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Gators send off seniors with 23-0 win over JSU.

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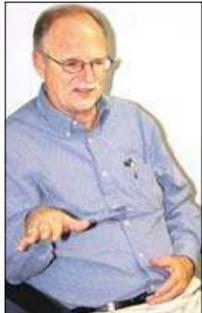
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Schools: New faces, new ideas



Brady



Huddleston



Finnell

New superintendent, 2 new board members take over on Tuesday.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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When Michael Millikin, Charles Maxwell and Glenn Hunter leave the Columbia County School District, they will leave a void that's hard to fill. Their combined experi-

ence in the school district totals more than 60 years. With a new mix of faces and ideas the district's policies and direction may be shifting. Incoming Superintendent Terry Huddleston and school board members Stephanie Finnell and Dana Brady take office Tuesday.

This will be the first time in at least 75 years that two women have served on the school board at the same time, and may be the first time in history, said Morris Williams, a local historian and a

long-time Columbia County resident.

The *Lake City Reporter* conducted separate interviews with all three at the newspaper's office Friday afternoon.

The first big question was about the budget.

Huddleston said he understands money will be tight, and the school district must find ways to save where it can. He said the district

SCHOOLS continued on 3A

Jobless rate is down to 7.5%

Unemployment in county falls half a percent in October.

By **TONY BRITT**
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The Columbia County unemployment rate continues to decrease and last month dropped to 7.5 percent, below the state and national average, according to information released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The local jobless rate fell by .5 percent from October when it was 8.0 percent.

Florida's unemployment rate dropped to 8.5 percent in October, down .2 percent from September. The state's unemployment rate is now at its lowest since December 2008. The national unemployment rate was 7.9 percent in October.

The Columbia County labor

JOBS continued on 6A

Daycare brawl: 2 jailed

By **TONY BRITT**
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A Lake City couple faces felony charges after an argument at a local daycare center escalated into a fight in which two daycare center employees were injured Thursday. Reports said children attending the daycare facility witnessed the altercation.

Byron Bay Bradley, 19, of 379 NW Bascom Norris Drive was charged with simple assault, aggravated battery and

DAYCARE continued on 6A



Bradley



Law

Dancing for Santa



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Lake City Dance Art pupils perform a dance during the Santa's Arrival At The Mall event Saturday. A crowd of about 100 attended.

St. Nick hits town, hears kids' wishes



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Gabrielle Brown tells Santa Claus what's on her Christmas wish list Saturday during the Santa's Arrival At The Mall event.

Crowd of about 100 gathers at mall to greet him on his arrival.

By **TONY BRITT**
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The arrival of Santa Claus is usually a somewhat stealthy operation, but that wasn't the case at the Lake City Mall Saturday.

Children wearing Christmas-themed clothing danced while Christmas music played on the loudspeaker as parents with video and digital cameras snapped photos, and the jolly old man in red sat in his chair waiting for children to tell him their Christmas wishes.

Santa's arrival drew more than 100 people to the Lake City Mall Saturday to welcome the holiday hero and take photographs with him. The welcome ceremony featured entertainment by area dance, karate and gymnastics groups.

Brandon Brown, of Live Oak, held

the hand of his daughter, Gabrielle, as he walked her up to speak with Santa.

"It's just a yearly thing to come over here and see Santa," he said. "This has been a family tradition and something that we always do as a family."

Laurie Schmidt, of Lake City Dance Arts, was instrumental in much of the action Saturday.

She said Lake City Dance Arts had about 60 children, from 3-5 years old, participate in small dance routines as part of the event.

"We did seven songs today and we've been practicing before Halloween," she said. "It was the children's first performance so they could get a feel for the crowd."

Schmidt said the children were enthused and excited about Saturday's performance.

"This is the best time of the year for kids and the adults get to share in it, too," she said. "It's fun to watch. The kids were very excited. Some of the kids were scared of Santa, but they danced anyway, and some didn't want to take their eyes off Santa. It was fun."

City will consider repaving DeSoto Circle

By **TONY BRITT**
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City officials may decide whether Lake DeSoto Circle gets a new paving job in the near future, during Monday's city council meeting.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 205 N. Marion Ave., and one of the items on the agenda is a proposal recommended by city staff to have Lake DeSoto Circle repaved.

The city could use funds from a sales

tax bond revenue where BB&T Bank of Jacksonville is proposing to refund the city's sales tax revenue and refunding bonds and General Fund Capital proceeds of \$400,000 for additional street and drainage projects will be available.

City officials would also have to approve accepting the refund from the bank.

Anderson Columbia has provided a projected cost for Lake DeSoto Circle overlay at approximately \$80,000, and indicated it can begin work on the project within two to three weeks.

City staff recommended council approve the proposal to repave the roadway.

According to city staff, the distance of Lake DeSoto Circle is seven-tenths of a mile.

The city will host a reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Customer Service lobby of City Hall, in appreciation of outgoing Councilman Jake Hill, as well as welcoming back of Mayor Stephen Witt and council member Melinda Moses.

City officials also will formally introduce Zack Paulk, the newly elected councilman representing District 12.



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Saturday:
Afternoon: 8-8-7-6
Evening: N/A



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Wednesday:
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AROUND FLORIDA

Recount, litigation loom in West-Murphy race

FORT PIERCE — Election workers are preparing to begin a recount of early votes in the race between Republican U.S. Rep. Allen West and the man who apparently unseated him.

The county's canvassing board voted Friday night in favor of the recount. Because three days of early ballots were recounted last week, the decision was intended to apply to only the other five days of early voting. But election workers said the ballots are no longer separated by the day they were cast, so all of them will be fed through scanners.

Democrat Patrick Murphy's campaign was readying court papers seeking an injunction to stop the recount. They say the county can only recount ballots in which there is evidence a counting mistake was made.

Attorneys for West on Friday asked a judge to order a recount of more than 37,000 ballots as West contests the apparent victory by Murphy.

A St. Lucie County judge heard arguments Friday afternoon. It was not clear when the judge will rule.

Unofficial returns show Murphy ahead of West by just over 1,900 votes.

Officers wait out suspect in tree

LAND O'LAKES — A Pasco County man who spent eleven hours in a



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Helping hungry kids

David Rountree, Lake City Rotary Club president, hands off a \$250 check to Sharon Richards, coordinator for St. James Episcopal Church. Richards said the money will go to a program to help feed children in Columbia County. Backpack Ministries, a nationwide program, provides food-filled backpacks for children to take home, Richards said.

tree to avoid being arrested is now behind bars.

Jail records show 37-year-old Ray Allen Charron was taken into custody early Saturday morning. He's being held in the Land O'Lakes Detention Center on charges that include strong arm robbery, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence.

A sheriff's office report said deputies received a call Friday afternoon about a man who stole a bike by pushing the passenger off. When a deputy arrived,

the report said, Charron began fighting the deputy, who called for backup. Charron then fled and climbed a 30-foot tree. He didn't come down until 11 hours later.

Teen convicted in fatal carjacking

JACKSONVILLE — A Jacksonville teen has been convicted in the fatal carjacking of an 83-year-old Gainesville man who was leaving the Jacksonville International Airport.

A Duval County jury

found 19-year-old Raymond Matthew Austin Jr. guilty Thursday of first-degree murder, kidnapping and armed robbery. He faces a life sentence.

Authorities said Austin — along with co-defendants 36-year-old Shanda Nedreia Merritt, 19-year-old Corey Harrington and 19-year-old Marquavious Avery — strangled and shot Charles Soukup in October 2010 before dumping his body in a wooded area.

Merritt is awaiting trial, while Harrington and Avery already pleaded

guilty to second-degree murder, kidnapping and armed robbery.

Austin is already serving 45 years for the attempted murder of Merritt's ex-boyfriend, then-37-year-old Carl Davis, a day after the attack on Soukup.

Details revealed in student's death

GAINESVILLE — A grand jury indictment says a University of Florida student who was missing for three weeks was poisoned and suffocated before his body was dumped in woods.

The indictment released Thursday says 18-year-old college freshman Christian Aguilar was sedated with a chemical compound and then suffocated. The document does not specify the type of chemical used.

Aguilar went missing Sept. 20. The Miami native's body wasn't found until three weeks later by hunters in a rural Levy County location.

Aguilar's former friend, 18-year-old Pedro Bravo, is charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping. Police said Bravo told them he beat Aguilar and left him alive in a parking. Bravo has pleaded not guilty.

Scott seeks meet on health care

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott told federal

health officials in a letter Friday that he isn't convinced a state health exchange will lower health care costs for Floridians, and that he's worried the actual costs could end up exceeding early estimates.

The Republican governor, who has recently softened his staunch opposition to the federal health care law, requested a meeting with federal health officials in hopes of working together to set up a state health exchange to help the nearly 4 million uninsured in the state. But Scott said he needs more information before making a decision.

Food stamp system down

MIAMI — Millions of Floridians can't use their food stamps because of a technical glitch.

The Department of Children and Families said a national outage Friday at JPMorgan Chase is preventing about 3.6 million recipients from being able to use their food stamp debit cards to buy groceries.

Crews are working on the outage, which began around 7 a.m. The agency couldn't estimate when the outage might be fixed.

Stores can choose to run a manual processing of up to \$40. Wal-Mart stores can also process manual transactions of up to \$100.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Colbert on display at wax museum

WASHINGTON

Stephen Colbert is taking his place among the presidents at the Madame Tussauds wax museum in Washington and will be featured in a new media gallery.

Colbert visited the museum Friday to unveil a wax figure created to represent him. The museum says Colbert donated his own clothes to dress the figure in a suit, tie, cuff links and lapel pin. Colbert wore an identical outfit.

The new figure will be the centerpiece of a new media gallery with a replica of "The Colbert Report" set where guests can sit next to Colbert's figure behind his fake news desk.

Designers from Madame Tussauds went to Colbert's New York studio in June to take more than 250 measurements and photographs of the Comedy Central star to create the wax figure.

Singer Deana Carter files for separation

LOS ANGELES — Court records show country singer Deana Carter has filed for legal separation from her husband of three years.

The "Strawberry Wine" singer cites irreconcilable differences for her breakup from Brandon Malone. Her filing states the couple separated in August 2011, less than two years after they were married in October 2009.

Records showed Carter filed her petition on Tuesday in Los Angeles. Carter co-wrote the song "You and Tequila," which she recorded and became a hit after it appeared on Kenny Chesney's recent album "Hemingway's Whiskey."

Carter and Malone have no children together. Her filing indicates the couple does not have any agreement on how the couple's assets will be divided.



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Comedian Stephen Colbert clowns around with a wax figure of him at Madame Tussauds wax museum in Washington. Colbert helped unveil his wax likeness Friday in the attraction's Media Room, which was renovated to include a replica set of The Colbert Report.

Bobby Brown pleads not guilty to DUI

LOS ANGELES — A lawyer for Bobby Brown has entered not guilty pleas to drunken driving and other charges faced by the R&B singer after his arrest last month in Los Angeles.

City attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan (mah-TEHL-jin) says the pleas were entered Friday. Brown's case is scheduled for its next hearing on Dec. 13.

Brown was arrested in October on suspicion of driving while under the influence. It was his second arrest for DUI this year in Los Angeles.

He also faces charges he was driving on a suspended license and did not have an ignition locking device on his car, as required from a

previous case.

Brown pleaded no contest to drunken driving in April and entered rehab in August.

The 43-year-old is the former husband of Whitney Houston.

Judge grants Miley Cyrus civil restraining order

LOS ANGELES — A judge has granted Miley Cyrus a three-year civil restraining order against a man convicted of trespassing at her home in Los Angeles.

The stay-away order was granted Friday against Jason Luis Rivera by Superior Court Judge William D. Stewart.

The 40-year-old Rivera was convicted in October of trespassing at the singer's home and sentenced to 18 months in jail. He is scheduled to be released in May.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 73.
■ Actress Linda Evans is 70.
■ Actress Susan Sullivan is 70.
■ Country singer Jacky Ward is 66.
■ Actor Jameson Parker is 65.
■ Actress-singer Andrea Marcovici is 64.
■ Rock musician Herman

Rarebell is 63.
■ Singer Graham Parker is 62.
■ Actor Delroy Lindo is 60.
■ Comedian Kevin Nealon is 59.
■ Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon is 56.
■ Actor Oscar Nunez is 54.
■ Actress Elizabeth Perkins is 52.

Daily Scripture

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

— Psalm 119:105

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CORRECTION

A story on Page 1A of Friday's edition of the Lake City Reporter should have indicated the Prayers For Carly Facebook page had more than 1,100 "likes" in less than 12 hours.

The name of District 3 County Commissioner Jody DuPree was misspelled in an article on Page 1A of Friday's edition.

900-year-old canoe on display in Suwannee

From staff reports

LIVE OAK – A 900-year-old Indian canoe now rests in the lobby of the Cerveny Conference Center and Camp Weed.

A contribution to the Episcopal Diocese of Florida by Edward (Ted) Baker, the 10 1/2-foot-long pine canoe was carbon-dated to 1090 A.D. The ancient canoe was unearthed at a site near Grandin and is virtually intact, with charring inside, clearly evident from the original hollowing process.

"This canoe is in very good condition and we doubt there will be any problem," say Elise LeCompte and Lee A. Newsom, archeologists with the University of Florida's Department of Anthropology, which oversaw the preservation procedures.

For nearly a year following the canoe's discovery in late 1989, the university soaked it in a wax and water bath to restore the

hull's proper water content and seal the wood to offset the effects of evaporation.

The canoe is a product of the Timucuan Indian people who flourished in North Florida until the 17th century when Spanish domination and European plagues decimated their population. "We are very thankful for Mr. Baker's contribution," said Joe Chamberlain, Camp Weed executive director. "It is very fitting that the authentic dugout canoe be placed at Camp Weed since the University of Florida and the National Park Service documented this site as a place where Hernando De Soto encountered Indigenous people here in 1539. I can imagine White Lake having several canoes just like this one moving across the water 800 years ago."

Camp Weed offers a special program about its archeological discovery to the public each year and will schedule a program for any group when requested.



COURTESY

Ted Baker (left) bequeathed a 900-year-old dugout canoe to Camp Weed Executive Director Joe Chamberlain; Timucuan dugout canoe, carbon dated 1090 A.D., is on display in Camp Weed lobby.

SCHOOLS: Superintendent, board members to take office

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should stress the importance of saving every penny, and implement an energy campaign.

He said school staff should turn off lights when they aren't used, and bus drivers shouldn't let their buses idle until they are ready to leave.

He said his goal is for the general funds balance to stay above five percent of total revenue. Should that happen, the district wouldn't have the cash flow problems that continue to pop up.

"We need an awareness in our county among teachers and staff members that we do need to save, that we do need to be frugal, and we must do that in order to improve our fund balance by June," Huddleston said.

The fund balance has fallen below three percent of total revenue and a plan has been submitted to the state detailing how the school district would bring the balance back above the three percent threshold, he said.

Finnell said to solve the budget problems, the school board will have to find additional resources. She said she thinks public-private partnerships are the way to go. She suggested that the school

board should continue to build partnerships with corporations and local companies.

"There's a lot out there that we are not getting," she said. "We can get more."

While Finnell said facilities should never take a back seat, she did say board members would have to be honest with themselves and county residents. She said the auditorium for Fort White High School is something that should be built, but she's not sure if it's something that can be done in the next four years.

"I would like to see that come along, I think everybody would," she said. "When the budget can allow it, absolutely. Can I promise that? No, I can't."

She said this type of candor is something people

should expect from her and that the school board needs to be transparent.

"Communication is the most important policy here," she said.

Brady said the budget issues stretch further than just what's on the surface. She said one of the biggest problems remains the retention and recruitment of teachers.

She said she's going to focus on those problems and try and find creative solutions, but that if the budget problems aren't solved, the best teachers won't stay, and others won't find Columbia County an attractive destination to begin with.

"It's the Rubik's Cube," she said "It's a statewide problem."

While the problem with the budget may take more than a few meetings to fix,

the new superintendent's first priority is to fill the vacant spot at Columbia High School and to find a long-term principal at Richardson Middle School.

Those positions were advertised on Wednesday, Huddleston said.

"I want to change the perception of principals at our schools," he said. "They must be instructional leaders."

Finnell said that she expected to receive a reprieve from the grind of the campaign, but that didn't happen. She said a 10-minute trip to Publix now has turned into a half-day affair. She said it doesn't bother her, and she enjoys the text messages of congratulations and encouragement from students.

She said she finds them

inspirational.

She said her first priority is to keep the promises she made on the campaign. She wants to visit the schools often and listen to teachers, students and parents.

Brady said it was a relief that she won her race in the primary and didn't have to compete in a runoff. She said she doesn't feel any pressure because of her victory, but that it put some things in perspective.

"I feel humbled by that, that people have that type of confidence in me," she said. "I find it inspiring."

Brady said District schools have performed well, with 10 of 13 county schools receiving A's or B's in the statewide grading system. She said while that's good, she wants to make it 13 of 13.

