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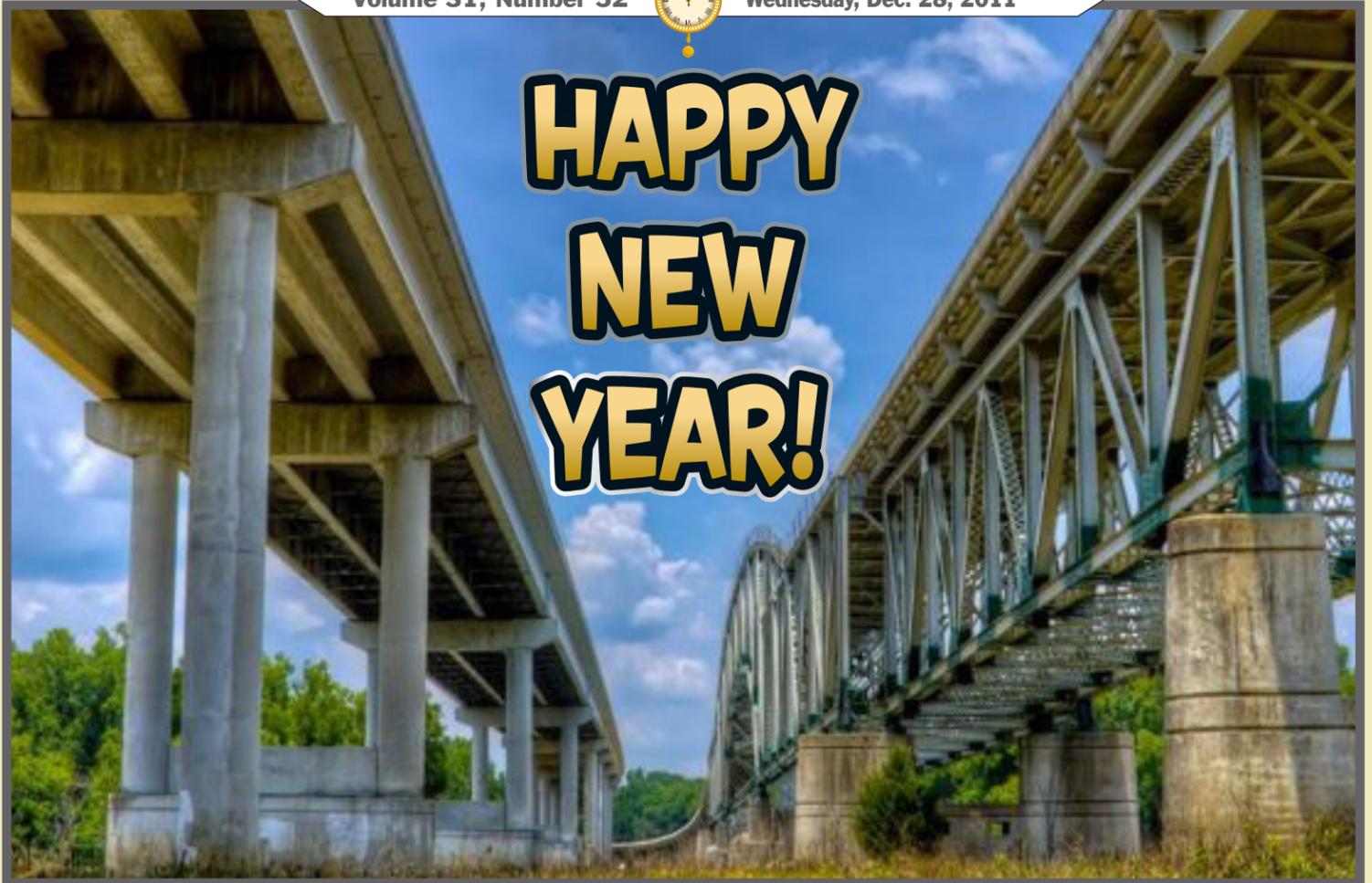
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The bridges across the Apalachicola River straddle the time zone and give residents of Calhoun and Liberty counties an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of the New Year twice. Those living in Liberty County's Eastern Time Zone can host friends from Calhoun to mark the arrival of 2012 and then cross the river, going back in time to 2011, and wait to welcome the arrival of 2012 in the Central Time Zone. **JOE SUMMERS PHOTO**



Calhoun County Sheriff David Tatum talks with a guest at the annual KISS Banquet, where the sheriff's staff and the senior citizens they stay in touch year-round gather for a holiday meal. See more on page 11.

Liberty County kids find something extra under the Christmas tree

Liberty County Sheriff Donnie Conyers and Phillip Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bristol, are shown just before packing up a roomful of toys collected for children in the community who might not otherwise find anything under the Christmas tree this year. The gifts were collected by the sheriff's office and distributed by church members in time for the holiday.



Assisted living operator, 75, arrested for grand theft and exploitation of an elderly/disabled adult



JOYCE DAUGHTREY

Joyce Daughtrey, 75, of Bristol was arrested last week for grand theft and exploitation of an elderly and disabled adult, according to a news release from the Attorney General's office.

She is charged with stealing \$9,500 by withholding the victim's Social Security funds and his personal allowance.

An investigation by the Attorney

General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit revealed that Daughtrey, owner and operator of the Parramore House Assisted Living Facility in Bristol, withheld more than \$4,500 from a resident's Social Security funds and that she failed to provide the victim with nearly \$5,000 in personal needs allowance funds.

Daughtrey is charged with one count of grand theft and one count

of exploitation of an elderly or disabled adult, both third-degree felonies. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The case is being prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office for the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

Daughtrey was taken into custody at the Liberty County Jail on Dec. 21. She was later released on \$1,000 bond.



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ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Two tased after resisting efforts to be taken into custody by deputies

Two men wanted on warrants didn't make it easy for deputies from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office when they went to take them into custody last week. Both men were reportedly "highly intoxicated" and showed signs of being under the influence of narcotics at the time, according to the arrest report.

Jeremy Proctor, 39, was wanted on a probation violation. Jason Scott, 37, was wanted on a domestic battery charge.

Sgt. Jamie Shiver and Deputies Chad Smith and Bobby Revell went to a Franklin Whitaker Road residence to pick up the men around 9 p.m. on Dec. 20.

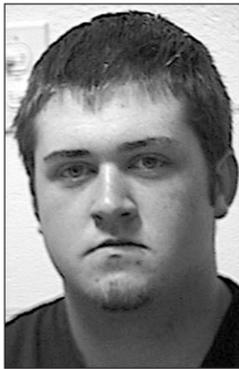
They drove up to find Proctor in the front yard. Shiver caught up with Proctor and spoke with him as the two deputies walked toward them.

Proctor then began walking away from Shiver. When Shiver told him to stay where he was because he needed to speak with him, Proctor replied that he wasn't going to talk with him and continued walking.

As Proctor started up the steps to the residence, Shiver grabbed him by the back of his jeans, pulled him back into the yard and told him he was under arrest. When Proctor pulled away and resisted being handcuffed. He was told that a taser would be deployed if he did not cooperate. He continued to resist and was tased on his right side with a five-second cycle. When told to put his hands behind his back, he refused and got up off the ground. He was then tased a second time. Deputies handcuffed him and put him in a patrol car.

When the deputies entered the home, they found Scott sleeping in a back bedroom.

When told he was being arrested, he refused to get up and would not move his hands from under the covers so that deputies could be sure he did not have



JEREMY PROCTOR



JASON SCOTT

a weapon. After Scott ignored repeated orders to get out of the bed, deputies pulled the covers away and attempted to put him in handcuffs. Scott became combative and kept pulling his hands away until they were finally able to get him handcuffed with his hands in front. When told to get out of the bed, Scott refused to move. Deputies pulled him off the bed and onto the floor. He continued to resist as deputies started to walk him out of the bedroom and into a hallway. Scott grabbed at door frames and dragged his feet to impede deputies' efforts.

As they entered the living room, deputies put Scott on the floor to get him under control before escorting him to a patrol car.

Scott kept pulling away from deputies as they took him outside. While waiting for the patrol car to be unlocked, Scott became "very irate and combative," according to the arrest report. He knocked Sgt. Shiver backwards, causing him to lose his balance. Scott was put on the ground as deputies tried to get him under control. He then refused to get up, forcing the men to pick him up. As Revell attempted to pick up Scott by his feet, Scott started kicking and hit the deputy's left leg.

After ignoring repeated orders to comply, Revell used his taser and hit Scott in the right shoulder with both probes. Scott continued to be combative and was tased a second time, at which point deputies were able to put him in the patrol car.

Both men were taken to the Liberty County Jail. Scott was charged with resisting arrest with violence. Proctor was charged with resisting arrest without violence.

