might be overstating things a bit in the grand scheme of things, but it couldn't be more true for First Academy of Leesburg and Montverde Academy.

Both teams — 67 percent of Lake County's contingent of private schools — are set to square off at 1 p.m. today in the first football game between the institutions. It is the make-up date for a highly anticipated contest that was originally scheduled for Sept. 6, but was washed away by rain and lightning.

The atmosphere for today's game will be electric, but no rain or lightning is forecast. All the high voltage generated today will come from the playing field, where a rivalry finally will be born, and from the sunbaked bleachers, where fans of both teams will cheer themselves hoarse in support of their teams.

It promises to be one of the best games in Lake County this weekend and — quite possibly — of the season.

We're not talking about a couple of also rans here. First Academy of Leesburg (4-0)

SEE JOLLEY | B2

Red Sox ready for Rays, playoffs following 4-day waiting period

HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox didn't mind waiting a few days to start their playoffs.

Not after missing them for the past three seasons.

Not after the September collapse that ruined their chances in 2011.

And certainly not after they stumbled to the club's worst record in 48 years in 2012.

"This was part of the mindset at the end of last year, a strong desire to rewrite what took place," Red Sox manager John Farrell said Thursday.

The revised edition tied the St. Louis Cardinals for the best record, was the highest scoring team in the majors and turned a toxic clubhouse atmosphere into a fun-loving one that was a big



CHARLES KRUPA / AP

Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia loosens up during a workout on Thursday at Fenway Park in Boston.

reason the Red Sox had 28 more wins than they did last season.

They'll try for their first in the playoffs today against the Tampa Bay Rays in the opener of the best-of-five AL division series.

"Guys in here love playing baseball," Red

Sox left fielder Jonny Gomes said. "It's a bunch of baseball junkies, so I'm sure they'll be happy to strap on their cleats."

Boston ended its regular season on Sunday then waited for its opponent to be determined.

Tampa Bay had to win three road games to get

this far — at Toronto on Sunday to force a tiebreaker for the second AL wild-card spot, at Texas on Monday night in that tiebreaker, and at Cleveland on Wednesday night to advance to the ALDS.

"It's quite an accomplishment," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "And, moving forward, I want to believe it's going to create some kind of different form of momentum going into this series because we've been playing. We've been playing under duress and we're not tired."

But the Red Sox don't think their layoff will hurt.

"It's just a second All-Star break for us," Gomes said after a nearly two-hour team workout Thursday.

The Rays finished six

SEE ALDS | B2

Buccaneers release benched QB Freeman

FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA — Quarterback Josh Freeman was released by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Thursday, a week after being benched in favor of rookie Mike Glennon.

The winless Bucs made the latest move during their bye week after general manager Mark Dominik contacted every other team in the NFL in an unsuccessful attempt to trade Freeman, a 4,000-yard passer a year ago and the team's career leader with 1,144 completions and 80 touchdowns.

Coach Greg Schiano benched Freeman after the 25-year-old completed just 45.7 percent of his passes and posted a league-low quarterback rating of 59.3 through three games, all losses. Glennon made his first pro start last Sunday, turning the ball over three times during the fourth quarter of a 13-10 loss to Arizona.

Freeman is owed the remaining \$6.25 million on the contract he signed as the third quarterback selected in the 2009 draft behind Matthew Stafford



MICHAEL DWYER / AP

Tampa Bay quarterback Josh Freeman watches from the sideline during a 2013 preseason game against New England, in Foxborough, Mass.

and Mark Sanchez.

"We appreciate his efforts over the past five seasons, but we felt this was in the best interests of both Josh and the Buccaneers," Dominik said a brief 33-word statement.

Freeman threw for 4,065 yards, 27 touchdowns and 17 interceptions in 2012, but his inconsistent play

down the stretch contributed to the team losing five of six games and failing to make the playoffs for the fifth straight year. He led the Bucs to a 10-6 record — though not a postseason berth — while throwing for 25 TDs and just six interceptions in his first full season as a starter in 2010.

The release caps a tumultuous month in which Freeman overslept before missing a team photo shoot, was not voted a captain for time since his rookie year, and reportedly missed at least one other team meeting.

This week, the saga took a messy turn when Freeman released a statement through his agent, saying he had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and entered the NFL substance-abuse program more than a year ago after mistakenly taking Ridilin instead of Adderall to treat the condition.

The NFL Players Association is investigating the quarterback's claim that someone in the Bucs organization leaked confidential information about him being in the program to the media.

According to Freeman and his agent Erik Burkhardt, the quarterback has passed all 46 tests administered by the league.

Freeman was declared inactive for last week's game and watched Glennon's debut from a suite at Raymond James Stadium. Schiano called it a "mutual decision."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Beltran HR keys Cards' rout of Pirates in NLDS

R.B. FALLSTROM Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Carlos Beltran's three-run homer sparked a seven-run third inning and the St. Louis Cardinals got seven stingy innings from Adam Wainwright, delivering a reality jolt to the Pittsburgh Pirates with a 9-1 rout Thursday in their NL division series opener.



JEFF ROBERSON / AP

St. Louis' Carlos Beltran (3) hits a three-run home run against Pittsburgh in the third inning of Thursday's opening game of the National League Division Series in St. Louis.

sellout crowd roared early and then settled in for an easy victory. Lance Lynn (15-10)

faces Pirates rookie Gerrit Cole (10-7) in Game 2 today. The Pirates ended a 21-

year postseason drought and entered their first best-of-five division series with apparent momentum after beating Cincinnati in the wild-card game Tuesday. They never threatened to rally against the Cardinals' ace and finished with only four hits.

Pittsburgh also was sloppy in the field, committing three errors. St. Louis was sharp on defense, with reliever Carlos Martinez turning in the top play by slinging an off-balance throw to first to nip Russell Martin.

"What a play!" Cardi-

nals manager Mike Matheny mouthed in the dugout.

Wainwright remained unbeaten in the postseason, going to 3-0 with a 2.27 ERA in 14 games, five of them starts.

Wainwright allowed a run on three hits in seven innings, striking out nine without a walk. The only damage coming on a homer by Pedro Alvarez to start the fifth.

The right-hander tied for the NL lead with 19 wins this year and was 4-0 in his last five starts.

CARDINALS 9, PIRATES 1

Table with player stats for Cardinals and Pirates, including columns for name, position, and various statistics.

Table with team statistics for Cardinals and Pirates, including totals for runs, hits, errors, and bases on balls.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball Postseason Wild Card table listing games between Boston and Cleveland.

Baseball Division Series (Best-of-5) table listing games between Atlanta and Los Angeles.

