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TRIATHLON GOLD GOES TO FORMER OLYMPIC STAR

Andy Potts easily beats defending champion and fellow Coloradan Matt Reed in St. Anthony's Triathlon on a day when the conditions are so rough that the swim leg is canceled for amateurs for the first time. Rebecca Wassner of New York comes from behind to win on the women's side. **Sports, 1C; Tampa Bay, 1B**



Brad Keselowski wins at Talladega

The NASCAR driver, left, holds on after he collides with Carl Edwards on the last lap, sending Edwards airborne and injuring seven fans in a wild finish at Talladega Superspeedway. **Sports, 1C**

Bucs add defense with draft picks

On day two, the Bucs use three of five picks on defensive players, including tackle Roy Miller of Texas and end Kyle Moore of Southern Cal. General manager Mark Dominik likes the quarterback choice, too. **Sports, 1C**

Rays falter again, losing 7-1 to A's

Offense is missing as the Rays lose their fifth straight series. "It's very frustrating," leftfielder Carl Crawford says. "We're in last place." **Sports, 1C**

Computer readied for 'Jeopardy!'

If the IBM supercomputer defeats the human contestants, it will be a leap forward for artificial intelligence. **Nation, 2A**

GM's recovery plan excludes Pontiac

General Motors' overhaul means the end of Pontiac and more factory closings and job cuts. **Nation, 3A**

Doctors retreat on prostate exam

The American Urological Association issues new guidelines saying many men over 50 do not need a yearly screening. **Nation, 3A**

Temp job leads to dream position

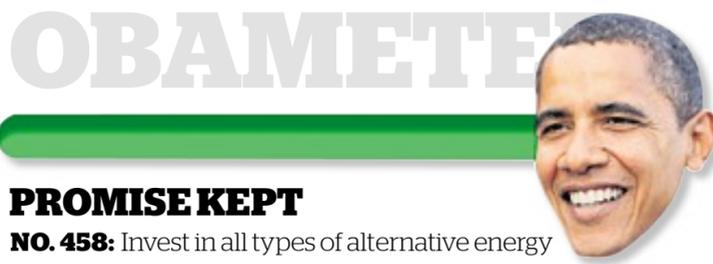
Martin Grebing, a 37-year-old from Bradenton, goes from part-timer to creative director of Digital Tap, a digital production and animation firm. **Business, 4B**

PolitiFact.com Sorting out the truth in politics

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Obama gets mostly high marks for his actions on a wide range of critical issues.

DAYS AS THE PRESIDENT



BY ROBERT FARLEY AND ANGIE DROBNIC HOLAN
Times Staff Writers

President Barack Obama's first 100 days have at times seemed a blur of activity, but he mostly has stuck to a blueprint outlined in his presidential campaign, according to an analysis of campaign promises by PolitiFact.

By marrying much of his domestic agenda to economics, Obama has used the appetite for urgent response to a financial crisis to advance his overall plan on a wide range of fronts.

It was a plan so detailed PolitiFact found more than 500 campaign promises. According to ongoing tracking of their progress, Obama has so far kept 27 of those promises, with an additional 63 solidly in the works. Six have been broken.

While the majority of Obama's agenda remains on the table, he has managed to fulfill promises that address the key themes of his campaign.

From the earliest days of his campaign, Obama talked about ending the war in Iraq and boosting efforts in Afghanistan. On his first full day in the White House, Obama kept a promise to tell military commanders in Iraq to draw up plans for withdrawal. He also has sent two additional brigades to Afghanistan to combat a resurgent Taliban.

Obama's stump speeches repeated promises to improve transparency and ethics in government. During his first week, Obama signed an executive order requiring appointees to affirm that they were not hired because of political affiliations or contributions. The same day, he ordered a ban on gifts from lobbyists to anyone serving.

ON THE WEB: View a photo gallery of President Barack Obama's first 100 days in office at links.tampabay.com.

U.S. sends alert on flu

A health emergency is declared as U.S. swine flu cases hit 20. In Mexico, 103 are dead.

Times wires

Responding to what appeared to be the leading edge of a global pandemic, U.S. health officials declared a public health emergency on Sunday as 20 cases of swine flu were confirmed in the United States. No cases have been discovered in Florida.

