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Black Friday bonanza



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Hundreds are lined up late Thursday awaiting the midnight opening of the Belk store in the Lake City Mall. Up to 800 people were waiting in line, according to store manager Will Batte. Many local retailers reported big gains over last year's Black Friday totals.

Christmas shopping season's opening weekend looks good for local retailers

Sales figures up double digits over 2011 for some.

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As the dust settles after the stampede of shoppers and managers tally the sales figures, for some the numbers look good.

Belk did 24 percent better than last Black Friday, store manager William Bette said.

"We're looking forward to a great holiday season," he said. He said the promotional

giveaway and the extensive marketing of early-bird specials drove the sales numbers.

Across the mall at JC Penney, store manager Gayle Cruse said the numbers shouldn't be compared to last year, because the store has an entirely different strategy.

She said JC Penney is pushing the "button" program and expects that to bring more shoppers to the store.

The program will give away 80 million buttons nationwide, each with a code on the back that the customer can redeem online. One in four buttons is a winner, she said.

She said there's no purchase necessary, and anyone who enters the store can ask for a button.

"We had a good day, very pleased," she said. "We hope to see great crowds and produce a good shopping experience for our customers."

George Ward, owner of Ward's Jewelry and Gifts, said he did 40 percent more business than last year, but overall he's a little behind 2011, his best year ever.

He said he wasn't sure why last year was so strong.

"We were busy and steady most of the day," he said.

'Gloom, despair and agony on me' – but all in good fun.

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The line stretched nearly around the building at Belk near midnight on Thursday.

The Thanksgiving leftovers now put away, the football games and parades long over, hundreds of Columbia County residents stood for hours in chilly weather, some

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Swift soldiers on

'J.R.' of Dallas fame dead at 81

By **LYNN ELBER**
AP Television Writer

J.R. Ewing was a business cheat, faithless husband and bottomless well of corruption. Yet with his sparkling grin, Larry Hagman masterfully created the charmingly loathsome oil baron — and coaxed forth a Texas-size gusher of ratings — on television's long-running and hugely successful nighttime soap, "Dallas."



Hagman

Although he first gained fame as nice guy Major Tony Nelson on the fluffy 1965-70 NBC comedy "I Dream of Jeannie," Hagman earned his greatest stardom with J.R. The CBS serial drama about the Ewing family and those in their orbit aired from April 1978 to May 1991, and broke viewing records with its "Who shot J.R.?" 1980 cliffhanger that left unclear if Hagman's

HAGMAN continued on 3A

Cantore back to lend a hand yet again

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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For the third straight year, Jim Cantore, a meteorologist for The Weather Channel, spent an hour of his vacation helping raise money for the Salvation Army at the Publix in Lake City on Friday morning.

Many people stopped, posed for a picture and fed dollar bills into the familiar red kettle.

Preston Lewis, a lieutenant in the Salvation Army, said he doesn't usually see that much attention around the kettle, as people pushed \$5 bills through the slot.

He said the Salvation Army helps people "down on their luck," and that the money goes to help pay rent, utilities and sends kids to summer camp.

Lewis said the Salvation Army has been helping local people since the 1920s. He said the Salvation Army also helps with disaster relief.

"To have a celebrity come out, it's great for us in every way," he said.

Cantore said he didn't mind lending his celebrity status to a



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Weather Channel meteorologist Jim Cantore poses with members of his family in front of the Salvation Army red kettle collection sign outside the Publix in Lake City on Friday. From Left: Carole Dotson, Dotson's nephew Josh McCabe, Dotson's son Luke Dotson, Jim Cantore and LT. Preston Lewis of the Salvation Army.

good cause, especially since his sister asked.

Carole Dotson coordinates the employees of Altrusa International of Lake City who volunteer as bell ringers.

Cantore said meteorologists

have become "weather rock stars," and he is recognized everywhere he goes.

He said he believes the reason people stop him on the street and ask to take a picture has to do with his giving useful information

without injecting his own views into the story — unlike other television news personalities.

"We're not trying to get you out to vote one way or another," he said. "We're trying to get you out of harm's way."

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Saturday:
Afternoon: 9-0-2-2
Evening: N/A



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AROUND FLORIDA

Man, woman shot at Walmart in Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE — Investigators believe a disagreement over a parking space led to two people being shot and wounded outside a Tallahassee Walmart.

Police said officers responded to the shooting shortly after noon on Black Friday, one of the busiest shopping days of the year. A man and a woman were taken to a nearby hospital with wounds that were not considered life-threatening. They were expected to make a full recovery.

No arrests were made, but police were searching for dark green Toyota Camry in connection with the case.

2 pedestrians killed in Ocala

OCALA — Officials said two pedestrians were killed while crossing busy roadways in Ocala on Thanksgiving.

Ocala police said a red Chevrolet Trailblazer struck 23-year-old William McDonald in a crosswalk before fleeing early Thursday. Police later arrested 25-year-old Joseph Stewart on charges of leaving the scene of an accident. He told police panicked when he hit the pedestrian.

The Ocala Star-Banner reported McDonald was home from college for the holiday break.

Later Thursday, 42-year-old Patrick Joseph Wisocky was fatally struck

as he walked along U.S. 301. It was his birthday.

The Florida Highway Patrol said 49-year-old John Syme was driving the Jeep Cherokee that struck Wisocky. They said speed was not a factor.

Manatee-riding arrest made

ST. PETERSBURG — A St. Petersburg woman has been charged with violating Florida law by riding a manatee.