Bond was set at \$7,500 for Proctor. Scott's bond was \$10,000.

Man charged with retail theft for taking \$4.99 item from store

A Blountstown man is charged with retail theft after a store surveillance camera caught him taking an item valued as less than \$5, according to a report from the Blountstown Police Department.

Shane Tolliver Whitfield, 43, of Blountstown, was sitting at the counter at the NAPA store on Main Street around 10:37 a.m. Dec. 11 when the clerk went to the back to get a part. Whitfield is seen on camera reaching over the counter and picking up a \$4.99 pair of pliers

which he then slipped into his right front pants pocket. He then walked out of the store without paying, according to the report.

He was taken into custody Dec. 22 and later given a conditional release.



SHANE TOLLIVER WHITFIELD

Man charged after hitting wall and resisting arrest

A 34-year-old man found in the midst of a loud argument with a woman at a residence on River Street was taken into custody after refusing to comply with a police officer and resisting arrest.



OCTAVIO TORRES

Octavio Torres Garcia was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer with violence after a police officer was dispatched to the home at 12:30 a.m. Dec. 24 in response to a report of a disturbance.

Blountstown Police Department Lt. Darryl Temple was met by Garcia and Robin Thomas when he arrived. Thomas said Garcia had been drinking

and became upset for no apparent reason. She said he started arguing with her and punched through the sheetrock in the wall.

Temple asked Garcia to leave the room while he talked with Thomas but he refused.

When Temple asked a

second time and walked toward Garcia, Garcia said he would hit the officer if he touched him. Garcia became loud, argumentative and disruptive as Temple tried to get him to leave the room. He repeated threats to hit Temple if the officer touched him. Temple's report noted that Garcia "took an aggressive stance and balled up his fists."

Garcia was arrested and attempted to jerk away as he was being handcuffed. After being transported to the police station, Garcia told Temple that he would see him again and would get him back.

Garcia was given a conditional release.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

Dec. 20

- Cathy Summerlin, VOP (Jackson County), CCSO
- Clifton Stevens, VOSP, CCSO.
- Cory Jenkins, obstructing by disguised person, FHP.

Dec. 21

- Matthew Allen, VOP, CCSO.

Dec. 22

- Shane Tolliver Whitfield, retail theft, CCSO.

Dec. 23

- Frederick Barfield, domestic battery, CCSO.
- Tommy Bailey, criminal mischief over \$1,000, CCSO.

Dec. 24

- Octavio Torres-Garcia, resist officer with violence, disorderly intoxication, BPD.
- Otis Pennywell, driving with license suspended or revoked, CCSO.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Dec. 19

- Billy Ray Smith, VOP, LCSO.
- Eric Robinson, holding for Gadsden County, GCSO.

Dec. 20

- Cathy Summerlin, holding for CCSO, CCSO.
- Jeremy Proctor, VOP (warrant), resist arrest without violence, LCSO.

- Jason Scott, domestic battery (warrant), resist arrest with violence, LCSO.

Dec. 21

- Joyce Daughtrey, grand theft, exploitation of the elderly, LCSO.

Dec. 22

- James D. Brown, grand theft auto, LCSO.

Dec. 23

- Douglas Barnhart, failure to appear, LCSO.

Dec. 24

- Rodney John Rudd, domestic battery, LCSO.

Listings include name followed by charge and identification of arresting agency. The names above represent those charged. We remind our readers that all are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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House guest steals host's pickup truck

A man who showed up uninvited asking for a place to stay for the night didn't leave empty handed. The next morning, he stole his host's truck, according to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

Chet Geiger said he let Daniel Brown, 22, spend the night at his home on Sanders Street in Hosford when he arrived at his door and asked for help Dec. 21.

Geiger said he could spend the night but turned down Brown's repeated requests to use his truck.

The next morning, Brown called Geiger as he was on his way to work and once again asked to use his 1996 Chevrolet pickup. Geiger said no and told him to find somewhere else to stay.

The next call Geiger got was from his girlfriend who said Brown found his keys and took off with the truck. Geiger called the sheriff's office to report the theft.

A report of a disabled vehicle on Johnny Brown Road at 4:07 p.m. Thursday led to the discovery of Geiger's truck. The unlocked truck was in the ditch with its front left tire blown out.

The truck was left in place since there was no road obstruction and Lt. Shane Geiger knew that the owner couldn't be reached until he got off work at 5 p.m.

At 5:29 p.m., the sheriff's office got a call that someone was trying to move the truck.

Deputies arrived to find Brown and Jame Rangel, 23, removing the blown tire. The truck was running and they had a jack and a tire iron out.

Brown was arrested.

Rangel told deputies Brown came to his Cannon Branch Road residence and asked for help changing a tire on what he said was his truck. He was not charged.

Three witnesses reported seeing Brown driving Geiger's truck on Johnny Brown Road earlier that day.

Brown was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held on \$10,000 bond.

ARREST REPORTS

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Man arrested after witnesses confirm he knocked down wife and took phone

A 29-year-old Blountstown man is charged with domestic battery after his estranged wife said he threw her on the ground and then dragged her into the house by her feet when she tried to get away from him, according to a report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.



FREDERICK BARFIELD

Arrested was Frederick Eugene Barfield.

Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance at a home on 22nd Street around 2 p.m. Friday. Barfield was found at the back door of the residence. His wife was later located walking on 21st Street.

The victim gave a sworn statement on video, telling Lt. Adam Terry that she came to the house to see if her son was there. She said that she and Barfield began arguing in the back yard. He threw her down and grabbed her cell phone as she attempted to call the sheriff's office.

She said she went to the front door in an attempt to get her phone back. She said when he came to the door, he knocked her to the ground again, grabbed her feet and started pulling her in the house.

Two men working next door witnessed the first incident and stated they saw a man push a woman down and take her phone.

Barfield was given a conditional release following his arrest.

Evicted tenant arrested for rental trailer destruction

A problem tenant who had been evicted from a residence at Junction Trailer Park but allowed to return for a night has been charged with criminal mischief for destroying the kitchen, according to a report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.



TOMMY BAILEY

The sheriff's office was alerted by someone calling on behalf of the owner that noises that "sounded like destruction" were coming from a trailer at the park on Friday. The caller said he looked through a window of the trailer and saw the damaged interior.

Deputy Gary McGee arrived to find the recently evicted tenant, Tommy Wayne Bailey, 56, of Kinard, at the trailer. When asked what was going on, Bailey replied that he was "trying to fix up the place."

When the deputy went inside, he saw that most of the kitchen cabinets had been pulled down from the wall and the stove was completely dismantled, with pieces scattered around it on the floor. The kitchen table was broken into several pieces and the counter below the sink was demolished. Pieces from the table and kitchen cabinet were sticking out of the window.

The deputy made contact by phone with the owner, Katharine McDevitt, who had gone out of town for the holidays. She said Bailey had been evicted earlier in the month but she had agreed to let him stay that night so he wouldn't have to sleep outside in the rain. She also said she had documented several previous incidents with the sheriff's office over the past few days involving Bailey. She said nothing in the trailer was damaged when she agreed to let him stay.

Bailey was charged with criminal mischief over \$1,000 and given a conditional release.

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Torrey State Park to celebrate new year with first day hike Sunday, Jan. 1

BRISTOL — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Florida Park Service will sponsor free, guided hikes in nine state parks on New Year's Day as part of America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative in all 50 states, including Torrey Historic State Park.

Enjoy a two mile guided hike through the most diverse topography in Florida and the Steephead Ravine systems bring a vast array of rare and endangered plants and animals. The federally endangered Torrey tree is one example of the special features that call Torrey State Park home.

Participants should meet at the picnic area at 9 a.m. (ET). Water and appropriate shoes/clothing for weather conditions and terrain are recommended. For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org or www.americasstateparks.org.

This First Day Hike will take place on Sunday, Jan. 1 beginning at 9 a.m. (ET) at Torrey State Park. The park is located at 2576 NW Torrey Park in Bristol.

Please RSVP at 643-2674.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

CARR CHAPEL — Carr Chapel ended the year with services this last Sunday. As we enjoyed our comfortable building to worship in we took time to remember our brothers and sister in Christ in the Philippines who lost their homes to the latest typhoon. A special offering was taken to help those who had lost everything in the winds and flooding. Gifts were also delivered to local families who were going to have little for Christmas.

There will be no Bible Study this week on Thursday night Dec. 29, but it will start up again on Jan. 5 with a new study of God's will.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

WOMEN OF MAYHAW COMMUNITY — "What would we do without grace?" The Women of Mayhaw Community will be presenting a program in honor of the pastors, musicians and outstanding citizens who have made significant contributions to our community. Also being honored is Tuskegee Airman Cornelius Davis of Blountstown.