Baseball National Conference table listing games between various teams like Dallas, Philadelphia, and Washington.

Baseball International table listing games between various international teams.

Baseball Monday's Game table listing the game between N.Y. Jets and Atlanta.

Baseball College Football table listing games between various college teams.

JOLLEY FROM PAGE B1

and Montverde Academy (3-1) enter the game with a combined record of 7-1. No combination of public-school teams in Lake County can match or surpass that mark.

The private schools aren't looking to schedule South Sumter, Leesburg, or South Lake. They just want the same level of respect as their public-school counterparts.

offense. He rushed for three touchdowns and passed for two more. From my perspective, I don't care what level of football it is ... That's impressive.

bers. IMPRESSIVE! And nobody better go to sleep on Mount Dora Bible. Coach Dennis Cardoso has the Bulldogs producing with a high-octane offense and trails only First Academy of Leesburg in the Sunshine State Athletic Conference North Division standings.

Mount Dora Bible boys, girls bowlers sweep East Ridge

Staff Report

Big games by its top bowlers on Thursday led Mount Dora Bible's boys and girls teams to 3-0 sweeps against East Ridge.

For the boys, Blake Eldridge and Caleb Baker fired 204s to pace the Bulldogs. Matthew Wheeler's 159 led East Ridge.

Among the girls, Mount Dora Bible's Brooke Fisher rolled the top game with a 167 score. Aurora Lobrow paced East Ridge with a 139.

LEESBURG BOYS 3, EUSTIS 1; LEESBURG GIRLS 3, EUSTIS 0

Ryan Chastain rolled a 204 to lead the Leesburg boys. Jake Hill's 243 topped Eustis.

For the girls, Nixcy Escabi rolled a 149 for Leesburg, and Tiffani Money matched Escabi to lead Eustis.

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Victoria Gause and Emma Gary led the Eagles to the win. Game scores were 25-14, 25-15, and 25-15.

Gause had seven kills and three blocks, while Gary added five service aces and six kills.

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ALDS FROM PAGE B1

games behind the Red Sox in the AL East but are on a roll with 10 wins in their last 12 games. And they have star left-handers Matt Moore and David Price ready to go in

the first two games at Fenway Park. Moore (17-4) is 9-1 in his last 13 starts. Price (10-8) is coming off a 5-2, complete-game win against the Rangers in the tiebreaker.

ing a complete game. More bad news for the Red Sox: the Rays are 14-2 on the road when Moore starts.

"There's nothing better than winning on the road in the division like this." The Red Sox have a pretty good left-hander themselves set for the opener. Jon Lester (15-8) was 5-1 with a 2.22 ERA in his last eight starts and 7-2 with a 2.57 ERA since the All-Star break.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 18 UF playing keep-away with opponents

MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — No. 18 Florida is methodical, deliberate, calculated and predictable. Some might even say the Gators are boring to watch.

They're running the football nearly 70 percent of the time this season, an effort to wear down opponents, keep the clock ticking and conserve their defense.

It's old-school football — simple, keep-away philosophy — and the Gators (3-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) are playing it at a fairly high level.

Florida leads the nation in time of possession, holding the ball on average for 38 minutes, 58 seconds a game. That's two and a half minutes more than the next closest team and about 15 minutes more than high-powered and fast-paced Oregon.

Coach Will Muschamp firmly believes in the slow-it-down formula — especially with a stout defense and an experienced quarterback.

"Good from the standpoint that their offense isn't on the field," Muschamp said. "But there's no direct relation to



JAMES CRISP / AP

Florida's Vernon Hargreaves III, right, intercepts a pass intended for Kentucky's Javess Blue during the third quarter of Saturday's game in Lexington, Ky. Florida won 24-7.

winning football games on ball possession."

Maybe not, but it seems to be working for Florida.

The Gators rank second in the nation in total defense and lead the SEC in eight defen-

sive categories, including scoring and third-down conversions. With that kind of defense, it's really more about the offense not messing things up. That happened at Miami last month, when Florida

had five turnovers in a 21-16 loss.

The Gators have been considerably better since.

Tyler Murphy, who replaced injured starter Jeff Driskel (broken leg), has completed 72

percent of his passes for 290 yards, with two touchdowns, an interception and just one sack. Although Florida ranks last in the league in attempts and passing yards, the team is first in completion percentage.

And the Gators are averaging more than 211 yards a game on the ground. Matt Jones, who missed part of fall practice while recovering from a viral infection, had just 30 carries for 96 yards in his first two games and fumbled in each. He ran 28 times for 176 yards in last week's 24-7 victory at Kentucky.

"To say that we're always going to carry it, have that time of possession, is probably not our total plan," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "I think you feel comfortable in doing that. You've got a lot of good things going.

"But sometimes you still stress that you want to have explosive plays and you hope you get those where you're scoring in two or three, which limits your time of possession. That wasn't the way it worked out (against Kentucky). So I think there's some give and take in it."

Florida doesn't anticipate changing things up

Saturday night against Arkansas (3-2, 0-1), which ranks fifth in the league against the run.

With Jones looking like he's fully healthy, a veteran offensive line in front of him and Murphy making just his second career start, the Gators probably prefer to keep things on the ground.

The only drawback has been defensive players complaining about getting bored on the sideline as Florida stays on the field and milks the clock.

"Obviously, you want to play more," safety Jaylen Watkins said. "But if the offense can take care of the ball and play keep-away all day, that's great. But it's kind of bittersweet sometimes when you're just kind of sitting on the bench, just sitting around watching and waiting all the time. But that's the type of football we play."

And the type of football Florida will continue to play, especially if it keeps working.

As far as Watkins' boredom — as well as any lulls for teammates and fans?

"That's a problem he is going to have to deal with hopefully for the rest of the season," Murphy said.

Bama's Mosley thriving as vocal leader, full-timer

JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Trey DePriest has been lining up alongside C.J. Mosley for the past two seasons, but he'd never seen him quite like this.

Alabama's normally mild-mannered All-America linebacker was fired up after a Mississippi lineman pushed him 5 yards downfield and onto his back at the end of a play near the top-ranked Crimson Tide's goal line. His reaction was a highlight of a week when the Tide's top defender took charge with more than his play.

This time, DePriest said, Mosley "turned into a different guy." Two plays later, Mosley swatted away a fourth-down pass headed toward the goal line late in the third quarter to squash the Rebels' comeback hopes.

"It got me excited, it got the whole team fired up," fellow linebacker DePriest said. "He was ready to play, out there screaming, letting everyone know what the play was. It was good."

It's no surprise that Mosley has been the unquestioned leader of the Tide's defense since opting to return for his senior season instead of entering the NFL draft. His fiery, vocal sides are less often on public display.