Ana Gloria Garcia Gutierrez was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant Saturday. Pinellas County sheriff's deputies said she was photographed riding the manatee at Fort De Soto Park last September.

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri held a press conference a few days later asking for the public's help in identifying the woman. Gutierrez called deputies and allegedly admitted touching the endangered sea mammal. She told them she was new to the area and didn't know it was illegal to touch a manatee. The manatee was not hurt.

The maximum penalty is a \$500 fine and six months in jail. Gutierrez was released on \$1,500 bail.

Superintendent cuts testing

JACKSONVILLE — The new superintendent of Duval County schools is cutting out a series of student testing that leave "too

little time for learning."

The new policy begins Nov. 26. School officials said the policy won't affect the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests, which are required by the state. The district will cut eight other types of testing of students in reading, math and science, according to news reports.

Superintendent Nikolai Vitti said the new policy will make room for another five to 10 days of teaching each school year. Vitti said schools had booked more tests than the calendar could handle.

Teacher's union president Terrie Brady called the move "a huge step in the right direction."

Construction mishap kills man

SEMINOLE — Authorities said a Tampa Bay area man died when an 8-foot concrete wall fell on him while doing construction on a home.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office said that 52-year-old Arben Berberi died Friday afternoon. Berberi and two other men had purchased the home in the spring and were working on an addition when the slab fell. The home's two other owners also were working but uninjured.

Woman dies after 42-year coma

MIAMI — A Miami

woman who spent 42 years in a coma has died.

The Miami Herald reported Ewarda O'Bara was a high school student in 1970 when she fell ill, threw up her medicine and slipped into a diabetic coma. She passed away Wednesday at age 59.

The Herald reported that before the teen lost consciousness, she asked her mother, Kay O'Bara, to never leave her side. She kept her promise, taking care of her daughter until she died five years ago. That's when Colleen O'Bara stepped in and continued taking care of her sister in the Miami Gardens home.

Woman killed during argument

JACKSONVILLE — Authorities say a woman was fatally shot in the middle of a Jacksonville street as she tried to end her relationship with her boyfriend.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office spokesman Shawn Coarsey said 24-year-old Rolisha Thomas and Calvin Wright got into an argument just after noon on Thanksgiving Day. The argument escalated as the two went outside and on Alameda Street in northwest Jacksonville.

News reports said that's when 24-year-old Wright took out a handgun and shot Thomas several times. She was taken to the hospital, where she died.

Wright fled the scene. Police said he turned himself in on Friday morning. There was no word on what charges he faces.

Officials say Wright had a criminal record and recently was released from prison.

Man pleads guilty to fatal hit-run

ORANGE PARK — A Jacksonville man has pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of a crash that killed a 13-year-old boy.

Anthony Michael Margadonna entered his plea in Clay County on Monday.

The 23-year-old man was arrested last November, two days after the collision that left Brien Andrew Alvezios dead. News outlets reported that Alvezios was riding his bike when he was hit from behind.

Margadonna is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 1.

Man charged in post office threat

MARATHON — A man is charged with threatening to blow up a Florida Keys post office.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said 69-year-old Juan Zigler handed clerks at the Marathon post office a garbled note Friday that threatened to blow up the Keys. They said he then threw an object over the counter that clerks thought might be a firecracker.

When deputies arrived, they arrested Zigler. The object appeared to be a battery with a wire attached to it.

Zigler was charged with making a false bomb report and delivering a hoax bomb and released.

Drug suspect flushes recorder

LAKELAND — A man accused of being a methamphetamine trafficker allegedly confessed — and then flushed the detective's recorder down the toilet.

The Ledger reported Saturday that Polk County deputies said they found 30-year-old Patrick Townsend driving with 32.4 grams of meth in his boxers during a Wednesday traffic stop.

Deputies said Townsend confessed, saying he usually deals in kilograms. A detective allegedly recorded the confession but left the recorder sitting on a desk.

Townsend allegedly grabbed it, hid it in his armpit and asked to use the bathroom, where he flushed it.

When the detective looked for recorder, Townsend allegedly mocked him by saying, "Tighten up on your job, homie."

Townsend was jailed without bail Saturday, charged with meth trafficking and destroying evidence.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Singer aids Dominican orphanage

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic

Singer Marc Anthony is coming to the aid of an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

A foundation run by Anthony with music and sports producer Henry Cardenas plans to build a new residence hall, classrooms and a baseball field for the Children of Christ orphanage in the eastern city of La Romana. Anthony attended the groundbreaking ceremony Friday with his model girlfriend Shannon de Lima.

Children of Christ Foundation Director Sonia Hane said Anthony visited the orphanage previously and decided to help. His Maestro Cares Foundation raised \$200,000 for the expansion on land donated by a sugar company. The orphanage was founded in 1996 for children who were abused or abandoned or whose parents were unable to care for them.

Halle Berry's ex arrested after fight at her house

LOS ANGELES — Halle Berry's ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubrey was arrested for investigation of battery Thursday after he and the Oscar-winning actress's current boyfriend got into a fight at her Hollywood Hills home, police said.

Aubrey, 37, was booked for investigation of a battery, a misdemeanor, and released on \$20,000 bail, according to online jail records. He's scheduled to appear in court Dec. 13.

Aubrey came to Berry's house Thanksgiving morning and police responded to a report of an assault, said Los Angeles Police Officer Julie Boyer. Aubrey was injured in the altercation and was taken to a hospital where he was treated and released.