The program will be held on Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. in the Blountstown Middle School Auditorium.

For more information please call (888) 205-9555 ext. 801.

2012 Community Calendar

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wednesday, December 28

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Rotary Club**, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital
- **AA**, 7 p.m., Calhoun County Old Ag Bldg. east door, in front of jail
- **Boy Scouts Troop 200**, 6:30 p.m., Mormon Church in Bristol



Thursday, December 29

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse

Friday, December 30

BIRTHDAYS

Faye McDaniel, Gracie Barbee, Bryan Davis, Marian Hansford & Tori Compton



Saturday, December 31



New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Party 8-12:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Blountstown

Sunday, January 1



Meet at 9 a.m. at Torrey Park for the first hike of the New Year

Monday, January 2

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Boy Scout Troop 206**, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center
- **Calhoun Children's Coalition**, 9 a.m., WT Neal Civic Center
- **Blountstown Lions Club**, 6 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant

Tuesday, January 3

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha Volunteer Fire Department
- **Sit-n-Sew meeting**, 6 pm., First United Methodist Church Youth Hall on Clinton St. Marianna (behind Marianna Post Office).
- **Bristol Lions Club**, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant
- **Blountstown Chapter #179 O.E.S.**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown.



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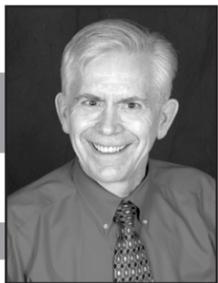
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BIRTH

TUCKER KRISLE LYONS

Jonathan and Julie Lyons of Bristol are proud to announce the birth of their son, Tucker Krisle Lyons on Nov. 9. He weighed 7 lbs. and 12 ozs. and measured 20 1/4 inches. His maternal grandparents are Jack and Cathy Revell of Bristol, Horace and Joyce Cushing of Tallahassee and Nelle Brock of Havana. His paternal grandparents are Tommy and Marcia Lyons of Springfield and Ann Krisle, all of Springfield, TN, Thomas and Mary Lou Lyons of Hixson, TN. His great-grandmother is Annie Stark of Springfield, TN. Tucker was welcomed home by his family and big brother, Tanner, 14 months.



Bingo set for Jan. 17; Craft class for senior citizens will begin on Jan. 26

The Liberty County Senior Citizens Association has scheduled the following events for the month of January:

Thursday, Jan. 5 — Shopping at the Piggly Wiggly and lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3 to reserve your transit ride.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — Movie Day in Tallahassee and have a yummy lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5 to reserve your transit ride.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — Let's go shopping at the Marianna Wal-Mart and have lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9 to reserve your transit ride.

Monday, Jan. 16 — The Bristol and Hosford Senior

Centers and Liberty County Transit will be closed; there will be no meal deliveries on this day.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Bingo fun and prizes, 11 a.m. at the Bristol Senior Center. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5 if you need transportation to the center.

Thursday, Jan. 19 — Shopping in Bristol. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17 to reserve your transit ride.

Monday, Jan. 23 — 7 p.m. Hosford Senior Center; the Liberty County Senior Citizens Board of Directors will meet. The public is

welcome to attend.

Thursday, Jan. 26 — Liberty County Senior Citizens Monthly Craft Class will begin at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. The Liberty County Senior Citizens Advisory Council will meet. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 if you need transportation to the center. For more information call 643-5690.

Thursday, Jan. 26 — Shopping at the Tallahassee Wal-Mart and lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 to reserve your Transit ride.

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BP stores donate \$6,500 to Hospice

Sangaree Oil Co., owner and operator of ten Handi-Mart BP convenience stores and a local BP Branded Marketer, recently donated \$6,500 to Covenant Hospice through the BP Fueling Communities program, which provides grants to local organizations that are nominated by BP's marketers to support the communities in which they do business.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

As they do every year, al-Qaida has threatened to disrupt and ruin Christmas. You know, we already have a group that disrupts and ruins Christmas every year. They're called relatives. — JAY LENO

The family is saying now that in lieu of flowers for Kim Jong II, they encourage you to send enriched uranium. — DAVID LETTERMAN

The Pope came out again this week against materialism. He says for Christmastime, instead of giving material presents, you should give of yourself. You can really tell the Pope's not married, can't you? — JAY LENO

North Korea may not have enough money to preserve the body of Kim Jong II. Unfortunately, this leaves North Koreans with only one alternative: Kim Jong jerky. ... You heard of Slim Jims? How about Slim Kims? — CONAN O'BRIEN

Mitt Romney's wife says her husband loves caffeine free Diet Coke. Or as it's known in the Mormon community, the ultimate gateway drug. — CONAN O'BRIEN

President Obama bought about \$200 worth of Christmas presents at Best Buy. Then it got awkward when he asked the Geek Squad if they fix economies. — JIMMY FALLON

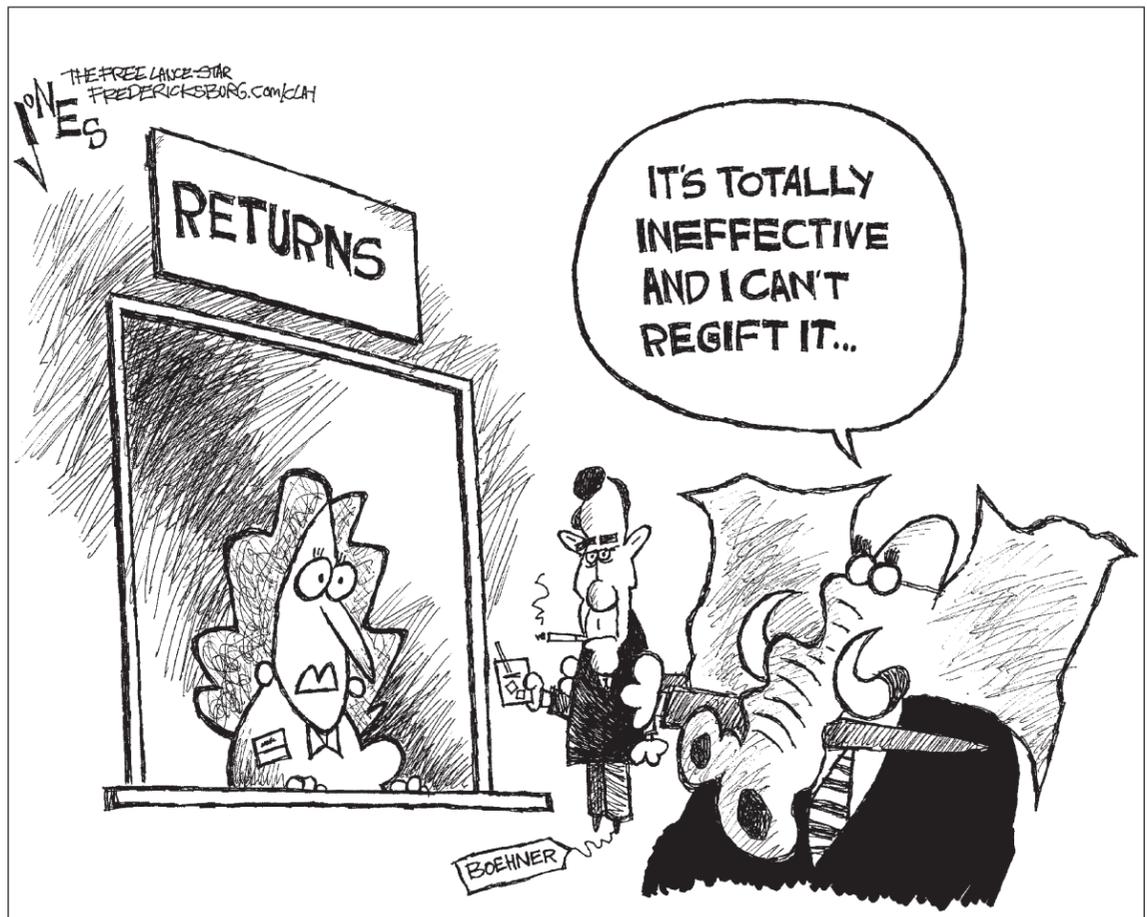
According to the census bureau, the number of women getting pregnant is at its lowest rate in 70 years. So, apparently that NBA strike had a bigger effect on America than we thought. — JAY LENO

President Barack Obama went out and did some shopping. He took the entire White House Press Corps with him, but still he's out there boosting the economy — the Chinese economy but still, he's doing what he can, ladies and gentlemen. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called President Obama a clown and an embarrassment. You don't talk about our president that way. Our vice president, sure, that would be fine. — JAY LENO

The best part about holiday parties is the alcohol. You have a couple of drinks and you tell your coworkers and your superiors what you really think about them. And then the fun begins. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Anthony Weiner and his wife, Huma, have given birth to a baby boy. He posted a photo of the new baby on Twitter, but people are afraid to open it. — JAY LENO



Newt would shred the Constitution

Even with softball questions and 30-second answers, the Republican presidential debates have been a worthwhile effort. The debates provided the American people with some understanding as to what the candidates think and believe.

