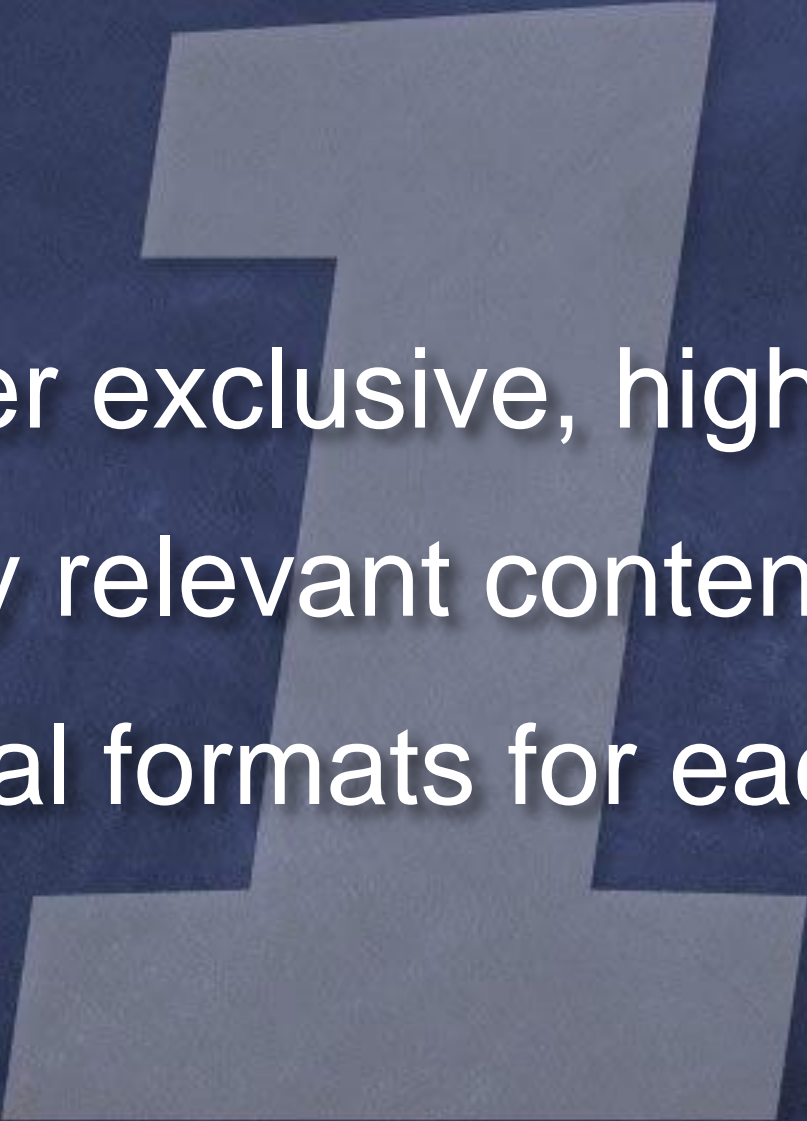


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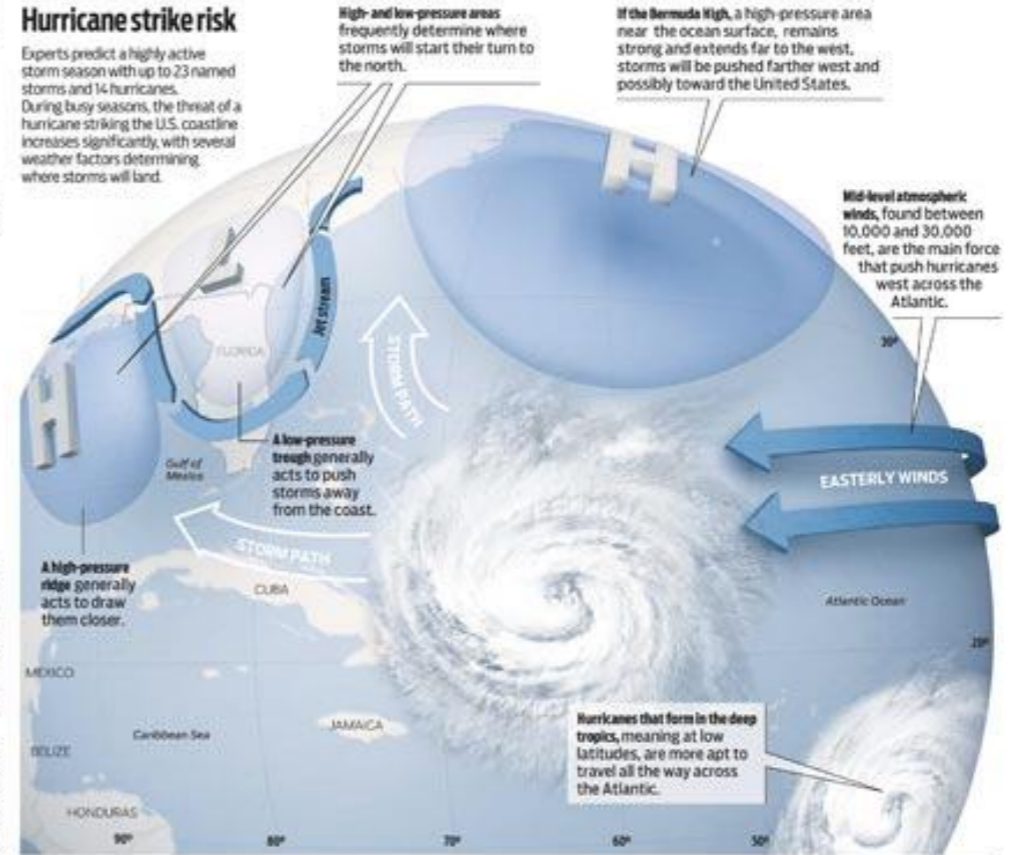
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Your Money

BLACK FRIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

We're making a list - and checking it twice. Here's a list of essential tips, guidelines and suggestions for a safe, successful and savvy Black Friday shopping game plan. By Staff Writers Diane Lade and Arlene Satchell

GREEN GIVING

Buy gifts made from recycled material or those with eco-friendly labels such as Energy Star.
Shun plastic. Bring a reusable shopping bag or buy one from your favorite retailer.
Get creative and reuse old gift boxes, wrapping paper and greeting cards.
Carpool to the mall with friends to save on gas; or shop online.
Use energy-saving bulbs in your holiday decor.



SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

Shop only at reputable online and brick-and-mortar retailers.
Limit the amount of valuables you carry, including credit cards, checks and cash.
Don't leave packages in your car or walk alone in parking lot; also park in well-lit areas.
If buying online, read retailer's privacy policies and look for industry seals of approval such as Verisign.

SHIPPING

The last day to ship by the least expensive ground rates for Christmas delivery through the postal service and private carriers is around Dec 16-17; Dec 21-22 for more expensive priority rates; and Dec 23 for express services. Some Dec. 24 overnight service may be available.
Shop online if you want to avoid shipping hassles.
Most Web retailers will gift wrap presents for you.
Don't wrap shipping boxes in any paper, as it may tear off.
Ship perishables by priority or next day delivery, and check on any restrictions.



AVOIDING DEBT

Don't make impulse purchases. Make a list in advance and buy only what's on it.
Try to shop with cash or debit cards only. If you must use a credit card, pick the one with the lowest interest rate.
Spread grocery purchases for holiday meals over several weeks, freezing perishables or storing staples.
Compare prices online and through advertisements to ensure you really are getting the best deal.
Make a budget and stick to it. Enlist the entire family in drafting it.

WARRANTIES AND RETURNS

When comparing warranties, look at expiration dates, conditions that void coverage and where you'll go for warranty service.
Florida law requires stores to post return policies. If none are posted, consumers must be given a refund within seven days of purchase if the item is unused and there is a receipt.
Always check how long you have to return something and under what conditions, as different merchants and types of merchandise often have different restrictions.
Always keep receipts for returns and warranties.

GIFT CARDS

Florida law outlaws service fees and expiration dates on gift cards - but only on "closed loop" cards, good at a single merchant. Most "open loop" cards, usually branded with the name of a credit card or major mall and good at multiple stores, typically deduct value from an unused card every month beginning with the 13th month after purchase. So advise your gift recipient to use any gift card as soon as possible. Other tips:
Be aware that bankrupt merchants may not honor their outstanding gift cards.
Photocopy the card immediately in case you lose it.
Give the original receipt along with the card as proof of purchase.

BLACK FRIDAY WEBSITES

Many websites provide advance glimpses of Black Friday sales. Here's a sampling:
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REBATES

Follow the instructions exactly.
Note the expiration date. Most rebates require you to file within 30 days of purchase.
Don't throw away any receipts or product packaging, as you may need to submit them.
Make photocopies of everything you send in.
Consider sending your paperwork via certified mail, so you'll have proof you made the deadline.
Be patient. It typically takes months to receive a rebate. Unless the company promises a specific turnaround, federal law requires only that they do it in a "reasonable" amount of time.

SAFE SHOPPING FOR KIDS, PETS

Never give latex balloons or balls to children, who can swallow them.
Don't buy products containing small magnets, which can cause serious injury if swallowed, for children under age 6 or kids with very young siblings who might play with their toys.
Pets that chew aggressively should not be given soft toys with stuffing or toys with squeakers and bells.
Stainless steel pet dishes are better than ceramic, which can crack or may be decorated with lead-based paint.



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BrandsMart USA: Opening at midnight (Thursday night) in all stores to 10 p.m. **Aventura Mall** » 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Broward Mall** » 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Coral Ridge Mall** » 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Coral Square Mall** » 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. **The Galleria Fort Lauderdale** » 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Pembroke Lakes Mall** » 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Sawgrass Mills** » Midnight to 9:30 p.m. **The Promenade at Coconut Creek** » 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. **The Shops at Pembroke Gardens** » 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Boynton Beach Mall** » 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. **The Gardens Mall** » 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. **The Mall at Wellington Green** » 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Town Center at Boca Raton** » 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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START!

What happens next?

After 90 days, you cannot just start making payments again. The lender may actually send your payment back, if you send it this late and have not been in contact.



The phone will start ringing. Your lender will try to contact you, try to convince you to go into a loan modification of some kind.

Lender response!