Emails sent to Berry's publicist, Meredith O'Sullivan, and Aubrey's



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singer Marc Anthony poses with children from the Children of Christ orphanage in La Romana, Dominican Republic, on Friday. The foundation, run by Anthony with music and sports producer Henry Cardenas, plans to build a new residence hall, classrooms and a baseball field for the orphanage, founded in 1996.

family law attorney, Gary Fishbein, were not immediately returned.

Berry and Aubrey have been involved in a custody dispute involving their 4-year-old daughter, Nahla. The proceedings were sealed because the former couple are not married. Both appeared in the case as recently as Nov. 9, but neither side commented on the outcome of the hearing.

Berry has been dating French actor Olivier Martinez, and he said earlier this year that they are engaged.

Tom Hanks, Will Ferrell offer custom recordings

NEW YORK — Imagine having William Shatner supply your outgoing voicemail message. Or maybe you'd prefer Morgan Freeman coolly telling callers to wait for the beep. Or perhaps having Betty White joke around in more your speed.

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The advocacy group Autism Speaks is offering custom-recorded messages from those celebrities as

well as Will Ferrell, Carrie Fisher, Tom Hanks, Derek Jeter, Leonard Nimoy, Patrick Stewart and Ed Asner.

From Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, a limited number of 20-second long MP3 messages will be recorded by each celebrity on a first-come, first-served basis for fans to do with as they wish. All requests must be of the PG variety.

London sale features Elvis Presley's Rolex

LONDON — A watch which was one of Elvis Presley's last Christmas presents and a corset worn by Madonna on her 1990 "Blond Ambition" tour will be featured at a London auction.

The watch, estimated to sell for 6,000 pounds (\$9,500) or more, is a diamond-set Rolex given to Presley by his longtime manager, Tom Parker. It is engraved, "Elvis merry Christmas your pal Col. Tom Parker." It was the last Christmas for Presley, who died the following year.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Actress Noel Neill is 92.
- Playwright Murray Schisgal is 86.
- Actress Kathryn Crosby is 79.
- Actor Christopher Riordan is 75.
- Singer Percy Sledge is 72.
- Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs is 72.
- Author, actor and economist Ben Stein is 68.
- Singer Bob Lind is 68.
- Actor John Larroquette is 65.
- Actor Tracey Walter is 65.
- Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 65.
- Author Charla Harris is 61.

Daily Scripture

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

— Colossians 2:6-7

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WAITING: Hours in line for local residents hunting bargains on Black Friday

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DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

A Belk manager hands out gift cards to customers who had waited hours in line for the chance to win a prize. The prizes ranged from \$5 to \$1,000.



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Tina and Jason Williams, who won the \$1,000 door prize at Belk early Friday.

even singing an old tune from TV's "Hee-Haw" to pass the time.

Billy Shaw showed up at Belk on a dare from his grandchildren. They said he wouldn't. He did. Shaw was the first in line at 7 p.m., he said. The store opened its doors at midnight.

The 75-year-old had been to just one Black Friday before. A couple years ago he fought through the crowds, "hunting for GPS's."

He said his grandchildren had been calling him all day, making sure he was all right.

The people behind Shaw were wrapped in blankets, and said their coffee, once warm, had long since grown cold. The low temperature Thursday night was

39 degrees.

The line at Belk started early, most with hopes of getting the \$1,000 gift card promised to one of the first 260 people who went through the doors.

Wendy Holton was the 260th person in line when store employees passed out pieces of paper that were exchanged for the gift cards when the doors opened. She said there was a woman in front of her, but she left about 15 minutes before the place-holder cards were distributed.

She said she went to Walmart first. Holton went alone this year after her family didn't want to help push through the crowds. She didn't mind. Holton laughs

and talks fast, and she has never had trouble making friends.

"You don't have to bring anybody, you just make your friends along the way," she said.

While at Walmart, Holton went to the sporting goods aisle and snagged a fold-up chair, then took her spot in line in the juice aisle for one of the 40-inch TVs. While in line, she said, she heard a woman singing an old song from Hee-Haw:

"Gloom, despair and agony on me. Deep dark depression, excessive misery. If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all. Gloom, despair and agony on me."

Soon there was a chorus. She said it was all in good fun.

She said she sat in line from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and got her TV, although she didn't win the \$1,000 prize at Belk.

Jason Williams, a lieutenant commander with the Navy Reserves, waited in line for about two hours, he said. When he scratched off his gift card, he didn't realize he had won. He handed it to his wife, Tina Williams, who promptly whispered, "Honey, you won."

From years of discipline or maybe just due to his reserved nature, Williams still didn't whoop and holler. He slowly slipped through the crowd and found the store manager. He said he didn't want to ruin anyone's excitement at the chance

for \$1,000.

Williams, 45, said he has been working at the Lake City Veterans Affairs Medical Center since he got back from Afghanistan in September 2011. He said most of the \$1,000 would be spent on gifts for his three girls.

The Williamses have daughters aged 20, 16 and 5. They weren't there.

Williams wasn't sure if he had to spend all of the \$1,000 that night.

"I hope not, cause my girls aren't here," he said. "They're going to get most of it, for sure."

For the record, Belk said they did not have to spend the money that night.

HAGMAN: Starred in 'I Dream of Jeannie,' 'Dallas'

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character was dead.

The actor, who returned as J.R. in a new edition of "Dallas" this year, had a long history of health problems and died Friday due to complications from his battle with cancer, his family said.