But when the team needed a jump-start after the Colorado State game two weeks ago, Mosley spoke up in the locker room. And when Alabama's defense needed that fourth-down stop, he stepped in front of the Bo Wallace pass to a well-covered Laquon Treadwell. Mosley later tackled Wallace for a safety.

He has stepped into somewhat new roles for Alabama, which plays Georgia State on Saturday. Mosley has become more outspoken when needed and showed a fiery side after Pierce Burton's block, when a referee had to usher him away from the 290-pound lineman.

"I heard it from a few people because they're not used to seeing me so amped up," Mosley



BUTCH DILL / AP

Mississippi tight end Evan Ingram (17) is gang tackled by Alabama linebacker C.J. Mosley (32), defensive back Vinnie Sunseri (3), and defensive back Jarrick Williams (20) during Saturday's game in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

said. "But that's football, probably one of the only things that will get me that hyped."

Coach Nick Saban said Mosley wasn't so comfortable speaking up as a younger player. That role fell more to Nico Johnson, who split time the past three seasons in running situations.

Even though Mosley

nearly doubled up the Tide's next-leading tackler last season, he was never the guy in all situations.

"He plays on all downs now," Saban said. "This is the first year since he's been here that he actually plays all downs. He's so athletic that he's always been a really good space player and played

really well in any kind of spread-out situation whether it was nickel, dime or whatever.

Mosley, the SEC's defensive player of the week after the Ole Miss game, is definitely Saban's kind of player. He was the guy who kept up on Christian Jones' 94-yard kickoff return against Virginia Tech, even throwing

the final block at the 10.

Saban praises the athleticism and talent of a linebacker who has returned three interceptions for touchdowns, including one as a freshman against Georgia State.

Mosley has 35 tackles, 11 more than No. 2 tackler Ha Ha Clinton-Dix. Last season, his 107 tackles were 48 more than anybody else on the team.

Mosley topped even South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney and Texas A&M Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel as the leading vote getter on the media's preseason All-SEC team. He's the linchpin of a defense that has allowed just a pair of field goals in the past two games.

"He's the glue," safety Vinnie Sunseri said. "He calls all our calls, he and Trey are up front and having C.J. out there is sort of like having that protective shield. You know if you have C.J. out front you're going to be OK."

Army, Navy and Air Force football on this weekend

DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Football is on for Army, Navy and Air Force this weekend although some other service academy sports are still suspended because of the government shutdown.

The Defense Department said Thursday everything was on hold at Navy through Sunday except for Saturday's football game against Air Force. According to Navy's website, 19 events

were either postponed or cancelled on Saturday and Sunday, including men's and women's soccer games, swim meets and a women's volleyball match at home against Colgate.

Navy and Air Force received the go-ahead to play football because the game is not funded by the government. A sell-out crowd is expected.

"We're just grateful that the Department of Defense is allowing us to move forward," Navy athletic director Chet

Gladchuk said. "Speaking on behalf of the athletic department, the fans and the majority of Annapolis, this is a huge relief that we're able to play."

Army will play its game at Boston College, too.

"I'm thrilled our students and those from the service academies will get to play their games this weekend," BC athletic director Brad Bates said. "Thank you, fans, for your patience and understanding the past couple of days."



MATT SLOCUM / AP

Navy players celebrate after a touchdown during the 2012 Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. The Defense Department announced Thursday that all service academy football teams will play Saturday, in spite of the government shutdown. Air Force will play at Navy and Army will be at Boston College.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

DISTRICT STANDINGS

Table with district standings for Class 7A-District 4, Class 6A-District 10, Class 5A-District 6, Class 5A-District 11, and Class 4A-District 4. Columns include W-L, Overall, and team names.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Inept Jags on path to history

MARK LONG Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The most entertaining aspect of the Jacksonville Jaguars right now is the team's mascot. Yep, that high-flying daredevil who talks trash, makes outrageous wagers and occasionally shoves opposing players...



STEPHEN MORTON / AP

Jaxson de Ville, Jacksonville mascot, leads a group of service members out of the tunnel during pregame ceremonies before a 2012 preseason game against Houston in Jacksonville.

He's the best thing going in the River City. And it's not even close. The Jaguars (0-4) have scored a league-low 31 points through four games — all double-digit losses — and have become the laughingstock of the league.

ings and three coaching staffs over the last three years. Former general manager Gene Smith is the obvious scapegoat, but the blame stretches well beyond how he shaped the roster.

said. "There are a lot of people who have a lot of opinions, but a lot of those people have never been in our positions, so how could they understand what's going on here?"

Seattle Seahawks (8.75 ppg), the 1991 Indianapolis Colts (8.9 ppg), the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers (8.9 ppg) and the 1974 Atlanta Falcons (7.9 ppg) — have averaged single-digits scoring.

And with the season just a quarter of the way done, talk already has begun about whether the Jaguars will win a game. "Nobody likes losing," tight end Mercedes Lewis said. "It's not a positive 0-4. We've just got to keep rolling along and not worry about the negative noise outside."

With new general manager Dave Caldwell and coach Gus Bradley in the early stages of a complete overhaul, the Jaguars have lost games by 26, 28 and 34 points this season.

Winning is far from a sure thing in Jacksonville, which plays at St. Louis (1-3) on Sunday. The Jaguars' anemic offense, which is averaging less than eight points a game, is on pace to challenge the lowest-scoring teams in NFL history.

The Jaguars believe their offense will improve, beginning with Justin Blackmon's return from a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

They insist the trade is not a sign of things to come or an indication that they've given up on the season.

Since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, only four teams — the 1992

Nonetheless, Jacksonville is projected to be a 28-point underdog next week at Denver, where Peyton Manning & Co. The largest spread in NFL history came in 1976, when the Pittsburgh Steelers were 27-point favorites over winless Tampa Bay.

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Holiday shopping is expected to be up ... unless

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Americans, who're increasingly optimistic about improving economic conditions, are expected to spend at a more rapid clip during the upcoming holiday shopping season than they did last year.

But that could change if the partial government shutdown that has forced about 800,000 federal workers off the job continues and causes shoppers to lose confidence in the economy.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, on Thursday forecast that sales in November and December will rise 3.9 percent to \$602.1 billion. That's above the 3.5 percent increase a year ago and the 10-year average in holiday sales growth of 3.3 percent.

But Matthew Shay, the group's president and CEO, said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday that the forecast was calculated before the government shut down after Congress failed to pass a spending bill by Monday's midnight deadline. In addition to the furlough of hundreds of thousands of workers, that resulted in the shuttering of national parks and halting of a range of government services.