We know that railing about activist judges is a staple of the right-wing red meat diet. If conservatives don't like a decision by one of the federal courts, then the judge must be an activist judge that is making law rather than interpreting the law.

I think that the Supreme Court was wrong in its ruling on Citizens United, which in its simplest form establishes that corporations have the same political rights as do people. While disagreeing with the Court, I don't think it was the result of right-wing activist judges. I'm confident that the judges ponder these issues and refer to considerable case law before rendering a verdict.

The more these presidential candidates talk, the more we learn about them. Newt Gingrich talks a lot. From his comments on a Sunday talk show, we learn that Gingrich would attempt to wield dictatorial powers as president.

When asked what he would do if he disagreed with a judicial ruling, his response was that he would have the judge brought before the Congress to explain his or her decision. When asked what he would

COX'S CORNER

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do if judges refused to appear before Congress. His response was that he would send the capital police or U.S. Marshals to arrest the judge and force him or her to appear before Congress for an interrogation.

Now we know the real Newt...Newt the dictator. In spite of all of his pseudo-intellectual blathering, he apparently doesn't understand the Constitutional separation of powers meaning that the three branches of government are independent and equal in stature. The Rule of Law is the bedrock of American democracy, and for a presidential candidate to state that he would violate the Constitu-

tion because he doesn't like a judge's ruling says much about the candidate and the person. Evil, dictatorial and deceitful comes to mind.

America's representative government is dysfunctional. I've read a lot of history books, and I don't think that the Founders had any idea of what America would be like today when they wrote the Constitution. I think that the Founders thought that elected representatives today would do what they were elected to do which is represent their constituents in the best interest of the common good for all citizens.

The representative government James Madison and the others envisioned has been corrupted by money. Corporations and lobbying groups spend millions to influence lawmakers. The individual voter can't compete with the money men. We are just along for the ride, and a bumpy ride it is.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

Are House Republicans really going to raise taxes?

WASHINGTON – House members should enjoy their Christmas at home because chances are they will be back in Washington soon to pass the payroll tax cut extension they walked away from in a burst of partisan pique. When the *Wall Street Journal* says the GOP is doing something so bone-headed they are likely to reelect President Obama before the election year even gets underway, House Republicans will have to take notice.

What little time they get to spend at home will get them an earful. Their protestations that they are looking out for the Social Security Trust Fund, and are worried about the uncertainty caused by a two-month extension of the tax cut, aren't cutting it with the general public. This time the GOP's brinkmanship translates into real money, and the voters are ready to hold them accountable.

Republican leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) negotiated a compromise bill that received 39 Republican votes and passed the Senate with a whopping 89 votes, a rarity in today's partisan climate. But it wasn't good enough for the Tea Party freshmen in the House, who boisterously likened themselves to the heroes of the movie "Braveheart," which starred Mel Gibson and depicted the Scottish rebellion that won independence from the British.

Many of these Tea Party legislators have never held elective office before and are not accustomed to the give and take that goes with legislating. They see every compromise as a sell-out, and would rather shortchange 160 million Americans relying on a continued tax break, and put the economy at risk, than yield on their principles and give President Obama a victory.

McConnell has privately warned his counterparts in the House that they are jeopardizing their majority, and endangering the party's ability to take the Senate and the White House in next year's election. The decision of the House Republicans to leave Washington without voting on the extension of the payroll cut echoes the GOP's disastrous shutdown of the government in 1995 when President Clinton was in the White House. The GOP had made huge gains in the '94 midterms, taking both the House and the Senate and making Clinton's re-election look doubtful.

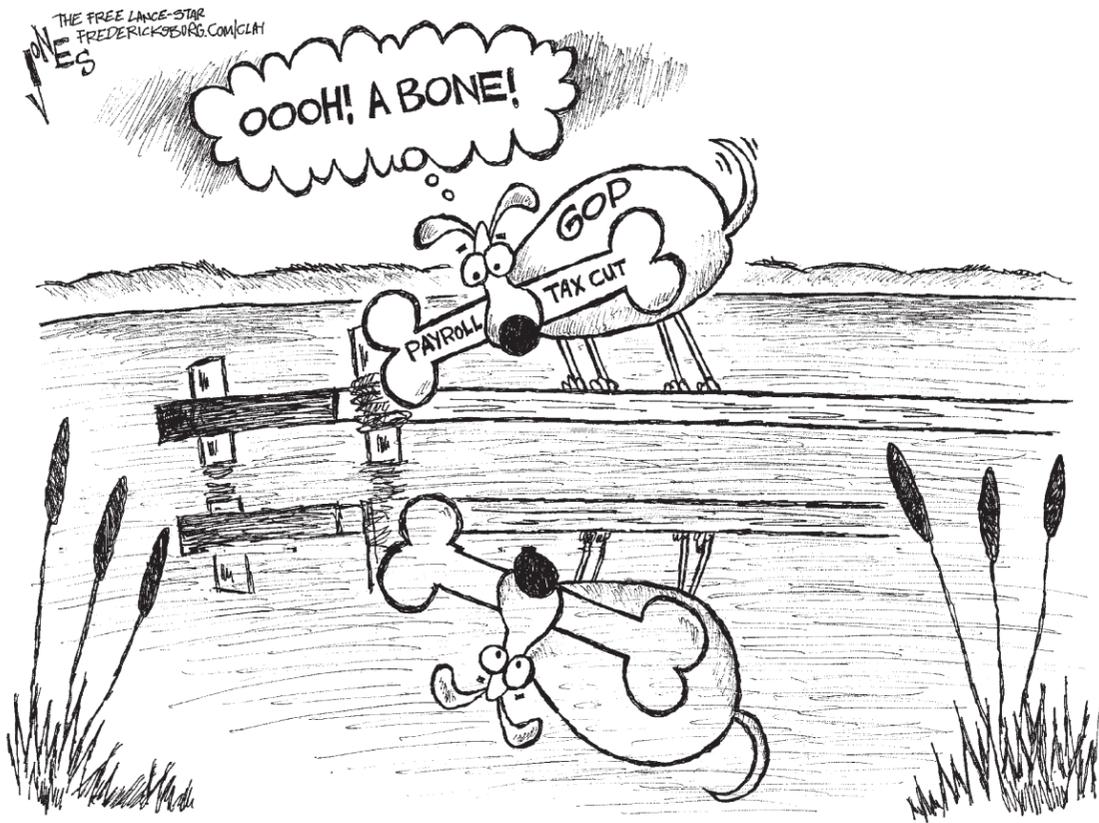
Clinton stood his ground against Medicare cuts proposed by the Republican House then led by Speaker Newt Gingrich, and when the impasse led to a government shutdown, the public overwhelmingly sided with Clinton.

The Republicans are flirting with the same dynamic by potentially letting taxes rise for the middle income earners. That is why lawmakers are all but certain to come back to Washington next week and try to dig themselves out of the hole they created.

Speaker John Boehner was part of the leadership in '95 and '96 and saw firsthand the mess that shutting down the government created for the GOP. He initially signed off on the Senate compromise, but apparently couldn't get a majority of his Republican caucus to support it – and to have Democratic votes carry the bill to victory would humiliate the speaker with conservatives.

Even if this ends happily, as it should, with the payroll tax cut extended, and unemployment benefits continued, and the so-called "doc fix" insuring physicians won't be refusing new Medicare patients, it has been such a fiasco that Boehner's leadership is in question, as is the GOP's continued control of the House. It is that big a miscalculation.

Obama may not be able to get his full holiday break in Hawaii, but if he spends a quiet Christmas at Camp David, or at the White House, he can at least console himself that the GOP obstructionism that he has been pointing to all year is now in full view for voters to see, just in time for Christmas with a big red bow.



Key to ancient weather patterns found in Florida's caves

TALLAHASSEE — Darrel Tremaine has been known to go to extremes for his research, such as crawling on his hands and knees through a dark, muddy limestone cave in Northwest Florida to learn more about the weather thousands of years ago.

His goal? To compare ancient meteorological patterns with modern ones in the northern Gulf of Mexico region and ultimately inform policymakers on how to build a sustainable water supply.