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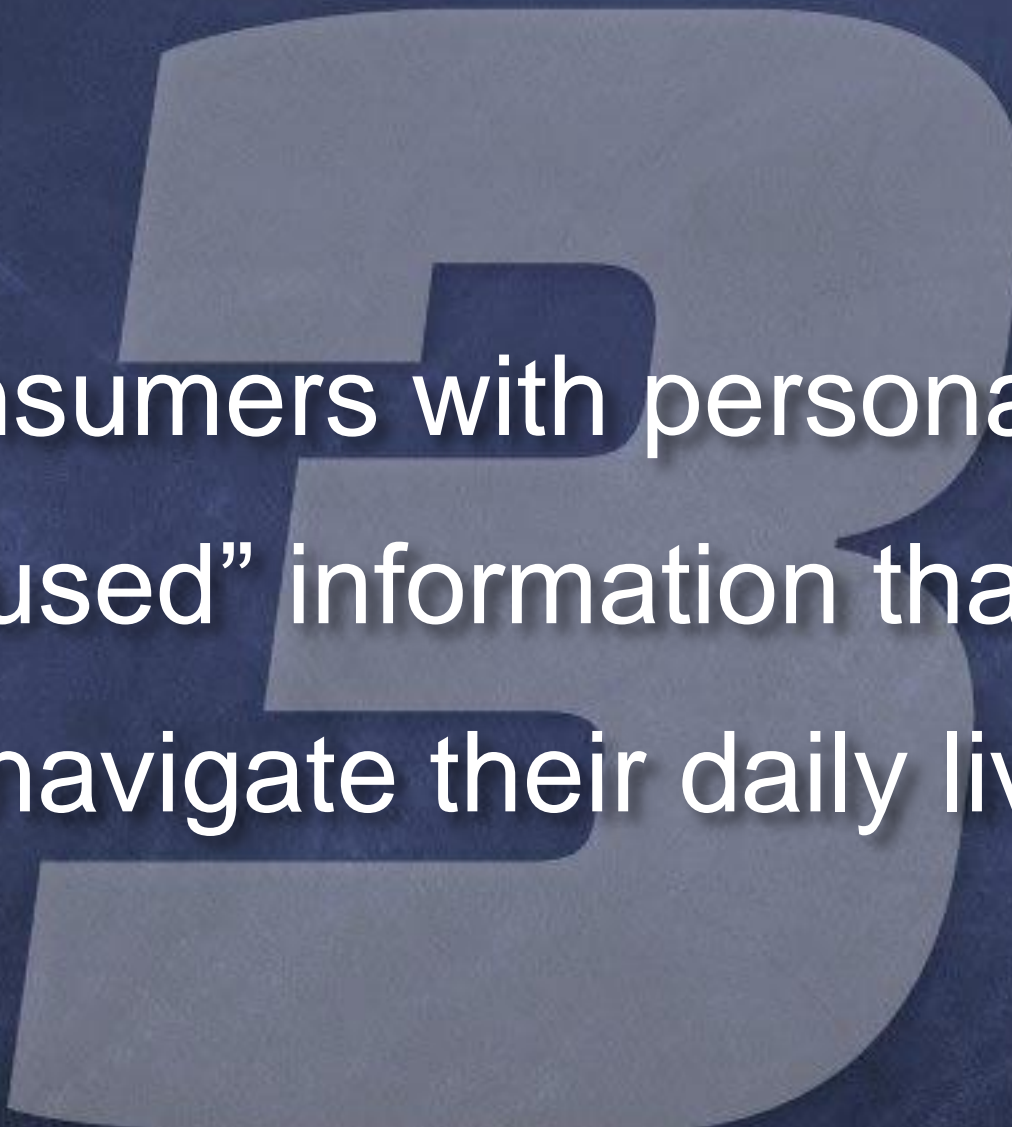
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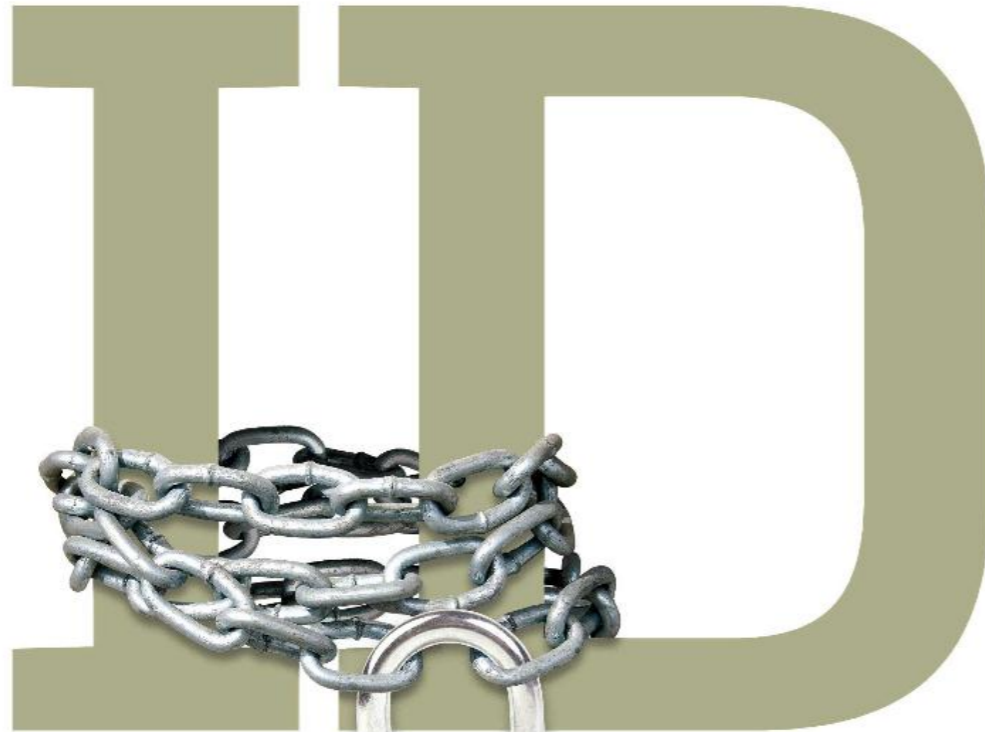
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'Esquire' beefs up print with new tech

Magazine trying to keep readers' interest with interactive pages

By **Andrew Vanacore**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hold *Esquire's* December issue in front of a webcam, and an on-screen image of the magazine pops to life, letters flying off the cover. Shift and tilt the magazine, and the animation on the screen moves accordingly.

Robert Downey Jr. emerges out of the on-screen page in 3-D, offering half-improvised shtick on *Esquire's* latest high-tech experiment for keeping print magazines relevant amid the digital onslaught.

Esquire's top editors are clearly enthused about the new technology, called "augmented reality." "I felt like a caveman seeing fire for the first time," says David Curcurito, the magazine's art director.

Triggering the animation is a box just below Downey's cover image, resembling a crossword puzzle and looking a little out of place. The magazine has printed about a half-dozen boxes inside the issue, each calling up a separate interactive feature, plus a couple of ads. The issue will be available nationally by Nov. 16.

At an uneasy time for the magazine industry, one could draw a lot of conclusions from *Esquire's* attempts at innovation: It may be the future of print or a dying medium's last desperate grab at attention as the Internet swallows more of peoples' time.

With the Web drawing some ad dollars and readers from print, publishers have made attempts to give more oomph to the medium. Time Inc. has tested personalized magazines that allow readers to mix and match sections from eight different titles. *Entertainment Weekly* ran a video screen in some copies of its fall TV preview issue.

Last year, *Esquire* animated the front of its 75th anniversary edition with digital e-ink, the same stuff used in Amazon's Kindle electronic-book reader.

Though *Esquire* is being forced to rein in expenses like most publications, the augmented reality issue is one sign the magazine's parent company, Hearst Corp., isn't taking as big an ax to its properties' budgets.

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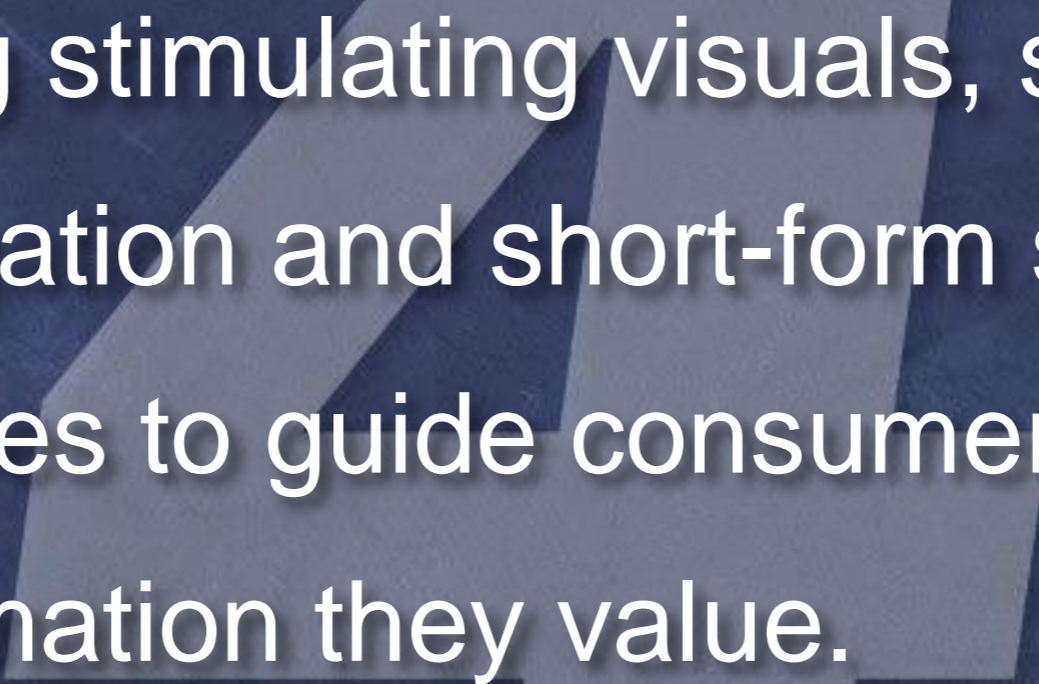
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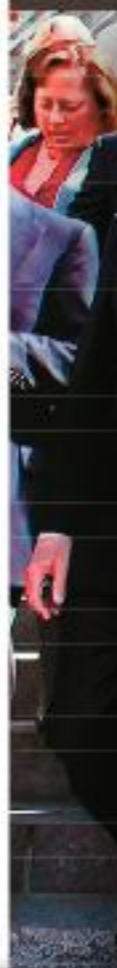
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A SCHOOL TRAGEDY

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Victim: Girl, 15, in very critical condition, barely knew suspect

Arrested: Girl, 13, charged as accessory to attack

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Sports

By Ira Winderman » Sun Sentinel Staff Writer

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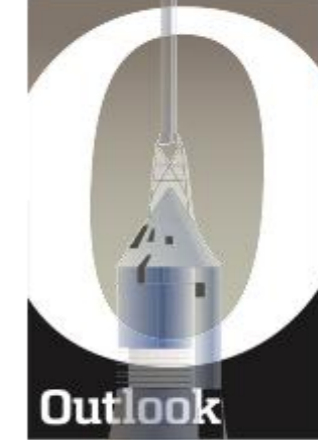
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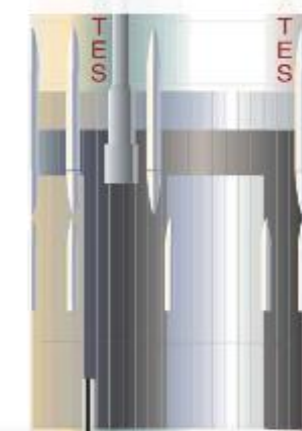
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In 1969, the world held its breath as two American astronauts stepped onto the lunar surface for the very first time. Most who watched will never forget the crew's launch from The Kennedy Space Center, their landing at the Sea of Tranquility and the return to Earth. » Page 6



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YOUR GUIDE TO MEDICARE

Choosing a Medicare plan can be a daunting task. More than 100 plans that cover health care and drugs and 49 plans that cover drugs only are available to recipients in South Florida. Our guide offers a snapshot that lets you make an initial comparison of the plan.
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RECYCLE

Those recycling bins aren't just for paper and plastic anymore – and the process is more convenient. » **Page 8**

Narrow your choices.