Shay said the group's fore-



AP FILE PHOTO

A retail store at the CambridgeSide Galleria mall in Cambridge, Mass., advertises holiday sale.

cast does not account for the possibility that the shutdown, now in its third day, could go on for a prolonged period of time that he defines as two weeks or more. But it does factor in the optimism Americans feel as jobs have become easier to get and the housing recovery has gained momentum.

"What we are trying to balance here is the underlying fundamentals with the economy, which seem strong, against all that consumer unease and the uncertainty coming from Washington," Shay said.

Shay acknowledges that predicting how the holiday season

will fare is difficult. In fact, the National Retail Federation has often been either too cautious or too optimistic. Last year, for instance, the group's forecast of 4.1 percent increase was far higher than the 3.5 percent rise retailers actually saw.

But the forecast nonetheless is an important indicator for retailers that rely on the last two months of the year for 20 percent to 40 percent of their annual sales. The estimates also provide insight for economists into consumer spending, which accounts for up to 70 percent of economic activity.

A big concern is that a pro-

longed government shutdown could severely hurt the economy and necessarily, consumer spending. For each week the government remains shut, the U.S. economy would lose 0.15 percent of annualized growth, estimates David Stockton, a former research director at the Federal Reserve who is now at the Peterson Institute.

And even before the government shutdown, retailers had reasons to be cautiously optimistic. While the job and housing markets are improving, that hasn't yet translated into sustained spending increases among most shop-

pers. Meanwhile, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other low-priced chains say that customers continue to struggle with a 2 percentage-point increase in the Social Security payroll tax that started on Jan. 1.

Those worries hurt stores' sales during the back-to-school shopping season, the second largest shopping period behind the winter holidays. And a slew of retailers lowered their expectations for the rest of the year.

An extended government shutdown would only further threaten holiday sales, but it wouldn't be the first time the government's actions have had that impact. Last year, many Americans were worried about tense negotiations to resolve the fiscal cliff, a simultaneous increase in tax rates and a decrease in government spending. Congress and the White House reached a deal on Jan. 1 that prevented income taxes from rising for most households, but many store executives blamed the uncertainty during the height of holiday shopping for a slowdown in sales in late December.

Unlike that battle last year, Shay, with the National Retail Federation, said he expects the government shutdown to be over well before the official kickoff to the holiday period on the day after Thanksgiving.



AP PHOTO

Trader Timothy Nick works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks fall on third day of government shutdown

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

Investors sold stocks across the board Thursday as a U.S. government shutdown dragged into its third day and the nation inched closer to a critical deadline to raise its borrowing limit.

Stocks opened lower and fell steadily throughout the morning. The Dow Jones industrial average slumped nearly 200 points, but later pulled back from its slide.

Investors fretted that Republicans and Democrats were no closer to ending the budget impasse. In a speech, President Barack Obama said there was only one way out of the shutdown: "Congress has to pass a budget that funds our government with no partisan strings attached."

Investors also got some disappointing eco-

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Yen	97.44	97.20
Euro	\$1.3618	\$1.3592
Pound	\$1.6179	\$1.6248
Swiss franc	0.9006	0.9003
Canadian dollar	1.0325	1.0334
Mexican peso	13.1952	13.1676

conomic news.

The Institute of Supply Management said that sales fell sharply, new orders dipped and hiring weakened at U.S. service companies. The report covers industries including retail, construction, health care and financial services.

The stock market losses on Thursday marked an acceleration of gradual declines from the last few weeks. Stocks have fallen nine of the last 11 days as investors grow nervous about the political crisis in Washington and the hit to the

economy if it continues.

Republicans in the House of Representatives, pushed by a core of tea party conservatives, are insisting that Obama accept changes to the health care law he pushed through three years ago as part of a budget bill. Obama refuses to consider any deal linking the health care law to legislation needed to extend government funding.

The U.S. Treasury Department said Thursday that the economy could plunge into a downturn even worse than the Great Recession if Congress failed to raise the debt ceiling and the country defaulted on its debt obligations.

The U.S. missing a debt payment could cause credit markets to freeze, the value of the dollar to plummet and U.S. interest rates to skyrocket.

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Fed members speak

A Federal Reserve governor and two branch presidents will round out a week of speeches by central bank members.

William Dudley, president of the Fed's New York Branch, and Fed governor Jeremy Stein are due to deliver remarks today on the risks that rapid sales of large quantities of assets pose to financial systems. Minneapolis Fed President Narayana Kocherlakota will discuss monetary policy.



Report delayed

Wall Street is anxious to get a read today on how the nation's unemployment rate fared last month.

But the report is being delayed due to the partial shutdown of the federal government. The Labor Department, which is responsible for issuing unemployment data, is among the agencies affected by the government shutdown.



Potbelly's market debut

Sandwich shop chain operator Potbelly is expected to make its market debut as early as today.

The company's stores sell toasted sandwiches, salads, hand-dipped milkshakes, and other items made to order. Potbelly has 286 Potbelly Sandwich Works shops in 18 states and Washington, D.C., and 12 locations in the Middle East. All of its Middle East locations and six of its U.S. shops are franchised, and the rest are owned by the company.

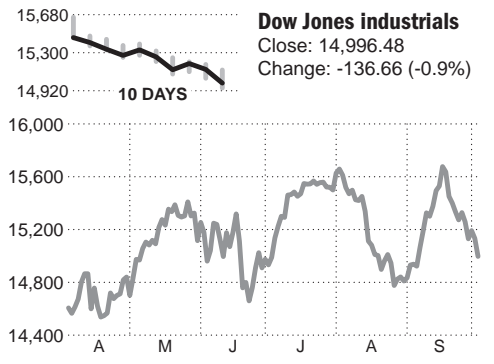
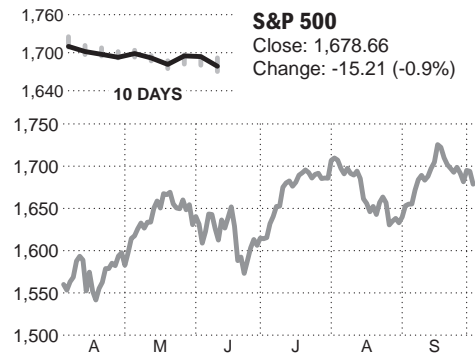


Table of Stocks of Local Interest with columns for NAME, TICKER, LO, HI, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, WK, MO, QTR, %CHG, %RTN, P/E, DIV.

StocksRecap

Summary table of stock market performance including NYSE, NASD, and various indices.

New York Stock Exchange

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, Bid, Ask, and other market data.

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Leesburg has a few connections to 'The Yearling'

While beginning to look at the St. Johns River, we learned a local Leesburg celebrity indirectly helped Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings write her Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The Yearling."