On a recent morning, the Florida State University doctoral student in oceanography huddled with artisan Charlie Scott-Smith at Florida State's Master Craftsman Studios. The two were making molds of stalagmites, the natural formations rising from the floor of limestone caves that are formed by the dripping of water containing calcium carbonate. (Their counterparts, stalactites, hang from the ceilings of such caves.)

Surrounded by the studio's eye-catching artifacts — models of architectural fittings, an ancient ship, even a copy of the sculpture "Winged Victory" from the Louvre Museum — Tremaine and Scott-Smith worked with a rubbery urethane compound to create stalagmite molds that resembled giant beeswax candles. Next, they filled the molds with cement and glass.

After the cement thoroughly dried, Tremaine returned the reproduction stalagmites to the cave, where, over time, dripping water will coat them with calcite and they will start growing again. The remote, Northwest Florida cave maintains a constant, year-round temperature of 72 degrees and a 100 percent relative humidity level, which means, as Tremaine likes to joke, "that if you start to sweat, you stay wet."

As part of a three-year climate research project, he harvested the two stalagmites — one 4,000 years old, the other 25,000 years old — from the cave to analyze them for isotopic and trace element variations in an effort to build a 4,000-year paleo-rainfall record for North Florida. In a unique arrangement with the Southeastern Cave Conservancy Inc. (SCCI), a nonprofit group that owns dozens of caves in the southeastern United States, he was allowed to take the stalagmites as long as he made duplicates of them and placed the duplicates back in the cave — a measure of cave conservation.

The real stalagmites will be studied at

the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State, where Tremaine, a graduate research assistant, is currently stationed in the geochemistry lab.

So far, Tremaine has been scrutinizing carbon, oxygen and strontium isotopes on modern calcite grown in the cave on glass microscope slides — what he calls "modern calibrations of ancient proxies." Isotopes of an element are atoms with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons, thus a slightly different atomic mass. He will use that data to get a better idea of ancient ventilation patterns, the temperature inside of a cave when the stalagmites were forming, what type of vegetation was growing above the cave, of, and whether the weather was cold, warm or hot during a particular span of time.

"By looking at trace elements we can get an idea of very wet and very dry rainfall patterns and cycles," Tremaine said. "We'll better understand severe weather patterns."

Tremaine, along with a six-member team of scientists, researchers and graduate students, will cut the stalagmites in half and then use a 50-micron laser to vaporize calcite that they will then measure with a spectrometer. The laser will allow them to study monthly weather patterns in the Northern Gulf Region thousands of years ago. By extracting calcite powders with a half-millimeter drill bit, they will examine the region's wet and dry seasons in five-year increments. Eventually, they hope to create a high-resolution time series, analyzing monthly weather patterns over thousands of years.

"We will be the first to do this in the southeastern United States," he explained. "The research is very important because we will be able to study our monsoonal weather patterns, which are much like India and China, with very wet and dry seasons."

Tremaine's six-member climate research team includes a wide swath of experts, from a retired professor to a Russian mathematician and an undergraduate cave researcher. They are Florida State faculty members



A North Florida cave may provide 4,000 years of regional rainfall data

Philip "Flip" Froelich, retired FSU Francis Eppes Professor of Oceanography; Bill Burnett, the Carl Henry Oppenheimer Professor of Oceanography; and Doron Nof, Distinguished Nansen Professor of Physical Oceanography. In addition, Guy "Harley" Means, assistant state geologist at the Florida Geological Survey; Brian Kilgore, a Florida State undergraduate majoring in biochemistry; and Karina Khazmutdinova, a mathematician and doctoral student at the FSU Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Institute, served on the team.

Their research work on isotopes was recently published in the journal *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. Tremaine and his team's research on trace elements also will soon be published in the same research journal. They are also in the process of writing an article for the *Journal of Hydrology*.

"Records of past climates can be found in the ice caps and in the deep sea," said Jeff Chanton, FSU's John W. Winchester Professor of Oceanography, who has worked with Tremaine. "The unique aspect of Darrel's work is that it will give us a record

of local climate right here on the Northern Gulf Coast. This is important because a record of past climate in our region would help to predict what's to come in response to human disturbances of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations."

The 32-year-old Tremaine, who holds a master's degree in oceanography from Florida State and an undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of Cincinnati, dreams of someday starting his own groundwater research lab, where he would also teach middle and high school students to do research.

"Working with younger kids and teaching them to do research early makes sense, because if we inform them, they will someday inform us," he said.

But first, Tremaine and his team recently negotiated permission from the state of Florida to move their cave-monitoring equipment into one of the most pristine and highly guarded caves in Florida Caverns State Park, located near the Panhandle town of Marianna. Tremaine has already been in the cave for preliminary investigations, and the team began installing equipment in November.

Not easy work, by any means: "No one," Tremaine explained one morning while he helped Florida State Master Craftsman artisans put the final touches on the stalagmite molds, "has been in that cave since 2006."

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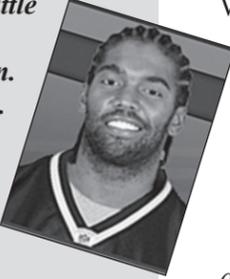
Why the expression "deader than a doorknob"? Aren't doorknobs inanimate?
 —F. K., Laconia, N.H.

Actually, we'd put the doorknobs of our acquaintance in the animate category. But, to answer your question, the true expression was "dead as a doornail," and it probably got changed because no one knows what a doornail is anymore. The reference is to a large-headed iron nail that was used in making cleated doors, where two boards were fastened in a side-by-side manner by the use of the cleats and nails. The soft iron nails could be driven through the board and cleat and then clinched. Properly performed, the clinching bent the nail into a U-shape, and then the point of the U was driven back into the board. In a time when resources were scarce and every nail was saved and reused, a doornail, thus clinched and shaped, was useless for future use—thus, the designation as "dead." The doornail was dead to any future reincarnations.

If a married woman keeps her maiden name, is it still considered appropriate to address the couple as Mr. and Mrs. for purposes of correspondence?
 —R. L., Wilkes-Barre, Penn.

Not unless she requests you to do so, no. Some married women use both names, perhaps

DEC. 26, MONDAY — *St. Stephen. Boxing Day (Canada). First day of Kwanzaa. Law amended to admit girls into Little League baseball, 1974.*
DEC. 27, TUESDAY — *St. John. Conjunction of Venus and the Moon. Prohibitionist Carry Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, Carey Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, 1900.*
DEC. 28, WEDNESDAY — *Holy Innocents. Conjunction of Neptune and the Moon. Chewing gum invented by Dr. William Semple, a dentist in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1869.*
DEC. 29, THURSDAY — *Conjunction of Pluto and the Sun. New England Patriot Randy Moss set NFL record with 23 touchdown catches, 2007.*
DEC. 30, FRIDAY — *Moon on equator. U.S. president Rutherford B. Hayes married Lucy Webb, 1852. The Roy Rogers Show made its television debut, 1951.*
DEC. 31, SATURDAY — *St. Sylvester. Conjunction of Uranus and the Moon. The last new "Calvin and Hobbes" cartoon strip published, 1995. The company makes the feast.*
JAN. 1, SUNDAY — *New Year's Day. Holy name. Patriot Paul Revere born, 1735. U.S. government opened immigrant processing station, Ellis Island, New York, 1892.*



reserving their maiden name for business or professional settings, while taking their husband's last name for personal or social settings. This is becoming less common, however, probably because of the inevitable confusion it causes, and acquaintances should never assume this to be the case. Generally, a woman expects to be addressed as Ms. rather than Mrs., if she keeps her maiden name. So, when John Smith marries Jane Doe, their correspondence would be addressed to Mr. John Smith and Ms. Jane Doe. Either name can come

first, but the names appear on the same line. For roommates or couples living together, separate lines on the envelope is the preferred norm. In the case of combined names, it may take some research to discover whether both partners have hyphenated their names, or just one. He may remain Mr. John Smith, for example, while she becomes Ms. Jane Doe-Smith, in which case their names should appear just this way on any mailings. If and when children come into the picture, more research will be required to discover which last name the

children take. Our advice is to ask early and assume nothing in the matter. Whatever your personal views on the subject, leave judgment aside on this one. It's a complicated world and a very personal choice.

Is bay rum a drink or a hair tonic or what?
 —I. L., Memphis, Tenn.