"Larry was back in his beloved hometown of Dallas, re-enacting the iconic role he loved the most. Larry's family and closest friends had joined him in Dallas for the Thanksgiving holiday," the family said in a statement that was provided to The Associated Press by Warner Bros., producer of the show.

The 81-year-old actor was surrounded by friends and family before he passed peacefully, "just as he'd wished for," the statement said.

Linda Gray, his on-screen wife and later ex-wife in the original series and the sequel, was among those with Hagman in his final moments in a Dallas hospital, said her publicist, Jeffrey Lane.

"He brought joy to everyone he knew. He was creative, generous, funny, loving and talented, and I will miss him enormously. He was an original and lived life to the fullest," the actress said.

Years before "Dallas," Hagman had gained TV fame on "I Dream of Jeannie," in which he played an astronaut whose life is disrupted when he

finds a comely genie, portrayed by Barbara Eden, and takes her home to live with him.

Eden recalled late Friday shooting the series' pilot "in the frigid cold" on a Malibu beach.

"From that day, for five more years, Larry was the center of so many fun, wild and sometimes crazy times. And in retrospect, memorable moments that will remain in my heart forever," Eden said.

Hagman also starred in two short-lived sitcoms, "The Good Life" (NBC, 1971-72) and "Here We Go Again" (ABC, 1973). His film work included well-regarded performances in "The Group," "Harry and Tonto" and "Primary Colors."

But it was Hagman's masterful portrayal of J.R. that brought him the most fame. And the "Who shot J.R.?" story twist fueled international speculation and millions of dollars in betting-parlor wagers.

It also helped give the series a place in ratings history.

When the answer was revealed in a November 1980 episode, an average 41 million U.S. viewers tuned in to make "Dallas" one of the most-watched entertainment shows of all time, trailing only the "MASH" finale in 1983 with 50 million viewers.

It was J.R.'s sister-in-law, Kristin (Mary Crosby) who

plugged him — he had made her pregnant, then threatened to frame her as a prostitute unless she left town — but others had equal motivation.

Hagman played Ewing as a bottomless well of corruption with a charming grin: a business cheat and a faithless husband who tried to get his alcoholic wife, Sue Ellen (Gray), institutionalized.

"I know what I want on J.R.'s tombstone," Hagman said in 1988. "It should say: 'Here lies upright citizen J.R. Ewing. This is the only deal he ever lost.'"

On Friday night, Victoria Principal, who co-starred in the original series, recalled Hagman as "bigger than life, on-screen and off. He is unforgettable, and irreplaceable, to millions of fans around the world, and in the hearts of each of us, who was lucky enough to know and love him."

Ten episodes of the new edition of "Dallas" aired this past summer and proved a hit for TNT. Filming was in progress on the sixth episode of season two, which is set to begin airing Jan. 28, the network said.

There was no immediate comment from Warner or TNT on how the series would deal with Hagman's loss.

In 2006, he did a guest shot on FX's drama series "Nip/Tuck," playing a macho business mogul. He also got new exposure

in recent years with the DVD releases of "I Dream of Jeannie" and "Dallas."

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said Saturday morning in a statement that Hagman's role as J.R. helped the city gain "worldwide recognition."

"Larry is a North Texas jewel that was larger than life and he will be missed by many in Dallas and around the world," Rawlings said.

The Fort Worth, Texas, native was the son of singer-actress Mary Martin, who starred in such classics as "South Pacific" and "Peter Pan." Martin was still in her teens when he was born in 1931 during her marriage to attorney Ben Hagman.

As a youngster, Hagman gained a reputation for mischief-making as he was bumped from one private school to another. He made a stab at New York theater in the early 1950s, then served in the Air Force from 1952-56 in England.

While there, he met and married young Swedish designer Maj Axelsson. The couple had two children, Preston and Heidi, and were longtime residents of the Malibu area.

Explosion rocks homes

From staff reports

Preliminary reports identified a bonfire as the likely source of an explosion that rocked homes in southeastern Columbia County Saturday night.

According to police radio traffic, about 10 resi-

dents called 911 to say an explosion had shaken their homes at about 7:15 p.m.

The fire was near 1867 Peacock Road. The cause of the explosion was not immediately known. There were no initial reports of damage.

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Farm-City Week



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President of the Farm Bureau Charlie Crawford and President of the Kiwanis Club Dan Devers take a picture to pose for a picture at the Farm-City Week Luncheon on Tuesday. Farm-City Week aims to bring awareness of the codependency that exists between the urban and agricultural communities.

Happy Birthday!

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OPINION

In the spirit of the season

We do things a little differently here in Columbia County, and more often than not that's a good thing.

Take Black Friday, for instance.

As reported in the national press, folks elsewhere were running one another down in parking lots and trading punches — or at least sharpened elbows — to get a jump on fellow shoppers for megabargains.

Not so much here. While waiting in line at Walmart, they were singing the old Hee-Haw standard, "Gloom, Despair and Agony on Me."

All in fun, of course. That's not to say it was all sweetness and light Thursday night, or that tempers won't at some point fray as Christmas nears and the holiday stress rises.

We're only human, after all. Still, Thursday night's display was a nice reminder of where we live and the kind of folks we're glad to call our neighbors.

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1881, Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli at Sotto il Monte, Italy.

In 1908, the first issue of The Christian Science Monitor was published.

In 1940, the cartoon character Woody Woodpecker made his debut in the animated short "Knock Knock."

In 1952, the play "The Mousetrap," a murder mystery by Agatha Christie, first opened in London's West End; it would go on to become the longest continuously running show in history.

