

Collector May Have Second Dickinson Photo

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Scholars at Amherst College in Massachusetts believe a collector may have what would be just the second known photo of Emily Dickinson.

The college says the collector, who wishes to remain anonymous, bought the photo in 1995 in Springfield. He brought it to the college's archive and special collections staff in 2007, and they've been researching it since.

Last month, it was publicly shown during the Emily Dickinson International Society conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

The daguerreotype, dated around 1859, appears to show Dickinson sitting next to a friend, Kate Scott Turner.

There's strong evidence it's Dickinson, including comparisons of high-resolution digital images of the newer photo with the known image, from 1847, said Mike Kelly, head of the archive and special collections department at Amherst College.

Earthquakes Jolt SW China; At Least 64 Killed

BEIJING (AP) — Twin earthquakes and a spate of aftershocks struck southwestern China on Friday, toppling thousands of houses and sending boulders cascading across roads. At least 64 people were killed and hundreds injured in the remote mountainous area, and more than 100,000 residents were evacuated.

Damage was preventing rescuers from reaching outlying towns, and communications were disrupted after the midday quakes hit along the borders of Guizhou and Yunnan provinces, a rural region where some of China's poorest people live.

The first 5.6-magnitude quake struck just before 11:30 a.m. and was followed by an equally strong quake shortly after noon, joined by dozens of aftershocks. Though of moderate strength, the quakes were shallow, which often causes more damage.

Hardest hit was Yiliang County, where all but one of the deaths occurred, according to the Yunnan provincial government's official website. Another 715 people in the area were injured. Yiliang's high population density, shoddy building construction and propensity for landslides were blamed for the relatively high death toll.

China Central Television showed roads littered with rocks and boulders and pillars of dust rising over hilltops from the landslides. One image taken just as one quake struck showed people running out of a supermarket as the ground shook.

Mom Convicted; Refuses To Say Where Son Is

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Nearly 10 months after her 18-month-old son was last seen, a South Carolina woman was convicted Friday of unlawful conduct for refusing to tell authorities where he might be, just insisting that he is safe.

Zinah Jennings, 23, showed no emotion as the verdict was read. The jury of eight women and four men deliberated for about 2 1/2 hours before issuing its decision, and a judge sentenced Jennings to the maximum of 10 years in prison. Jennings has been jailed on no bail since her arrest.

The last time Jennings' son, Amir, was seen was November, when a security video at a Columbia bank recorded them both.

Jennings, who did not testify in her defense, has said she left the boy somewhere safe but wouldn't give details when questioned by police. Prosecutors played a lengthy police interview in which Jennings cried as she said her son was safe but that she couldn't prove to detectives that the boy was alive.

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Gloomy Jobs Report Shadows Election

BY BEN FELLER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A dismal new snapshot of jobs in America shadowed the presidential campaign on Friday, testing the voter patience that will save or sink President Barack Obama's re-election bid. Seizing on the timing, Republican Mitt Romney said Obama's convention party had given way to quite a "hangover."

Employers added just 96,000 jobs in August, not nearly enough to seriously dent unemployment, let alone inspire confidence that the economy is getting better. Even the good news — the unemployment rate dropped from 8.3 percent to 8.1 percent — resulted from many job-hunters just giving up.

"We're going in the wrong direction," Romney declared, a view echoed by a majority of Americans still reeling from a massive recession.

Obama put the emphasis on a trend showing employers have added jobs for 30 months in a row now. He did so with a nod to public frustration.

"We know it's not good enough," Obama said, dealing with the downbeat news mere hours after his confetti-flying Democratic National Convention. "We need to create more jobs, faster."

With 60 frenetic days left until the election, the economic report was not grim enough to alter the political narrative of a consistently tight race. Yet the attention it commanded eroded any hope of a post-convention boost for Obama.

Instead, it underlined his point that economic recovery will not be "quick or easy." No president has won re-election with unemployment over 8 percent since Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Obama has embraced that Great Depression comparison, hoping to show why he and the nation need more time.

Their conventions behind them and their debates just ahead, Obama and Romney sprinted into the next phase of campaign, targeting eight or so toss-up states. The two men headed the same way Friday, appearing in Iowa and New Hampshire, two states with small but potentially decisive electoral prizes.

The economy has added just 139,000 jobs a month this year, a slower pace than last year. It takes roughly 200,000 jobs a month to shrink unemployment. In perspective, the economy was bleeding hundreds of thousands of jobs when Obama took office, but that does not comfort the jobless today.

The new results only sharpened the competing and defining storylines of the election. Romney says the poor pace of job growth demands that Obama be thrown out of office, while the incumbent implores voters to compare the candidates' economic visions and see why only his would help the middle class.

If the jobs numbers did hang over Obama, he did not show it, smiling and waving during rallies in Portsmouth, N.H., and Iowa City, Iowa. In both cities he returned to the themes of his convention speech, poking fun again at Romney while shrinking his competitor's economic theory to one idea.

"Tax cuts. Tax cuts. Cut some more regulations. Oh, and more tax cuts," Obama told the thousands who packed the grounds at Portsmouth's Strawberry Banke Museum. "Tax cuts when times are good. Tax cuts when times are bad. Tax cuts to help you lose a few extra pounds. Tax cuts to help you improve your love life. It'll cure anything."

Romney was biting as well. On repeated occasions Friday, he challenged Obama's competency, lumping together the jobs report and Obama's prime-time convention address.

"There was nothing in the speech that gives confidence that the president knows what he's doing when it comes to jobs," Romney told Fox News.

It was a rejoinder to Thursday night, when Obama stood before a cheering crowd and essentially put the candidates on different levels.

"The times have changed, and so have I," Obama said. "I'm no longer just a candidate. I'm the president."

Trying to extend the buzz of his convention, Obama went back on the trail with Vice President Joe Biden and their wives as well. One of the longest days of his campaign would take him from North Carolina to New Hampshire to Iowa and ultimately Florida, where he begins a bus tour on Saturday.

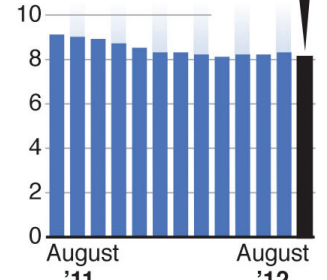
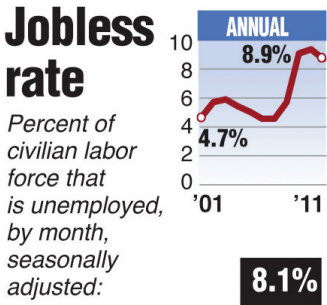
The monthly jobs snapshot came out even before organizers in Charlotte had finished clearing away the convention.

"If last night was the party," Romney said in a statement, "this morning is the hangover."

Romney's campaign also unveiled a battery of TV ads in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia. The themes of the ads are tailored to the economic concerns within those states, from growing debt to potential defense cuts to collapsing home values.

The gloomy reaction to job growth came in part because it fell even below the expectations that economists had for August. On top of that, hourly pay fell, the job totals for July and June were reduced, and the number of people in the work force dropped to its lowest level in 31 years.

"This is not even close to what a recovery looks like," Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan told CNBC.



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Obama aides said they came out of their convention with momentum and small but consistent leads in the decisive states. With each passing week of little movement in the polls, the campaign attention is turning to what's left: voter mobilization drives and October's three presidential debates.

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