The most common association with bay rum is probably as a men's aftershave. Bay rum is a simple (and quite old) mixture of rum and water, in roughly equal parts, with a small amount of oil of bay or distilled bay leaves added for aromatic appeal. One version we've seen calls for 18 ounces each of alcohol and water, with one drachm of oil of bay. (A drachm—also called drachma or dram—is about 1/8 of an ounce.) In this particular old recipe, the mixture was then filtered through magnesia, perhaps to take away the residual stickiness of any molasses or sugar in the rum. In the cosmetics world, rum is considered an excellent oil reducer and astringent toner. It's often used in shampoos and hair tonics, as well as for facial rinses or a bracing aftershave. The bay used in bay rum is from *Pimenta racemosa*, or the West Indian bay tree, which produces an aromatic liquid when distilled. The bay leaves we commonly use in cooking, from the bay tree *Laurus nobilis*, might produce similar results, although we haven't tried it.

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Boxing Day

Why is the day after Christmas called Boxing Day? usually contained in a greeting card and given before the holiday. Where celebrated, Boxing Day is welcomed as a quiet day of recuperation from the season's more hectic festivities.

Hot Cranberry Punch

Boil the cranberries, cinnamon stick, cloves, and allspice in 4 cups of water for about 10 minutes, until the berries are bursting. Pour the mixture through a strainer. Boil the sugar in 2 cups of water for 5 minutes. Mix the sugar syrup with the strained cranberry juice, orange juice, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil and then remove from the heat. Serve with additional cinnamon sticks. **MAKES 2 QUARTS.**

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For more information please call Susan Chafin at the Liberty County health Department at (850) 643-2415 ext. 245.



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Seniors enjoy music and a meal at KISS Banquet



Calhoun County's senior citizens gathered for the annual KISS (Keeping Independent Seniors Safe) Banquet on Dec. 14 at the W.T. Neal Civic Center. Deputies keep an eye on citizens who take part in the KISS program, ensuring they are doing well with regular visits to their homes. Along with a meal and gifts, KISS participants were treated to holiday music by the Blountstown Elementary School choral group. TONY SHOEMAKE PHOTOS



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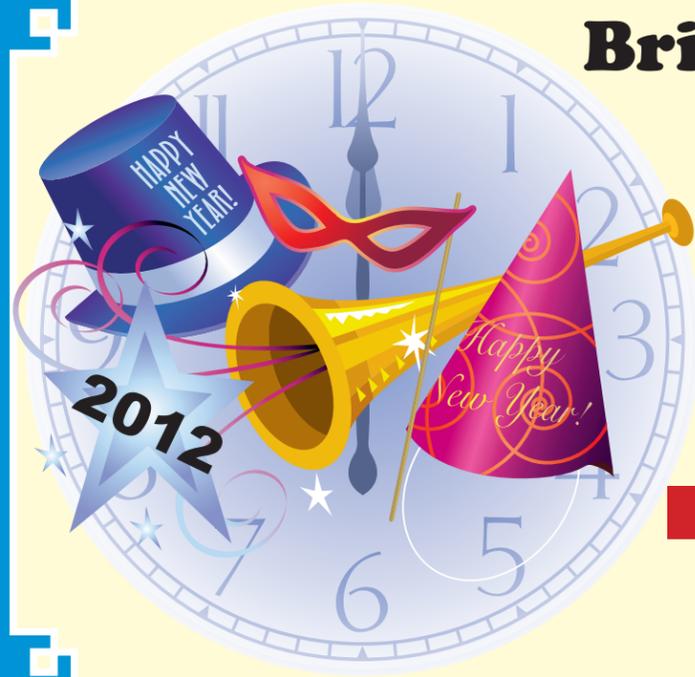
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The W. R. Tolar 3rd grade class presented a Christmas play called "Mrs. Claus and the Great Elf Rebellion!" on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The scene was Santa's workshop at the North Pole on Christmas Eve. Through

song and dialogue, the elves were encouraged by Mrs. Claus (Kacy Partridge) to work overtime to finish making the toys for Christmas day.

Santa Claus (Phoenix Amaya) showed up at the end and congratulated the elves

on a job well done. A fun time was had by all as the story unfolded.

Congratulations to all the elves and soloists (Jewell Griffin and Danielle Mullins) on a wonderful play!

Tolar students Luke Johnson, Andrew

Kern, Vontris Pierre, and Jayzette Maxwell sang holiday songs prior to the play to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Thank you to all the parents and families of the students for your support in coming out to watch the play.

Hosford's Jr. Beta spreads a little Christmas cheer at Blountstown Health & Rehab

Hosford School's Jr. Beta Club went to Blountstown Health and Rehab Center on Dec. 20 to spread a little Christmas cheer.

Hosford School students donated supplies to fill 100 gift bags. Students delivered gifts of lotion, socks, toiletries and stuffed animals to every resident. As students made their way around the center, they joined Santa Claus in singing Christmas carols to the residents.

Afterwards, students went to the Calhoun Liberty Ministry Center and made an additional donation of supplies.



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EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Given the preponderance of carcinogenic chemicals out there today, is it true that eating certain foods like garlic or onions can actually help prevent cancer?

-- M. Stone, Boston, MA

Natural healers have extolled the cancer-preventing virtues of garlic and onions for years, but only recently do we have enough scientific research to draw some conclusions. Several animal studies showing promising results using garlic and other members of the allium family (onions, leek, shallot, and chive) to prevent tumors have led to hundreds of studies involving human garlic eaters. While it is near impossible to pinpoint a direct link between garlic consumption and cancer prevention, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) reports that "several population studies show an association between increased intake of garlic and reduced risk of certain cancers, including cancers of the stomach, colon, esophagus, pancreas, and breast."

To wit, a multi-year study of 25,000 people from Switzerland and Italy found that those who ate the most garlic and onions were up to 88 percent less likely to develop various types of cancer (including cancers

of the esophagus, mouth, throat, colon, breast, ovary, prostate and kidney) than those who said they ate little or none. "High onion intake, for example, was associated with a 56 percent lower risk of colon cancer and a 25 percent lower risk of breast cancer compared to no onion intake," reports Karen Collins of the non-profit American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR).

According to Collins, another study found a 32 percent lower colon cancer risk among Iowan women who ate at least one garlic clove a week compared to others who ate one once a month or less, while an analysis of several studies worldwide "linked a 31 percent lower risk of colon cancer with consumption of about four to five cloves of garlic weekly." And the results of several studies conducted in China show that those who eat five cloves of garlic a week are half as likely to develop stomach cancers than non-garlic-eaters. Meanwhile, AICR reports that isolated components of garlic have shown the ability to slow or stop the growth of tumors in prostate, bladder, colon, and stomach tissue.

Just how do allium plants prevent cancer? "Like many vegetables, onions and garlic contain antioxidants that can block highly reactive free radicals from damaging cell DNA and starting the cancer process," reports Collins. "Laboratory studies have shown that onion and garlic compounds can increase enzymes that deactivate carcinogens in the body, enhancing our ability to eliminate carcinogens before they do any damage."

Some researchers, however, say that study limitations—that is, the accuracy of reported amounts and frequency of garlic consumed and the inability to compare data from studies that used different garlic products and amounts—make a definitive declaration on the topic unlikely anytime soon. And without such definitive conclusive proof of a causal link, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will not allow food purveyors to state the health benefits of the garlic in their products on their labels.

NCI would like to see better-designed human dietary studies using predetermined amounts of garlic to discern potentially effective intakes as well as more studies directly comparing various garlic preparations. "Given this protective potential, the challenge now is to identify amounts that will provide optimal effects," says Collins. In the meantime, don't skimp on the garlic and onions.



Although there is no definitive proof, many studies seem to indicate that consumption of onions, garlic and other members of the allium family (leeks, shallots and chives) reduces the risk of certain cancers.

Kinard Volunteer Fire Department celebrates new fire truck with an open house Dec. 19

The Kinard Volunteer Fire Department held an open house Dec. 19 to give the community the opportunity to take a look at the new fire truck. The fire department provided hot dogs and treats for all who showed up. Fire Chief Doyle Daniels recognized nine honorary members and their wives with certificates and roses. The roses were given to the fire department by a woman from Georgia they assisted several months ago. The woman, who was on her way to her own wedding on the coast, broke down along Hwy. 73. She had her SUV loaded with food for the event when she found herself stranded in Kinard. John Crocker and JK Newsome were able to fix the problem and get her back on the road and on her way to her wedding without her food going bad. The woman sent 100 long stem white roses to "the good people of Kinard" as a thank you.

RIGHT: Jean Flowers (left), Wanda Skipper and Minnie Johnson get the food ready for the community. BELOW: Johnny Skipper and Jimmy Yon greet Chief Doyle Daniels during the event. ANGIE DAVIS PHOTOS



NOTES OF THANKS

The family of Tommy Todd would like to express their appreciation for the kindness and sympathy expressed during the loss of their loved one. All of the phone calls, food, prayers and encouraging words are appreciated. He will be greatly missed.