She called her good friend David Newell and asked him to take her on a bear hunt. Newell grew up in Leesburg hunting and fishing. Though some folks never thought he'd amount to much, Newell turned his pastime into a career, as he became a renowned artist, writer and filmmaker — as well as a hunter and fisherman. And he was editor of *Field and Stream* from 1941 to 1945.

Newell lived in a big house on Newell Hill Road that still stands. He offered to take her on an unusual "bear hunt" if she joined him for dinner. Rawlings was duly impressed.

"I don't know what this is all about, but I'll be there," said Rawlings.

In addition to being a writer, hunter, fisherman and artist, Newell was also involved in film. And several months before Rawlings called, Newell had used his hunting dogs in a Grantland Rice Sportlight theatrical production called "The Aggravatin' Bear."

"We had really gotten some exciting scenes, and the battle between the pack and the big bear around the base of a giant pine was something to see — until the bear got enough and climbed a tree," wrote Newell.

Rawlings knew she wasn't going to go on a real bear hunt but was intrigued enough to make the trip from Cross Creek to Leesburg.

"Well, Marge came down, and after dinner we went into town where I had made arrangements with the local theater to run 'The



Rick Reed

REMINISCE

Aggravatin' Bear' following the last show of the evening," wrote Newell.

Newell was probably talking about the Palace Theatre on the corner of Main and Fifth Streets, which was on the first floor of the Masonic Temple.

"Marge was entranced by it, and particularly by the courage and agility of a white catch dog name 'Bob,' whom I had written up in the *Saturday Evening Post* under the title of 'Tough Bob,'" wrote Newell.

Bob was a cross between an English bulldog and a pit bull surnamed Newell after looking at his appearance. He was chunky and powerfully built, weighing about 50 pounds. And he was solid white — with the exception of a little brindle marking around one eye and on one ear.

"No critter came too big for Bob to tackle," wrote Newell, "and at one time during the bear fight he saved the life of another dog which the bear had caught and was about to bite through the spine."

But Bob latched onto the bear's cheek and wouldn't let go even after the bear stood up with the bulldog swinging from his jowl.

Rawlings was so enthralled that she insisted Newell show the film a second time.

"And it was from this motion picture that she got her background material for the chase of old 'Slewfoot' in her book," wrote Newell. "Her description of the dog, Rip, was so perfect a picture of old 'Tough Bob' that when N.C. Wyeth illustrated the deluxe edition of 'The Yearling,' the white bulldog on the jacket illustration was the spitting image of old 'Tough Bob' himself."

"Tough Bob" was such a hit that when MGM turned "The Yearling" into a motion picture, they sent a couple of men to Leesburg so they could use Bob during the bear sequence in the movie. But Newell had given the dog to his daughter Nancy and she didn't want to risk turning Bob into a film star.

"No, he might get hurt," was her reply. "He's been in lots of fights and he's been hurt enough."

There were some other Leesburg connections with "The Yearling."

Most folks don't remember that filming of "The Yearling" began in 1941. Spencer Tracy was originally cast in the role Gregory Peck would eventually fill. Peck visited the area during filming of "The Yearling" in 1946, according to former Lake County Curator Diane Kamp.

A Leesburg businessman was involved with the filming in 1941.

Gervin Pringle moved to Lake County soon after he was married in 1925. He and his wife's brother, Burke Turner, established Leesburg Ornamental Nursery on the corner of Main Street and Orange Avenue. The name was later changed to Florida Nursery and Landscape Company and the business was moved to the north side of town. It was located beside what was then known as the Ocala Highway (now U.S. 27), where its quaint A-frame office



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Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings at her at home in Cross Creek.

building was a landmark for many years.

Pringle was hired to provide plants and trees when they were needed for various scenes. Unfortunately, filming stopped and Pringle's firm wasn't rehired when the movie was finally filmed five years later.

Barney Dillard Sr., who lived in Astor, reportedly told stories to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, which she used as the basis of "The Yearling."

And there was at least one other connection. The fawn used in the film came from Lake County.

More next week.

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For 13 weeks, Ibrahim stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to Marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming,

military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Ibrahim endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion,

recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the first time.

Ibrahim is a 2012 graduate of East Ridge High School in Clermont.

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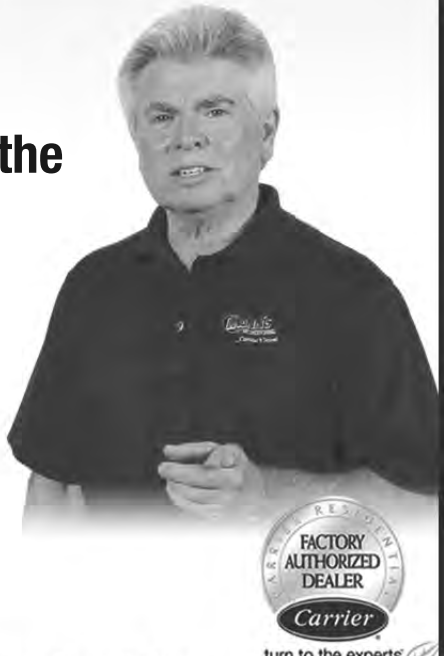
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AAUW PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



The Lake-Sumter Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presents scholarships and awards to outstanding local female college students annually. Winners of this year's AAUW awards who were recognized at a September meeting are, from left, scholarship committee members Joyce Tisovec and Patti Weasel; scholarship winners Michelle Bengt and Ashley Parkhurst (University of South Florida); committee chair Rosella Valentine; and National Conference for College Women student leaders' participant Faith Gadson (Lake-Sumter State College). Other scholarship winners not pictured include Amber Sode and Evelyn Guzman (University of Central Florida). For information about the group, call Rosella Valentine 352-323-8608.

LAKE TECH EMT GRADUATES HONORED



August Emergency Medical Technician graduates and instructors who recently participated in a ceremony at Lake Technical Center are: Front row kneeling, from left, Tyler Whitaker, Samuel Dapena, Joshua Reed, Amber Lugo, Hannah Wise, Ashton Steele, Michael Pirhala, and Haley Hayden. Second row LtoR, instructor Dave Speir, instructor Jolene Cox; Jacob Madawi, Robert Jolliff, Nicholas Johnston, Michael Howard, Chandler Larson, Michael Larroque, Adam Paynter, Samantha Salisbury, and Nicholas Howell; instructor Rebecca Massey; and instructor Jason White. Third row LtoR, Jared Rivenburg, John Gorly, Robert Palmer, Cody Wages, Madison Leary, Jeremy Flowers, Michael Palmer, Casey Gasbarro, Rosendo Orozco, Ken Matey, and Scott Garland.