'Food for Fines' at library

From staff reports

The Columbia County Public Library has once again partnered with the Christian Service Center for the Food for Fines Project which continues through Nov. 19. For every one non-expired, sealed, non-perishable food item that is brought to any one of the three CCPL locations, the library patron will be able to exchange the item for \$1 in overdue fines and fees. One item equals \$1, five items equals \$5 and so on. The food collected will be delivered to the Christian Service Center in Lake City for local distribution. Food collected at the Fort White Branch Library will be delivered to the Fort White Methodist Church food bank. Food will be accepted only during the seven-day project period.

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'Prayers for Carly' set for Monday

From staff reports

The Prayers For Carly candlelight prayer service for Carly Cason, who has been diagnosed as a victim of shaken baby syndrome, will take place at 6 p.m. Monday at Olustee Park in downtown Lake City.

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Let's get to work

Abruising, sometimes bitter campaign season has come to an end in Columbia County, and now it's time to get on with the job of governing.

City officials will be sworn in Monday, their county and school district counterparts, Tuesday.

We wish them well and have confidence each will perform up to expectations and beyond.

That's certainly true for county schools, if our recent conversations with the incoming superintendent and two new school board members are any indication.

We sat down with each Friday for a separate chat about their hopes, plans and expectations for coming term. (See story, Page 1A.)

Each was impressive in a different way, but all shared the crucial traits of intelligence, intellectual curiosity and a willingness to do whatever it takes to make our schools better.

We look forward to working with all three — as well as newcomers to other city and county offices, and returning incumbents back for another term as well.

Should be a fascinating four years.

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1865, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" by Mark Twain was first published under the title "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog" in the New York Saturday Press.

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1910, British suffragists clashed with police outside Parliament on what became known as "Black Friday."

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1962, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Niels Bohr died in his native Denmark at age 77.

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We have a national crisis in character

Here's an excerpt from a letter I received the other day from a college professor:

"Throughout this election I discussed with students the differences between ideologies. The majority of them are on federal financial aid. They are fine with more taxes as long as they will be taken care of. It is disturbing to hear that they are willing to spend their own money on tattoos and cellphones but cannot buy the book for class until the financial aid comes in."

For those who see social conservatism as an annoyance and argue that Republicans must purge this agenda from their party to survive, I say: "Think again."

If Republicans want revival, we need an honest focus on what's really wrong in America and what must be done to assure that a great nation will be standing for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This kind of thinking is different from polls and focus groups and clever schemes to manage media and voter turnout.

Leadership is about identifying the truth, believing it and telling it in a way that people can grasp. Then they will respond and follow.

The professor's letter provides a snapshot, a hint, of what America's most basic problem is today. It's a problem of character and values.

Having lectured on more than 180 college campuses over the past 20 years, I have seen exactly what the professor is talking about.

Of course, government is too big. But how did it get this way? Americans vote every two years. They voted every two years during the whole period over which government grew to its current unwieldy size.

With the majority of the country now on one kind of government program or another, does anybody really think we can change this without talking about the human attitudes and values that produced it?

Democrats have a much easier problem than Republicans. They are not trying to change America. The trends and attitudes that get the whole country on welfare, that produced the moral relativism that is destroying our families and character, is the platform of the Democratic Party.

Democratic politicians have just one job: Deny the patient is sick.

Republicans, if they are going to be a real opposition party, have a much tougher job. ...

There may be Republicans who think that we can ignore the crisis in character and values that underlie our fiscal crisis. There may be Republicans that think if we have a better tax system it doesn't matter if we have a country of single mothers, sexually ambiguous and confused men, and abortion and euthanasia on demand.

Ignoring these things would mean not just the end of the Republican Party but also the end of our country.

Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (www.urbancure.org) and author of three books.

Missing the Sopchoppy Band

On Sunday, Sept. 23, I worshipped with the good people of Siloam United Methodist Church as they celebrated their 143rd homecoming.

It was a great day for one and all, but I was a bit disappointed that the Sopchoppy (Fla.) Seventy Sousaphones and Drum Symphony did not show up to provide the special music. I'll come back to that later.

The church building was almost packed, mainly with the Terry Family, their ancestors and successors. Jimmy Terry had turned 72 the previous week and wife Carol led the congregation in singing "Happy Birthday" to him.

Along with all the Terrys, I was glad to see the ever-smiling Myrtle Principato, former employee of the year at Columba High School, who is a staunch supporter of her church at every turn.

I was also glad to see friend Roger Noll, former director of data processing for our school system, now retired. He grew up near Siloam.

Now to go back to the Sopchoppy Band, which Pastor A. F. Donovan said was "scheduled" to appear. Pastor Donovan is a rock solid Gospel preacher when he is in the pulpit, but otherwise he does have his jovial side and I love it.

To him, "scheduled" is a word that has flexible meanings. For example, when he says the Sopchoppy Band is scheduled to appear, that likely means there's no such band and they will not appear — and his congrega-



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tion is wise to his antics every step of the way.

Similarly, when he announces that the Queen of England or the nation's president is "scheduled" to attend, don't get your hopes too high. Nor when he announces that the day's offering was \$12,000 or \$14,000 — cash, "more or less" — don't expect those numbers to show up in the official treasurer's report. And when he announces that the homecoming meal will feature prime rib, filet mignon and pheasant under glass, take that with a grain of salt.

So, no one was surprised when the Sopchoppy Band was a no-show nor when the bulletin said the offertory music would be "Ode to Country Ham and Red Eyed Gravy." It was just Pastor Al up to his old tricks. Just like when he calls his Honda Civic a "faux Ferrari." You get the idea.

With so many senior citizens in his congregation and a very senior pastor in the pulpit, he refers to the church as "God's Waiting Room."

So, no, I was not disappointed at all that the Sopchoppy Band was a no-show, because I know

Pastor Al and his wonderfully creative sense of humor.

At this point, I must come clean with a full disclosure. This column today is payback to Pastor Al, who arranged for me to be first in the long food line in exchange for a mention in my column. Debt paid, Brother!

By the way, although I may have missed my chance to hear the Sopchoppy Band, I still have time to attend the annual Sopchoppy Worm Grunting Festival (for real) held the second Saturday in April.

Lynyrd Skynyrd Band

The famous Lynyrd Skynyrd Band ("Free Bird," "Sweet Home Alabama") was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006. Bob Burns, the band's drummer and percussionist, has direct ties to Lake City and CHS.

Bob is the son of CHS graduates Robert and Jane Elizabeth (Betty) Blasingame Burns, both of whom are planning to attend the CHS 1949-53 class reunion on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Mason City Community Center.

Sour milk; Coughing

■ From friend Jimmy Musser: "Where does milk go when it sours? It becomes a 'cereal killer.'"

■ Crosby Jansen says, "People who cough incessantly never seem to go to a doctor. Instead, they go to movies, banquets, concerts and churches."

■ Morris Williams is a local historian and long-time Columbia County resident.

America will be less without Twinkies

Maybe the story is true as told: Hostess, the maker of such iconic and fattening snack foods as Twinkies, Ho Hos, Ding Dongs and Zingers, is going out of business because of an intractable dispute between the company and its second largest union.

But it's hard not to suspect that secret operatives for good-food-goodie-two-shoes like first lady Michelle Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg are behind the demise of a company whose products are practically synonymous with partially hydrogenated fat, high-fructose corn syrup and sodium stearoyl lactylate.

However, one feels about the dubious nutritional benefits of Hostess' brands, and the hold they had on the palates of our young until the lunch box police began snooping around, no one wants to see 18,500 bakers, warehouse workers, delivery drivers and counter workers lose their jobs.

Hostess' signature product, the Twinkie, was described as a "Golden Sponge Cake with



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Creamy Filling," but they were so much more. For generations of school kids, arriving home peaked and listless, they provided a reviving sugar rush, not to mention 13 percent of the recommended daily intake of saturated fat, and prompted a maternal cry that should have been printed on the label, "You'll spoil you dinner!"

When the Texas State Fair began deep-frying them, Twinkies pioneered new avenues of gustatory excess. They even gave their name to a murder defense when the killer of a San Francisco city supervisor successfully argued diminished capacity because of an excess of junk food.

Politics was even dragged into the company's apparent demise, with AFL-CIO President

Richard Trumka blaming Mitt Romney, Bain-style vulture capitalism, even though two private-equity companies did their best to save the company. Hostess itself blamed its failure on an intransigent union, the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union, whose name alone should attract the attention of Bloomberg and Obama.

Even if the company goes, some of the brands are likely to survive, bought up by competitors and less health-conscious foreign companies. (What do you suppose Ding Dong means in Chinese?) Almost immediately Twinkies and Zingers had a second-life on eBay.

Even if manufacture stops, if what they say about Twinkies is true, that the cakes have a shelf life of 20 years or more — which the company says is only an urban legend — they will be around for a long, long time to come.

There's still plenty of time to spoil your dinner.

■ Dale McFeatters is editorial writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at jbarr@lakecityreporter.com.

Nov. 18 La Leche meeting

La Leche League of Live Oak will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Suwannee County Museum, 208 N. Ohio Ave. in Live Oak. La Leche Leagues is an international organization dedicated to providing education, information, support, and encouragement to women who want to breastfeed. All breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding are welcome. Babies are always welcome at our meetings. Contact Laura Bashaw at laurabashaw@hotmail.com or visit <http://LaLecheLeagueofLiveOak.com> on Facebook.

Musical performance

Masterpiece Theatre of the Arts, a youth theater company, will perform the musical "Into the Woods, Junior," at 6:30 p.m. in the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, with children younger than 5 free. Call (386) 984-0504 for more information.

Nov. 20

Traffic safety team
The Community Traffic Safety Team comprised of the 4 E's (Enforcement, Engineering, Emergency Services and Education) will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Florida Department of Transportation Operations Complex, 710 NW Lake Jeffery Road. The team responds to traffic concerns from citizens and looks for ways to reduce crashes and fatalities in Columbia County. The public is invited to attend or to send in their traffic issues. Contact Gina Busscher at

FDOT at 758-3714 or by email at gina.busscher@dot.state.fl.us.

Art League meeting

The Art League of North Florida will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Haven Hospice on US 90 west. There will be refreshments, fellowship, a short meeting and speaker. The speaker is Art League president Jeanne Van Arsdall, who will give a slideshow of her safari to Tanzania, Africa. Exciting photos of lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, cheetahs, leopards and many more animals will be seen.

Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbia County Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

Nov. 21

Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fort White Public Library on Route 47 to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

Nov. 22

Thanksgiving dinner

First Presbyterian Church invites the community to a free Thanksgiving

Day dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall, 697 SW Baya Drive. We will serve all the traditional turkey meal items, including desserts and drinks. This is our 12th annual dinner, and we served about 500 people last year. Come and join in on the feast and observance of this traditional celebration, beginning 11:30 AM through 1:30 PM.

Nov. 23

Fish dinner

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5056 SW State Road 47 in Lake City, prepares fish dinners every Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$6 for two Alaskan pollock filets, corn, baked beans, hushpuppies, cole slaw and tarter sauce. Take out or eat in.

Nov. 24

Craft festival

Local artists and crafters are invited to participate in the second annual Holiday Craft Festival at the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market from 8 a.m. until noon. The festival will highlight local artists and crafters whose original work will be for sale, in addition to foods grown by area farmers. Vendor applications are available at market.lcfla.com. Fees are \$10 per market day, plus tax. Live music will be provided by Quartermoon, from High Springs. The farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 to noon in Wilson Park, along Lake DeSoto between the Columbia County Courthouse and Shands Lakeshore Hospital in

downtown Lake City. For more information about the market, call (386) 719-5766 or visit market.lcfla.com.

Country-Western night

The Pride of B&S Combs Elks Temple will have its annual Country-Western Night. Donation is \$10 per person.

Nov. 27

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Nov. 28

Senator's staff visit

Staff members of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio will be available to help area residents with issues involving

federal agencies from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court. For more information, all Rubio's Jacksonville Regional Office at (904) 398-8586.

Landlords to meet

Lake City area landlords will meet at the IHOP restaurant. Dinner will be at 5 p.m., and the program will begin at 6. Columbia County Fire Chief David Boozer will be the speaker. Call (386) 755-0110 for more information.

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Nov. 29

Brain health class

Maintain Your Brain at

the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This free presentation explores insights about what a person can do to maintain life-long brain health. Attendees will learn basic brain facts, ways to keep memories sharp and the close connection between brain health and heart health. Call (800) 272-3900 to register or for more information.

Nov. 30

Hospital garage sale

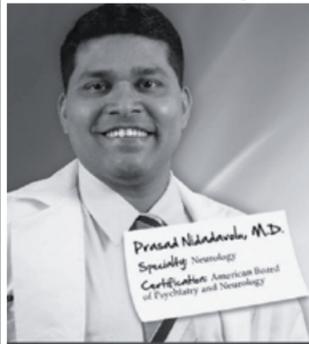
The auxiliary at Shands Lakeshore Hospital will have a garage sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's first-floor conference room and outside for larger items.

Dec. 5

Book sale fundraiser

The auxiliary at Shands Lakeshore Hospital will hold a Christmas book sale to support the hospital from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the first-floor cafe at the hospital.

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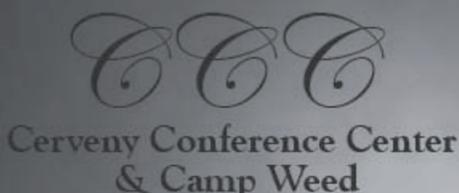
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Boys Club gets \$1,000 from First Federal

From staff reports

First Federal Bank of Florida announce that the Boys Club of Columbia County received the most votes in the recent 50th Anniversary Donation Giveaway. In this contest, three local organizations were candidates to receive \$1,000 from First Federal and the community voted on which organization will receive the donation.

"In honor of our 50th Anniversary, we wanted to reiterate our commitment to our community by asking the community to choose an organization that could benefit from additional funds this year," says Keith Leibfried, President and CEO. "We also hope that our contribution can be an encouragement to other local businesses to donate money to any of these organizations."

Voting began October 1st and ended on Oct. 13. During that time, the community voted once a day for their favorite organization. Advisory Councils in each county identified three organizations in their county that they felt could benefit the most from the donation. Each county in First Federal's market area participated in the contest.



The Boys Club of Columbia County received the most votes in the recent 50th Anniversary Donation Giveaway, which earned the club a \$1,000 donation from First Federal Bank of Florida.

JOBS

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force consists of approximately 31,759 people. In October, 29,362 residents were employed, while an estimated 2,397 people were jobless.

In September the local unemployment rate was 8.0 percent. Then the county's workforce was listed at 31,858 people with 29,298 employed.

The local jobless numbers are vastly improved from 2011 when the unemployment rate was 9.5 percent.

Monroe County had the state's lowest unemployment rate for October at 4.7 percent, followed by Walton County, where the jobless rate was 5.4 percent.

Hendry County has the state's highest unemployment rate for October, at 12.6 percent, followed by Flagler County with an 11.3 percent unemployment rate. There were six Florida counties with double-digit unemployment rates in October, down from 12 counties in September.

According to state employment officials, the number of jobs in Florida was listed as 7,371,500 in October, up 67,600 jobs compared to a year ago. October was the 27th consecutive month with positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for three years.

DAYCARE: Two face charges following altercation at local daycare center

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disorderly conduct in connection with the case. He also faces charges for an out of county warrant. He is being held in the Columbia County Detention Facility without bond.

Carlissa Jenay Law, 21, 378 NW Bascom Norris Drive, was charged with simple assault, battery, aggravated battery and disorderly conduct. She was booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility on \$17,000 bond.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's reports, Law telephoned authorities in reference to a fight she was involved in with a daycare teacher at Dora's Paradise Daycare Center, but when the deputy was

driving to her address to get her statement, another deputy called him and told him he was at the Hip Hop Chicken restaurant parking lot on Marion Avenue where other people who witnessed the altercation were "in the middle of a heated yelling match between each other."

After questioning people at the restaurant the deputy interviewed one of the teachers involved in the incident and she told him Law caused a disturbance inside the daycare facility and while she was trying to get Law to leave, Law started shouting at her again and grabbed her face and scratched her nose, according to reports.

The daycare teacher reportedly said she tried to defend herself and she and Law fell to the ground fighting and Law bit her on her right arm and on the right side of her torso, breaking the skin and drawing blood.

Reports said Bradley was present during the incident and jumped between the two women and grabbed the daycare teacher in a violent manner and threw her back to the ground.

Another teacher reportedly witnessed what was happening and came outside to help, but as she approached, Bradley allegedly punched her in the chest.

Law and Bradley then

left the scene, reports said.

An ambulance responded to the scene and treated one of the teachers for her injuries. The other daycare center employee also requested medical treatment because she was having breathing problems from where Bradley allegedly punched her.

Authorities spoke to other people who were at the daycare and who arrived at the end of the fight. Several people confirmed they saw Law standing over the teacher at the end of the fight yelling and threatening the teacher while Bradley held her down.

"Based on the evidence proving (Carlissa) Law and

(Byron) Bradley to be the primary aggressors of the fight, they were both miran-

dized by card and placed under arrest," Deputy John Snipes wrote in his report.