The family of Tommy Todd

With the generous support and cooperation of many here in Liberty County we were able to assist over 100 children this Christmas Season through Angels for Liberty. Angels for Liberty is an organization formed with the purpose of assisting low income and needy families at Christmas time with toys and clothing to make their holiday experience as enjoyable as possible.

Eligible families must have children in 12th grade or younger and be a resident of Liberty County. The application process allowed us to identify needy families that were included in the distribution of toys that were collected by the Liberty County Sheriff's office this year. Each child received no less than three gifts. I want to thank all who made donations.

Distribution of these gifts was handled by volunteers from by local churches, schools and residents of Liberty County. Thank you for helping us to make this Christmas a time of blessing for children and families in Liberty County.

We look forward to seeing this program expanded in 2012.

Roger Phillips, Chairman

Best Wishes at the New Year

May all your news be good in the coming year.

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GARDENING

St. Augustine grass

Take some time off from lawn care

Many areas in Northwest Florida have experienced some cooler weather and some have even seen a frost. This means that warm season lawn grasses are going dormant for the winter. December and January are months to take a break from lawn care unless you have overseeded with ryegrass.

Centipede, St. Augustine, zoysia, bahia and Bermuda grass are called warm season grasses because they grow during the warmth of summer but go dormant during the cool of winter. When grasses slow down and go dormant, they should be allowed to rest until environmental conditions exist to stimulate their growth.

During the winter, nitrogen fertilization should not be applied on home lawns unless they are overseeded with ryegrass. Nitrogen fertilizer on dormant turfgrasses can lead to increased chance of winterkill and fungal diseases such as large patch. Nitrogen applications during this time also have a greater potential for movement into groundwater.

Homeowners who overseeded their lawns in October and November should follow recommendations on ryegrass fertilization. The University of Florida/IFAS recommends the first fertilization should follow the second mowing. Apply a lawn fertilizer at a rate of no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 sq ft of turfgrass. For more information on fertilizing, please refer to Figuring Out Fertilizer for the Home Lawn (www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep221). A second fertilizer application can be made approximately 60 days later. Always follow best management practices when fertilizing to reduce any potential nonpoint source pollution from the misapplication of fertilizer.

Large patch disease can come and go throughout the winter if the weather is mild. This is common on St. Au-

by Theresa Friday,
*Horticulture Extension Agent,
Santa Rosa County*



Zoysia grass

gustine lawns along the coastal areas in Northwest Florida where the lawns go into partial dormancy only. Damage from large patch will slow spring green-up, and affected areas will remain unsightly until warmer spring weather conditions allow for turfgrass recovery.

To reduce the damaging effects of fungal diseases, be sure adjust your irrigation for dormant conditions. From the time the grass growth significantly slows in the fall until the time it begins to grow in the spring, approximately mid-November until the end of February, be sure that the grass is irrigated every ten to 14 days, absent sufficient rainfall.

Although many home lawns do not require regular mowing now, be sure to keep the leaf litter off the turfgrass. Leaves capture moisture between themselves and the turf that may create insect and disease problems. Once raked up, you can always use the leaves or needles as mulch in the shrub or flower beds. Two to three inches of mulch over the plant's roots will also help prepare your plants for cold weather.

Wait until spring to establish any permanent, warm season turfgrass from seed. Sod can be laid during winter if absolutely necessary, but remember to keep it moist to prevent it from drying out and dying. Establishment is best left until midspring, well after spring green-up.

Warm-season turfgrasses may show signs of green-up in by early to mid-March in some areas. Do not push turfgrass growth with fertilizer. Fertilizer applied too early will feed the winter weeds, and fertilizer applied too heavily will result in lush growth that is more susceptible to injury from late frosts or large patch disease.

Let the grass green up gradually, and do not fertilize until after two or three mowings in early spring.

Ten gardening resolutions for the new year

If you are like most people, as the New Year approaches you might be thinking about ways to become healthier and more fit.

So, why not consider doing the same for your garden?

To be healthy, your garden needs basic care just like you do. This includes getting nutrients and a healthy diet in the form of nicely amended soil and a well-balanced fertilizer, a good dose of sunshine, fresh air, and it needs to be kept hydrated.

The simplest way to provide all of this is to start with a simple plan of action and then stick with it throughout the year.

With that in mind, here are ten gardening resolutions that will help you build a healthier, happier garden.

* Resolve to create a garden plan so that you will know ahead of time what needs to be done and when. Take advantage of the colder winter months to decide which changes you want to make to your garden once spring arrives. Use the time to look over all the gardening and nursery catalogs that arrive in the mail during winter.

* Resolve to take the time to draw or write up this plan so that when you go to

buy plants, you will know exactly what you need to buy, no more or no less. If you aren't sure of the growing requirements for different plants consult a good gardening book like the Sunset National Garden Book.

* One way to create a garden plan is via a gardening journal. However, it doesn't have to be in book or journal form, it can be a calendar, a spiral notebook, a notebook with pockets, an accordion file, a scrapbook, a photo album, an organizer, it all depends on what you want to use your journal for.

* Resolve to always plant the right plant in the right location! If you select the wrong plant for a particular location you could end up with a constant maintenance problem. Always remember: different plants have different requirements. Some prefer more sun, some more shade, some can tolerate wind and some cannot.

* Resolve to never, ever forget about the soil since soil is the number one key to a healthy garden. Learn what needs to be done to amend your soil so your plants get a healthy start.

* Resolve to focus on conserving water by grouping plants with similar moisture needs together, watering in

the early morning when it's cooler to avoid evaporation and mildew and rot on plants, and incorporating water-wise and native plants.

* Resolve to always bring the healthiest plants into your garden by purchasing and planting only the healthiest seedlings or plants or start your own plants from seed. Whenever possible, plant disease- and pest-resistant varieties.

* Resolve to mulch regularly since it conserves water, inhibits weeds and provides an attractive ground cover in your flowerbeds or vegetable garden.

* Resolve to use integrated pest management, meaning try to take preventive measures and think beyond your garden since whatever chemical you use in your garden might end up in the groundwater. Consider alternatives.

* Finally, resolve to never forget why you chose to garden in the first place: to have fun and enjoy your landscape. Remember nature is beautiful, relaxing and it replenishes us. So, walk around, smell your roses, and just enjoy the things you are growing.

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With your support and assistance, Rescue Santa and his elves' third year of bicycle and toy deliveries was a tremendous success. We distributed more than 115 bicycles and toys to various schools and organizations throughout Calhoun, Leon and Liberty Counties.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful folks from the surrounding counties for your various donations of bicycles and toys (there are way too many to list). Listed below are the businesses and individuals that made generous donations, (if anyone was left off, we sincerely apologize):

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- Tallahassee Memorial Family Practice, Blountstown
- The County Record, Blountstown
- The Bike Shop, Steve Burdeshaw, Panama

City

- WPHK 102.7 FM Radio Station, Blountstown

I would like to say a very special thank you to my #1 Elf, Jerry Stanfill. Without Jerry's continued involvement in the Rescue Santa project, a lot of work that was done this past year would not have been able to be completed! Thank you, Jerry!!!

Rescue Santa and his elves are reminding everyone we will be working throughout the year to get ready for next Christmas. It will be here before we know it! Please remember to drop off your bicycle or toy donations at Ms. Skeet Shuler's Blue House on Highway 20 in Bristol. This will be an ongoing project throughout the years, so before you take your old bikes or toys to the dump, please think of Rescue Santa and the children who have and could benefit.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward this continuing worthwhile cause, you can either see Gerald Barber or mail your donation to: 19780 NW CR 67, Bristol, Florida 32321, Telephone # (850) 643-2636.

Without everyone's help, Rescue Santa's efforts would not have been possible.

Thank you again!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rescue Santa

OBITUARIES

RUTH RAY HOWELL

BLOUNTSTOWN — Ruth Ray Howell, 95, of Blountstown passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011. She was founder of Calhoun-Liberty Abstract Company which she operated for 70 years. She was a graduate of Columbia County High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas C. and Mary (Peacock) Ray; her husband, Charlie Hicks Howell; and a brother, Bill Ray.

Survivors include her son, Charles Ray Howell of Blountstown; daughter, Nancy Mauldin, both of Blountstown; five grandchildren, Josh Mauldin, Lynne Walquist, Renee Jeppson, Sherri Shuler, and Ray Howell; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Adams Funeral Home with Reverend David Throckmorton officiating. Interment will follow in Boggs Cemetery in Blountstown. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 30 at the funeral home.

Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.