Seniors and people with disabilities should study carefully before choosing a Medicare health care plan or drugs-only plan for 2010. The Sun Sentinel charts on the following pages – and at SunSentinel.com/medicare – provide a snapshot that lets you make an initial comparison of drugs-only plans and health plans.

YOUR GUIDE TO MEDICARE



Choosing a plan

Do you need Part D drug coverage?

If you have good drug coverage from an employer, retiree plan or federal program, it's probably best to stick with it and skip Part D altogether.

Health plan or drug plan?

Health plans such as HMOs often offer lower prices than the combination of Medicare plus a drug plan, but they usually restrict your choice of doctors, hospitals and medicine.

Don't just renew.

Even if you like your present coverage, double-check if it will still be best for you next year, because plans are changing prices and coverage. Look for plans that fit your finances, but find out if they will cover the drugs you take, restrict the usage and let you use your doctors and pharmacy.

Sign up.

Once you choose a plan, sign up before Dec. 31. If you don't sign up, and don't have outside coverage, Medicare will charge you a penalty if you sign up later.

Discounts

Individuals with incomes less than \$16,245 (\$21,855 for couples) may qualify for free or discount premiums and co-payments in Medicare plans. Check with Social Security at ssa.gov or 800-772-1213.

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INSIDE: MORE THAN \$ 375 IN SAVINGS



Choosing a Medicare plan
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Medicare is important to our readership, so packaging is highly branded.



A SUN SENTINEL INVESTIGATION FIRST OF THREE PARTS

INNOCENCE AT RISK WHEN FELONS CARE FOR KIDS

By Sally Kestin, John Maines
and Peter Franceschina
STAFF WRITERS

Thousands of people with criminal pasts that include violent felonies and hurting children have been hired to work in Florida's child care centers over the past two decades, a Sun Sentinel investigation has found.

In October, a baby suffered severe burns at a Lauderhill day care while under the watch of a woman on felony probation who was working without a background check.

In Central Florida, a toddler nearly died after being left in a sweltering van by a day care employee whose lengthy theft record should have barred her from working at the center.

And in West Palm Beach, an employee worked at a YMCA for two months before a background screening revealed he was facing child sex charges in California.

Florida law requires criminal background checks for child care employees — but allows them to begin work before screening is complete. Once the results are in, a process that can take months, people barred from working with children because of a criminal record can still qualify by obtaining an exemption finding that they have been rehabilitated.

The law, along with screening



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CRIMES COMMITTED: DRUG ABUSE - GRAND THEFT - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-ASSAULT - BAT



Crist's Seminole deal is betting on gambling to grow

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ELDERLY, DISABLED ENDURE CAREGIVER CRUELTY

ACORN's influence minimal in S. Florida

Organization has only
six paid staff in state

By Anthony Man
POLITICAL WRITER

To Ed Rogers, of Hollywood, and Mary Ann Budnik, who lives west of Delray Beach, the threat is clear: ACORN is a scourge that must be eliminated.

"This is a radical leftist group that is trying to destroy the American way of life," Budnik said. To Rogers, the group's very existence is "breathtaking, literally breathtaking. This is a criminal enterprise here ... How can an organization like that even exist?"

For Ada Lattimore, of Fort Lauderdale, and Walter C. Hunter, of Pompano Beach, ACORN does valiant work on behalf of poor and disenfranchised people who often are society's afterthoughts.

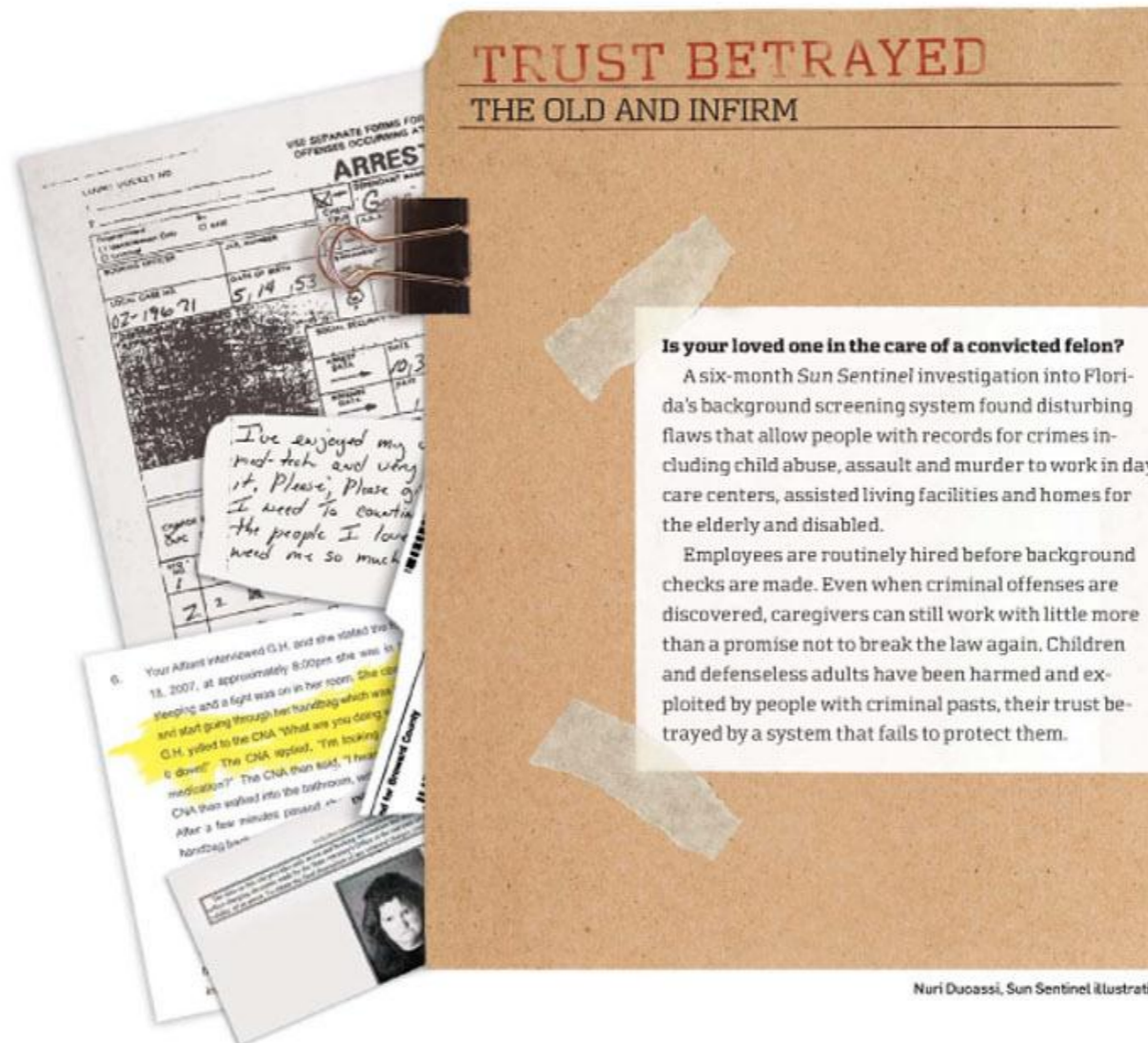
"ACORN, I would have to say, is a wonderful organization," said Hunter, who extols the group's efforts to help people navigate the bureaucracy for benefits and for political advocacy on behalf of the communities it serves.

The reality: In South Florida, ACORN may not be as omnipotent as its critics fear, or as important as its backers believe.

There is no doubt, however, that the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now has recently achieved a level of recognition it's never reached in its almost 40-year history.

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TRUST BETRAYED THE OLD AND INFIRM

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Nuri Ducassi, Sun Sentinel illustration

By Sally Kestin, Peter Franceschina
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STAFF WRITERS

Florida seniors and disabled adults too frail to live on their own have been beaten, neglected and robbed by caregivers with criminal records.

A cancer patient at a Pompano Beach assisted living facility watched helplessly from her bed as a nurse's aide with a record for theft rifled through her handbag and stole \$165.

"What are you doing with my bag?" a police report quoted her as saying. "You have no right. Put it down."

A video camera caught an aide at a North Miami Beach group home for the disabled shoving a cerebral palsy patient face-first to the floor, busting her lip. The aide had previously pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and never should have been working there.

More than 3,500 people with criminal records — including rape, robbery and murder — have been allowed to work with the elderly, disabled and infirm through exemptions granted by the state the past two decades, a Sun Sentinel investigation found. Hundreds more slipped through

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SECOND-CHANCE SYSTEM TURNS
CRIMINALS INTO CAREGIVERS

Pregnant?
Get swine
flu shot,
CDC says

Vaccine can protect
mother and baby

By Lauran Neergaard
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON » Pregnant women should be among the first in line for swine flu vaccine next month, federal health officials urge.

But the message is a hard sell: Only about one in seven pregnant women gets a flu shot each winter.