Other nations imposed travel bans or made plans to quarantine air travelers as confirmed cases appeared in Mexico, Canada and the United States, and suspect cases emerged in other countries.

Top global flu experts struggled to predict how dangerous the new A (H1N1) swine flu strain would be as it became clear that they had too little information about Mexico's outbreak — in particular, how many cases had occurred in what is thought to be a month before the outbreak was detected, and whether the virus was mutating to be more lethal, or less.

Without that knowledge — which is unlikely to emerge soon because only two laboratories, in Atlanta and Winnipeg, Manitoba, —

Q&A on swine flu

Learn about the virus and how to protect yourself. **10A**

For innocent convicts, a lifeline

The Innocence Project of Florida sifts evidence to find flawed cases.

BY LEONORA LAPETER ANTON
Times Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The letters come, sometimes eight to 10 a day, filled with everything from indignation to outrage to humble pleas for help.

Amy Kochanasz, a 25-year-old graduate student, retrieves them from her mail slot in the laid-back law office where she works. She admires the flashy, graffiti-like handwriting of some; thinks others would make good movie scripts; wonders about the ones who try to sound like lawyers.

"I believe that I am totally innocent, and it's further believed that I was set up," one convict wrote.

It's up to Kochanasz and others at the Innocence Project of Florida to figure out whether that's true.

The Innocence Project was founded in 1992 by New York defense lawyers Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld; it has since expanded into a network of more than 50 groups across the country. For years these lawyers specialized in using DNA evidence to exonerate people wrongly convicted of crimes from rape to murder. They have exonerated

237 people across the country, including 10 in Florida.

Lately the organization has branched out into cases involving bullet analysis, glass comparisons, palm prints and evidence-sniffing dogs. The National Academy of Sciences has cast doubt on these forensic tests, providing an opportunity for the Innocence Project and the inmates they represent.

The Florida office — a few rooms in an old wood-frame house — has four full-time lawyers, an invest-



CHERIE DIEZ | Times (2002)

World-renowned pop artist James Rosenquist's sculpture of a bandage at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, being installed in 2002, is a local landmark. Rosenquist, right, whose home and studio burned Saturday in Aripeka on the Hernando-Pasco county line, was preparing for a November art show in New York. He also lost works in the 1993 no-name storm.



After fire, pop art icon faces bleak landscape

"I'm just wiped out," says James Rosenquist, 75.

BY JOEL ANDERSON
Times Staff Writer

ARIPEKA — In only a few hours, a home, two studios, years of memories and artwork of untold value were reduced to smoldering rubble. But a day later, the conversation kept drifting toward a November art show in New York City.

"Everyone who thinks we should keep going," longtime assistant Beverly Coe said Sunday, "raise their hands."

The six staff members eagerly lifted their hands. But renowned artist James Rosenquist kept one hand around a glass

of pale lager and the other on his paint-spattered white jeans.

"We had a lot done already," Rosenquist said, settling deeply into a black leather couch. "I'm trying to decide whether to get going or not."

One of the world's most famous painters, the 75-year-old Rosenquist faces an uncertain future after a brush fire swept through his home, office and studio Saturday. A second home also was lost, officials said. No one was injured.

"It's all gone," Rosenquist said. "I'm just

GOP faces perils of budget gridlock

The party bogs down despite control of the state Legislature.

BY MARC CAPUTO
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TALLAHASSEE — At a white cloth-covered table dotted with glasses of orange juice, Republican legislative leaders proudly toasted the on-time end of a law-making session, a no-new-taxes budget and the ascendancy of the GOP in Florida.

That was a dozen years ago.

Today, the sense of optimism that buoyed the state's Republicans has begun to crumble as legislative leaders struggle in a nearly deadlocked session to meet their constitutional duty to craft a balanced state budget.

Legislators likely won't finish a budget by the session's end on Friday.

"Not getting done on time sends a wrong signal to the taxpayers of the state," said Sen. Mike Fasano, a New Port Richey Republican. "It's embarrassing."

Republicans, who have dominated the Legislature since 1996, aren't just down because of budget talks. They're also confronting

Push for oil drilling

Secret firms lobby hard for bills to drill off the Florida coast. **Story, 1B**

See REPUBLICANS, 6A

TODAY'S WEATHER

Mostly sunny

8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m. 8 p.m.
70° 83° 86° 77°
0% rain chance.
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