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Morsi takes on Mubarak powers

Cairo's Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the protests that ousted Egypt's longtime dictator Hosni Mubarak, is again filled with angry demonstrators fearful that their first democratically elected leader, Mohammed Morsi, is himself intent on becoming a dictator.

Morsi feels, with some justification, that a judiciary still heavily stocked with Mubarak loyalists is out to thwart his political agenda, which seems to consist largely of allowing his allies in the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood to write the constitution and laws that will determine Egypt's future.

Morsi's critics say he has concentrated on these inter-necine political battles to the exclusion of dealing with Egypt's serious long-term economic problems.

At the end of the week, Morsi granted himself the legal protections typical of a dictatorship: He made himself and his decrees immune from judicial oversight and gave himself broad and ill-defined authority to crack down on any "threats to the revolution."

Maybe Morsi didn't intend it that way, but this is a standard template of legislation that allows dictators to lock up their opponents indefinitely and, mind you, there is no judicial review.

The courts had earlier blocked a constitutional panel and dissolved the lower house of parliament as unrepresentative. Morsi extended judicial immunity to the new panel drafting a constitution and to the upper house, dominated by Morsi's own Islamist Muslim Brotherhood party.

That prompted the resignation of one of his top aides and a denunciation by Mohammed ElBaradei, a former top U.N. official and Morsi ally, that the Egyptian president was intent on making himself "a new pharaoh."

Morsi's performance in office is of more than academic interest to the United States. Egypt is one of the largest recipients of U.S. aid and was instrumental in brokering a ceasefire, however fragile, between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

The ceasefire has been a ray of sunshine in a situation that is threatening to turn dark and bloody. The fact is we need a motivated Morsi in the Mideast.

But his unpopular decrees provoked the largest demonstrations since those against Mubarak. Protestor also fanned out to burn several Muslim Brotherhood facilities and attacked Brotherhood members leaving Friday prayers.

Most discouragingly, Morsi trotted out the old Mubarak justification that these dictatorial powers were necessary to guide Egypt to a new democratic future — a future that somehow never seemed to come until mass rioting brought it about.

Average Egyptians can be excused for suspecting that they may have exchanged one dictatorship for another.

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

Thanks to Dennis Roberts, premier education booster

Dennis Roberts, our retiring public defender, has received just about every accolade in the book and he deserves every one of them.

One of Dennis's most profound contributions to our community has been a singularly great contribution to our school system. He once led a fund raising project that netted \$10,000 for our schools to buy more reading books.

About 10 years ago, our schools were trying to build up our highly successful Accelerated Reader (AR) program, a program that had proved incredibly successful from the outset.

AR books excited the kids and most of them read dozens and dozens of the books. School-wide the numbers sometimes ran into the thousands.

The wildfire success of AR created a situation where students were running out of AR books to read and many more new books were needed to keep up with the pace of the avid young readers. This was a special problem for our schools because the county school's budget was very tight.

So, one of our industrious employees wrote a successful grant application for \$20,000 to buy more AR books. However, this money was contingent on our raising a matching \$20,000 cash.

We were able to raise \$10,000 through private donations but then we hit a stone wall and donations ground to a stop with \$10,000 still to go.

So, we called Dennis, knowing his reputation for supporting our schools, to see if he had any ideas. He said he thought he could raise the needed \$10,000



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by asking the local legal community to step in and help.

Then, Dennis personally solicited and got donations from every attorney and judge in our community and raised the needed \$10,000. Thus, combining the \$20,000 grant money and the \$20,000 in private money, we were able to buy nearly \$40,000 of new AR books.

A jubilant group of AR teachers met the judges and lawyers in the School Board Complex to profusely thank them.

Later our school board met in official session to thank Dennis for leading the successful drive and presented him a resolution and plaque for his exemplary service.

Fast forwarding to the present, you can be sure there are young adults in our community right now whose lives were enriched by reading AR books that Dennis Roberts' sterling leadership helped to buy those years ago.

Thank you, Dennis Roberts, for your major support of our community and our school system over the years. Now, feel free to take a step back and catch your breath. Happy retirement!

Edgar Watson revisited

Lots of readers called to react

to my column "Who Killed Belle Starr?" and the possibility the killer was Edgar J. Watson, an allegedly notorious criminal from Fort White.

Loye Barnard of Fort White especially had lots of information and actually knows the location of the Watson farm.

She also told me of nationally recognized writer Peter Matthiessen, who had spent years researching Edgar Watson's life and writing three books.

■ "Killing Mr. Watson": A first-person account of Watson's rise to power and his eventual death at the hands of his neighbors.

■ "Lost Man's River": Watson's youngest son tries to reconstruct his father's life to see if he was really a murderer and an outlaw.

■ "Bone by Bone": Watson tells his own story of his childhood in South Carolina and forward to the time of his violent death.

(NOTE: Book summaries from Google.)

Then Dr. Matthiessen edited the three books into one book, "Shadow Country"

If you decide to read "Shadow Country," bring your lunch. It's 890 pages long.

Talking turkey

Did you hear about the man who crossed a turkey with a centipede? On Thanksgiving Day, everybody got a drumstick. ... Also, Thanksgiving Day for turkeys is the day AFTER Thanksgiving—they're thankful they survived another year!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to young performers

To the Editor:

If you missed the young people's production of "Into the Woods, Jr.," you missed a real treat.

I never cease to be amazed at how these students, who all have to keep up with their school work, can learn all the lines of a lengthy play and even sing the songs so beautifully.