MARY GRISWOLD

ALTHA — Mary Griswold, 84, of Altha passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 in Altha. She was born on March 12, 1927 in Belfast, Ireland and had lived in Altha for the past year, coming from Kissimmee. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one son, David Griswold and his wife, Deborah of Altha; three brothers, Dennis Kerr of Australia, David Kerr and Jimmy Kerr of Ireland; four sisters, Dinah Gibney, Ester (Hessie) Hendron, Sadie Sinclair and Irene Cummins; four grandchildren, Ashley Whitfield, Jeremy Watford, David John Griswold, Jr. and Deana Griswold; one great-grandchild, Ryan Hunter Whitfield.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 26 at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jim McIntosh officiating. Interment followed Tuesday, Dec. 27 at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown was in charge of the arrangements.

Ring in the New Year Safely!



A new year provides a great opportunity to set new goals. Make safety and responsibility a part of your new year's resolutions.

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China cabinet, good condition, \$30. Call 447-5384. 12-21, 12-28

Two black aluminum bar stools, \$20; two antique chairs with blue covering, make offer; child's club chair, like new, \$10. Call 674-6022. 12-21, 12-28

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★ STARSCOPE ★

Week of Jan. 1 ~ Jan. 7

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you need a little inspiration and you could find it in the way of a stranger who wanders across your path this week. Changes are in store.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, instead of always taking the advice of others when something important arises, trust your own instincts on what to do. You might be surprised how well it works.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Take a rest from pouring over the books, Taurus. Although your finances are a bit shaky, you have gotten things in order, so take a short hiatus.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, despite excitement about getting away somewhere, you have some reservations, too. It's hard to leave responsibilities behind even when you deserve a break.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, it is hard to keep a secret, especially when you could be the bearer of really good news. Hold out just a little longer, and then you'll have your chance.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You tend to gravitate to leadership roles, Sagittarius. That puts a lot of pressure on you at all times. Maybe this week you will be satisfied with standing on the sidelines.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, when you're approached for advice, you look like a deer caught in headlights. Others will assume you're hiding something if you look afraid.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, there's a lot to accomplish, but little distractions seem to crop up at every turn. Diverting your energy to each of these issues is not the way to go.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you're in someone's thoughts and your ears may be ringing because this person is talking about you so much. Now could be the time for visiting family.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It's time you made a big change, Aquarius. Think about stepping out of your comfort zone and the results may be surprising. Or, a big adventure could be in store.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, there are many things to get done but you have to put yourself first. Otherwise burnout could mean you won't accomplish anything on your list.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Unless you try something, Pisces, you won't know if you like it. Something different could be just what you need this week.

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Verne Troyer, Actor (43)

JANUARY 4
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JANUARY 2
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JANUARY 5
Bradley Cooper, Actor (37)

JANUARY 3
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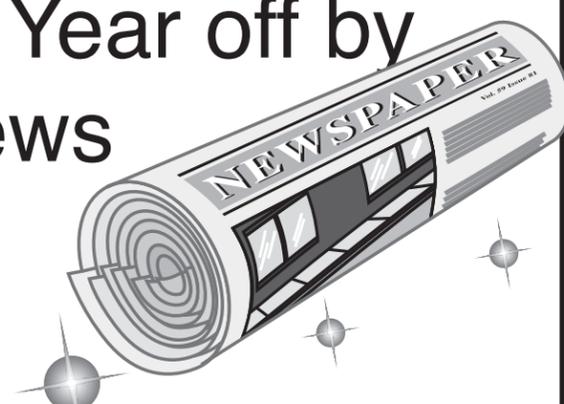
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FIRST HOG

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GET READY FOR 2012

Don't forget finances when making your resolutions for the coming year

When the time comes to make New Year's resolutions, the conventional wisdom is to focus on weight. Such wisdom is understandable, as many people spend the holiday season indulging in big meals and all the treats synonymous with having fun.

While it's acceptable to make healthy resolutions, a slimmer waist and a healthier diet should not be the only goals for the year ahead. In light of the last several years, it's important for men and women to make financial resolutions for the year ahead, too. No one can say with certainty when, or if, the economy will rebound, and men and women should look at the New Year as a suitable time to make some financial resolutions for the future.

*** Reassess your investment plan.** Since 2008, the market has been up and down like a roller coaster. Those who have weathered the storm have no doubt witnessed big gains and significant losses over the last few years, and the turn of the calendar is a great time to reassess investments and possibly make some changes. Are you taking on more risk than you're comfortable with? Is your portfolio too conservative? How well are you diversifying? Look at your investments from every angle and determine if it's time to make some changes.

*** Resolve to be more liquid.** A 2011 poll from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling found that 64 percent of Americans would need to utilize a source other than their savings account to pay for a \$1,000 unplanned expense. That percentage illustrates that most adults just don't have enough cash on hand. This year, resolve to be more liquid. Being more liquid enables you to more effectively handle emergencies, and it also helps you avoid being forced to sell investments at the wrong time.

*** Shake things up.** If you rely on one

individual to handle all of your financial needs, such a practice needs to change. No matter how much you trust this person, don't fall into a trap where one person acts as your financial svengali. Such an arrangement proved very costly to those men and women who trusted the likes of Bernie Madoff, a once-prominent financier who turned out to be nothing more than a criminal mastermind orchestrating history's largest Ponzi scheme. This year, if you haven't done so already, make sure your financial advisor, money manager, custodian, and trustee are all different people.

*** Negotiate lower rates.** Use the onset of the New Year as a chance to negotiate newer and lower interest rates on existing loans or credit cards. If you have exercised financial responsibility over the last 12 months, paying down debts and paying all bills on time, this is the perfect time to negotiate lower rates and reap the rewards of your good behavior.

*** Don't invest in anything you don't understand.** Too often investors get caught up in so-called expert forecasts and act impulsively based on the advice of some talking head they see on television or hear on the radio. Unfortunately, such "experts" aren't always certified financial professionals, and some might even have ulterior motives for pushing certain investments and shunning others. What's more, few people know the track record of these "experts," so their advice should not be taken at face value.

A simple rule for the year ahead should be to never invest in anything you don't understand. If an investment opportunity seems worthwhile, do all of your homework to gain a solid understanding of the opportunity before investing any money.

Healthy resolutions go beyond a slimmer waist and a healthier diet. This year, resolve to get healthier financially as well.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR LIBERTY COUNTY

decendent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

IN RE: ESTATE OF CASE NO.: 11-28-CP

BERNADINE MARIE FINUFF, Deceased.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BERNADINE MARIE FINUFF, deceased, whose date of death was November 14, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Liberty County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Liberty County Clerk of Circuit Court, Probate Division, P.O. Box 399, Bristol, FL 32321. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

The date of first publication of this notice was December 21, 2011, in The Liberty Journal, and the second date of publication was December 28, 2011.

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If you have any questions, please call Don A. "Sonny" O'Bryan at (850) 674-8075.

Chipola College hosts fifth annual Future Educators Teacher Workshop on Jan. 21

MARIANNA—The Chipola College Future Educators Club will host the fifth annual Teacher Workshop, Jan. 21, 2012. Current teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola, with the assistance of the Department of Education faculty and staff, will present hands-on activities along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms.

The sessions will include presentations and strategies in Math, Science, Reading, English, ESOL and ESE. Various sessions will be held for elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

Some 21 sessions are already scheduled. A few of the topics being presented are: Using Foldables and Manipulatives, Student Engagement with Social Studies, Cooking Through the Content Areas, Teaching Reading Components Using Picture Books, Using Holidays With the ESOL Student in Mind, Integrating Reading and Math, Technology in the Classroom, Discovering Pi, Classroom Management, Incorporating Drama into the Classroom, How to Build a Classroom Community, Accommodating All Students in the Mainstream Classroom, Science Activities for elementary, middle school, and high school and a General Session with

Book Representative. In addition to the student-led sessions, a representative from Big Ideas Learning will conduct a session for middle school math teachers. A representative from Teacher Effectiveness also will conduct a session on Classroom Management for teachers in grades 3-6.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. in Building D on the Chipola College campus. Sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. and run through 12:30 p.m.

To ensure that sufficient materials are available, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP.

For information or to reserve a spot, contact Casey Bush at bushc@chipola.edu or (850) 526-2761, Ext. 2449.

'Godspell' auditions to be held Jan. 9-10 at Chipola

MARIANNA—Chipola College Theatre director Charles Sirmon will hold auditions for "Godspell" Jan. 9 and 10 at 6 p.m. Actors should come prepared to sing, act and dance. Audition packets are available in the lobby of the Fine Arts building.

Chipola will present the

musical Feb. 29, Mar. 1-4, 2012. "Godspell," is the beloved classic from Stephen Schwartz, the Grammy and Academy Award-winning composer of Wicked and Pippin. Audiences will enjoy all the good gifts from one of the most enduring shows of all time as it comes to Chipola in a brand new,

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