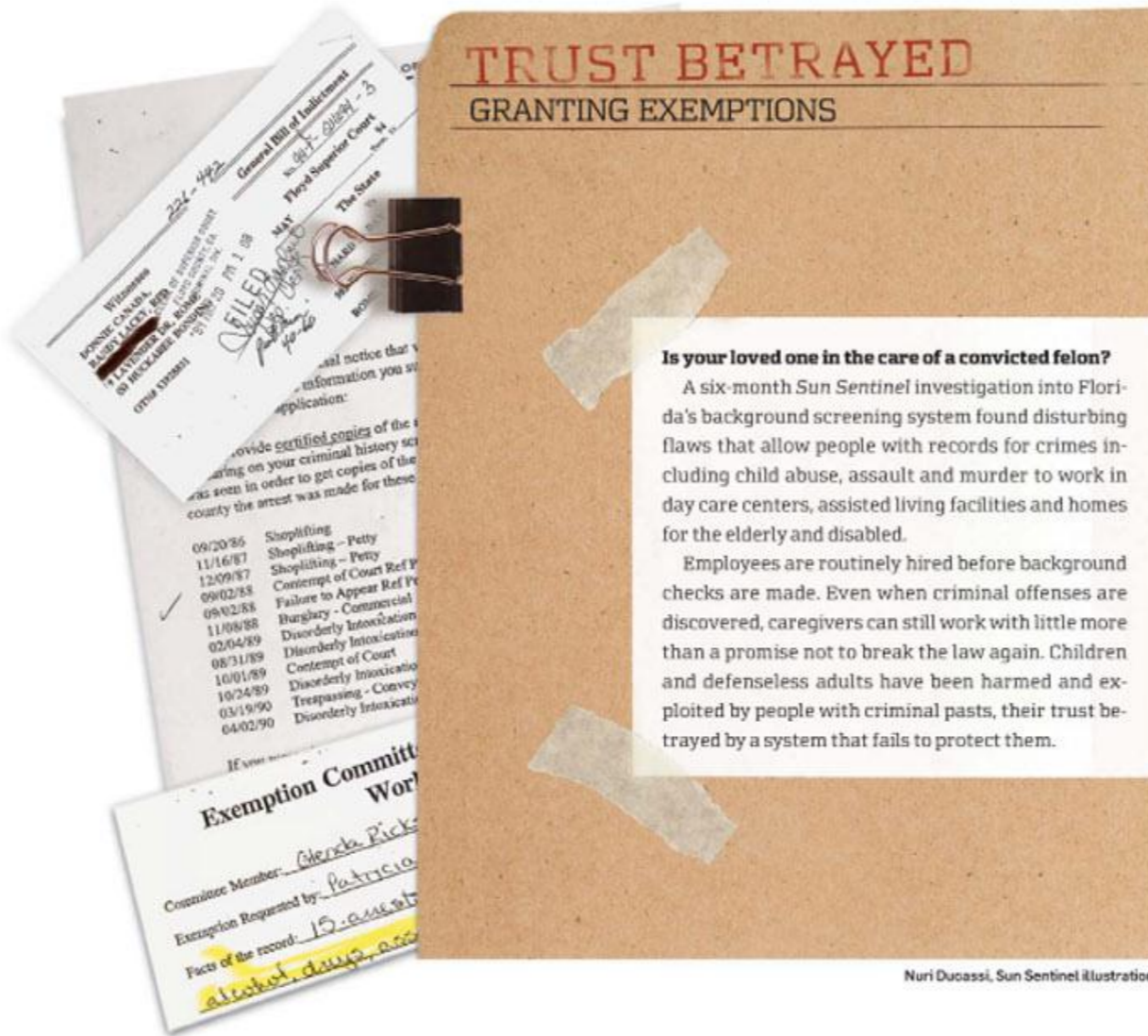
However, swine flu brings extra risk. It can trigger premature labor, hospitalize people for weeks, and even kill.

A key obstacle is that many obstetricians don't vaccinate. And not only are many women reluctant to go hunting for flu shots elsewhere, historically some pharmacists and other providers have been wary of vaccinating them.

"Maybe this year we can change that culture," says Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's not supposed to happen that you, when you are pregnant, are fighting for your life on a respirator."

Any kind of flu is risky during pregnancy, and pregnant women have been on the get-a-flu-shot priority list for years. Their reluctance to take any medication during pregnancy is part of the reason for the low vaccination rates.

With swine flu, what doctors call the 2009 H1N1 strain, pregnant women seem at particular risk for complications. Pregnant



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Applications

In Broward County, only one in 50 are denied a request for an exemption to work in day care.

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By Peter Franceschina,
Sally Kestin
and John Malnes
STAFF WRITERS

More than 8,700 people initially barred from being caregivers due to criminal records have been granted special permission by the state to work with children, the elderly and

the infirm, a Sun Sentinel investigation found.

About 1,800 — or one in five — were arrested again, some within days of the determination that they were of "good moral character" and could be trusted to care for the state's most vulnerable residents.

Felons have been allowed to work in day care centers, as-

sisted living facilities and nursing homes through an exemption system created by Florida legislators in 1985.

The system was meant to give people with a long-ago minor offense a second chance, but convicts with multiple prison stints and career criminals

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criminal records and murder — have elderly, disabled persons granted by the Sun Sentinel investigation slipped through

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SUN LIFE STADIUM All that jazz — and r&b, too

Mary J. Blige, left, and Robin Thicke are two of the big names at this weekend's star-studded Jazz in the Gardens at Sun Life Stadium. Read what they have to say about their life and music. **In showtime**

IDENTITY THEFT Woman faces more charges

A former part-time employee at a diabetes medical supply firm faces new charges that she stole patients' identities to rip off utilities, banks and credit card companies. **Money, Page 1**



Autopsy says liposuction death accidental

The Miramar nurse who died after liposuction at a Weston spa suffered a bad reaction to the anesthetic lidocaine, said her autopsy released Thursday. The Miramar nurse who died after liposuction at a Weston spa suffered a bad reaction to the anesthetic lidocaine, said her autopsy. **Local, Page 1**

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How to bid

Information on training and registration is available at Broward.realforeclose.com.

Registration is free, but winning bidders will be charged \$60.

Participants must place a deposit equal to 5 percent of their estimated high bid for each property they want to buy. Bidders don't need special computers or software.

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This is the Civil Rights Act of the 21st century.

Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina

More coverage

Student aid: A rewrite of college aid for needy students was attached to the health care package. **Page 3**

Protests: About 300 people demonstrated against the health care bill near the Capitol as the House debated Sunday. **Page 3**

What does it mean? The poorest and the uninsured have a lot to gain. **Page 3**

Speak up: Tell us what you think about the bill and compare the House and Senate versions. SunSentinel.com/healthcare

Earthquake awareness

It seems there have been more earthquakes recently — eight powerful ones so far in 2010 — but usually, t 17 or 18 major quakes a year. here are 17 or 18 major quakes a year. "There's just an increase in awareness," said Julie Dutton, a geophysicist with the National Earthquake Information Center. **Local, Page 1**



Sweet 16 teams set

Korie Lucious sank a three-pointer at the buzzer to push Michigan State over Maryland. Elsewhere in the Round of 32, Purdue drove past Texas A&M in overtime, and Xavier and top-seeded Duke advanced easily over Pittsburgh and California, respectively. **Sports, Page 1**


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LOCAL Voting tax cuts, Scott embarks on bus tour. The GOP governor candidate also says he'll help create nearly 700,000 jobs. 1B

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CHINA'S OIL SLICK QUICKLY DOUBLES

A firefighter drowns and another is rescued as a thick, deadly spill spreads in the Yellow Sea.



System unlikely to pose big threat

It could bring heavy rain, hinder work on oil spill

By ELLIOT KLENBERG, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer. A tropical wave aiming for Florida showed signs of unweaving, Wednesday, forecasters said, but it still threatened to shut down efforts to seal BP's ruptured oil well in the Gulf of Mexico.

Pulled from the sea: Firefighters help a colleague covered in oil from the Yellow Sea on Tuesday. One firefighter drowned and another was rescued. China's pipeline spill doubled in size to 165 square miles Wednesday but is dwarfed by BP's Gulf of Mexico disaster. The oil is half solid and half liquid and is as sticky as asphalt, said a Greenpeace observer. 50ay, 3A

Crist's order lets landowners pursue tax relief from BP

By MICHAEL C. BENDER, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer. TALLAHASSEE — Florida home or business owners losing property value because of the oil spill, including those in Palm Beach County, can make claims against BP to recover part of their tax bill under an executive order Gov. Charlie Crist signed Wednesday.

Racism allegation apologies fly fast

A video puts a federal worker at the center dispute involving the NAACP and the tea

By JOHN LANNIGAN, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer. The recent debate over racism in politics went viral in the past week. On Monday, a black woman from Giles lost her job with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture over what appeared to be racist comments in a video clip posted on the Internet.

Jupiter businessman killed execution-style

By MICHAEL LARGIERIA, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer. Robert Geragi was on the cusp of making a huge, lucrative deal when an attacker shot him and left his body along railroad tracks west of Jupiter, the victim of an execution-style murder, according to authorities and his friends, Crysals.

Soil tests show no link to Acreage cancer cases

By MITRA MALEK, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer. THE ACREAGE — After more than a year of government investigation that cost at least a quarter-million dollars, Acreage residents don't have anything to blame for their community's cancer cluster — and they might never have a culprit, Florida state environmental tests have confirmed that contamination doesn't appear to be linked to the

NEW POLICE CAMERAS TRACK LICENSE PLATES

How the system works

Car-mounted cameras will help locate stolen cars, criminals and Amber or Silver Alert vehicles.



Sources: Hollywood, Aventura and Boca Police Departments. Kwency Norman, Cindy Jones-Huffachor. SUN SENTINEL. Susan Stocker. FILE PHOTO.



Officer Matthew Zeller of the Boynton Police Department next to his squad car equipped with the license plate recognition camera. "It's definitely a great tool," says Zeller.

"The advantage of the ... system is it can run thousands of plates just by virtue of the officer driving the car."

Capt. Coy Dixon, Boca Raton Police Department

The technology can process hundreds of auto tags each day, alert officers to 'hot list' hits

By Erika Pesantes, SUN SENTINEL. Tiny cameras — sitting atop police cruisers — can snap photos of license plates some 1,000 times a day. And they're about to be deployed in Boca Raton and Delray Beach, watching for criminal suspects, stolen cars, Amber Alert victims and more.

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A duel for the devoted


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TO CAMPAIGNS, 12A. MiamiHerald.com/Florida. Videos and view photos McCollum's and Scott's South visits.

take a real 'survivor' eat revolting, jolting. In his opinion Glenn Garvin

Tourism czars look beyond the oil. PANAMA CITY BEACH — Ten minutes is usually all it takes for Susan Estler to find an inviting beach scene, snap it with her iPhone camera, and blast it to digital billboards from Baltimore to Atlanta.