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Bellamy the Beaver, mascot of The Ichetucknee Partnership, shows off a \$7,000 donation presented to the organization by TD Bank. Joining in the presentation Friday are (from left) Dennille Decker, executive director of the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; Suzanne Norris, regional vice president of North Central Florida for TD Bank; Heather Gray, vice president at the bank; and Abbie Chasteen, marketing coordinator of the chamber. "Our bank has a long-standing commitment to environmental concerns," Norris said.

Practicin' stackin'



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Melrose Park Elementary School students (from left) Lorenzo Azuara, 11; Chas Hill, 10; Jacob Pauell, 10; and Antara Horne, 10, practice cup stacking during the seventh annual World Sport Stacking Association STACK UP! event on Thursday, which was the Guinness World Records Day. '(Cup stacking) is a good way to have fun with friends,' Lorenzo said. 'It helps you move your hands and is a good motivation to keep you out of trouble.'

ROAD PROJECTS

From staff reports

Florida Department of Transportation announced the following road projects will be active during the coming week:

Note: All work will be suspended for the Thanksgiving holiday period, Wednesday through Sunday, for the anticipated increase in traffic.

Alachua County

■ Archer Road (State Road 24), daytime lane closures between the Levy County line and Southwest 13th Street (U.S. 441) to repaint roadway markings.

■ Northwest 23rd Avenue (SR 120), daytime lane closures between Northwest Sixth and 13th streets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to repair sidewalks.

■ Northwest 34th Street (SR 121), daytime lane closures just south of U.S. 441 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to improve the entrance to the new Wal-mart.

■ Southwest 13th Street (U.S. 441) Daytime lane closures just north of Archer Road from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for landscaping in the medians, and just south of Archer Road for modifications to the pedestrian overpass.

■ Waldo Road (SR 24), daytime lane closures from East University Avenue (SR 26) to U.S. 301 in Waldo to repaint roadway markings.

■ Williston Road (SR 331), daytime lane closures from Southwest 13th Street (U.S. 441) to East University Avenue (SR 26) to repaint roadway markings.

Columbia County

■ U.S. 41, daytime lane

closures from Interstate 10 to Winfield area Monday from 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to clean ditches.

Hamilton County

■ Interstate 75, daytime lane closures Monday for northbound traffic and Tuesday for southbound traffic between SR 6 (Exit 460) and the Georgia line for resurfacing. The speed limit will be reduced to 60 mph during lane closures.

■ U.S. 41, daytime lane closures after 8:30 a.m. between the Columbia County line (Suwannee River bridge) and White Springs for drainage work and from U.S. 129 just south of Jasper for resurfacing.

■ U.S. 129, daytime lane closures between the western city limits of Jasper and the Georgia line after 8:30 a.m. for resurfacing.

Suwannee County

■ U.S. 129, daytime lane closures scheduled between Live Oak and the Hal Adams Bridge in Luraville have been postponed until the week of Nov. 26.

General

FDOT offices will be closed Nov. 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Ambulance service offers free transport home on holidays

From staff reports

Lifeguard Ambulance Service, the emergency medical services provider in Columbia County, will offer complimentary ambulance transportation on a space-available basis to local residents who otherwise would be unable to be home for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

The "Home for the Holidays" program will provide transportation on Thanksgiving day and Christmas day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

This program is designed to allow patients in skilled nursing and assisted-living facilities to be home for the holidays when they might otherwise be separated from family due to limited specialized transportation.

"The holiday season is always a special time for families, and this program is a small gift that always makes a difference in the lives of those we are fortunate to be serving," Jason Kimbrell, regional executive, said.

All request for transportation must be received by

Monday for Thanksgiving, and by Friday, Dec. 21, for Christmas day participation.

Lifeguard Ambulance Service will provide complimentary, round-trip transportation originating and ending in Columbia County. Participants must be self-supporting while at the residence and be under the care of a responsible family member.

For additional information or to schedule a free transport, call (386) 487-3911, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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(CITY BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION)

Application deadline Wednesday, November 28, 2012 - noon

The City Planning and Zoning Boards consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the City. The Planning Board is also referred to as the Local Planning Agency (LPA). Members are appointed by the City Council for three (3) year terms and may be reappointed for additional terms by the Council. Financial disclosure is required annually to Council on Ethics, State of Florida. This Board acts in an advisory capacity through recommendations to the City Council for final action.

The Planning and Zoning Board meets on a monthly basis and meetings are held in the Council Chambers located in City Hall. Notice of all meetings is provided to the members and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting and is subject to Section 286.011 Florida Statutes, (Public Meeting Law).

A major responsibility of the Planning Board is the management and update of the City Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulations. The Planning Board also functions in the dual role as the Zoning Board for the City and shall have the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Land Use Regulations and the City Code. Most common among the Zoning Board's duties is to review and consider citizen requests for zoning and land use changes, special exceptions or variances to certain land use regulations and subdivision of property within the City.

This board does not operate under a separate budget. The City Director of Growth Management provides administrative support.

Please note members of the Planning and Zoning Board serve dual roles and also serve in the capacity of the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment meets on an as needed basis.

When a vacancy occurs or a term expires on the board(s) applications will be accepted. At the discretion of the City Council interviews may be scheduled and, if required, every attempt will be made to schedule an interview at your convenience.

Applications must be turned in to the City Clerks Office by Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at noon. The City Clerks Office is located at City Hall, 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055 or applications may be emailed to sikesa@lcfla.com.

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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, November 18
Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	76/60/pc	75/63/sh
Daytona Beach	74/60/pc	75/60/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	80/64/pc	80/65/pc
Fort Myers	80/59/pc	79/58/pc
Gainesville	72/51/c	72/51/pc
Jacksonville	68/53/pc	68/51/pc
Key West	77/71/s	77/67/pc
Lake City	72/49/c	71/49/pc
Miami	80/64/pc	79/65/pc
Ocala	73/52/pc	74/52/pc
Orlando	76/59/pc	77/58/pc
Naples	75/60/pc	78/60/pc
West Palm Beach	81/64	
FL. Lauderdale	80/68	
Panama City	70/53/pc	70/54/pc
Pensacola	70/54/pc	69/53/pc
Tallahassee	70/48/pc	72/48/pc
Tampa	77/59/pc	76/59/pc
Valdosta	69/48/pc	70/48/pc
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Sunset tom.: 5:32 p.m.

MOON
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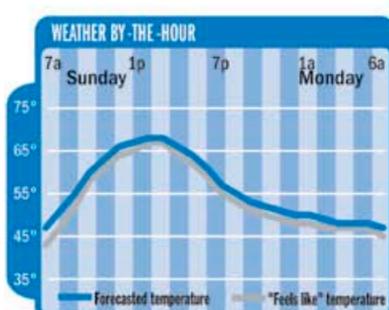
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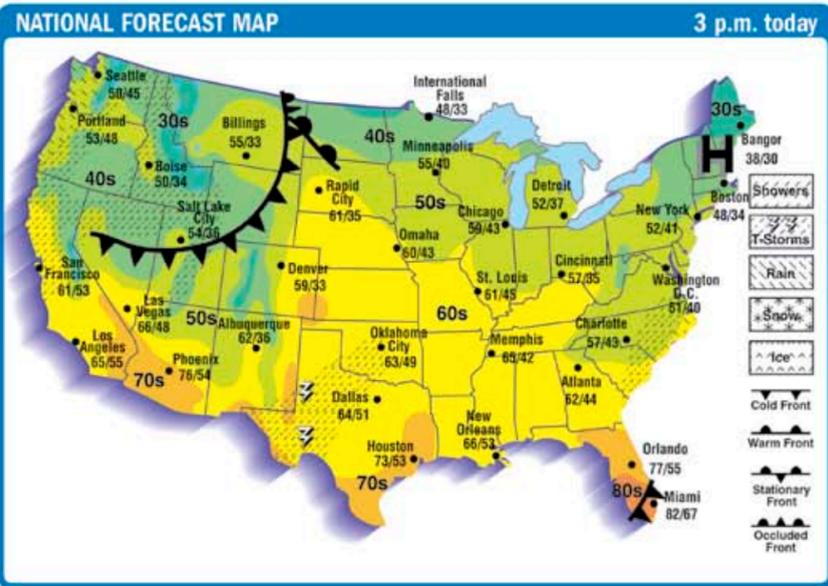
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Albuquerque	55/36/0	62/36/pc	Detroit	52/29/0	52/37/s	Orlando	78/60/0	77/55/pc
Anchorage	19/15/0	21/10/pc	El Paso	65/44/0	73/47/pc	Philadelphia	55/35/0	54/39/pc
Atlanta	60/41/0	62/44/pc	Fairbanks	-2/-22/0	-12/-26/s	Phoenix	73/56/0	76/54/pc
Baltimore	53/29/0	51/37/pc	Greensboro	54/34/0	54/41/c	Pittsburgh	54/27/0	53/34/s
Billings	53/34/0	55/33/pc	Hartford	49/27/0	49/30/s	Portland ME	48/30/0	45/27/s
Birmingham	65/35/0	63/43/s	Honolulu	73/69/0	83/69/sh	Portland OR	49/45/48	53/48/r
Bismarck	42/28/0	44/27/pc	Houston	68/38/0	73/53/pc	Raleigh	56/34/0	56/43/sh
Boise	58/44/0	50/34/sh	Indianapolis	54/28/0	58/35/s	Rapid City	60/33/0	61/35/pc
Boston	47/36/0	48/34/s	Jackson MS	65/33/0	67/42/s	Reno	52/42/08	52/32/sh
Buffalo	49/30/0	52/33/s	Jacksonville	62/53/0	65/51/c	Richmond	55/33/0	54/44/c
Charleston SC	57/42/0	61/51/sh	Kansas City	61/36/0	61/45/pc	Sacramento	59/55/44	61/49/sh
Charleston WV	58/25/0	60/34/s	Las Vegas	69/50/0	66/48/pc	St. Louis	57/31/0	61/45/s
Charlotte	58/34/0	57/43/c	Little Rock	62/35/0	64/44/s	Salt Lake City	54/42/0	54/36/c
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Denver	62/37/0	59/33/pc	Oklahoma City	61/33/0	63/49/sh	Washington	54/36/0	51/40/pc

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Amsterdam	46/36/0	51/32/c	Lima	73/64/0	73/63/pc	Rome	64/46/0	63/55/pc
Athens	na/na/0	68/60/pc	London	54/50/0	46/36/s	St. Thomas VI	86/77/04	85/77/t
Auckland	64/55/0	62/53/pc	Madrid	55/52/0	63/41/pc	San Juan PR	88/77/15	88/78/t
Beijing	50/28/0	50/34/pc	Mexico City	68/48/0	73/48/s	San Jose	79/50/0	84/80/s
Berlin	36/30/0	47/35/c	Montreal	37/27/0	37/26/s	Seoul	46/32/0	50/34/sh
Buenos Aires	82/59/0	83/63/pc	Moscow	39/37/0	32/28/c	Singapore	90/77/0	88/78/t
Cairo	79/64/0	78/63/s	Nairobi	75/63/0	74/59/t	Sydney	68/59/0	75/55/sh
Geneva	43/39/0	46/36/c	Nassau	79/72/0	80/71/t	Tel Aviv	82/70/0	78/62/sh
Havana	79/63/0	81/63/t	New Delhi	79/55/0	82/59/s	Tokyo	64/52/0	58/41/pc
Helsinki	46/41/0	44/39/c	Oslo	43/36/0	40/30/pc	Toronto	48/34/0	45/32/pc
Hong Kong	73/64/19	79/72/c	Panama	86/75/0	87/74/t	Vienna	48/41/0	47/43/pc
Kingston	90/77/0	88/78/r	Paris	50/41/0	51/39/sh	Warsaw	34/32/0	44/37/c

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Section B

GAMES

Monday

■ Columbia High boys soccer at Chiles High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High soccer at Interlachen High, 7 p.m. (boys-5)

■ Columbia High girls basketball vs. Santa Fe High, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High girls basketball at Bradford High, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

■ Fort White High girls soccer vs. Columbia High, 5 p.m.

■ Columbia High girls basketball vs. Madison County High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)

Friday

■ Columbia High football vs. St. Augustine High in regional semifinal, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 26

■ Fort White High girls soccer at Newberry High, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High soccer vs. Oak Hall School at CYSA fields, 7 p.m. (girls-5)

Tuesday, Nov. 27

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Chiles High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High soccer vs. Interlachen High, 7 p.m. (girls-5)

Wednesday, Nov. 28

■ Columbia High boys soccer vs. Mosley High at CYSA fields, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High boys basketball vs. Newberry High, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29

■ Fort White High soccer at P.K. Yonge School, 7 p.m. (boys-5)

■ Fort White High girls basketball at Santa Fe High, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 30

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Hamilton County High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Columbia High boys soccer vs. Lincoln High at CYSA fields, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

Saturday, Dec. 1

■ Columbia High wrestling hosts Tiger Invitational, 10 a.m.

BRIEFS

FORT WHITE BASEBALL

Moe's Night in Alachua Monday

Fort White High's baseball teams will be at Moe's Southwest Grill in Alachua on Monday. The program will earn a percentage of profit for all tickets turned in from 4 p.m. to closing. There will be a sales table.

For details, call Fort White Dugout Club president Jeanne Howell at 288-5537.

N. FLORIDA SPEEDWAY

Toy drive for weekend races

North Florida Speedway's annual Turkey Trot races in honor of Harvey Jones are Friday and Saturday. The track is sponsoring a charity toy drive by asking all fans and drivers to bring an unwrapped, unopened toy to donate to a charity for children. There will be a bicycle race for girls and boys ages 6-12 on Nov. 24. The winners will receive a new bike.

The race card features eight classes.

For details, call the track at 754-8800.

■ From staff reports



Fort White High quarterback Andrew Baker (12) is brought down by The First Academy's John Tate (53) and Dominic Garrity (58) during Friday's game.

Rough royal treatment

First Academy knocks Fort White out of playoffs.

By **TIM KIRBY**
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ORLANDO — The First Academy lived up to its unbeaten record with a 42-17 Class 3A playoff win over Fort White High in Orlando on Friday.

The District 4 champion Royals improved to 11-0 and avenged Fort White's 21-14 win last year.

"We couldn't put it together," said Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson,

whose team ended the season at 6-5. "We couldn't get the stops when we needed them."

First Academy bolted out to a 14-0 lead, scoring on its first two drives.

After accepting the opening kickoff, the Royals marched 68 yards in nine plays with Colton Plante scoring on a one-yard run.

First Academy followed that up with an 11-play, 53-yard drive. Fletcher Magee did the scoring honors on a 14-yard run.

Following an exchange of punts, Fort White got

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Revenge served cold

Columbia gets redemption against Bears.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High had waited 51 weeks for a chance at redemption, but the Tigers only needed to wait one drive to take a lead they would never give back.

Columbia defeated Bartram Trail High, 35-14, in a rematch with the team that knocked the Tigers out of the playoffs last season.

The Tigers used a bit of trickery on their first drive with a 26-yard fake punt executed by Felix Woods to set up a 32-yard pass from Jayce Barber to Nate Ayers on the next play. It was the only time the Tigers would line up in a punt formation during the first half.

Brant Nelson added the extra point to give Columbia a 7-0 lead with 8:33 remaining in the first quarter.

Columbia tried more trickery on the following kickoff, but an onside kick was recovered by Cameron Kenyon to set Bartram Trail up at its 42.

The Tigers' defense sunk their paws in and forced a punt to give Columbia possession back at its own 35-yard line.

This drive was more methodical, but the end result was the same as Columbia went up 15-0 after Ronald Timmons scored from two yards out. Timmons had 20 rushing



Columbia High's Trey Marshall runs around the edge for a touchdown against Bartram Trail High in the Tigers' 35-14 playoff win against the Bears on Friday at Tiger Stadium.

yards on the drive that stretched 11 plays and took 3:22 off the clock before scoring with 1:39 remaining in the first quarter. He also added the two-point conversion after the Bears jumped offside.

Bartram Trail drove to first and goal on its following possession, but Trey Marshall came away with a pick in the end zone to hand the ball back to Columbia.

The Tigers kept their foot on the gas and responded with a 12 play, 80-yard drive.

Columbia received two key conversions on the drive. The first came when Jayce Barber hit Shaq Johnson on third-and-7 for a gain of 12 yards to move the chains. The second came on a fourth-and-6 situation.

Marshall began the drive with his interception and ended it with a 27-yard touchdown run on fourth down to give Columbia a 22-0 lead.

Roc Battle continued the pick party on the Bears' next possession and returned it 42 yards to set up Columbia

at the 47-yard line.

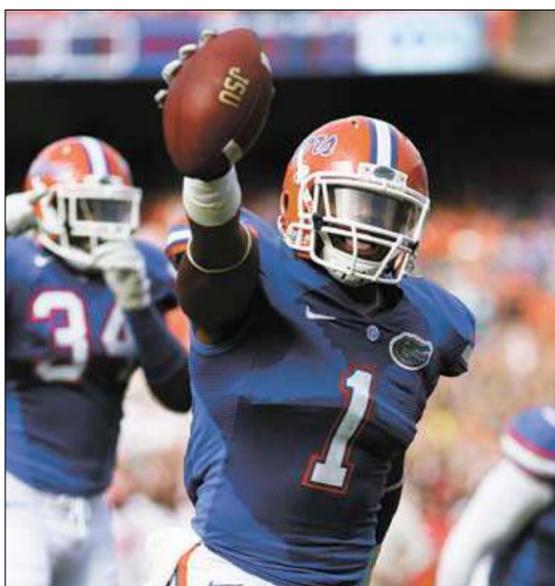
Barber accounted for all but seven yards as the Tigers drove nine plays and scored when the quarterback hit Alex Weber for an eight-yard score to give Columbia a 28-0 lead with 1:13 remaining in the half. The extra point was blocked.