Congratulations to all of you students for a really great production, and also to your new director, Tara Hollingsworth.

Mary Beaty
Lake City

The election: another point of view

To the Editor:

I read the letter to the

editor "America No More," which said: "The takers outvoted the producers. If you voted for Barack Obama for president on Nov. 6, 2012, you did it for free stuff. There is no other possible reason."

Chuckle. I have been working since I was 4 years old (52 years). "Free stuff?" What free stuff?

I believe that narrow-minded belief is one of the many reasons why Mitt Romney lost by 126 electoral votes and by 3,369,383 popular votes. 62,306,898 votes speak volumes about your argument.

Yes, I believe we took America back from the big corporations and special interests that tried to buy the presidency. "One donor" contributed \$53 million to Mitt Romney's campaign. I know that contributor and other big-money wasters felt awful around 11:15 p.m.

Tuesday night, Nov. 6, 2012, when they heard the news "President Barack Obama has been re-elected president of the United States of America."

I am delighted to know that the one person, one vote system can veto big money and special interest. I do not have a problem [with] my tax dollars going to a person or family in need rather than big oil and people that deposit their money in Cayman Island and Swiss banks and only pay below minimum income taxes on billions. I would rather support a struggling family than someone who owns a yacht or two.

Yes, I voted for the best qualified man for the job, and so did 62,306,897 other "eligible" voters. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Dwight Pollock
Lake City

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0427 or by email at jbarr@lakecityreporter.com.

Nov. 27

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. 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.

Senior theater

The GeriActors Theater will present three One-act plays from 6:60 to 8 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court in Lake City. The plays are "A Collie for Christmas;" "Where Is Misha;" and the Louisiana version of "The Night Before Christmas." Light refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

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 Booser will be the speaker. Call (386) 755-0110 for more information.

Community theater

High Springs Community Theater will present the comedy "Christmas Belles," tonight through Dec.16. A preview performance is open to the public on at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at The Framery of Lake City (386) 754-2780, Pampered Paws in High Springs (386) 454-4464 or online at highspringscommunitytheater.com.

Nov. 30

Hospital garage sale

The auxiliary at Shands Lakeshore Hospital will



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Three Martinez sisters — (from left) Nevia, 9; Willow, 15; and Ember, 11 — sing 'I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas' at the Festival of Lights at Olustee Park in downtown Lake City Saturday in front of a crowd of about 20 people.

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. 1

Breakfast with chief

Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore will have her quarterly community meeting, Breakfast With The Chief, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. The event is an opportunity for community members to discuss issues and concerns with Gilmore. A complimentary breakfast will be available. For more information, contact Audre Washington, police department community relations coordinator, at (386) 719-5742.

Farm day event

Suwanee Valley Alpacas will have a Farm Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday. Spend the day learning about alpacas. Pet an alpaca. Learn to spin the fiber into yarn. A free Beanie Baby for each child. Air-brush art. Alpaca products available for sale for unique Christmas gifts. The farm is at 524 NW Sleepy Court in White Springs. For more information, call (386) 397-2678 or (386) 965-1800.

Civil War program

Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach, will host a Union Garrison event today and Sunday. The program will allow visitors to interact with living historians to experience life in the fort as it was in 1864. Soldiers in period costumes will conduct firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities. Ladies in period dresses will be preparing Christmas tree and decorate the mantles for the holiday season. Sutlers will display their wares, and drummer boys will project the sounds of the Civil War era. Activities will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday. For additional information, contact the park at (904) 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

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.

Builders association

Columbia County Builders Association will hold a General Council lunch at Guang Dong restaurant in the Lake City Mall. The sponsor is the Foundation Professionals Inc. of Florida. The speaker will be Sgt. David Greene from Crime Prevention Division of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. The winning ticket for our raffle will be drawn, with a prize of either a \$500 golf gift certificate for County Club of Lake City Pro Shop, a 20-gauge shotgun or an iPad from Verizon. We will also have the 50-50 HammerClaw drawing for a jackpot of \$275. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling (386) 867-1998. Tickets are \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Arrive about 11:30 to enjoy the buffet. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon.

Newcomers luncheon

The Newcomers Friendship Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. at Hannah's, 4196 W US 90 in the Premier Plaza. For those who want to participate, there will be an exchange of wrapped gifts, with a \$10 value limit. For more information, contact Barbara Test at 754-7272 or Rose Taylor at 755-2175.

Dec. 6

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.

Dec. 8

Breakfast with Santa

Come join us at Holiday Inn & Suites for breakfast with Santa from 8 to 11 a.m. The event will include a breakfast buffet with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice, cof-

(386) 754-1411.

Canned food giveaway

North Side Church of Christ, 378 NW Gibson Lane, will have a canned food giveaway from 8 a.m. to noon. Anyone in need is welcome. For more information, contact the church office at 755-0393, by email secretarynscofc@gmail.com or visit the church website, Thenorthsidecoc.org.

Dec. 9

Holiday cantata

Covenant First Presbyterian Church (formerly First Presbyterian) of Live Oak will present the Christmas cantata, "God with Us Emmanuel,"

by Phillip Young on at 6:00 p.m. Bill Poplin will be directing. The church is off U.S. 90 on White Avenue in Live Oak. For more information, contact Bill Poplin at 365-4932.

Dec. 11

Medicare seminar

Lifestyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free Medicare seminar from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates. Subjects to be covered include: what you need to know about Medicare, when to enroll, what's covered and when a supplement is needed. Call 755-3475 ext. 107 to reserve a seat.