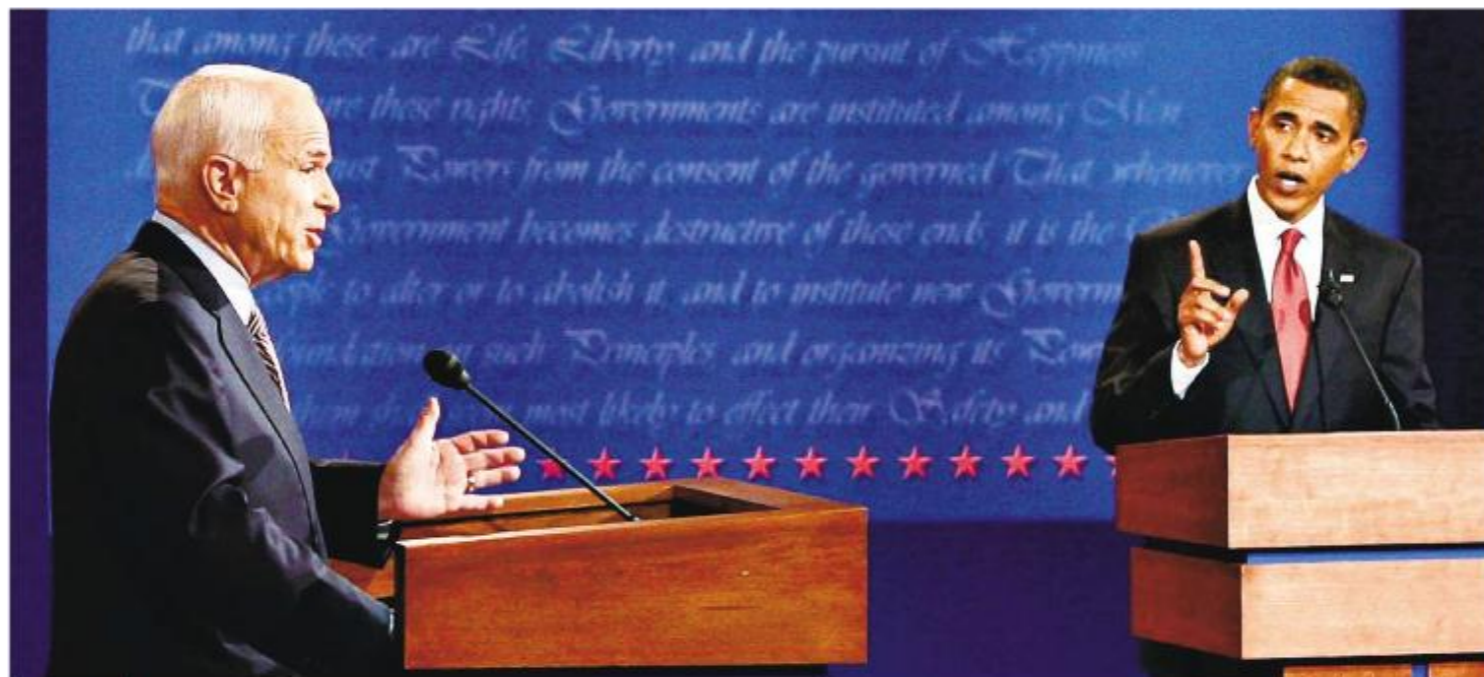
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WAR OF WORDS

In their first face-to-face clash, John McCain goes on the offensive early and Barack Obama fires back aggressively on Iraq, taxes and spending



JIM BOURG, POOL PHOTO

Florida matters

By William E. Gibson

McCain: Never mentioned Florida, but seemed to address its Jewish voters by blasting Obama's statement that he would meet with Iran's president without preconditions. "What Senator Obama doesn't seem to understand that if without preconditions you sit down across the table from someone who has called Israel a 'stinking corpse,' and wants to destroy that country and wipe it off the map, you legitimize those comments."

Obama: Addressed offshore oil drilling, an issue of special interest to Floridians because of their concerns about preserving clean water and beaches. "We can't simply drill our way out of the problem. What we're going to have to do is to approach it [energy independence] through alternative energy, like solar and wind, and biodiesel, and, yes, nuclear energy, clean-coal technology."

Pointed but polite

The debate between John McCain and Barack Obama was intense and hard-fought. The presidential candidates went after each other's voting records. See how they fared and check the facts. **Page 14**

On-screen presence

By Tom Jicha

McCain: Got off to a slow start during economic portion, admittedly not his strong point. Rambling and repetitive about his bipartisanship and budget cutting. Despite invitation by moderator Jim Lehrer to speak directly to Obama, addressed most remarks directly to camera. Came to life during foreign policy portion, his forte, stressing his experience and familiarity with key foreign leaders.

Obama: Exuded confidence most of the night, speaking directly to McCain, forcing him to play defense. Avoided tendency to be long-winded and wonkish. Well prepped, had key facts and figures at his fingertips. Deftly worked key campaign talking points into responses. Benefited from more than a third of the debate turning to economics instead of foreign policy. Bolstered perception this is his strength.

How it played here

At a debate-watching gathering at a Pompano synagogue, the nation's economy was the main concern. **Page 14**

Surprise of the night

By William E. Gibson

McCain: Compared Obama to President Bush by saying they both had stubbornly refused at first to see the value of sending more troops to Iraq to stabilize that country. McCain tried throughout the debate to distance himself from the unpopular president and audaciously suggested that Obama shared Bush's bad judgment.

Obama: Thrust on the defensive through much of the debate, he said again and again that he agreed with McCain on many matters, including the need to curb pork-barrel spending. "But the fact is that eliminating earmarks alone is not a recipe for how we're going to get the middle class back on track."

Rate the debate

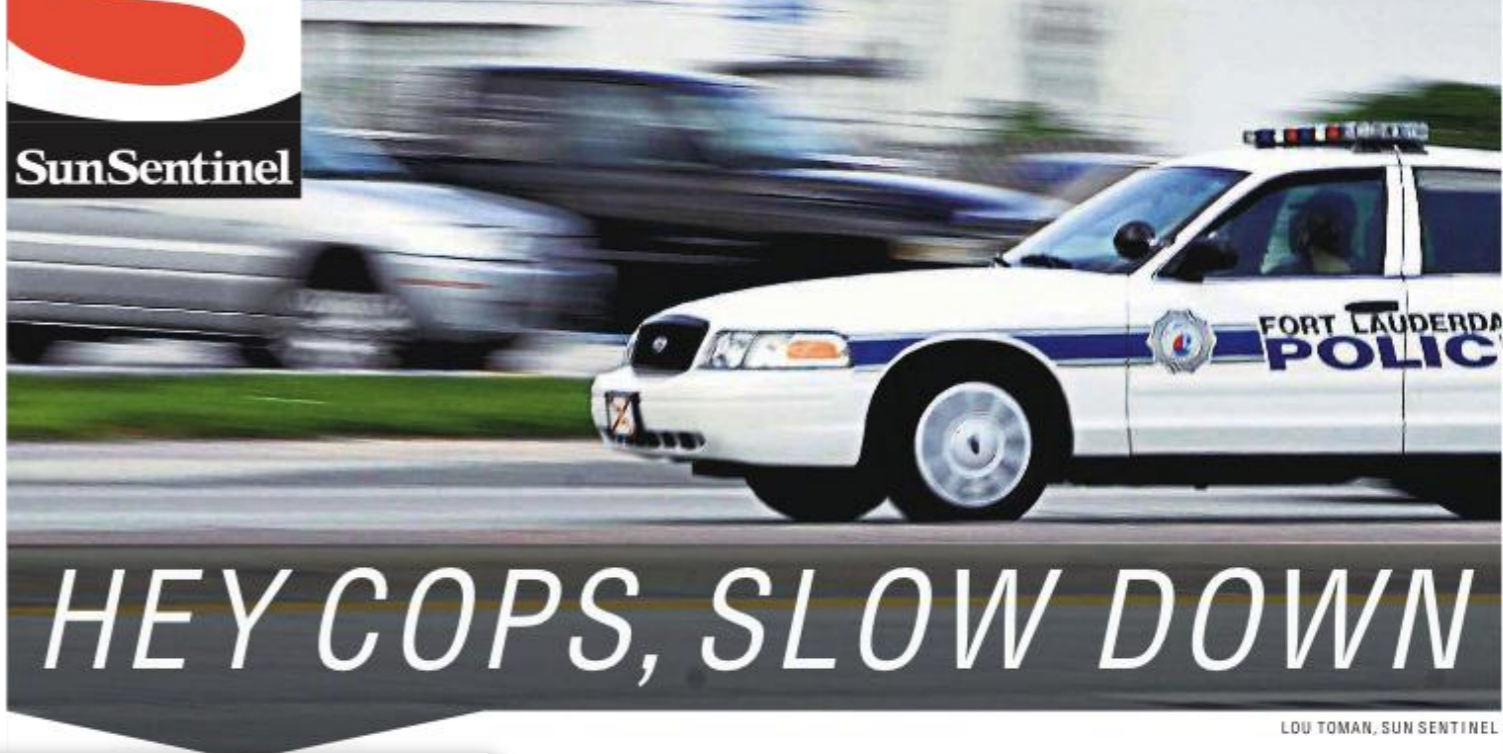
Print out a debate scorecard, and compare your score with others at SunSentinel.com/debates. Also, you can submit questions for the third debate, on Oct. 7, at webmd.com/askthecandidates or MyDebates.org. Moderator Tom Brokaw will ask questions.

How did they do

McCAIN: B-

OBAMA: B-

This is how Nova Southeastern professor Gary Gershman graded the debate. Find out why on **page 14**



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ARE YOU READY TO BE STIMULATED?



Busted for speeding

In the past year, Fort Lauderdale records show the following officers were among those counseled or disciplined for driving faster than 80 mph while not on an emergency call:

Alexander Griss, fired in August 2007 after being charged with vehicular homicide in the death of pedestrian Althea McKay. Investigators estimated he was driving 79 mph at the time, while the global positioning device reported he was driving 91. It also reported 15 instances in the month before the accident of Griss driving faster than

Jacqueline Sanchez, counseled in April for driving faster than 80 mph and given letter of reprimand in June for speeding off duty.

David Santiago, counseled for driving faster than 90 mph in January, then counseled in April and again in June for driving faster than 80.

The policy

"Officers operating personally assigned vehicles while on or off duty shall operate the vehicle in a manner consistent with all applicable traffic laws and regulations.

Under normal non-emergency operating conditions and while responding to routine "Code 1" calls for service, employees of the FLPD will strictly adhere to all traffic laws and drive defensively in a safe and courteous manner."

Brittany Wallace

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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TAX PLAN: IT'S A GONER

Florida Supreme Court rules Amendment 5 can't be on Nov. ballot. LOCAL, PAGE 1

Property taxes, sales taxes and school funding will remain the same.

Court says 90-word ballot title and summary are inadequate.


Justices toss two other amendments that would protect school vouchers.

Amendments 7 and 9 are beyond appointed panel's scope, court decides.

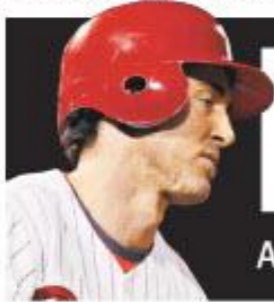
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An 8-6 win sends the Series back to New York with the Yankees ahead 3 games to 2 **SPORTS, PAGE 1**



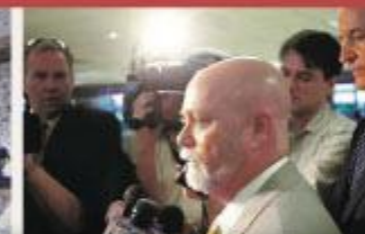
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Charles Trainor Jr., The Miami Herald

Scott Rothstein built a legal empire on charm and savvy. Now it's imploding.

LAW AND DISORDER

Lawyer's firm accuses him of plundering accounts



Many wondered how he did it; now they're finding out

Our investigative staff uncovered a multi-billion dollar corruption case.

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Lawyer's scandal is a windfall for others

\$35 million

That's how much Rothstein was reportedly paid at his law firm last year. **Local, Page 1**

By **Tonya Alanez**
STAFF WRITER

FORT LAUDERDALE » The fall of Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler as a result of attorney Scott Rothstein's alleged settlement swindle is so big, providing work for so many attorneys representing investors, that it's being called "the lawyer's relief act."