"We stuck with the run a lot early," Barber said. "We established the run and it really opened up the pass, because they were starting to bring eight men into the box."

Felix Woods ended the half for the Tigers by sacking Bartram Trail quarterback P.J. Blazejowski and forcing the Bears to run out the rest of the clock.

Bartram Trail finally got on the board on the opening drive of the second half, but the Bears were their own worse enemy by using up 7:13 from the clock to score. The drive covered 16 plays with Blazejowski hitting Nick Uruburu on fourth-and-goal from the

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Florida senior linebacker Jonathan Bostic (1) jogs into the end zone after making an interception against Jacksonville State University during a game on at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville on Saturday. Florida beat JSU 23-0.

Florida sends off seniors with 23-0 win

Defense picks up slack for struggling offense.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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GAINESVILLE — It was another day of struggles for Florida's offense, but the defense picked up the slack to send off 19 seniors with a win in their final home game.

Florida also became only the third team in the school's history to finish with an undefeated home record and the 10th team to win 10 or more games in a season.

Florida's offense started hot and it looked like the struggles that have plagued the Gators since the Georgia game would disappear. Jacoby Brissett took over for an injured Jeff Driskel, but didn't have to do much to lead the Gators on a scoring drive to open the game.

It was Florida's last offensive touchdown.

Mike Gillislee capped off the drive with a seven yard score. It was the first time he had reached the end zone since LSU.

Gillislee finished with 122 rushing yards and now has 964 on the season needing only 36 yards against

Florida State next week to break the 1,000-yard barrier.

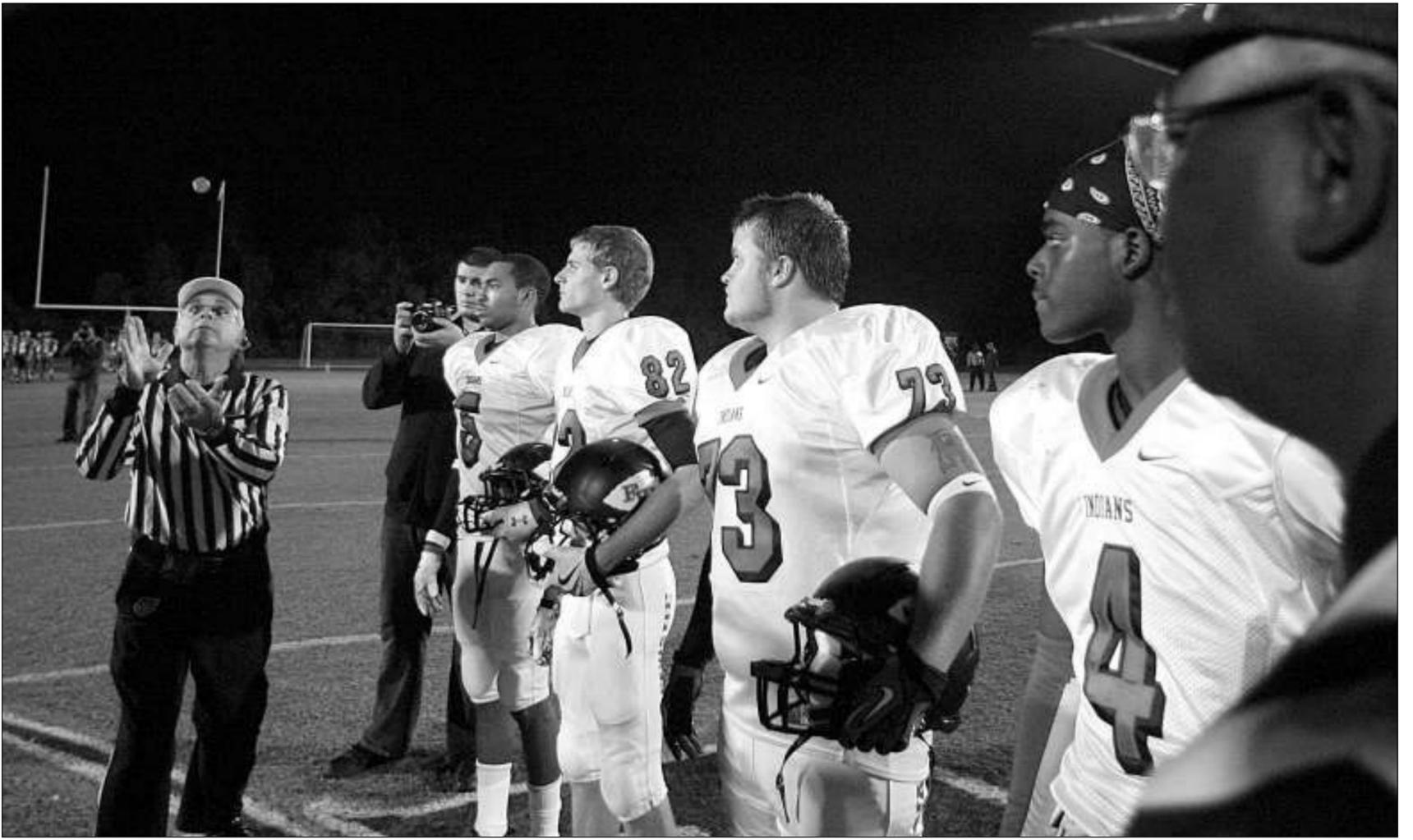
Florida's other offensive score came in the third quarter when senior Jonathan Bostic picked off a pass and returned it seven yards to give the Gators a 17-0 lead.

Florida's defense continued to lead the Gators and after allowing a 76-yard pass on the first play of the game Florida sunk its teeth in to hold the Gamecocks to only 176 yards the rest of the game.

All of Florida's points were scored by seniors

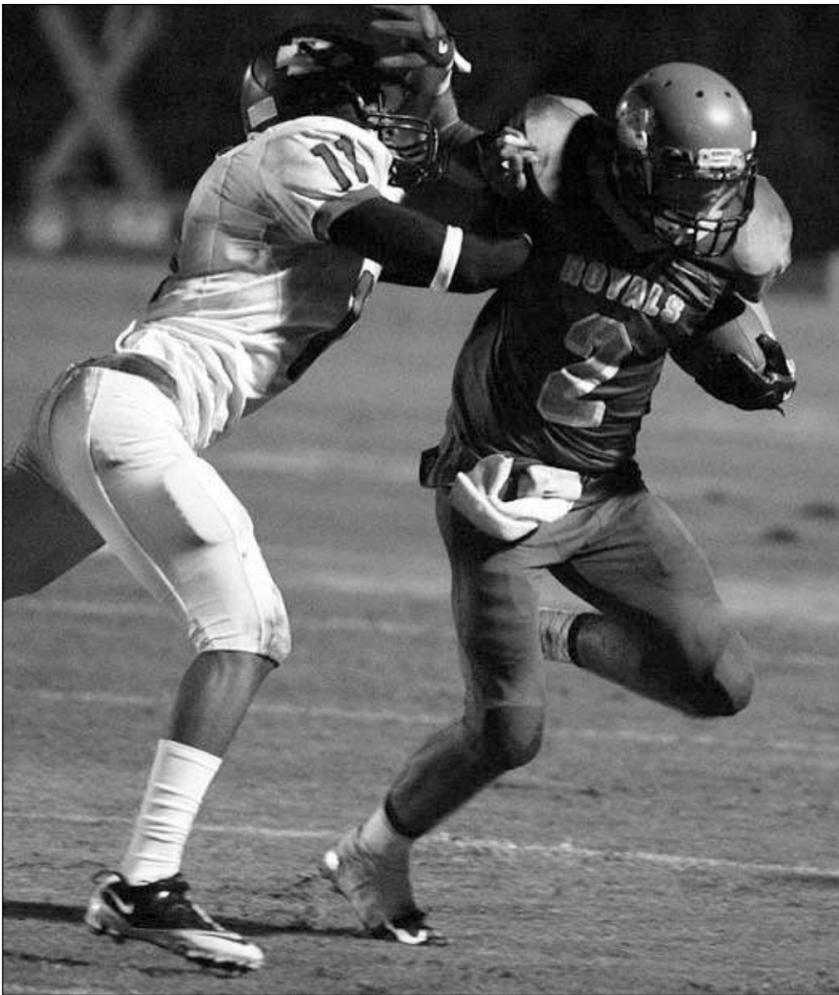
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Indians' season comes to end



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Fort White High captains Trey Phillips (5), Shayne Newman (82), Michael Blackmon (73) and Michael Mulberry (4) watch as the referee conducts the coin toss before the start of the Class 3A regional semifinal game against The First Academy at Kroy Crofoot Field in Orlando on Friday. Fort White fell to First Academy, 42-17.



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Fort White High's D.J. Middleton (11) pushes Ben Deluzio (2) out of bounds after a pass completion on Friday.



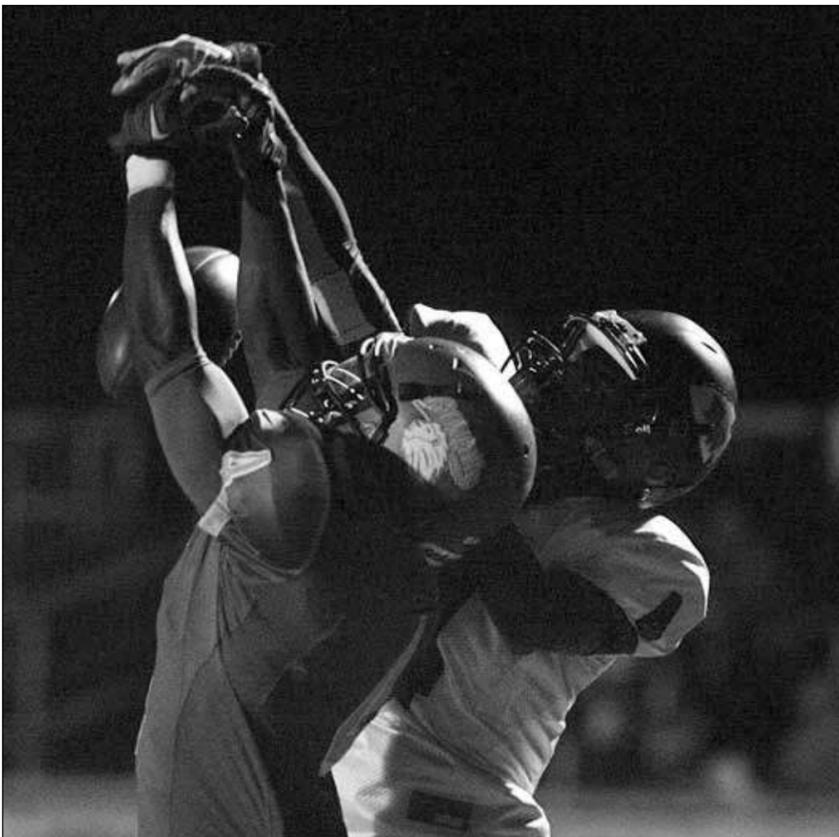
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Fort White High head coach Demetric Jackson (left) congratulates The First Academy head coach Leroy Kinard on a well-fought game Friday night.



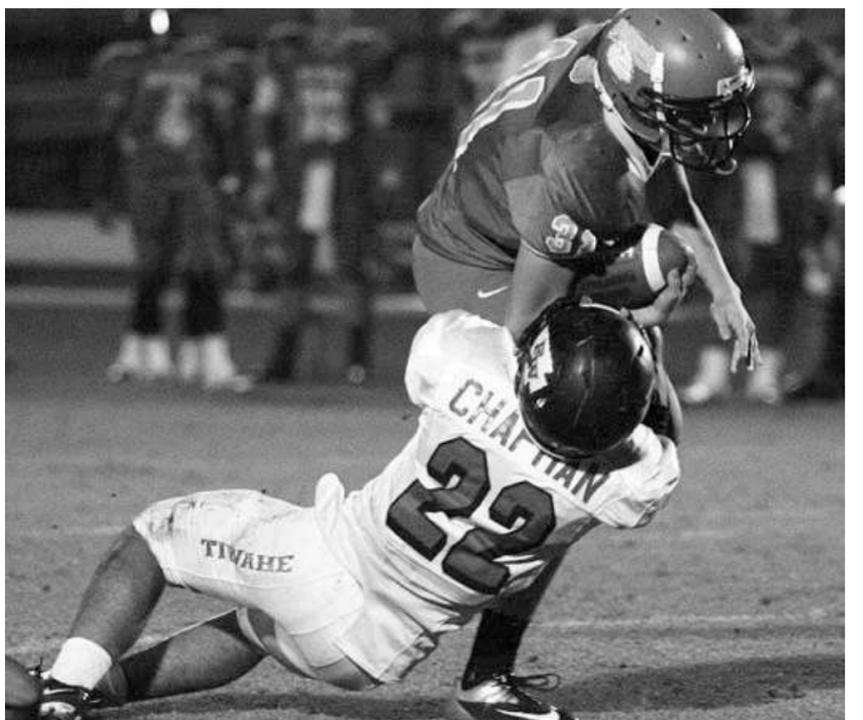
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The First Academy's Garrett Williams (44) is tripped up by Fort White High's Kellen Snider (7) and Michael Mulberry (4).



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The First Academy's Kwadrius Smith (4) breaks up an Andrew Baker pass intended for Michael Mulberry (4).



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Fort White High's Blair Chapman (22) drags down The First Academy's Chase Cramer (31) as he runs the ball Friday.

Tigers earn revenge over Bears



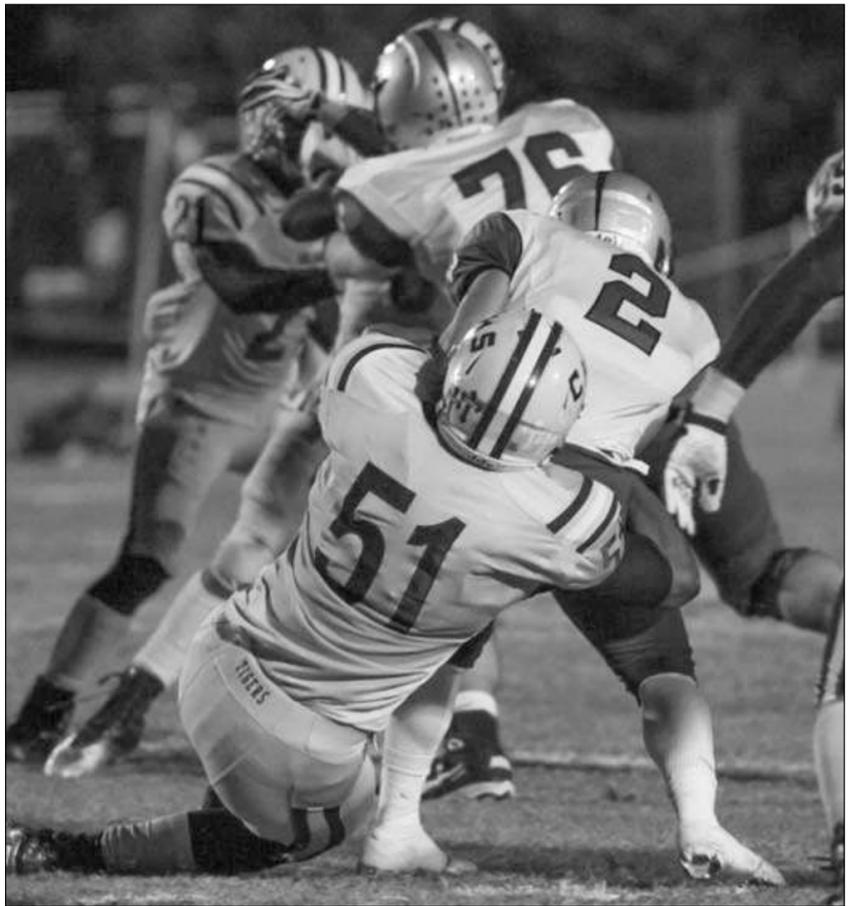
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Columbia High's Ronald Timmons runs through a tackle during the Tigers' 35-14 win against Bartram Trail High in the opening round of the Class 6A playoffs at Tiger Stadium on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood is met by Bartram Trail High's Hayden Good during the Tigers' 35-14 win on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Javere Smith wraps up Bartram Trail High's Dillon Ragusa.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Alex Weber crosses the goal line for a touchdown in the Tigers' 35-14 win.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber surveys the field for an open receiver during the Tigers' 35-14 playoff win against Bartram Trail High on Friday.



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Shaq Johnson (18) runs through a Bartram Trail High defender after making a catch.