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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.

AUDREY E SIKES, MMC
City Clerk

OBITUARIES

Bennard Coy Pearce

Bennard Coy Pearce, 75, a resident of Lulu, Florida passed away Thursday November 22, 2012 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center following an extended illness. Mr. Pearce was born in Lulu, Florida and was a lifelong resident of Lulu. He is the son of the late Lafayette and Lester Agnes Cox Pearce. He attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was employed by the Department of Transportation as a truck

driver for twenty-five years. Survivors include two sisters: Jeanette (Randy) Guntner, Lulu, FL and Juanita Young, Okeechobee, FL. Numerous Nieces and Nephews also survive. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday November 27, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel of Dees-Parrish Funeral Home with Bro. David Morse and Bishop Jeff Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in the New Zion Cemetery in Union County, Florida. The family will receive friends Tuesday Novem-

ber 27, 2012 for ONE hour prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 752-1234 Please share your thoughts and wishes for the family at our on-line family guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.

THE WEATHER

25 SUNDAY SUNNY HI 67 LO 31	26 MONDAY MOSTLY SUNNY HI 73 LO 46	27 TUESDAY ISOLATED SHOWERS HI 75 LO 48	28 WEDNESDAY CLEARING HI 72 LO 43	29 THURSDAY MOSTLY SUNNY HI 71 LO 43
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, November 25
Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	73/61/pc	77/62/pc
Daytona Beach	73/55/s	76/59/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	79/70/pc	81/68/pc
Fort Myers	79/62/s	82/61/pc
Gainesville	73/47/s	76/50/pc
Jacksonville	70/51/s	73/54/pc
Key West	78/70/pc	79/71/pc
Lake City	73/46/s	75/48/pc
Miami	79/69/pc	82/68/pc
Naples	79/62/s	80/63/pc
Ocala	74/50/s	77/53/pc
Orlando	76/56/s	80/60/pc
Panama City	70/56/s	71/55/sh
Pensacola	69/57/pc	73/51/t
Tallahassee	72/46/s	73/48/r
Tampa	76/60/s	79/63/pc
Valdosta	70/43/s	72/47/r
W. Palm Beach	78/67/pc	82/64/pc

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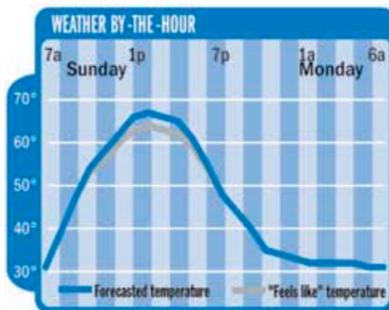
TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	69
Low Saturday	50
Normal high	72
Normal low	49
Record high	86 in 1948
Record low	25 in 1925

PRECIPITATION	
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.05"
Year total	49.31"
Normal month-to-date	1.64"
Normal year-to-date	44.51"

UV INDEX
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MODERATE: 30 minutes to burn
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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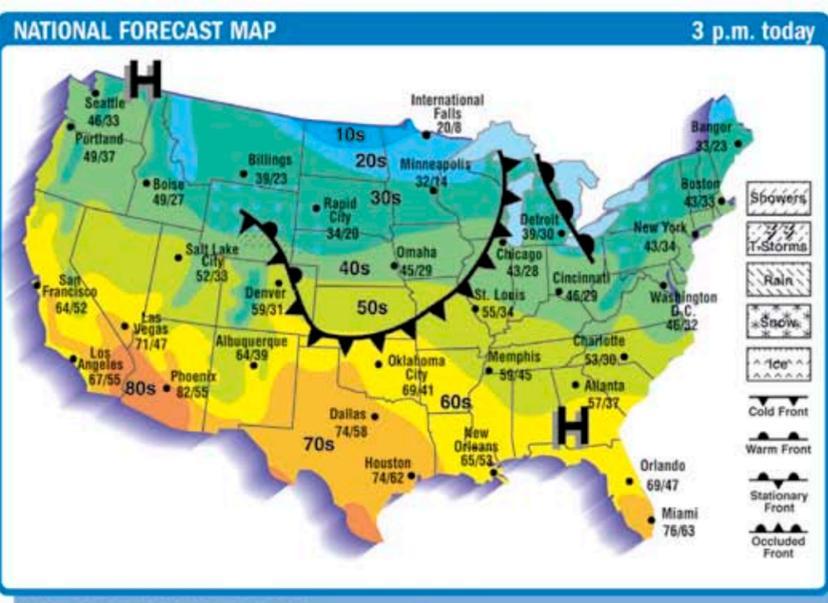


WEATHER HISTORY
On this date in 1988, strong to severe thunderstorms moved parts of Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas. Softball sized hail was reported in Alba, Texas, with 80 mph wind gusts through Krum, Texas.

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NATIONAL FORECAST: Snow showers will accompany a weak storm system crossing the Great Lakes today. Expect light snow and perhaps some lower elevation rain over the northern Rockies, as well. Dry weather is in store for the remainder of the nation. Temperatures will be a bit colder than normal in the northern tier of states, but mild conditions are in store for the south.



YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 87°, Ramona, Calif. Low: -7°, Int'l Falls, Minn.