LEESBURG

New Vision awarded \$5,000 from Fraternal Order of Eagles

The Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4273, has awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to New Vision for Independence, to provide early childhood intervention services for babies and toddlers throughout Lake and Sumter counties.

"New Vision thanks Linda Lewis and the Eagles Auxiliary for their hard work and continued support," said executive director Chantel Buck.

New Vision is a nonprofit agency that provides rehabilitation, education, community education, and support services for people with low vision or blindness, and their families in Lake and Sumter Counties.

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TAVARES

Local art displayed at Chamber office

Tavares Chamber of Commerce member, Bill Squires of Copper Creations has his art displayed in the lobby of the Tavares Chamber of Commerce, in the newly constructed replica of the historical train depot, at 300 E. Main St., downtown Tavares.

The copper piece shows an extremely detailed replica of a steam locomotive, the city's iconic watchtower is prominently displayed in the center and several birds flying around the scene brings the image to life. The art work portrays Tavares as America's Sea Plane City with a sea plane flying overhead towing a banner proclaiming "All Aboard."

Squires' art is also displayed at Lake Dora Sushi and Saki, 227 E. Main St., Tavares.

Main St., Tavares.

For information, go to www.billsquirecopperartist.com.

THE VILLAGES

The Villages Democrats Helping Wildwood Students

The Villages Democratic Club raised over \$760 recently for the Wildwood Elementary School Uniform Project. Funds were used to purchase school-approved uniforms and stock the school's clothes closet for the upcoming 2013-2014 academic year.

Other fundraising events for Wildwood students will be launched during the fall to provide even greater support during the holiday season and beyond.

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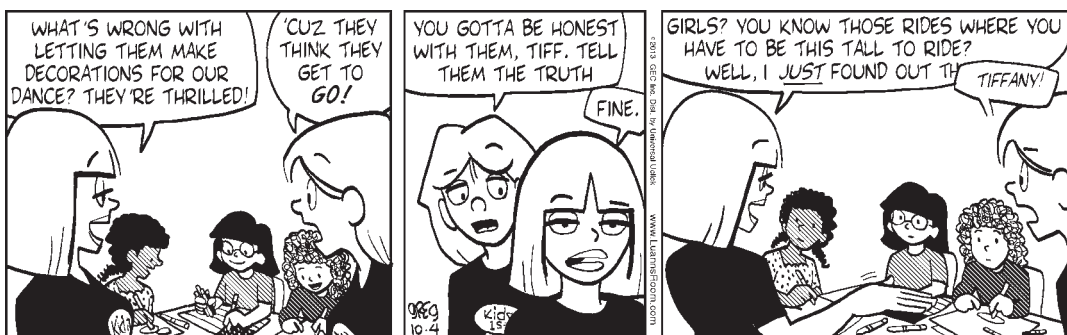
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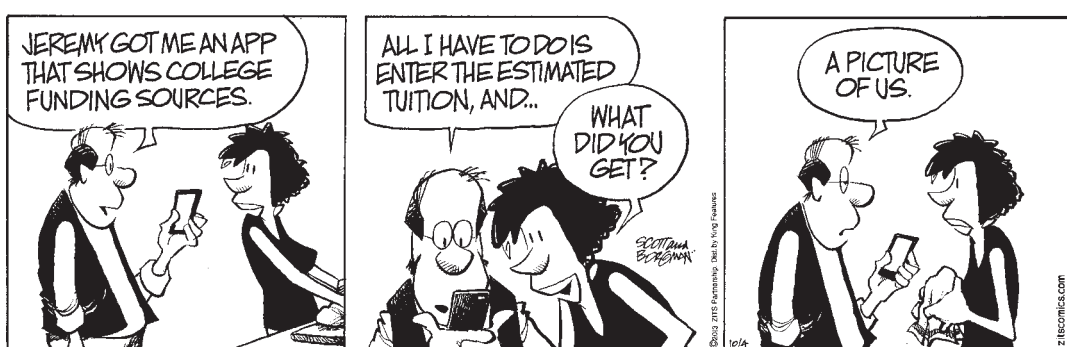
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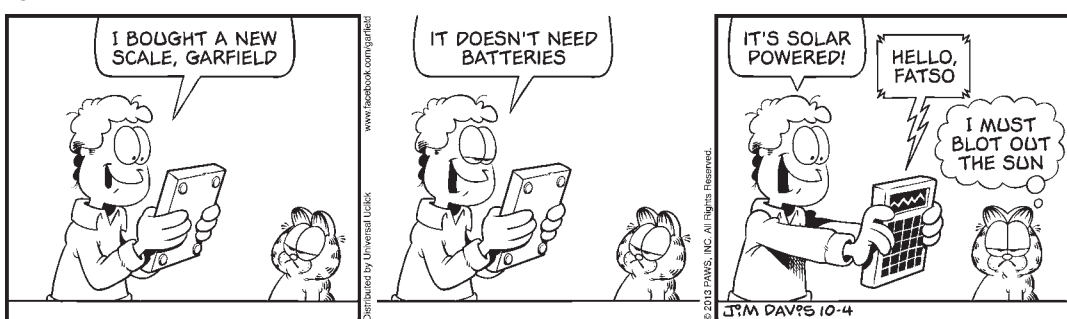
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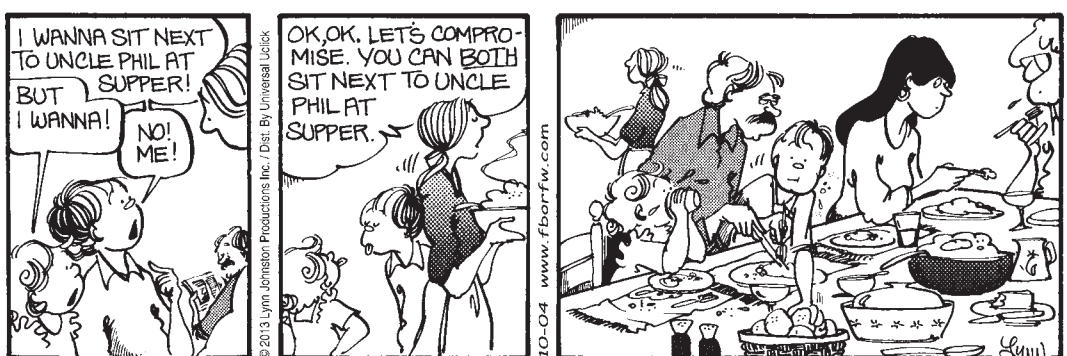
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Parents feel weighed down by kids' homework burden

DEAR ABBY: My kids attend a private school that has made it a goal to be a "blue ribbon" school. To that end, teachers pile on so much homework that many of our parents send our kids to bed after three hours and finish it ourselves. Our kids are completely overwhelmed with senseless piles of busywork.