FROM THE SIDELINE



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Time to show support

I am not a Columbia High graduate, but I have been here long enough and become emotionally involved to the point that I can call myself a Tiger.

It's Friday night and Columbia is coming off a 35-14 playoff win against Bartram Trail High — the team that eliminated these same Tigers from the playoffs last season. It would make sense that I'd be happy right now.

Instead the mood is that of aggravation. How can this be possible?

This community talks about supporting Tiger football. Everyone I meet asks me about Tiger football. They ask what I think about this week's game.

Now, I have a question. How can a community that talks about supporting these Tigers — a 10-1 district champion football team with only a three-point road loss against the state's top ranked Gainesville High Hurricanes by the score of 17-14 — leave so many empty seats for a playoff game.

For those that showed on Friday, I thank you. I know the players and coaches thank you as

well.

For those that have made it all season, I give even more thanks. That's how it's supposed to be with Friday night football in the south.

I realize that there are those of you that aren't able to make it for various reasons, but there's plenty of people out there that can find their way to Tiger Stadium.

This isn't a community of fair-weather fans and 58 degrees shouldn't be cold enough to keep most fans huddled indoors.

This isn't just a team for the students and faculty at Columbia. This is your team.

For every player that has ever put on the pads at Columbia, for everyone that had anything to do with this program or any child that will one day be a Tiger, it's our duty to support this group of players and coaches.

What more can they do to deserve this support?

While there were a good number of people at the game, a good number simply won't do. People should be scrambling to find tickets to watch this team as they try to achieve something special.

And it's not just for them — it's also for you.

If you weren't there, shame on you. Columbia hosts St. Augustine High at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. It's your opportunity to show the Tigers support no matter the outcome.

Show the coaches and players you support what they stand for. They're doing a great job of shaping young men.

If you're not a football fan, be a fan of building character. Show some character by showing support.

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Tigers fall at buzzer



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Morris Marshall pulls down a rebound during a game last season.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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It was only preseason, but Columbia High head coach Horace Jefferson said he saw enough to feel good about the Tigers' upcoming season.

The Tigers fell at Hawthorne High, 62-61, in an exhibition game, but Jefferson liked what he saw.

"We had a slight defensive breakdown to allow them to get an open shot at the buzzer, but I am very pleased with our effort," he said. "We're going to be pretty good. We haven't played any type of scrimmages and all we've done is drilled and run. That's the first time we've faced any competition including ourselves and I think we did a tremendous job."

Columbia was led by the dual-scoring threats of Morris Marshall and

Javontae Foster as both players turned in 19 points for the Tigers.

Wayne Broom pitched in 11 points and Tre Simmons scored seven more for the Tigers.

Jefferson said that the Tigers will be changing their style to a more up-tempo pace this season and while they're still learning he can see greener pastures in front of Columbia.

"I knew we'd be pretty good, but I think we're already further along than I thought we would be at this point," Jefferson said.

The biggest thing for the Tigers adjusting to the new style will be conditioning for the new pace of play that Columbia looks to force this season.

"Everything we do will require running the floor," Jefferson said. "So far practice has showed them what it's going to take to be the kind of team that we want to be."

Lady Tigers soccer falls to Leon High, 2-0

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Despite falling to a 2-5 record after a 2-0 loss against Leon High on Friday, Columbia High head coach Ashley Brown feels better about the way things are taking form this season for the Lady Tigers.

"I feel this season will go well," Brown said. "We have a core group of seniors, but also a lot of freshmen and sophomores. We've definitely improved since last year."

Columbia is led by senior captains Keeley Murray, who had 16 saves in a 1-0 win against Chiles High on Tuesday, and Holly

Boris, who is currently injured.

"We've been plagued by injuries so far, but Keeley is playing really well," Brown said. "Keeley definitely wants to play at the next level and she's shown that by her work in the offseason. She's got a great work ethic, is very coachable and responds well to constructive criticism."

The Lady Tigers are currently 1-4 in the district with two losses to Mosely as well as a loss to Leon and Lincoln. The Tigers defeated Chiles for their only district win.

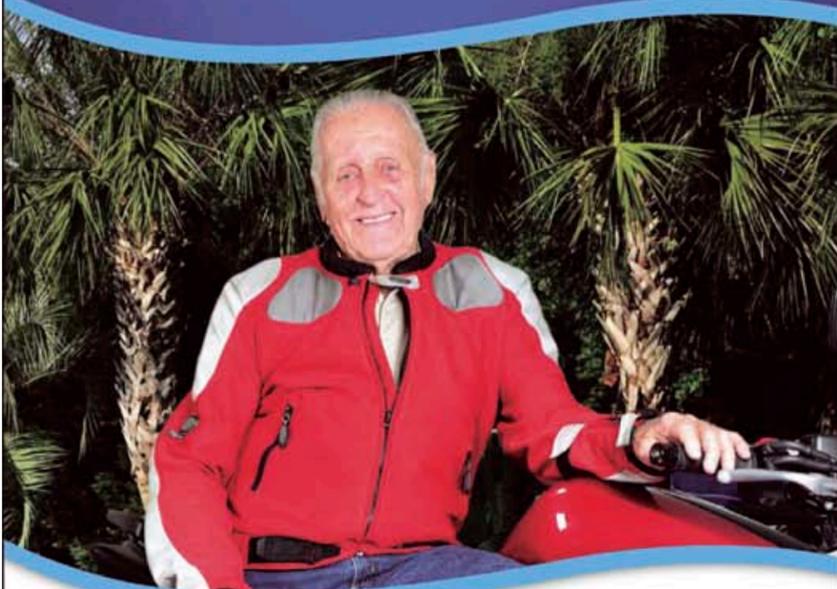
Columbia will take a break from the district schedule by travelling to Fort White High at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.



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Columbia High's Ellie Garcia-Gomez (13) takes an elbow as she fights for possession of a ball against Chiles High on Tuesday.

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ON BUSINESS



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Achieve great customer service

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I am often asked how you achieve great customer service in a business. This is a fair question, because though customer satisfaction surveys and mystery shoppers provide very effective ways of measuring the success of the existing customer experience, they do not tell us how to create great customer service in the first place.

Providing great customer service is not as simple as saying “exceed customer expectations.” Rather, it involves a series of interactions from the moment the customer first encounters your business until the time he or she leaves.

Too often businesses define the success of their customer service based on the experience created by only one person in the business, ignoring all other interactions. For instance, medical doctors frequently think they give excellent patient service but completely forget about all the other touch points from the front office staff to the billing department.

For another example, I frequently see businesses provide a great sales experience only to fail on the last impression (e.g. late delivery) and destroy all the good they created in the earlier stages of the interaction.

I advise each business I work with to define all of their customer touch points from the first point of contact until the service event is complete. These can include a customer’s phone call, the condition of your restrooms, the cleanliness of your windows, the way you welcome a returning customer and the list goes on.

For example, consider the interaction between a clerk and a customer. You need to break it down and go through each part of the transaction, evaluating how effective it was. How did the clerk communicate with the customer? How friendly were they? If it was a returning customer, how quickly did the clerk recognize them?

This list of questions could vary based on the position, but customer service must be thought of as a series of interrelated processes. Great customer service is achieved by ensuring that each of these points is identified and measured for success.

Now go out and make sure that you identify each customer touch point and establish a plan of evaluating the service you provide at every one.

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Get ready for the fiscal cliff



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

John Kuykendall, CEO and president of GulfCoast Financial Services in Lake City, discusses the impacts of the impending fiscal cliff.

Investment counselor sees trouble ahead if solution not found

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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With the “fiscal cliff” fast approaching, congress must either compromise or risk plunging the U.S. economy back into recession. A local investment advisor believes the increase in the capital gains tax rate will be bad for everyone.

John Kuykendall, chief executive officer and president of GulfCoast Financial Services, said he believes the stock market will take a dive in December if Congress can’t find a way to extend the tax cuts enacted by the administration of former President George W. Bush.

“If these tax cuts don’t get extended and we reach this cliff,

we should go ahead and take advantage of (the current capital gains tax rate) this year,” he said.

After the stock market declines in December, Kuykendall said, with the increases in capital gains rate and the additional increase in taxes on dividends, he thinks fewer people will invest in the stock market.

When fewer people invest in companies, companies don’t have the money to expand, and when companies aren’t expanding, they don’t hire.

If the United States falls off the fiscal cliff, companies’ capital investments would no longer be written off in one large chunk, but the depreciation of the asset would be calculated over the life of that investment. Capital investments include large purchases of equipment — including anything from trucks to computers.

Kuykendall said companies probably won’t buy new equipment if that part of the tax code isn’t extended. The ripples across the economy will reach far if that happens, he said.

He said because of the ability to claim the entire value of equipment in a single tax year, his company bought a new truck last year. Otherwise, he would have kept the old truck and driven it for another 10 years.

“We wouldn’t have bought the truck, the dealership wouldn’t have made a profit, the company wouldn’t have made the profit. So it affects a lot of different things than just buying a truck,” he said.

While the increase in capital gains rate may seem like something that only affects people with money to invest, many people who are retired without large incomes have investments. Those

investments, if a person holds the investment longer than a year, would be considered a capital gain if sold for a profit.

Also, when someone sells a house, the profit is a capital gain, he said.

Another affect of going over the cliff would be across the board reductions in services and programs funded by the federal government. While he does believe cuts are needed in spending, he said the spending cuts could push the economy back into recession also.

He said the debt is caused by the government spending too much on services and programs.

“We need to cut back on how much we are spending, it’s what any business would do,” he said. “If you’re in the red you have to cut back you don’t just print your own money.”

Health care law advances in the states

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Threatened with repeal just weeks ago, President Barack Obama’s health care law now appears on track in close to half the states, with others playing catch-up and the administration readying a fallback for states not wishing to participate.

Friday was the original deadline for states to notify Washington if they would play a role in building new health insurance markets through which the uninsured can get coverage starting in 2014. Though the administration granted a month’s extension, most states have already made their intentions known.

As of Friday, 23 states plus Washington, D.C., were proceeding; 15 said they’d defer to the federal government to run their markets and 12 were still mulling over their options. The mostly blue group proceeding included five Republican-led states. The undecided included several



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New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, said Friday that New Jersey is going to comply with the Affordable Care Act. Threatened with repeal just weeks ago, President Barack Obama’s health care law now appears on track in close to half the states, with others playing catch-up and the administration readying a fallback for states not wanting to participate.

states that seemed to be moving toward an active role.

“Postelection it’s really been ‘game on,’” said Kelly Barnes, leader of the health care group at the PricewaterhouseCoopers consulting firm.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney had

vowed to begin dismantling “Obamacare” his first day in office. But Romney lost, and instead GOP governors are scrambling to see if they can find an accommodation with the administration after two years of fighting the president’s signature law.

“The president won

the election...and New Jersey is going to comply with the Affordable Care Act,” Republican Gov. Chris Christie said Friday. Christie said he still has questions about costs and is weighing his decision. Earlier this year he vetoed legislation creating a state exchange, as the new insur-

ance markets are called.

A check by The Associated Press found that 16 states plus Washington, D.C., want to build their own exchanges. Starting Jan. 1, 2014, individuals, families and small businesses will be able to buy private coverage through an exchange in their state, with most consumers getting government assistance to pay premiums.

The exchanges will also help steer low-income, uninsured people into expanded Medicaid programs in many states.

Another seven states have indicated they want to partner with Washington to build their exchanges. Ohio joined this group Friday and West Virginia officials said they’re heading in the same direction.

Fifteen mostly Republican-led states say they’ll defer to the federal government to build and run their markets. Georgia and Wisconsin formally joined that group Friday. However, New Hampshire, where Democrats won

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Think of insurance as protection against a financial loss, not as an investment. (There are, after all, more effective ways to invest.) If a partner or children are depending on your income, then buying life insurance makes sense. But if you don't need to protect any income stream, consider parking your money elsewhere.

Learn more about insurance before buying any, though. Perhaps visit iii.org, lifehappens.org and fool.com/insurance.

Q How can I give single shares of stock as holiday gifts?

— D.Y., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A You can buy one share of a stock as a gift at websites such as registerstock.com, giveashare.com, shareinframe.com and onshare.com. It's not the smartest way to invest, though, as you may pay \$35 or more in fees to buy one \$45 share of stock. Still, if it's a gift, the recipient does end up with a \$45 stock that might be worth \$90 or much more one day.

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Fool's School

Don't Get Confused

Companies' financial statements can be confusing enough, and it doesn't help that many items go by different names on different companies' reports. For example, you might know to look for "revenue" on an income statement, but the one you're looking at calls revenue "sales." Even income statements themselves go by different names. Argh!

The list below, which we offer from time to time, can make your life easier. It's not comprehensive, but it covers many of the variations you'll likely run across.

- Accounts Payable = Payables
- Accounts Receivable = Trade Receivables = Receivables
- Additional Paid-in Capital = Capital in Excess of Stated Value = Capital Surplus = Paid-in Capital
- Balance Sheet = Statement of Financial Condition = Consolidated Balance Sheets
- Cost of Goods Sold = Costs of Sales = Cost of Revenue = Cost of Products Sold = Costs, Materials and Production

- Earnings = Net Income = Net Profit = Net Earnings
- Income Statement = Earnings Statement = Statement of Operations = Profit & Loss Statement = Consolidated Statement of Income
- Inventories = Merchandise Inventories
- Earnings Before Income Taxes = Income (loss) Before Income Taxes = Earnings Before Provision for Income Taxes
- Earnings per Share = Net Income per Share = Net Income per Common Share
- Revenues = Sales = Net Sales
- Shareholder Equity = Shareholders' Investment = Stockholders' Equity
- Short-Term Debt = Debt Payable Within One Year = Current Portion of Long-Term Debt = Notes Payable

Take some time to learn to read financial statements (balance sheets, income statements, statements of cash flow). It will take some perseverance, but it's well worth it. As you flip through a company's annual report, important insights will pop out at you.

Learn more with "Financial Statements" by Thomas R. Ittelson (Career Press, \$18).

My Dumbest Investment

Vacays Are A-OK

I was just starting to invest on my own when I got a piece in the mail about a new shoe stock and fell in feet first clear up to my neck. I would have done all right, had I not gone on vacation with no way to follow my positions or trade. While I was away, the stock went from just over \$2 per share down to \$0.25, never to recover again. I've learned to always be aware of my positions and to make sure I can buy or sell instantly. I still lose some here and there, as everyone does, but that's part of investing. — D.E., Lanesville, Ind.

The Fool Responds: It is indeed smart to keep on top of your holdings, and common to lose money now and then. But — yikes — you were dealing with a penny stock. They're often extra-risky and are usually best avoided. Stick to established companies with successful track records of growth and profits, and they probably won't drop by 88 percent with little notice. Successful investors should be able to go on vacation and tune out for a while!

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded by an Armenian-American immigrant in Michigan in 1929, I began by making machined auto parts, but today I'm a major global maker of brand-name home-improvement and building products. These include Behr paints, Kilz primers, Delta and Peerless faucets, BrassCraft plumbing supplies, KraftMaid and Merillat cabinets, Liberty cabinet hardware, Arrow staple guns, AquaGlass bathing systems, Caldera and Hot Spring spas, DeNova countertops, Milgard windows and doors, and much more. In the 1950s, I introduced revolutionary single-handled faucets. In 2012, I introduced water-efficient Delta-brand toilets. I operate nearly 60 manufacturing plants in the U.S. Who am I? (Answer: Masco)

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Name That Company

I was founded in 1923 by the Hassenfeld Brothers to sell textile remnants. I went on to offer pencils and school supplies before moving into toys in the 1940s. My first toy was Mr. Potato Head, and I debuted G.I. Joe in 1964. Today I'm a major toy and game company, based in Rhode Island. Under my roof today you'll find Parker Brothers, Milton Bradley, Tonka, Kenner and Wizards of the Coast. My brands include Playskool, Monopoly, Nerf, Furby, Transformers and Magic: the Gathering. I launched The Hub TV with Discovery Communications in 2010. Who am I?

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HEALTH CARE:

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control of the state House in the election, is taking a second look at its decision to default to the feds.

Finally, another 12 undecided states now have until Dec. 14 to determine what role, if any, they'll play.

Obama's election victory guaranteed the survival of his health care law, which is eventually expected to provide coverage to more than 30 million people through the exchanges and expanded Medicaid programs. It was the final hurdle, after the Supreme Court upheld a legal challenge from 26 states. In the aftermath of the election, some Republican state leaders say it's time to accept the law.

"I don't like it; I would not vote for it; I think it needs to be repealed. But it is the law," said Mississippi Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney, after announcing that his state wants to set up its own exchange. "If you default to the federal government, you forever give the keys to the state's health insurance market to the federal government."

Traditionally, states have regulated the private health insurance market.

But other Republican-led states say they don't have enough information to make a decision at this

point and are clamoring for the Obama administration to release major regulations bottled up for months.

"States are struggling with many unanswered questions and are not able to make comprehensive far-reaching decisions prudently," Govs. Bob McDonnell of Virginia and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana wrote Obama earlier this week.