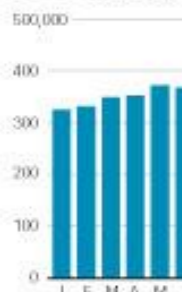
At least that's what Miami attorney Ed Shohat is calling it. He's not involved, but as someone who specializes in complicated white-collar criminal defense, he said: "These cases cannot be handled without very high-quality, experienced lawyers at the helm. ... You're already attracting an all-

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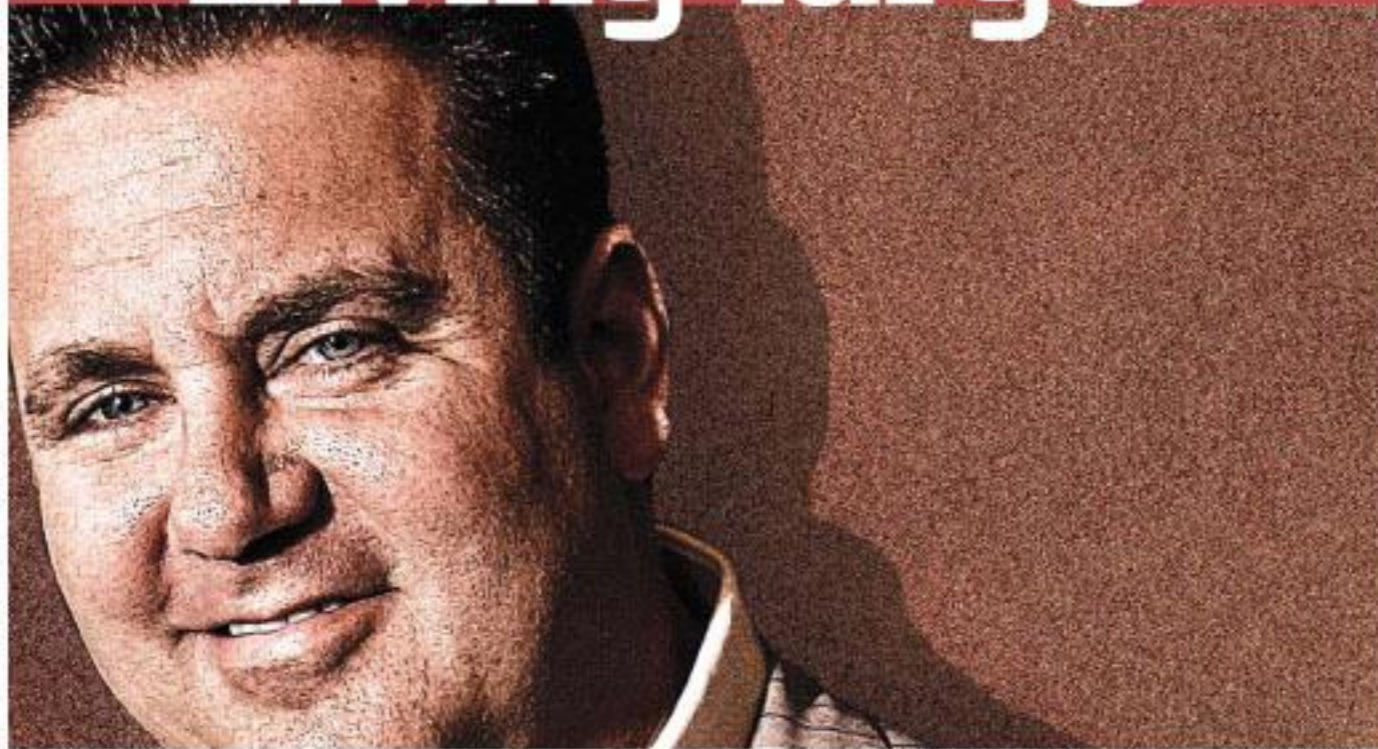


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Seldom has a South Florida figure flown so high, so visibly, so fast — and plummeted so dramatically.

Attorney Scott Rothstein's meteoric rise in local politics, sports and philanthropy is suspected to have been propelled by millions of dollars from investors blinded by the glitter of a too-good-to-be-true deal.

Geysers of cash flowed from the flamboyant lawyer, who purchased a veneer of legitimacy through donations to local charities. A hospital is building a lobby dedicated to his family; a Chabad synagogue already bears his name.

The smooth-talking lawyer sat at the center of an empire that included fancy

restaurants, million-dollar homes, flashy cars (two \$1.6 million Bugattis among them), sports sponsorships, businesses and a nonprofit foundation.

He collected watches — and politicians, and sports celebs. He hosted fundraisers for presidential candidate John McCain and Gov. Charlie Crist. His image, along with football great Dan Marino's, adorned charity billboards along Interstate 95.

Now Rothstein has achieved a new notoriety: Federal agents are poring through his accounts, contemplating charges, while investors seethe over their losses.

See where the millions went and a roster of Rothstein's excesses. **Page 18.**

Scott Rothstein has built an empire — but where has his money gone?

\$36.5 million
in real estate

\$13 million
in cars and boats

\$1.9 million
in political contributions



PROPERTY

One of Rothstein's Fort Lauderdale properties.



COMPANIES

Rothstein shows off watches in his collection. He also invested in a watch maker.



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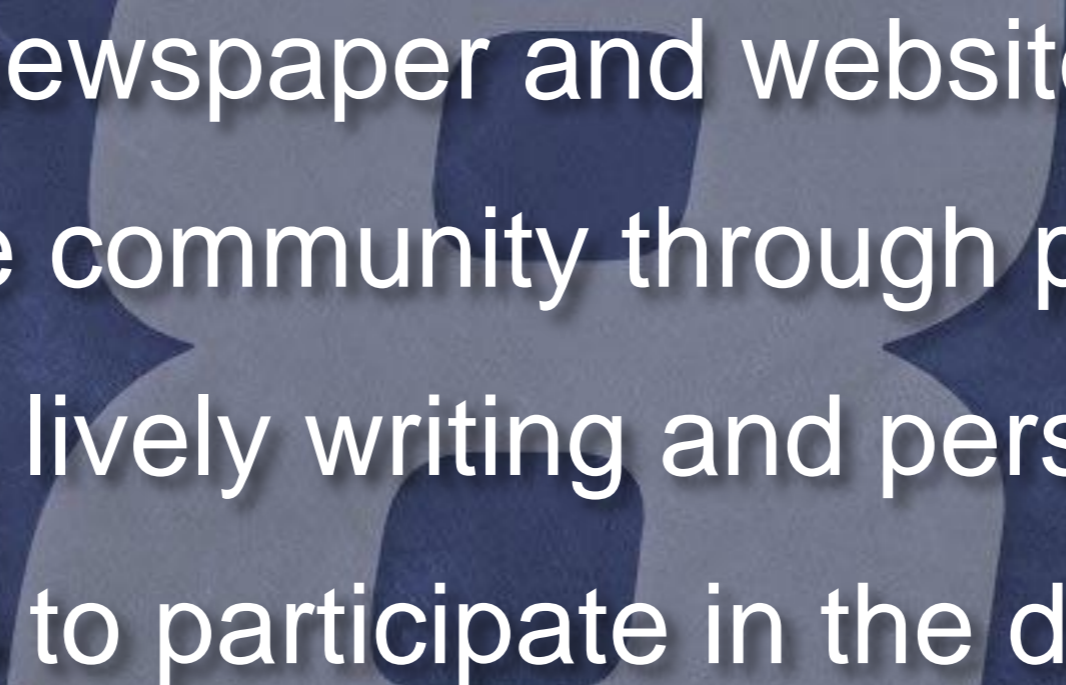
Rolls-Royce, other luxury autos registered to Rothstein.



POLITICS

Rothstein hosted a fundraiser for Gov. Charlie Crist.

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Are the Rays for real?

Mike Berardino:

Yes. Behold the power of the cowbell!

Dave Hyde:

They've come of age like the 2003 Marlins and will win it all.

Juan C. Rodriguez:

Yes, and as the Red Sox can attest, reality bites.

Ethan Skolnick:

Yes, but the baseball gods want Manny vs. the BoSox.

Michael Cunningham:

Yes, but the Red Sox are for realer.



Berardino: Brawls helped Rays reach ALCS showdown against Red Sox » 3

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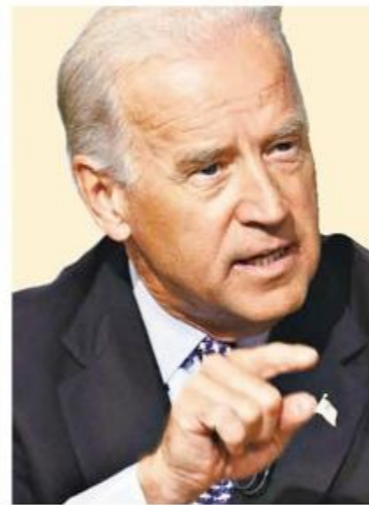
YOU KEEP THE SCORE

Grade each candidate's performance, then decide for yourself who wins the debate ... and your vote

The first debate of the presidential campaign is Friday. This scorecard for evaluating the presidential and vice presidential candidates in the coming debates is offered by Robert P. Watson, Ph.D. Watson runs the American studies program at Lynn University in Boca Raton.

Assign points for each candidate's performance in each category. Total each candidate's points; the candidate with more points wins.

- 5 Clearly helped himself/herself
- 4 Somewhat helped himself/herself
- 3 Neither helped nor harmed himself/herself
- 2 Somewhat harmed himself/herself
- 1 Clearly harmed himself/herself



Goals

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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How well do candidates hit their marks? Barack Obama needs to attract rural and suburban white voters in key swing states; convince voters that a McCain presidency will mean four more years of George W. Bush's policies; and overcome his tendency toward long-winded responses. John McCain needs to appeal to female voters in key swing states; demonstrate that he is not out of touch with average Americans and understands economic challenges; and convince Americans that he will keep America safe.

Appeal to base

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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How well did the candidate unite and energize core supporters? For Democrats, the so-called base includes African-American, younger, well-educated and urban voters in the Northeast, parts of the upper Midwest and the West Coast, as well as union members, teachers and environmentalists. For Republicans, the base includes gun owners, white men and rural voters in the South and Rocky Mountain states, as well as

Appeal to swing voters

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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Did the candidate appeal to undecided voters? Undecided voters in a few key swing states will decide the race.

Personal exchanges

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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When the candidates address one another, who got the best of the exchange? Head-to-head disagreements and comparisons tend to be important to voters and the media.

Content of answers

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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Did the candidate answer the questions accurately, knowledgeably and confidently? Candidates must demonstrate their understanding of the issues, have a clear vision of where the country is headed and not

Speaking style

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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Did the candidate speak effectively? In debates, style is as important as substance. Candidates must be articulate and avoid rambling and repetitive answers.

Zingers and blunders

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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Did the candidate deliver catchy lines or make embarrassing mistakes? The most memorable moments in debates are often witty one-liners or gaffes. The element of surprise — achieved through an unexpected, unforgettable or bold statement or position — often helps candidates achieve the "wow factor" with undecided voters. Zingers, blunders and surprises will be repeated by the media.