Dear Abby

JEANNE PHILLIPS

This summer, our children had to read four substantial books and complete hefty vocabulary packets and math packets that required most of us parents to hire tutors. Our children are stressed, anxious and depressed. We have never indulged them with a lot of video game or TV time. I have considered pulling my kids out of this school, but the public schools around here are awful.

that you expect honesty from him and if you don't receive it there will be MORE consequences. Remember, you are also a part of the team, and this is an important life lesson he needs to learn.

Parents are miserable. Kids are miserable. We want them to have a decent education, but we also want them to be happy people — and right now, no one is happy. — **PRESSED MOM OF PRESSURED KIDS**

DEAR ABBY: My only son is 18. He didn't attend his prom. He quit school and goes to night school instead. I'll never see him in a cap and gown, holding his diploma. On top of that, he told me six months ago that he's bisexual and that he has a boyfriend in the U.K. I'm having a hard time with all of this.

DEAR PRESSED: Are you aware that some educators feel that students should have no summer vacation at all, and should be in class year-round? The assignments your children were given may have been designed to keep their skills sharp so they would be prepared for the fall term. Because you and other parents feel your children are being overburdened with busywork, it's time to address this as a group with the principal so you can voice your concerns and get an explanation.

I taught my son to love and respect everyone, regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. Now I'm afraid I won't have any grandchildren. Even more upsetting, he wants to move to the U.K. to be with his 26-year-old boyfriend.

DEAR ABBY: My 12-year-old grandson lies often. His parents are trying to give him consequences for his lying as a "team effort." I don't want to be the stern grandma and have him have bad memories of me. When he lies to me, should I look the other way and ignore it or follow through with my own consequences? — **GRANDMA IN ST. PETE, FLA.**

I feel so cheated — no prom, no graduation, no grandchildren! I'm scared and I cry every day. How do I accept him being him? — **CHEATED IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR GRANDMA: Would you prefer your grandson remember you as the grandmother whose eye he could spit in, tell her it's raining and she would accept it? It would be better to ask him why he feels it is necessary to lie to someone who loves him, tell him

DEAR CHEATED: OK, so reality isn't in sync with your fantasy about how your son would turn out. But why are you dwelling on the negative?

Your son is completing his high school education, and with his GED could very well go on to college or a technical school. While he didn't attend his prom, he has found a meaningful relationship. He may eventually give you the grandchildren you long for — other same-sex couples have done it.

So look on the bright side. If you count your blessings, encourage him and accept the man he loves, you could have a life of adventure and international travel, a warm relationship with both of them and gain a son.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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8					3
4	3	2	5	9	6
	4	7	1	3	
	5	9	2	8	
3	2	4	7	8	9
1					4
5	8	6	3	2	7

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

2	9	5	3	1	8	7	6	4
6	3	4	5	7	2	1	8	9
8	7	1	9	4	6	2	5	3
3	6	9	7	2	4	8	1	5
7	5	2	8	9	1	4	3	6
4	1	8	6	5	3	9	7	2
9	8	3	2	6	7	5	4	1
1	2	7	4	3	5	6	9	8
5	4	6	1	8	9	3	2	7

How to play: Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

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The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

P A A K H X N H Q Z X Q E G O
N Q W O, Z Q N N Q E P S G W O
O P Y F W N O Q F G J; Z Q N N Q
E P S G W O O Q J J L F W N T H O G.

— D.V. TGKKO

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN I TOLD MY DOCTOR I COULDN'T AFFORD AN OPERATION, HE OFFERED TO TOUCH-UP MY X-RAYS. — HENNY YOUNGMAN

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3rd DOWN 2nd Letter + 7 PTS

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JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

WORD SCRIMMAGE™ SOLUTION BY JUDD HAMBRICK

1st DOWN = 18

2nd DOWN = 147

3rd DOWN = 53

4th DOWN = 87

AVERAGE GAME 195-205 PTS

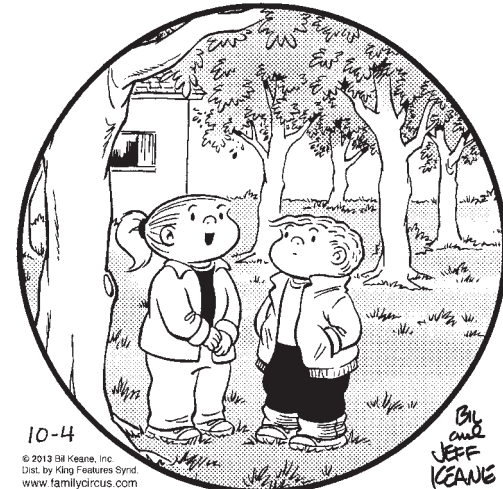
JUDD'S TOTAL = 305

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I TOLD YOU GUYS YOU MADE ME GO TO BED TOO EARLY."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Pretty soon the trees will start leavedropping on us."

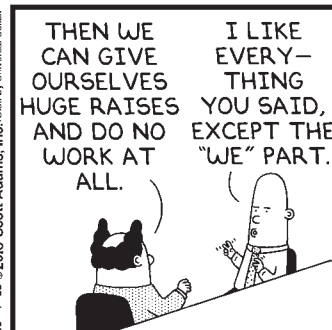
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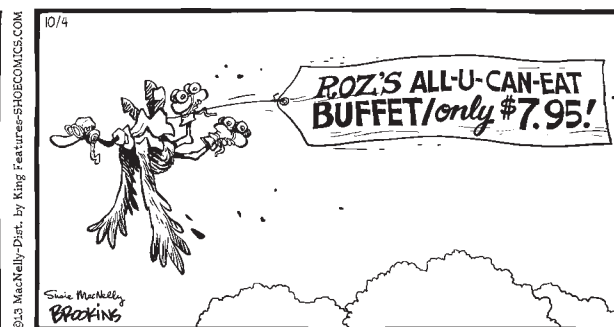
I LIKE EVERYTHING YOU SAID, EXCEPT THE "WE" PART.

SHOE



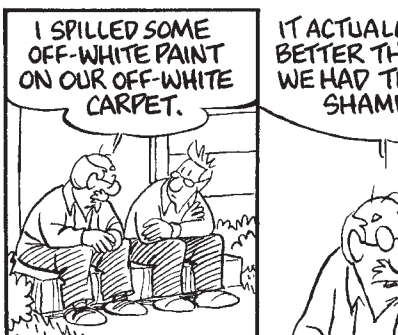
DO YOU BELIEVE IN SIGNS FROM ABOVE?