Some of their main concerns are hidden costs of operating the exchanges and the sheer bureaucratic complexity of the new system. The Obama administration has steadfastly maintained it will not postpone the Jan. 1, 2014, launch date for the law's coverage expansion, and it will go ahead in all 50 states.

Although the public remains divided about the health care law, the idea of states running the new insurance markets is popular, especially with Republicans and political independents. A recent AP poll found that 63 percent of Americans would prefer states to run the exchanges, with 32 percent favoring federal control.

Among Republicans, 81 percent were in favor of state control, while independents lined up 65-28 percent.

EPA rejects ethanol waivers

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday denied requests from several governors to waive production requirements for corn-based ethanol.

A renewable fuels law requires that 13.2 billion gallons of ethanol be produced by this year and 15 billion gallons be produced by 2015. That's good for corn farmers, but it's angered poultry, hog and cattle farmers. They say they've seen big jumps in corn-based feed costs as corn is diverted to make ethanol vehicle fuel.

States requesting the waiver say reduced corn production due to this year's drought has made the problem even worse.

Gov. Mike Beebe, D-Ark., said in a letter to the EPA in August that ethanol production was taking a "terrible toll" on animal agriculture in his state and that consumers would pay more for food as a result.

Governors of North Carolina, New Mexico, Georgia, Texas, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Utah, and Wyoming also asked for the waiver, along with members of Congress and a coalition of farm groups



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A tanker truck passes an oil refinery in Richmond, Calif. California has the country's toughest controls on greenhouse gas emissions.

and other industries that have opposed increased ethanol production.

The EPA said Friday that the agency has studied the effects of waiving the requirement and officials believe it would have had little impact on corn prices.

"We recognize that this year's drought has created hardship in some sectors of the economy, particularly for livestock producers," said Gina McCarthy, assistant administrator of the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "But our extensive analysis makes clear that congressional require-

ments for a waiver have not been met and that waiving the Renewable Fuel Standard will have little, if any, impact."

Under the EPA's interpretation of the renewable fuels law, first passed in 2005 and then significantly expanded in 2007, it is not easy to qualify for a waiver. The EPA can grant a waiver if the agency determines that the set ethanol production would "severely harm" the economy of a state, region or the entire country. It's not enough that the standard just contributes to the harm, the EPA said, noting the agency also has

a high threshold for the degree of harm done.

A coalition of livestock, poultry and dairy organizations reacted angrily to the decision.

"We are extremely frustrated and discouraged that EPA chose to ignore the clear economic argument from tens of thousands of family farmers and livestock and poultry producers that the food-to-fuel policy is causing and will cause severe harm to regions in which those farmers and producers operate," the coalition said in a statement.

Environmental groups also have opposed increased ethanol production, saying the excess corn planting is tearing up the land.

Scott Faber, a lobbyist for the Environmental Working Group, said this most recent waiver denial may further energize ethanol opponents to lobby Congress to repeal the entire renewable fuels law and not "tinker with a safety valve that is too tight for either a Democratic or Republican administration to turn."

The Bush administration turned down a request by Texas Gov. Rick Perry in 2008 to waive the mandate because of drought.

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The Motley Fool Take

Ford Is Gaining

Ford's (NYSE: F) recently reported third-quarter earnings offered much to smile about.

For starters, Ford earned about \$800 million more in "pricing" — the ability to get better asking prices for its products — than it did a year ago. That's huge. Ford's much-improved vehicles have greatly increased its competitive position and its ability to sell without big discounts — all over the world, even in recession-crushed Europe.

But the big story has been here in North America. Excluding taxes and special items, Ford's North American earnings surged 48 percent. Ford's U.S. sales have been mediocre in terms of absolute numbers, lagging key competitors. But its ability to ask and get premium prices for its products — perhaps assisted by short supplies of some hot models — made for a strong increase in profits anyway.

Ford has made huge investments in its car lines in recent years, and those have paid off: Models like the Focus are big sellers all over the world, thanks to high perceived quality, advanced features and much-improved fuel efficiency. But for all of Detroit's Big Three, pickup trucks are the high-volume, high-profile, high-margin products that drive just about everything else.

While Ford still has substantial work to do overseas, it's generating growing profits at home. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Ford and its newsletters have recommended Ford and GM stock.)

Twinkie maker Hostess to fold

By **CANDICE CHOI**
and **TOM MURPHY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Twinkies may not last forever after all.

Hostess Brands Inc., the maker of the spongy snack with a mysterious cream filling, said Friday it would shutter its operations after years of struggling with management turmoil, rising labor costs, intensifying competition and America's move toward eating healthier snacks even as its pantry of sugary dessert cakes seemed suspended in time.

Some of Hostess beloved brands such as Ding Dongs and Ho Ho's likely will be snapped up by buyers and find a second life, but for now the company says its snack cakes should be on shelves for another week or so.

The news stoked an outpouring of nostalgia around kitchen tables, water coolers and online people relived childhood memories of their favorite Hostess goodies.

Customer streamed into the Wonder Bread Bakery Outlet in a strip mall on the west side of Indianapolis Friday afternoon after they heard about the company's demise. Charles Selke, 42, pulled a pack of Zingers raspberry-flavored dessert cakes out of a plastic bag stuffed with treats as he left the store.

"How do these just disappear from your life?" he asked. "That's just not right, man. I'm loyal, I love these things, and I'm diabetic."

After hearing the news on the radio Friday morning, Samantha Caldwell of Chicago took a detour on her way to work to stop at a CVS store for a package of Twinkies to have with her morning tea and got one for her 4-year-old son as well.

"This way he can say, 'I had one of those,'" Caldwell, 41, said.

It's a sober end to a storied company. Hostess, whose roster



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A Wonder Bread truck pulls out of the Hostess plant in Ogden, Utah, on Thursday. Hostess Brands Inc. said Friday it will move to liquidate its business, after the company had set a Thursday deadline for striking employees to return to work.

of brands dates as far back as 1888, hadn't invested heavily in marketing or innovation in recent years as it struggled with debt and management changes.

As larger competitors inundated supermarket shelves with a dizzying array of new snacks and variations on popular brands, Hostess cakes seemed caught in time. The company took small stabs at keeping up with Americans' movement toward healthier foods, such as the introduction of its 100-calorie packs of cupcakes. But the efforts did little to change its image as a purveyor of empty calories with a seemingly unlimited shelf life.

Even taking into account changing tastes and competition, Hostess' problems were ultimately rooted in its own financials. The company, based in Irving, Texas, had been saddled with high pension, wage and medical costs related to its unionized workforce. It was making its second trip through bankruptcy court in less than three years.

Before the Chapter 11 filing in January, citing growing competi-

tion from rivals that expanded their reach over the years, the company had been contributing \$100 million a year in pension costs. The new contract offer would've slashed that to \$25 million a year, in addition to wage cuts and a 17 percent reduction in health benefits.

Tensions between management and workers were also an ongoing problem. Hostess came under fire this year after it was revealed that nearly a dozen executives received pay hikes of up to 80 percent even as the company was struggling last year. Although some of those executives later agreed to reduced salaries, others — including the former CEO Brain Driscoll — had left the company by the time the pay hikes came to light.

Hostess filed a motion to liquidate Friday with U.S. Bankruptcy Court after it said striking workers across the country crippled its ability to maintain production. The shuttering means the loss of about 18,500 jobs. Hostess said employees at its 33 factories were sent home and operations sus-

pending Friday. Its roughly 500 bakery outlet stores will stay open for several days to sell remaining products.

CEO Gregory Rayburn, who was hired as a restructuring expert, said Friday that the company booked about \$2.5 billion in revenue a year, and that sales volume was flat to slightly down in recent years. So far this year, the company said Twinkies alone accounted for \$68 million in sales.

The move to liquidate comes after thousands of members of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union went on strike last week after rejecting the latest contract offer. The bakers union represents about 30 percent of the company's workforce. A representative for the bakers union did not return a call seeking comment.

Although many workers decided to cross picket lines this week, Hostess said it wasn't enough to keep operations at normal levels; three plants were closed earlier this week. Hostess CEO

Gregory Rayburn said Hostess was already operating on thin margins and that the strike was a final blow.

"The strike impacted us in terms of cash flow. The plants were operating well below 50 percent capacity and customers were not getting products," he said.

The company had reached a contract agreement with its largest union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which this week urged the bakery union to hold a secret ballot on whether to continue striking.

Ken Hall, general secretary-treasurer for the Teamsters, said his union members decided to make concessions after hiring consultants who found the company's financials were in a dire situation.

"We believed there was a pathway for this company to return to profitability," Hall said.

Although Hall agreed that it was unlikely anyone would buy the entire company, he said "people are going to look for some fire sale prices" for some of the brands.

"Frankly it's tragic, particularly at this time of year with the holidays around the corner," Hall said, noting that his 6,700 members at Hostess were now out of a job.

Kenneth McGregor, a shipper for Hostess in East Windsor, Conn., arrived at the plant Friday morning and said he was told he was laid off immediately. He blamed the bakery workers union for rejecting a proposed contract.

In a statement on the company website, CEO Rayburn said there would be "severe limits" on the assistance the company could offer workers because of the bankruptcy. The liquidation hearing will go before a bankruptcy judge Monday afternoon; Rayburn said he's confident the judge will approve the motion.

"There's no other alternative," Rayburn said.



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A worker throws cattle carcass scraps into a truck trailer at the Hallmark Meat Packing slaughterhouse in Chino, Calif. The owners of a Southern California slaughterhouse where cruel treatment of cows led to the biggest meat recall in US history in 2008 have settled a civil case with the Humane Society of the United States and the U.S. Justice Department for a nearly \$500 million. The settlement is the largest animal abuse settlement in U.S. history by tenfold and the first time U.S. fraud statutes were used to sue animal abusers.

Huge animal abuse settlement reached

FRESNO, Calif. — A landmark \$500 million agreement was reached to settle a slaughterhouse abuse case in California that led to the biggest meat recall in U.S. history in 2008, an animal welfare group announced Friday.

The civil settlement with the owners of Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. is the largest-ever penalty for an animal abuse case, and the first time federal fraud statutes have been used, according to the Humane Society of the United States, the lead plaintiff.

The settlement is largely symbolic because the company is bankrupt.

"It's a deterrence judgment," said Jonathan R. Lovvorn, chief counsel for animal protection litigation at the Humane Society of the United States. "It informs other federal government contractors that when your contract says you provide humane handling, if you don't do that you're likely to end up bankrupt as well."

As a supplier of meats for the national school lunch

program, the Riverside County company had signed federal contracts certifying that it would provide humane treatment of animals sent there for slaughter.

The animal welfare group filed a civil complaint in U.S. District Court in Riverside in 2009, and the U.S. Justice Department intervened after research showed that one of the packing plant partners had two felony convictions related to illegal industry practices.

"This is a first-of-its-kind lawsuit regarding farm animals, the first time federal fraud statutes have been applied," Lovvorn said. "When you look at the video, it's about as far from humane treatment as you can get."

The widely circulated video shot by an undercover operative showed "downer cows" — those too weak or sick to walk — being dragged by chains, rammed by forklifts and sprayed with high-pressure water by employees who wanted them to stand and

walk to slaughter.

Downed cows can pose an increased risk for mad cow and other diseases. Thus far, no mad cow cases have been linked to the recalled meat from Westland/Hallmark Meat Co.

The video sparked the largest beef recall in U.S. history. Nearly 37 million pounds of the 143 million pounds recalled had gone to school lunch programs, and most had been eaten by the time of the recall. The recall cost taxpayers \$150 million.

The lawsuit alleged the government paid the company money it was not entitled to because the company lied about meeting the conditions of its contracts.

The settlement agreement followed another slaughterhouse abuse investigation in August in Central California.

In that case, the federal government suspended school lunch purchases from Central Valley Meat Co. of Hanford after a video by an undercover operative from Compassion Over

Killing showed downed animals being repeatedly kicked, shocked, shot and pulled by the tails by workers trying to get them to stand. That cruelty investigation is ongoing.

In the Hallmark case, the partial settlement announced Friday is with two of nine defendants in the case, Donald Hallmark Sr. and Donald Hallmark Jr. Neither is the packing plant partner with the felony convictions.

Under the terms, the father and son also have five years to pay \$316,802, or the bulk of their remaining personal assets. They have also agreed to cooperate fully with the Justice Department and the Humane Society of the United States in settling the litigation against the remaining seven defendants.

Attorneys for the defendants and the Justice Department did not immediately return calls seeking comment. The symbolic settlement will become final when the cases against the other defendants are resolved, Lovvorn said.

Federal housing agency facing \$16.3B in losses

By **MARCY GORDON**
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — A federal agency that insures mortgages for millions of low- and middle-income borrowers is facing losses of \$16.3 billion and may require taxpayer support, according to an independent audit released Friday.

The Federal Housing Administration's estimated losses were steeper than earlier projections. That shows high numbers of mortgage defaults triggered by the housing crisis have reduced the FHA's reserve funds.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, which oversees the FHA, stressed the agency has sufficient cash to pay insurance claims against mortgage defaults.

Still, HUD said the Obama administration will consider seeking taxpayer assistance for the agency. That will be decided early next year when the administration puts together its budget request for fiscal 2014.

The FHA has taken steps to shore up its reserves over the next few years,

HUD said in a news release accompanying the audit. Among them: Expanding so-called short sales — when a home sells for less than what is owed on the mortgage — and raising annual insurance premiums paid by FHA borrowers by an average of \$13 a month.

Lower mortgage rates contributed the FHA's bleaker financial situation, HUD said. When people refinance at lower rates, it reduced revenue earned from loans.

The FHA insures about \$1 trillion in home loans. The FHA and government-controlled Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac together back around 90 percent of new mortgages. Fannie and Freddie were bailed out by the government in 2008 during the financial crisis and have cost taxpayers about \$170 billion.

Sen. Tim Johnson, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said he was "deeply concerned" by the audit. The South Dakota Democrat said he will ask HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan at a hearing about what actions are needed to shore up the FHA's finances.

Pension insurer hurting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that insures pensions for more than 40 million Americans last year ran the widest deficit in its 38-year history.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. says its deficit grew to \$34 billion for the budget year that ended Sept. 30. That compares with a \$26 billion shortfall in the previous year.

Pension obligations grew by \$12 billion to \$119 bil-

lion last year. Assets used to cover those obligations increased by only \$4 billion to \$85 billion.

The agency has now run deficits for 10 straight years. The gap has grown wider in recent years because the weak economy has triggered more corporate bankruptcies and failed pension plans.

If the trend continues, the agency could be forced to struggle to pay benefits without an infusion of taxpayer funds.

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Travel Tales



Sandy Kishton

Horse manure part of island's charm

Ahhh, beautiful Mackinac Island, Mich. — its streets lined with Victorian era homes and historic store fronts. The vibrant colors of the hanging flower baskets and gardens are sharp in contrast to the building posts and asphalt roads. The eight-mile scenic coastline shows off the Mackinac Bridge and lighthouses. You can see bicycles that line the curbs where you would normally see cars parked and it's a refreshing throw back to another time. But wait, what's that smell?

Oh right, its horse poop! Yes, really! In addition to the bicycles, there are many horse drawn carriages, buggies and wagons. The horses pulling these buggies and wagons are pooping in the streets. They do not wear horse diapers; or bun bags or butt flaps. They just go in the street as they walk along doing their duty—literally sometimes. Not only does it smell bad, but you have to navigate around it too.

We were really surprised by this because so many other places that we'd been to and ridden a horse and carriage, like Central Park in New York, downtown Charleston and even Saint Augustine, the horses wear diapers.

The only way to access Mackinac Island is by ferry. So once you arrive, you walk, bike or use a horse and buggy. They use the buggies to transport people, like a taxi. Some are two-seaters, plus the driver and some are large enough to carry about eight people. They use the wagons and trailers for things like delivering luggage to the hotels, package delivery and garbage pick-up. We saw examples of all three, but especially liked seeing "UPS delivery Mackinac style" and the garbage man walking behind a horse-drawn wagon picking up the bags of garbage curbside and throwing them into the back. These are things you don't think about when you know that there aren't any motorized vehicles.

We rented bicycles and rode around the entire island — all the while maneuvering through the horse manure. You surely didn't want to hit a pile and have it spatter up off of your tire. Not to mention the other bicyclists or tourists coming towards you and not paying attention to where they were going.

Our hotel bar and restaurant was called the Pink Pony. I guess it was fitting considering all of the ponies (horses) on the island. We especially liked

TRAVEL continued on 2D

THE CHRISTMAS DREAM MACHINE

Presents under the tree

Local woman works year-round to gather gifts for those in need.

By DEREK GILLIAM
dgilliam@lakecityreporter.com

Helping people makes Meally Jenkins feel good.

For the past 23 years, the organization she founded, The Christmas Dream Machine, has helped put presents under the trees of children who otherwise wouldn't have gifts.

The Christmas Dream Machine doesn't provide gifts to just anybody, she said. The organization focuses on those working to better themselves.

"I love helping people," she said. "I love helping those that are helping themselves."

The staging ground for the organization is located in the Lake City Mall across from Bath & Body Works. Inside the space where The Christmas Dream Machine processes applicants and stores gifts, stands a tree with colored paper decorations. The names of the children waiting to be sponsored hang from the branches.