Openings/closings

McCain	Obama	Palin	Biden
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For the presidential debates, we gave readers a scorecard to rate the candidates.

Opinion

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Breakfast with Earl: Meeting with readers a top priority

We need to engage readers in conversations, encourage them to help us keep our communities informed.

I've seen my picture in the newspaper for the "Breakfast with Earl" promotion so many times in the past few weeks I feel like I'm in competition with IHOP or Denny's. Even my neighbors, driving by, would holler out, "What's for breakfast, Earl?"

So while it's all seemed a little strange, it was for a good cause and accomplished exactly what we intended — opportunities to interact with readers and get dozens of folks registered for our growing online site.

The "Breakfast with Earl" initiative was just one of a number of promotions to encourage registration. Registration ultimately will help us to improve the features we offer, talk to more folks about contributing content to our newspapers and web site, and to put together e-newsletters with even more targeted and useful information.

In this new media world, we know we must continue to transform our business to doing much more than providing news and information, even though we do that on multiple platforms, includ-



EDITOR

ing the Internet, broadcast and the newspaper.

To be truly successful, we need interaction with our audiences. We need to engage them in conversations, encourage them to help us keep our communities informed and provide new and innovative tools to keep the dialog going.

"We have a very vibrant audience, but few users get an opportunity for a face-to-face meeting with a key decision-maker in their local coverage," said Rebekah Monson, an online community manager and a coordinator of this project. "We're also always seeking coverage ideas and input on how to improve our products."

And the breakfast did not disappoint.

We had a spirited discussion with five readers, all of whom were interested in the future of news-

papers and how our business is changing.

There was unanimous agreement among them that when they take the time to write to a reporter, they want to hear back.

While our participants were die-hard newspaper readers, each also was very attuned to the changing dynamics and the need for multiple platforms to distribute news and information.

And we had the opportunity to explain our push for registration on our web site.

"By registering on SunSentinel.com, users gain access to special tools, content and prizes," said Anne Vasquez, a deputy managing editor who functions as our online platform manager. "They can submit photos that will be displayed in our photo galleries, they can join a public conversation by posting comments on our stories, and they can enter contests for a chance at winning special prizes."

It also allows us to communicate more directly with readers when we have special content, advertising deals, or news we want to share — and when we want to invite them to

participate in the process.

Anne also pointed out that those who register can sign up for our e-mail and mobile alerts. "For example, we'll bring the news or lottery numbers or sports scores directly to their inbox or cell phone."

Readers can sign up for e-newsletters and alerts by going to SunSentinel.com/newsletters.

By the way, we selected our breakfast participants by taking their e-mail addresses from a secure database, then used a random number generator to choose five winners from nearly 200 entrants.

We plan to repeat the contest and expand it to include some of our popular columnists and other decision-makers in the future.

To pose your question

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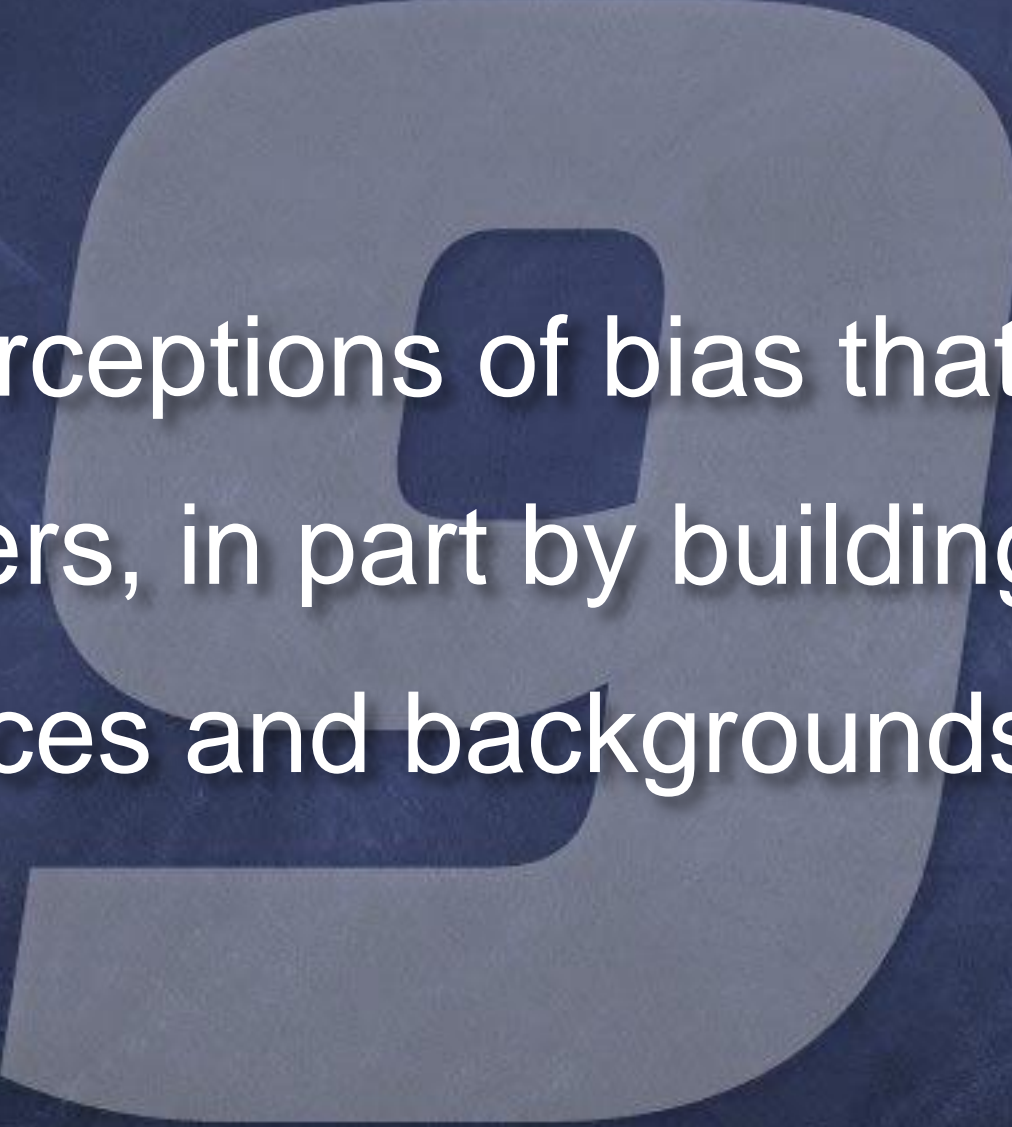
Stephen L. Goldstein

saulted by pollsters, it's going to get worse: They have your cell phone numbers and are going to be using up your minutes as they see fit — and they can't be put on Do-not-call

Rubio's been made to appear a more viable candidate than he would be in the general election.

In addition, although the seven months until the November elec-

A visible editor encourages dialogue with readers.



Combat perceptions of bias that are inhibiting to consumers, in part by building a staff with diverse voices and backgrounds.



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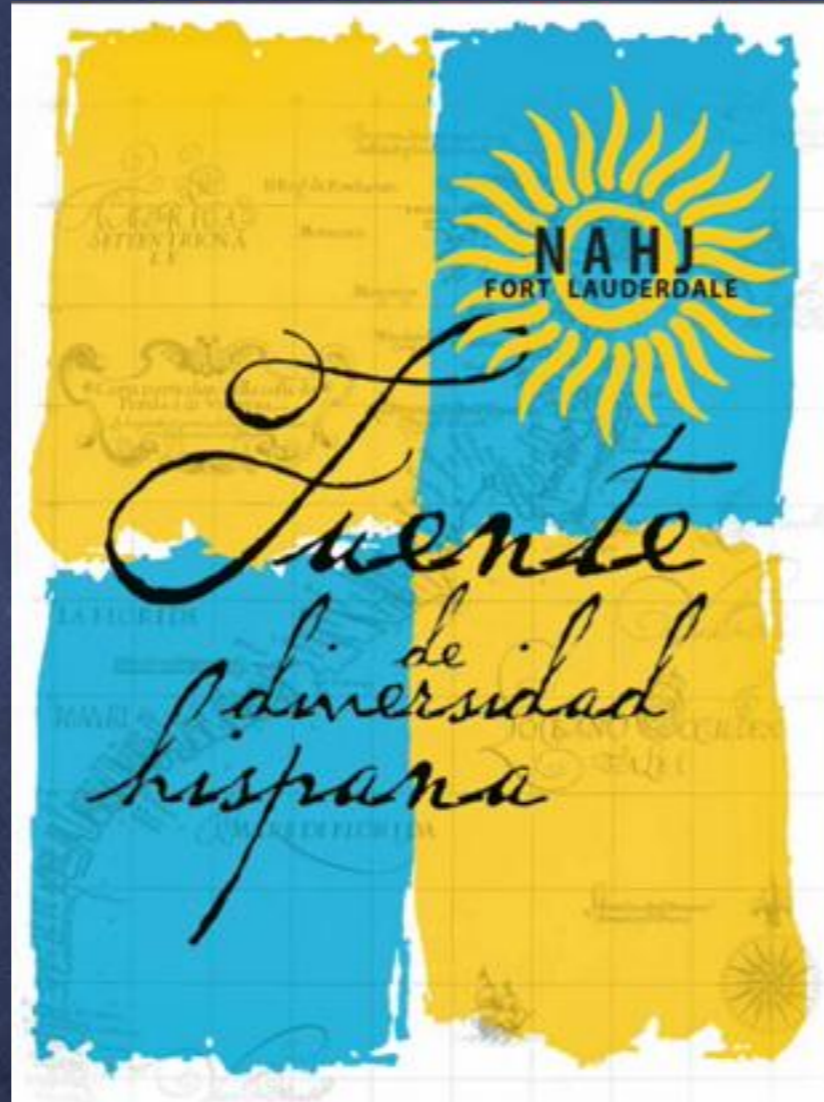


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Entrevista exclusiva con Mariano Rivera, el astro de los Yankees.
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NOTA DE LOS EDITORES

La mejor información con la mejor cara

Un cambio de imagen siempre es una buena oportunidad para renovar metas y reafirmar compromisos.

Aquí en *El Sentinel* queremos aprovechar el nuevo diseño para agradecer a nuestros lectores su continuo apoyo. Desde 2001 en Florida Central y desde 2002 en el sur del estado, *El Sentinel* siempre ha tenido como objetivo ser parte importante de la vida de los hispanos, aportando la información que necesitan a la hora de iniciar un negocio, buscar trabajo, comprar casa o simplemente cuando están indagando qué concierto o artista se presenta durante el fin de semana.

A partir de esta semana nuestra publicación estrena un nuevo rostro, que facilitará la búsqueda de las noticias que más les interesan. También vamos a combinar los recursos periodísticos de nuestras salas de redacción en Fort Lauderdale y Orlando para ofrecerles la mejor cobertura de lo que más importa a los hispanos en Florida.