YOU BET! LET'S GO!



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I SPILLED SOME OFF-WHITE PAINT ON OUR OFF-WHITE CARPET.

IT ACTUALLY LOOKED BETTER THAN WHEN WE HAD THE CARPET SHAMPOOED.

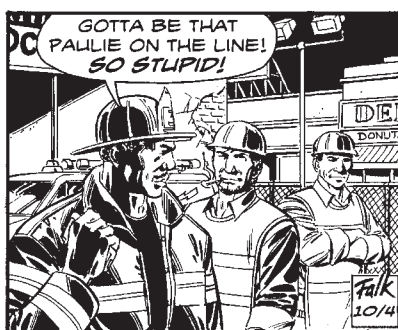


SO I THOUGHT I'D PAINT THE REST OF IT SO IT WOULD ALL MATCH.

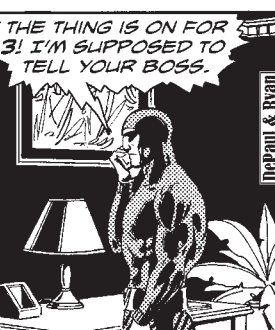


AND THAT'S WHY OPAL LOCKED YOU OUT OF THE HOUSE? CRAZY, HUH?

PHANTOM



GOTTA BE THAT PALLIE ON THE LINE! SO STUPID!

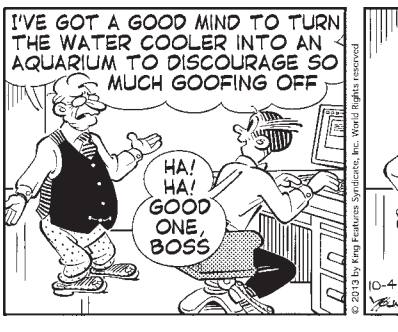


THE THING IS ON FOR 3! I'M SUPPOSED TO TELL YOUR BOSS.



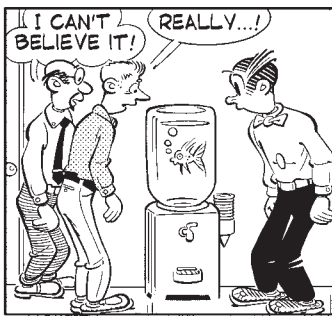
LIKE I SAY, HE'S ASLEEP. A SOUND SLEEP.

BLONDIE



I'VE GOT A GOOD MIND TO TURN THE WATER COOLER INTO AN AQUARIUM TO DISCOURAGE SO MUCH GOOFING OFF.

HA! HA! GOOD ONE, BOSS.



I I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! REALLY...!

BABY BLUES



HAMMIE, TIE YOUR SHOELACE.

WHY?

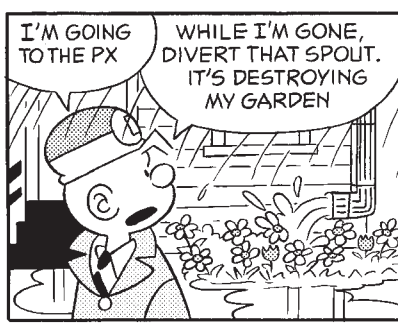


SO PABD LYENAS WON'T BE TEMPTED TO CHASE IT AND CHEN YOUR LEG OFF.



"PABD LYENAS"? IT'S HAMMIE YOU ONLY GET HIS ATTENTION WITH WORST-CASE SCENARIOS.

BETLE BAILEY



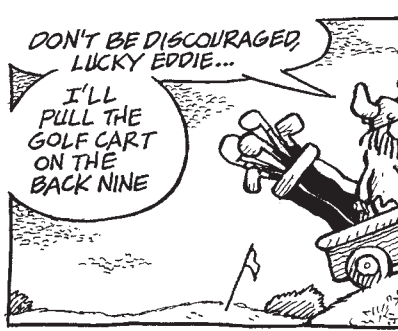
I'M GOING TO THE PX

WHILE I'M GONE, DIVERT THAT SPOUT. IT'S DESTROYING MY GARDEN



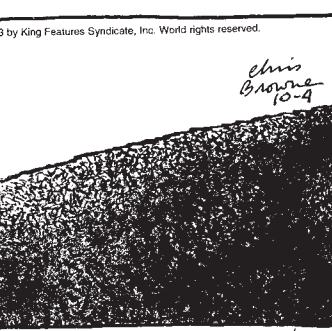
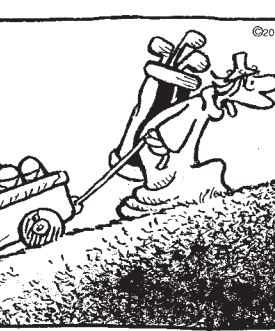
GREG+ MOOT WALKER

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



DON'T BE DISCOURAGED, LUCKY EDDIE...

I'LL PULL THE GOLF CART ON THE BACK NINE



CHRIS BRADSHAW 10-4

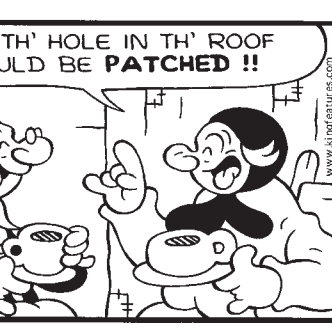
SNUFFY SMITH



IF WE WUZ RICH AS KINGS, WHAR WOULD WE BE RIGHT NOW, LOWEEZY?



WE'D BE RIGHT HERE WHAR WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN,



BUT TH' HOLE IN TH' ROOF WOULD BE PATCHED !!

CORNERSTONE SALUTES PROGRAM HONORS CLERMONT RESIDENT



COURTESY PHOTO

Cornerstone Hospice volunteer Bob Buckert and Richard "Dick" Winkle of Clermont, salute each other during Winkle's recent Cornerstone SALUTES! ceremony where he was recognized for his service to the country in front of family and friends. Winkle also celebrated his "surprise" 75th birthday at the event.

VORRH FLAG POLE AND PLAQUE PRESENTATION



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Frank Lowery, Lloyd Thorne, Pat Connelly, Helen Shaut, Lee Michelis and Clarence Williams at the VORRH'S Flag Raising Ceremony and Plaque Dedication at 1614 Bays St., at the VORRH Thrift Store in Eustis. Commander Frank Lowry of the Zellwood Veterans Club presented the plaque and the club donated the 20-foot flag and flag pole to the VORRH for outstanding service to local homeless veterans. For information about the Veterans Organization of Resource and Recovery for the Homeless (VORRH), call Helen Shaut at 352-552-3899.

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