The organization requires people who ask for help go through an application process where Jenkins and her staff verify the number of children and the need of the family.

She said most people don't ask for outlandish things. It's usually very manageable — things like a watch or little toy truck, she said.

The staff is all volunteer, she said. This time of the year, she puts everything else on the back burner and focuses all her efforts on helping the children.

"The whole purpose of this is so they can wake up in the morning with a gift under the tree," she said.

Jenkins moved to Lake City 42 years ago. She adopted four children all at once. She said her heart saddens when she knows that a child is living through tough times.

Jacqueline Moore, 37, has three children. She said the program was excellent and that at one time she had all three of her children enrolled. One of her children is out of high school, but she still receives help for her other two.

"It's a struggle always for me," she said. "I wish there were more programs like that — truly a blessing."



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Meally Jenkins hangs another name on the tree. The names represent area children who will receive gifts through The Christmas Dream Machine, a charitable program Jenkins has been running for 23 years..

The Christmas Dream Machine accepts applicants starting Nov. 1 and doesn't stop processing interviews until Dec. 1. Jenkins said there is a year-long effort to buy gifts. The volunteers for the Christmas Dream Machine are always on the lookout for great deals, and

know when toys go on clearance, she said.

"They're clean, new and all good stuff," she said. "We're good stewards with the money. Everything will be spent on gifts."

Every year the Christmas Dream Machine helps about 1,000 children, not all in Lake City, but

all in either Columbia County or neighboring counties.

Jenkins said the Christmas Dream Machine doesn't ask for help from those in the community, but if anyone would like to sponsor a child, she accepts gladly.

To contact Jenkins, call (386) 758-8398.

Weed killers in manure can harm your garden

Many gardeners know that the best soil additive

for the garden is made of composted manure from farm livestock. But the same measures taken on the farm to keep livestock healthy may be responsible for a degree of failure in the home garden.

Farmers must often do battle with weeds in pastures. Weeds can not only cut down on the production of good forage crops for livestock, but many weeds are poisonous and deadly to animals. Pasture managers must work to control weeds just as gardeners do. In some cases, however, cultural and mechanical methods aren't enough. Herbicides that are registered safe for livestock and will not contaminate meat

GARDEN TALK



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may be needed.

Sometimes this may cause a problem for gardeners who use hay or manure for gardening. There are a handful of products that travel straight through livestock when they eat treated grass or hay without breaking down. A few chemicals can remain in the waste (manure) for a period of time, especially if the waste is piled up and not exposed to sunlight and rain. If one of those

chemicals was used on the pasture and a gardener uses the resulting manure, sensitive garden plants might be harmed.

You may be wondering how to find out what is in the composted manure you are using. Just ask the farmer what he uses. The product label will include a statement if the manure could damage sensitive plants such as lettuce, tomatoes, peas, peppers or beans. Chemicals of concern to gardeners include picloram, clopyalid and aminopyralid because they stay active longer in manure and baled hay. Read more about pasture herbicides at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/wg006>.

Another way to find out if your compost is safe for the garden is to do your

GARDEN continued on 2D

Project fails to improve water in St. Johns River

By JIM WAYMER
Florida Today

VERO BEACH — A \$200 million, 30-year replumbing of the St. Johns River's headwaters west of Vero Beach has so far failed to improve water quality in the river's regional lakes, data show.

Instead, it just kept the water from getting much worse, biologists say, as new homes and businesses sprang up nearby.

That's been a disappointment for sport fishermen who had hoped that cleaner lakes would have led to more fish. It also is a potential check on future growth since clean water from the St. Johns is vital to the region's ability to handle more people.

The biggest problem is with nitrogen and

phosphorus, key ingredients of life, and thus chemical fertilizers.

They foster green, fluffy lawns, but in excess, fish-killing algae blooms as well. Their levels in most St. Johns lakes remain high enough to make the water prone to algae and weed explosions that can clog water plant intakes or leave behind potentially unhealthy byproducts in drinking water, state data shows.

Despite all the money spent to cleanse the river at its origins, nitrogen and phosphorus levels in lakes in the St. Johns drainage have mostly increased during the past decade.

From 1996 to 2010, all seven upper basin lake sampling sites tested by

RIVER continued on 2D

FOOD

Learning to love bison as the other red meat

Lean and tasty, it requires care when cooking.

By **J.M. HIRSCH**
AP Food Editor

Nothing says "Yum!" like a bit of nomenclatural confusion — especially with a side of near extinction.

But that's what you get once you venture down the culinary path with bison, an alternative red meat that is showing up at more and more grocers nationwide. And these massive shaggy creatures are such a delicious — and good for us — meat, it's worth sorting it all out.

So let's start with the name. The critter you know as the American buffalo (yes, of rolling plains and Native American fame) really isn't a buffalo at all. Turns out there are only a few types of buffalo in the world (including the Asian water buffalo and African cape buffalo). The American buffalo (technically a bison) is more closely related to your run-of-the-mill cow.

Still, people tend to use the terms interchangeably and we're not going to get bent out of shape over it.

Once, bison were hunted to near extinction. But they've made a pretty good turnaround, and these days are raised primarily for consumption. Why do you care? Because bison meat (which is raised without hormones or antibiotics) can be incredibly tender and flavorful, with a sweet, rich beefy flavor.

It also happens to be amazingly lean, packing fewer calories and less fat than beef and even skinless chicken.

That low-fat profile comes



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A taste-tempting meal of seared bison with sage and gnocchi can be pulled together with about 15 minutes preparation.

with a price, however. Like any lean meat, bison has a tendency to cook quickly, so quickly that it's easy to overcook it. And that is why bison has a reputation for being tough. It isn't. If you have bison that is tough, that just means it was overcooked.

Though bison is available in most of the same cuts as traditional beef, the most common varieties at grocers are ground and steaks. We'll stick with those.

You can use bison much as you would beef. The trick is to modify the cooking method (rather than

the flavors or other ingredients) to account for the leanness.

When cooking ground bison, it's best to work in some sort of liquid flavor to keep the meat moist. This might mean eggs or tomato paste for a meatloaf, or some sort of pan sauce or gravy if you are browning it in a skillet. That also makes it ideal for meatballs simmered in sauce or for using in chili.

For bison steaks, think fast and furious. Season them, then pop them under the broiler or on the grill for just a few minutes

per side.

Seared bison with sage and gnocchi

Start to finish: 15 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

1 pound package gnocchi pasta
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
Pinch red pepper flakes
1 1/2 pounds bison steak, thinly sliced across the grain
1/4 cup chopped fresh sage
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and ground black pepper

Instructions:

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the gnocchi and cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water, then drain the gnocchi and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes, then saute the garlic for 30 seconds.

Add the steak and sear on each side for about 1 minute. Don't crowd the pan or the steak with steam rather than sear. If needed, work in batches.

Once the steak is seared, add the sage and cooked gnocchi. Cook for 30 seconds, then add the Parmesan. Drizzle in just enough of the reserved cooking water to form a sauce with the melted cheese. Toss, then season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 360 calories; 90 calories from fat.

RIVER: Nutrients remain.

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the St. Johns River Water Management District showed increasing levels of nitrogen. Two — lakes Washington and Poinsett — increased in phosphorus. None of the seven lake sampling stations had a decreasing trend in nitrogen or phosphorus.

Biologists say ongoing farming and development may have tempered the expected ecological gains from the so-called upper basin project. Cattle waste and fertilizer continue to add phosphorus to soils already rich with the nutrient, as do leaky septic tanks. But regional water managers say the landmark project fended off what could have been much worse.

Future growth in the region hinges on the ability of the St. Johns system to provide water supply that's clean, and therefore cheap to treat. The river also brings multi-millions annually to the region from bass fishing, ecotourism and other recreation.

Lake Washington is among the most important lakes of the St. Johns. It supplies two-thirds of the water for the 150,000 people the city of Melbourne serves.

"It's a little bit frustrating, you want to see a decrease in the phosphorus. We don't see that," said Dean Dobberfuhl, a program manager for the St. Johns River Water Management District.

What happened? Farming and cattle ranching have been part of the St. Johns basin since the mid-19th century.

Agricultural activities increased dramatically in order to feed the troops

during World War II. The land around the river was diked, channeled and drained in order to raise more crops.

By the 1970s, about 70 percent of the basin's fertile wetlands had been converted into agricultural fields to support citrus, row crops and beef cattle.

In the 1950s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began planning a flood control project in the upper basin. It included a network of storage reservoirs and canals to divert flood waters from the upper St. Johns to the Indian River Lagoon.

By 1973, portions of the project, including Canal 54 along Brevard's southern border, had been built. But President Richard Nixon stopped the project after a federal study found that channeling the river's freshwater east would harm the lagoon's ecology.

In the 1980s, the effort evolved into the upper basin project, which aimed to mimic the St. John's natural meandering flow. The project reflooded vast farmlands to return them to the floodplain marshes that filter excess nutrients, sediment and contaminants.

The project was considered a model for replumbing the Everglades, so regional water managers want to know whether or not, and to what extent, it reduced nutrients and improved the overall health of the river and its lakes.

But as the project progressed, newcomers continued to bring more nutrients to the basin via fertilizer, septic tanks and other sources. That helped fuel a vicious cycle.

GARDEN: Avoid trouble.

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own simple test. Take a few random samples from deep inside your composted manure pile and mix the samples together. Fill several small pots with a mix of half potting soil and half manure. Fill three additional pots with potting soil only. Then plant each pot with three pea or bean seeds, water, and tend them for several weeks.

If the plants have grown much better in straight potting soil, chances are you have some contamination and

you should compost the manure longer. Your composted manure is probably ready to be added to improve your garden soil if all the plants have grown similarly.

Read more about this bioassay procedure by searching publication E105180 at <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu>.

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Easy projects rethink tie-dye for elegant gifts

By **JENNIFER FORKER**
Associated Press

Crafts don't have to be complicated. With the holiday season ahead, an easy, enjoyable craft can cover many gifting bases. What could be more fun than experimenting with a simple tie-dye?

A few do-it-yourself sources have taken tie-dye up a notch, away from the explosions of primary colors seen on camp T-shirts into a more elegant realm that's perfect for gift giving.

One such project — tying ties — appears in "The Bust DIY Guide to Life" (STC Craft, 2011),

edited by Laurie Henzel and Debbie Stoller. And the idea transcends gifts. Besides making gifts, it works for "anything that you have that either you didn't like the original color or you think needs sprucing up," says Callie Watts of Bust magazine, which aims its pop-culture content at young women.

In the book, a pair of white tights is folded accordion-style from toe to top and secured with rubber bands. It's boiled in a pot of black fabric dye, such as Rit, for about 15 minutes, stirred constantly, then removed and rinsed. The bands are removed and the tights laid flat to dry.

Another option adds a second color.

A DIYer can get a lot of variety out of this project without much work, says Watts. From socks to shirts, she recommends experimenting with folding or bunching the fabric before it hits the dye bath. Another option: Dip an item partially into the dye bath, allowing the color to bleed upward into the fabric.

"It'll fade dark to light," Watts says.

Any fabric that can soak up dye color will do, but Watts says knits will "come out as a blurry splotch. You're not going to have the same distinctiveness."

A similar craft, using

white scarves, appears in the October pages of Martha Stewart Living magazine.

Inspired by "shibori," an intricate Japanese technique in which textiles are folded, twisted or bound with thread before dyeing, this craft requires little besides a plastic, shoebox-size bin and a bottle of fabric dye.

TRAVEL

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their outdoor patio for our lunch spot on the water. And we probably had the best dinner at the Carriage House at the Hotel Iroquois.

All of this being said, I think Mackinac Island is still a must-do. It really is a beautiful place to visit. The views of Lake Huron, the Grand Hotel porch, the many shops and good restaurants definitely make it worthwhile. In addition to seeing the island by bicycle, there are hiking trails, a golf course, and other water activities. They are also known for their fudge! So much so that they refer to the tourists as "fudgies". I'd recommend going in early fall to avoid the crowds of summer. But beware, Mackinac Island has its own special scent.

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HAPPENINGS



Shannon Denise Ward and Clinton Alan Boone.

Ward-Boone engagement

Gerald and Connie Ward, of Chiefland, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shannon Denise Ward, of Chiefland, to Clinton Alan Boone, of High Springs, the son of Martin and Jane Boone, of Fort White.

The wedding is planned

for the first week of December at the Trenton Women's Club, with the reception following at the same location.

The bride-elect is a 2010 graduate of the University of Florida.

The future groom is a 2006 graduate of St. Leo University.

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TRAVEL

Stiltsville evokes past in waters near Miami

Boat tours take visitors to isolated community in bay.

By SUZETTE LABOY
Associated Press

MIAMI — Perched above the shallow turquoise waters of Biscayne Bay are shacks on stilts that have hosted some of Florida's wildest parties, from the days when alcohol and gambling were outlawed, to a bachelor party for a member of the Kennedy clan.

Seven homes still stand in Stiltsville, as the community is called, located about a mile out in the Biscayne channel in Biscayne National Park, just a short boat ride or kayak trip from the Key Biscayne coastline.

"When you are out there and there's nobody there, it's one of the most desolate settings imaginable," said Paul George, a history professor at Miami-Dade College. "And yet in other ways it's one of the most striking."

The first dozen homes were built close to the surface of the water in the late 1920s, but they were vulnerable to storm surges and hurricane damage. By the 1930s and '40s, the homes were built higher off the water on wooden stilts held up by steel-reinforced concrete pilings driven through the sand below.

The houses had boat docks, wraparound verandas and plenty of windows to pick up the breeze. Generators fueled electricity, cisterns collected rain water and sewage was sent to a disposal facility.

Over two dozen homes existed during Stiltsville's heyday in the 1960s. Seven are still standing, but they are now part of Biscayne National Park and they are no longer privately owned.



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One of seven remaining homes in Stiltsville, a once-thriving community built in Biscayne Bay near Miami. A narrated boat tour tells the colorful story of these homes perched above the bay's shallow waters.

HistoryMiami, a local cultural institution and museum, runs occasional three-hour boat tours led by George to see Stiltsville, though the boats do not dock at the homes. Kayakers can tie up at the base of a home and at least stand on the deck for stunning sunset views. The homes, now used for tours and other events, are locked when no one is there.

George says the homes were a last bastion for what he calls "old Miami's good ol' boy network," a place where acquaintances could fish, drink, tell stories, carouse and get away from city life. "When you get out there, you've left your cares behind," George said.

Stiltsville even had its own clubs, hosting members-only parties known for bikini-clad women and sometimes nude sunbathers. During Prohibition, there was

illegal gambling and alcohol. A local known as Crawfish Charlie was an almost mythological figure in the community, schmoozing boaters and selling them bait and chowder.

In 1992, one of the homes collapsed as more than 100 visitors partied during a rainstorm. Stiltsville was also known as the site of a party for then-bachelor Ted Kennedy, with a live band.

But many of the homes were damaged or destroyed in hurricanes and fires, and they were not infrequent targets of police raids. Beginning in the 1950s, the community also faced opposition from residents of nearby Key Biscayne, who called the shacks eyesores and its residents squatters, George said.

"People over here started complaining about the wild happenings over there," George said as he pointed at Stiltsville from

Key Biscayne, which is about 10 miles from Miami.

Stiltsville homeowners tried to portray the community as family friendly. "We're a family type colony, not a scruffy bunch of squatters," Frank Knuck, a local judge, was quoted as saying in several publications, including a report by the Stiltsville Trust, a non-profit created to preserve the remaining Stiltsville structures.

But the complaints pushed the state to eventually order Stiltsvillians (as the residents called themselves) to abandon the homes when their property leases expired in 1999.

George, an author and local celebrity, gives several tours of South Florida. Gretchen Weissner of Hollywood, Fla., is a regular on his tours. "He's got some nice anecdotes. This guy is really good," she said.

If you go...

■ STILTSVILLE TOURS:

HistoryMiami — www.historymiami.org/tours — offers a three-hour boat tour on the history of Key Biscayne and Stiltsville. Spring dates include March 30, April 13, and June 9; adults, \$54, children, \$25. Boats depart from Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., an outdoor mall next to the American Airlines Arena; ticket buyers will receive detailed instructions on meeting place.

■ TIPS: Bring sunscreen, hat and binoculars to see the Stiltsville homes and other sights from a distance.

■ STILTSVILLE HISTORY: www.stiltsville.org

The Stiltsville, Cape Florida Lighthouse and Key Biscayne Boat Tour starts from Bayside Marketplace near the Port of Miami. Birds fly alongside the slow-moving boat as cool breezes pass through the open cabin. The boat does not make any stops, but George supplies fact-packed lessons about the Miami River's building boom, the Key Biscayne bridge and the city's ties to politicians like the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, who, George said, "loved the sea."

The tour also offers stunning views of Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park and the Cape Florida Lighthouse before it heads off to the Biscayne Channel and the heart of Stiltsville.

Karen Clark of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., said she had tried to make it on other tours, but the timing wasn't right until this trip. "This was something I really wanted to do," said Clark.