Entre otros cambios, comenzando la próxima semana este espacio será ocupado por **Tu Dinero** —un aporte de *El Sentinel* para el consumidor con todo lo relacionado a las finanzas personales—. A este esfuerzo se suman nuestras páginas de Internet y lo invitamos a que nos dé su opinión o sugerencias en nuestras páginas en Facebook.

De nuevo, gracias por su continuo apoyo. Estamos aquí para servirles.

Deborah Ramirez, directora, sur de Florida.
Rafael Palacia, director, Florida Central.

PALM BEACH > LAKE WORTH

Municipio sale al paso de ley de Arizona

Aprueban resolución de rechazo a estatuto anti-inmigrante

Por Tiffany Savinón
ESPECIAL PARA EL SENTINEL

En un municipio pequeño del condado de Palm Beach se elevó una voz a favor de los hispanos y se aprobó una resolución que rechaza cualquier intento de limitar la nueva ley de inmigración en Arizona.

"Este país fue construido por inmigrantes, y la ley de Arizona no es favorable para la gente que desea construir un futuro mejor aquí", dijo Jo-Ann Golden, vice alcaldesa de la ciudad de Lake Worth, y autora de la moción a favor de los inmigrantes.

Golden agregó que lo único que esta ley ha logrado es promover el temor entre una comunidad trabajadora y honrada y "esto no es una representación justa de esta nación".

La resolución aprobada el 15 de

EL TEMA CENTRAL > LA POBLACIÓN HISPANA EN BROWARD Y PALM BEACH

Somos más a pesar de la crisis

En Broward, 1 de cada 4 personas es hispana. En Palm Beach, 1 de cada 5 personas es hispana. Así lo refleja el Censo



Irmá Tobar, una de las graduadas esta semana en la Universidad de Florida. Este centro ofrece clases bilingües, lo que es un gran atractivo en Palm Beach que están en proceso de perfeccionar el inglés y

Por María Travierno EL SENTINEL

Cuando se transita por las calles y vecindario y Palm Beach no solo se escucha más español si más bodegas y restaurantes hispanos. También trabajadores hispanos en puestos de trabajo y se profesionales de universidades — algunas de ellas. Todo es un reflejo del aumento de la población estos condados que, según la última revisión de que uno de cada cuatro residentes en Broward y 25 por ciento de la población —, y en Palm Beach cada cinco residentes — o 20 por ciento.

"Creo que el Censo se queda corto; nosotros llegamos casi a 30 por ciento de población hispana. Baccalino, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de Filia, la organización comunitaria hispana más condado.

Las cifras del censo indican que el número creció Broward un 3.6 por ciento, pasando de 488 entre julio de 2006 y julio 2009. En el condado el aumento fue de 4.3 por ciento y pasaron de

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Silvio vino, ca

La presentación de Silvio Rodríguez en Flo todo los días de siempre, valores de gente joven de asilados mayores, dedicaciones y alusiones pe El cantautor de 63 años, de quien se dice que se retirarse, cantó durante tres horas en el Teat principalmente para los que han escuchado e

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Earth, Wind & Fire en el Hard Rock

El grupo legendario de funk, R&B y disco ha deleitado al público por cuatro décadas con éxitos como *Shining Star*, *Can't Hide Love* y *Boogie Wonderland*. Earth, Wind & Fire se presenta a las 7 p.m. el domingo 27 de junio en el Hard Rock Live, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood. Boletos: \$60, \$80 y \$100.

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Un Oasis multitudinario sobre el mar



Visto de lejos, cualquiera pensaría que se trata de un edificio. Pero más que una construcción flotante, la estructura del crucero Oasis of the Seas es algo así como el non plus ultra de la creatividad en la conquista del mar.

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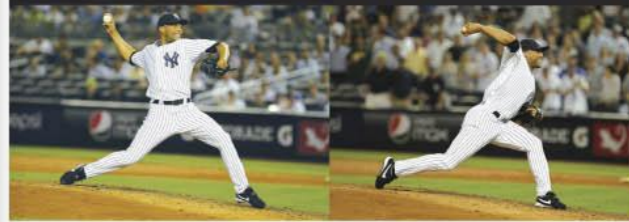
BÉISBOL > MARIANO RIVERA

El pitcher panameño habla de retiro y pesca

Un astro con los pies en la tierra



En un partido frente a los Mets de Nueva York, Mariano Rivera muestra sus habilidades y reitera por qué es uno de los favoritos de la fanática de los Yankees.



Por Aurelio Moreno ESPECIAL PARA EL SENTINEL

NUEVA YORK Mariano Rivera, el mejor cerrador en la historia del béisbol de Grandes Ligas, levanta su vista de campeón, vislumbra un horizonte cercano y maravilloso y reconoce entre los caprichos del destino su vida como pelotero retirado. "No hoy que caer en mentiras", indica el panameño Rivera, quien raramente habla de su jubilación y su vida después del bullpen. "Si me veo retirado... yo creo que ese futuro está muy lejano".

En conversación con *El Sentinel*, el batedor de los Yankees de Nueva York habló abiertamente sobre un futuro en el que le espera Cooperstown, un presente de trabajo y un pasado de bendiciones.

Sentado en el dugout de los Yankees ante los Filis de Filadelfia a mediados de junio, el derecho de 40 años también charló sobre comida, cine y hasta de la Copa Mundial de Fútbol. "Si Dios lo permite jugaré uno o dos años más. Aún no sé, pero sé que no será mucho más tiempo [jugando]", reveló el taponero. "Ya es tiempo de comenzar a educar al que será el sucesor. Me gustaría trabajar como instructor o consejero y compartir con los jóvenes, particularmente en ligas menores. Allí es donde el pelotero se forma. Les podría hablar de los obstáculos que encontrarán en el camino y quizás les podría hacer las cosas más fáciles", agregó el astro.

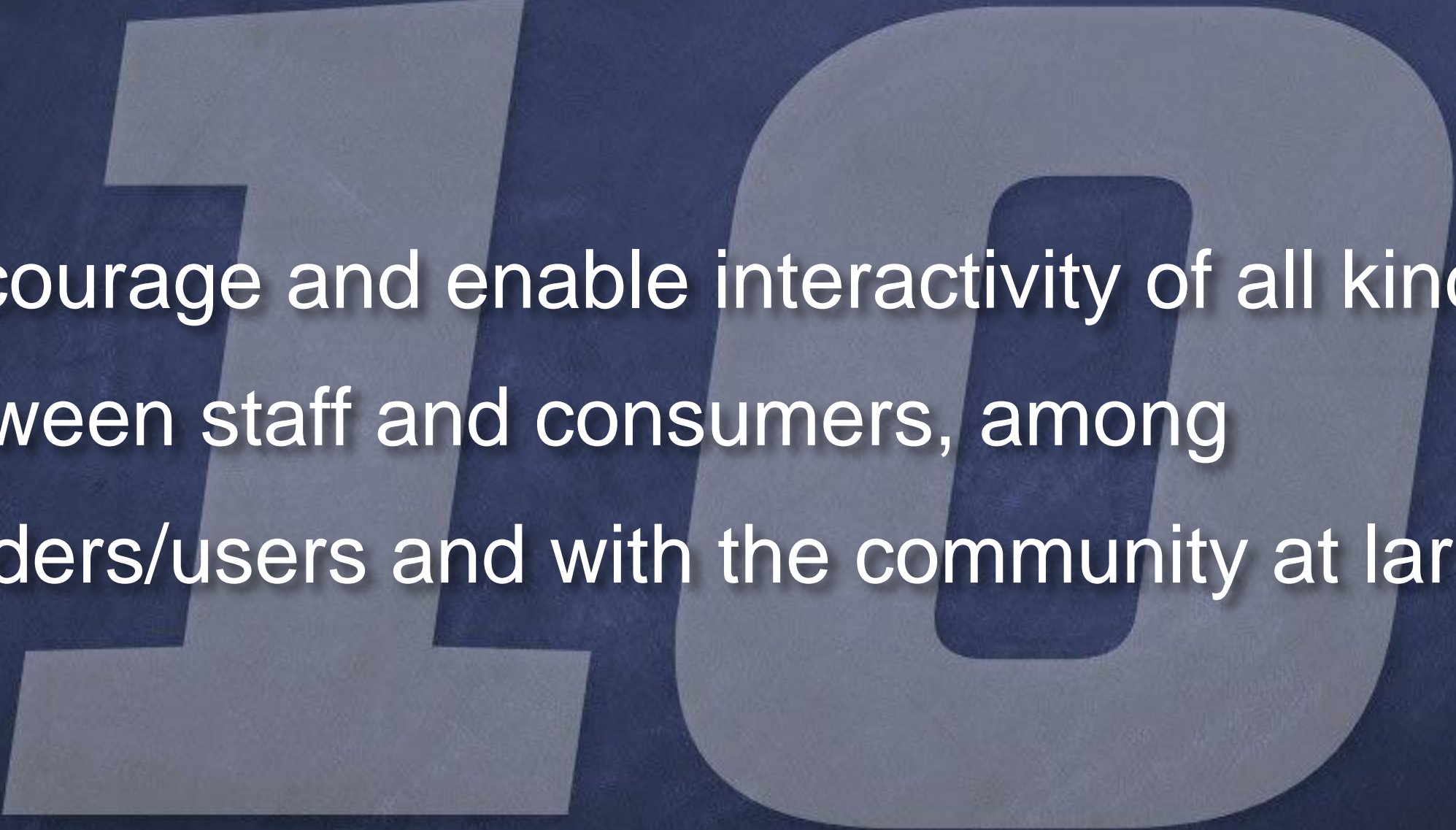
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
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What do you think?

Did Obama show leadership following the attempted Christmas Day terrorist attack?

Yes. It's refreshing to hear a president take responsibility instead of pass the buck.

No, he should take notes from Dick Cheney.

Yes because he put Republicans in their place.

Not it's too little too late.

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Shame on Republicans for Politicizing Christmas Terrorist Attack

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Talk About It

In a speech to the American people, President Obama took personal responsibility for the failures of intelligence agencies to share information that may have prevented Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab from getting on a plane Christmas Day. Some say his speech demonstrated leadership while others say it's too little too late. What do you think?

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ratherrippid: it's wonderful to be part of a place that so values fair and balanced news." she said as I threw up!!! 11 Jan 10, 19:10

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In a speech to the American people, President Obama asked intelligence agencies to share information that may help prevent a terrorist attack on Christmas Day. Some say his speech is too little too late. What do you think?

ratherripped: Palin went to high school?
gimmeabreak: Hey noname, your a loser fool YOU Dignity Palin for President LOL
ratherripped: it's wonderful to be part of a place that said as I threw up!!!
ratherripped: Well they did manufacture a crowd a back, don'tcha-think
ratherripped: You have got to be kidding me
Richard: The Queen of Out has just joined the net rather than an operating principle.
ratherripped: Kool Aid? I like Kool Aid!!!!!!!

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