As a crowd gathered near the front of the boat to take a last picture of the homes, George said: "I just wish there were 27 for me to show you."

BOOKS

Guide to coffee table books

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even people without coffee tables enjoy coffee table books as gifts, especially if they're thoughtfully chosen rather than hastily snatched from a store shelf at the last minute.

The holidays bring fresh choices every year among large-format, photo-driven books. A sampler among new releases:

Fashion and Style

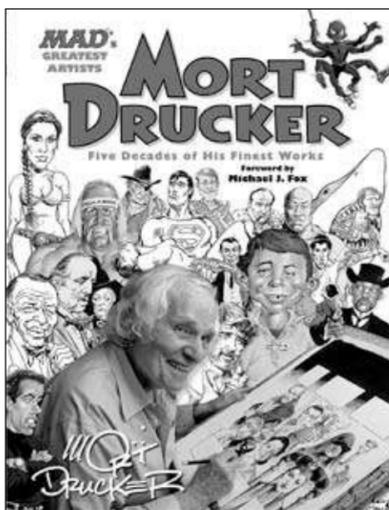
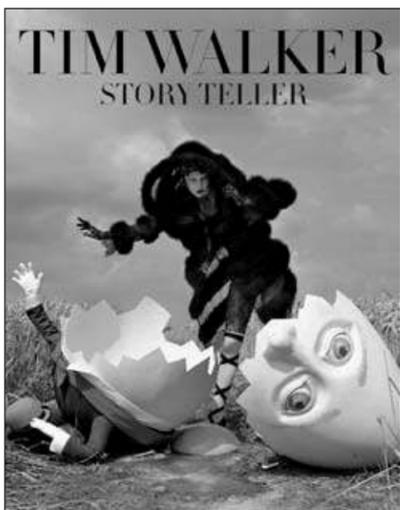
"Vogue: The Editor's Eye," Abrams Books, features interviews with eight of the magazine's stylists through time. Celebrity portraits and behind-the-scenes candids by the fashion industry's top photographers, including Irving Penn, Mario Testino, Richard Avedon and Annie Leibovitz.

"Icons," Running Press, stunning up-close photography by Markus and Indrani of Kate Winslet and Kanye West, along with more stagey and dramatic commercial jobs featuring the duo's A-list clientele, from album covers to magazine work.

"Tim Walker: Story Teller," Abrams Books, with the photographer turning fashion into fairy tales. Singer Kate Bush wrote a foreword and Walker includes personal observations of the full-page, color-saturated shoots. There's Tim Burton as a skanky Santa and model Xiao Wen with a huge insect on her open mouth.

Film and TV

"Bond on Bond," Lyons Press, the Roger Moore years, by Roger Moore. Lots of trivia in text spanning all 50 years of 007, not just Moore's stint. His recollections are cheeky and well informed. He includes



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Coffee table books like the two above being released in time for Christmas often are sure-fire gifts, appreciated even by people who don't have coffee tables.

snapshots of famous snaps who showed up on set, details gadgetry and includes a great color beef-cake shot of Daniel Craig, shirt off.

"Steven Spielberg: A Retrospective," Sterling, featuring text with the director and film critic Richard Schickel in conversation as Spielberg looks back on the last 40 years. Chapters are chronological by movie. Photos heavy on film stills.

"All the Bits: Monty Python's Flying Circus," Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers, by Luke Dempsey. A colorful door-stop of a book offering complete scripts for every one of the show's 45 episodes, with marginalia and fun graphic details.

Art and Illustrators

"Ralph Steadman's Extinct Boids," Bloomsbury, with commentary from Ceri Levy. Levy, a filmmaker, asked the cartoonist best known for his work with Hunter S. Thompson to produce

one painting for an art exhibition on birds. Steadman didn't stop there, documenting in beautiful color 100 birds in all. His full-size paintings are punctuated by humorous emails and phone conversations between the two.

"Mad's Greatest Artists: Mort Drucker, Five Decades of His Finest Work," Running Press. A collection of movie and TV satire plucked in comic-strip format from the pages of the magazine. George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and others among Drucker's targets wrote notes of appreciation.

Music and Politics

"The Rolling Stones: 50," Hyperion, by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood. In celebration of the band's 50th anniversary, stark commentary from the Stones themselves to go with tour photos, candid and close-ups.

"Green Day: The Ultimate Unauthorized History," Voyageur Press,

by Alan di Perna. The rock journalist includes concert visuals, posters and memorabilia such as backstage passes in this retrospective spanning the band's 25 years. Out on Dec. 16.

Politics and Food

"Capturing Camelot," by Kitty Kelley. Features intimate images of John F. Kennedy by Kelley's close friend, photojournalist Stanley Tretick, known for incredible access to the president and his family. Scenes from ticker tape parades to John Jr. running for Marine One. Lots of Jackie.

"Come In, We're Closed," Running Press, by Christine Carroll and Jody Eddy, with foreword by Ferran Adrià. How do the world's best restaurants feed their staffs? Contains recipes fit for many based on the good eats for the "families" of a variety around the country. Includes staff meals from wd-50s in New York, Ad Hoc, in Yountville, Calif., Cochon in New Orleans and Mugaritz in Spain.



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"Star Wars" action figures, including Darth Vader (right) and Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (left) will be inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame class of 2012.

'Star Wars' figures, dominoes make Toy Hall of Fame

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia outmuscled little green army men for a spot in the National Toy Hall of Fame. "Star Wars" action figures join centuries-old dominoes in the class of 2012, which was announced by the Rochester hall Thursday.

A national selection committee chose them from among 12 finalists, plucking the most ancient and most modern toys from the list.

"Star Wars" action figures went on the market in 1978, following the 1977 release of the 20th Century Fox movie. The 3 3/4-inch figures of Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and company were sold until 1985 and again from the mid-1990s to today.

Museum officials say their phenomenal popularity inspired other toy makers to tie their products to movies and television series and they note the toys' appeal extends to adults who continue to collect them.

"They are a force to be reckoned with," said Patricia Hogan, curator at The Strong museum, which houses the Toy Hall of Fame.

More than 20 lines of "Star Wars" figures have launched, propelling the film series' merchandise sales to \$20 billion over the past 35 years.

The action figures were first made by Kenner, which was bought by Tonka and later Hasbro.

Dominoes originated in China in the 1300s and appeared later in Europe in a slightly different form. A standard set of 28 tiles represents all possible results when rolling a pair of six-sided dice, with the addition of two blank sides. Although there's a variety of ways to play with them, the cascading toppling of lined-up tiles put the "domino effect" into the American lexicon.

The toys beat out plastic green army men, the board game Clue, the Fisher-Price Corn Popper, Lite-Brite, the Magic 8 Ball, the pogo stick, sidewalk chalk, the electronic game Simon, the tea set and Twister.

SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 18, 2012. Table with columns for Comcast, Dish, DirecTV, and time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM. Lists various TV programs and their descriptions.

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DEAR ABBY

Daughter can no longer watch her family's sad soap opera

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their 80s. I have two brothers. "Pete," the oldest, is in his 50s and lives with them. "Dave" lives next door. My parents support them both financially. Neither one works or even tries to find a job. Both of them are addicted to meth, and one is hooked on prescription pills as well. My parents know it but enable them by paying their bills.

Pete and Dave steal and blame each other or any innocent family member who comes to visit. My parents are in total denial. There is major drug use going on every day, as well as potential violence. Pete and Dave threaten to shoot people all the time.

I'm ready to sever all ties because there's no stopping this train wreck. Any advice? - NO NAME IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR NO NAME: I agree there is nothing you can do to "save" your parents - or your brothers, for that matter. You can, however, save yourself.

If seeing them is too painful, you have my permission to distance yourself from what appears to be their unhealthy symbiotic situation.

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Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I live in a generally quiet neighborhood, but my next-door neighbors yell at each other and their children a lot. The shouting sounds like it is escalating.

This morning, the father yelled at his young son, telling him to name the letters of the alphabet he was pointing to. His "lesson" was filled with anger and profanity when the boy made mistakes. It was finally interrupted by the mother, shouting for him to stop. He then screamed, "Shut your mouth!" and she responded, "Don't you TOUCH me!"

I don't know what to do. At what point should I call the police, or is this none of my business? - WORRIED NEIGHBOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED NEIGHBOR: The turmoil in that household isn't healthy for the children. The next time the father

starts shouting, call the police to report a "domestic disturbance." The verbal abuse could very well escalate to physical violence (if it hasn't already).

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DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law, a doctor, had an affair a few years ago with his nurse. It destroyed his more than 20-year marriage to my former sister-in-law. He married the nurse.

I want nothing to do with him or his new wife now. He stayed with us for a while and lied about the affair. I have no respect for either of them. I usually ignore them at family gatherings because I don't like to associate with people who do not share my values. Abby, do you think I should accept his new wife? - PRINCIPLED IN DAYTON

DEAR PRINCIPLED: Good manners dictate that when you see them you be civil to them. It doesn't have to extend beyond, "Hello. How are you?" and moving on to talk with other relatives - and it doesn't indicate "acceptance."

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HOROSCOPES

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to offer. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Review your relationships with friends, relatives and your peers. You may have to back up and reconsider a pending problem. Have the courage to take responsibility for whatever you may have done wrong. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be a leader. Don't shy away from delegating who should be doing what. Your ability to understand what will and what won't work will be respected and admired by the people around you. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If someone you live with or must deal with is ranting or giving you a hard time, back away and do your own thing. You are best to visit someone you find less stressful or sign up for an event that brings you pleasure. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't wait to see

what others do. Step up, be a leader and enjoy the rewards you get for taking the initiative to develop and present what you have to offer. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too eager to share your plans. Someone will take advantage of your generosity and good nature if you are too giving. Make changes at home that will make your life less stressful and more comfortable. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Plan your upcoming week in order to make the most of your skills and any growing opportunity. A serious look at your personal papers and plans will help you mastermind the best way to increase your assets and decrease your liabilities. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not everyone will be respectful of your privacy. You have to pick and choose the personal information you share with others. Put greater emphasis on you, your home, your loved ones and what you can do to protect what you cherish. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Talk will help you drum up interest in what you want to pursue. Developing a skill or talent and incorporating it in a trendy or popular way will bring fabulous results as long as you do not let excessiveness cut into your profits. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

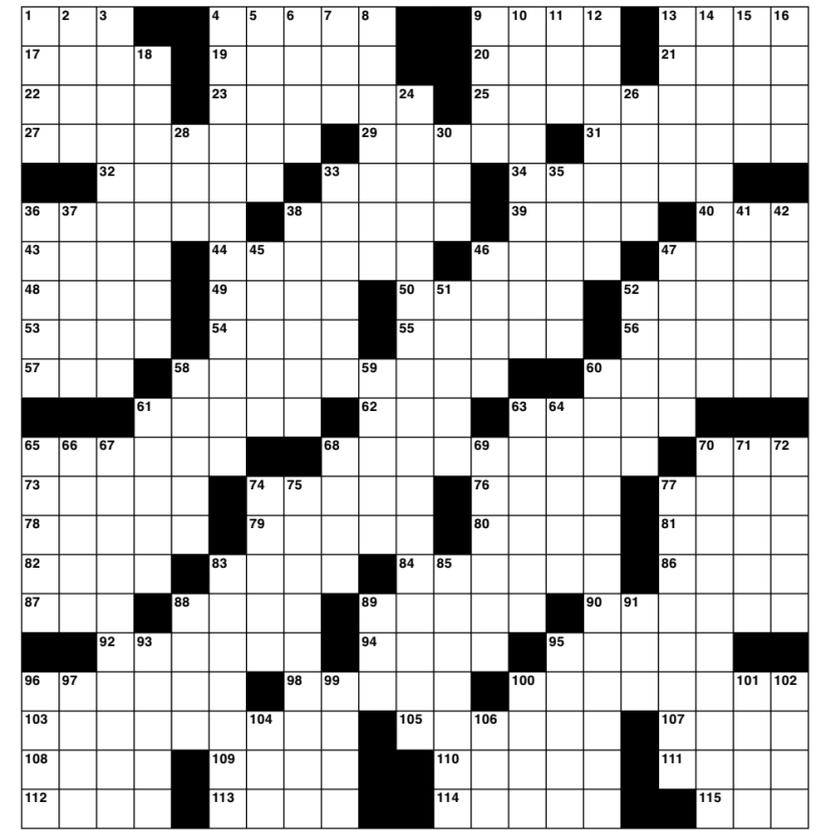
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Previous Solution: "Sometimes it's better not to blow up at someone. I can save that anger and emotion for my guitar playing." - Neil Young
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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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HOLIDAY GIFTS

Magazine picks top toys

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Not all the testers for Good Housekeeping's annual Best Toys list wear lab coats. Some are barely out of diapers.

For its 2012 list, engineers reviewed hundreds of toys for safety and educational merits. But the true test comes from 140 kids, ages 3 to 13, who play with the top 135 new toys at the magazine's product-testing laboratory in New York.

There are more price-conscious choices under \$25 to choose from this year, according to the Good Housekeeping Research Institute, along with toys that teach, including robotics for very young children and sophisticated art projects and models for older kids.

Others fall into the category of back-to-basics, abandoning tech in favor of more open-ended play.

"Parents can feel confident that our winners are safe, fun and encourage creativity, imagination, and problem-solving skills," said Rosemary Ellis, editor in chief of Good Housekeeping.

The winners of Good Housekeeping's 2012 Best Toy Awards are revealed in the December issue, on newsstands Tuesday.

■ Ages 3 and up: The Hexbug Hive Habitat Set (\$35) has mechanical bugs running through a customizable maze, and the Techno Source Glow Crazy Doodle Dome (\$20) is a tent that allows children to draw on the walls with a green light wand.

■ Ages 4 and up: T.S. Shure ArchiQuest



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The Lego Friends Adventure Camper (above) and the Playmates Shellraiser toy vehicle (left) for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were among top safe and educational toys for this holiday season picked by Good Housekeeping's judges, who included 140 children who ranged in age from 3 to 13.

Architectural Elements (\$30) is a set of wooden blocks "in fresh shapes and bright hues" while the Playmates Shellraiser (\$35) is a car for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (\$10 each).

■ Ages 5 and up: Moose Toys Fortune Cookie Maker (\$25) lets kids make their own fortunes and cookies with a little help from the microwave, and the Jakks Pacific Power Trains Auto Loader City (\$40) has a five-car train and 18 feet of track for "an affordable alternative to die-cast models."

■ Ages 6 and up: The Moose Toys Micro Chargers Loop Track (\$20) has fast-charging cars

that shoot through a stunt track, the Crayola Marker Airbrush (\$25) uses markers to create spray paint-style art and the Lego Friends Adventure Camper (\$30) creates a motor home with dolls, bikes and a surfboard.

■ Ages 7 and up: The Techno Source Codee (\$8) is a twistable chain of blocks that can be made into creatures like a bright flamingo or robot, and the Playmobil E-Rangers Headquarters (\$130), has a swiveling LED spotlight and a working solar panel.

■ Ages 8 and up: The Silverlit Porsche 911 Carrera (\$80) is a replica of the sports car that can

be steered by iPhone, or kids can create colorful domino-type patterns with Colorfall from Marbles: The Brain Store (\$45). Wild Planet Night Sight (\$40) is head-mounted infrared night-vision goggles, and Hasbro's Bop It! Smash (\$23) has players trying to hit a moving light

■ Ages 9 and up: The K'Nex Atomic Coaster (\$71) is a motorized ride for dueling cars that requires assembly of more than 1,000 pieces.

■ Ages 10 and up: The Ravensburger 3D Building Set (\$26) is a puzzle kit to create replicas of famous sites like the Eiffel Tower or the Empire State Building.



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The Breast Milk Baby doll from Berjuan Toys makes suckling sounds when prompted by sensors sewn into a halter top. The doll, intended for prepubescent girls, has caught some flak since hitting the U.S. market.

Breastfeeding baby doll: creepy or groundbreaking?

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — We've got dolls that wet, crawl and talk. We've got dolls with perfect hourglass figures. We've got dolls with swagger. And we've got plenty that come with itty bitty baby bottles.

But it's a breastfeeding doll whose suckling sounds are prompted by sensors sewn into a halter top at the nipples of little girls that caught some flak after hitting the U.S. market.

"I just want the kids to be kids," Bill O'Reilly said on his Fox News show when he learned of the Breast Milk Baby. "And this kind of stuff. We don't need this."

What, exactly, people don't need is unclear to Dennis Lewis, the U.S. representative for Berjuan Toys, a family-owned, 40-year-old doll maker in Spain that can't get the dolls onto

mainstream shelves more than a year after introducing the line in this country — and blowing O'Reilly's and others' minds.

"We've had a lot of support from lots of breastfeeding organizations, lots of mothers, lots of educators," said Lewis, in Orlando. "There also has been a lot of blowback from people who maybe haven't thought to think about really why the doll is there and what its purpose is. Usually they are people that either have problems with breastfeeding in general, or they see it as something sexual."

The dolls, eight in all with a variety of skin tones and facial features, look like many others, until children don the little top with petal appliques at the nipples. That's where the sensors are located, setting off the suckling noise when the doll's mouth makes contact. Cost is \$89.

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