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	43/32/0	38/28/pc	Des Moines	33/18/0	44/29/pc	Omaha	39/18/0	45/29/c
Albuquerque	51/30/0	64/39/s	Detroit	34/32/0	39/30/sn	Orlando	72/44/0	69/47/s
Anchorage	15/5/0	20/12/s	El Paso	58/36/0	73/48/s	Philadelphia	49/39/0	44/33/pc
Atlanta	50/37/0	57/37/s	Fairbanks	-13/-21/0	-10/-27/s	Phoenix	80/62/0	82/55/s
Baltimore	44/38/0	45/30/pc	Greensboro	48/35/0	50/32/s	Pittsburgh	32/28/03	41/27/sf
Billings	54/47/0	39/23/c	Hartford	49/40/02	42/29/pc	Portland ME	47/44/0	37/23/pc
Birmingham	49/34/0	58/36/s	Honolulu	77/66/0	82/71/pc	Portland OR	52/46/22	49/37/pc
Bismarck	34/20/0	28/11/pc	Houston	62/45/0	74/62/pc	Raleigh	52/40/0	49/31/s
Boise	40/34/0	49/27/pc	Indianapolis	31/25/0	45/30/c	Rapid City	60/22/0	34/20/sn
Boston	48/41/0	43/33/pc	Jackson MS	52/34/0	63/46/s	Reno	47/27/0	58/29/pc
Buffalo	37/31/0	36/32/sn	Jacksonville	65/48/0	64/37/s	Richmond	52/37/0	49/30/s
Charleston SC	62/44/0	60/38/s	Kansas City	42/18/0	55/31/s	Sacramento	58/39/0	65/45/pc
Charleston WV	33/30/0	48/29/pc	Las Vegas	65/47/0	71/47/s	St. Louis	34/24/0	55/34/s
Charlotte	55/37/0	53/30/s	Little Rock	46/30/0	61/43/s	Salt Lake City	47/27/0	52/33/pc
Cheyenne	57/44/0	53/24/pc	Los Angeles	70/52/0	67/55/s	San Antonio	62/51/0	74/59/s
Chicago	31/26/0	43/28/pc	Memphis	45/32/0	59/45/s	San Diego	68/51/0	66/54/s
Cincinnati	35/31/0	46/29/pc	Miami	75/58/0	76/63/s	San Francisco	59/51/0	65/51/pc
Cleveland	33/31/01	39/30/sn	Minneapolis	22/11/0	32/14/pc	Seattle	47/41/0	46/33/pc
Columbia SC	61/38/0	57/32/s	Mobile	59/43/0	63/46/s	Spokane	43/37/01	40/26/pc
Dallas	56/37/0	74/58/s	New Orleans	61/50/0	65/53/s	Tampa	73/53/0	69/51/s
Daytona Beach	68/48/0	67/44/s	New York	50/39/0	43/34/pc	Tucson	78/62/0	82/49/s
Denver	58/30/0	59/31/s	Oklahoma City	56/25/0	69/41/s	Washington	47/38/0	46/32/pc

INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	90/77/0	85/73/pc	La Paz	63/37/0	54/37/sh	Rio	88/75/0	80/71/t
Amsterdam	46/32/0	51/40/sh	Lima	73/64/0	73/64/pc	Rome	64/46/0	59/49/pc
Athens	59/53/0	62/50/pc	London	50/36/03	51/43/sh	St. Thomas VI	86/77/0	85/77/t
Auckland	66/55/0	67/52/pc	Madrid	59/45/0	60/47/c	San Juan PR	85/75/03	85/77/t
Beijing	45/19/0	45/17/pc	Mexico City	64/48/0	69/46/pc	Santiago	82/48/0	78/59/pc
Berlin	46/41/0	52/40/c	Montreal	45/34/14	31/26/pc	Seoul	43/25/0	43/31/sh
Buenos Aires	75/46/0	72/60/pc	Moscow	28/25/0	30/27/pc	Singapore	88/77/15	86/78/sh
Cairo	73/59/0	72/56/pc	Nairobi	81/55/0	76/59/t	Sydney	79/63/0	87/65/pc
Geneva	50/39/0	52/48/sh	Nassau	79/72/0	73/66/sh	Tel Aviv	72/61/31	69/57/sh
Havana	77/52/0	79/60/pc	New Delhi	79/54/0	73/51/s	Tokyo	54/48/0	53/46/sh
Helsinki	45/37/0	39/36/rs	Oslo	41/30/07	35/31/sf	Toronto	36/30/0	33/28/sf
Hong Kong	72/61/01	81/74/sh	Panama	82/75/0	87/76/t	Vienna	46/43/0	47/38/c
Kingston	84/75/0	85/78/pc	Paris	54/45/0	50/43/pc	Warsaw	48/41/0	45/40/c

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy, dr=driizzle, f=fair, fg=fog, h=hazy, i=ice, pc=partly cloudy, r=rain, s=sunny, sh=showers, sn=snow, ts=thunderstorms, w=windy.

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Members of the Columbia High football team run out onto the field to play against St. Augustine High before the Tigers' 34-8 victory on Friday.

Defense pitches another shutout in playoff win

By BRANDON FINLEY

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Columbia High's defense continues to shine as the backbone of the Tigers and it showed again during the 34-8 win against St. Augustine High in the Class 6A regional semifinal in Lake City on Friday.

While the Yellow Jackets picked up eight points in the contest, it wasn't the defense allowing the

points. St. Augustine scored when Marcus Victory picked up a fumble and returned it 87 yards for a score in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers' defense had already done enough damage to put the game away by that point.

With only a 6-0 lead at 1:21 remaining in the first half, the defense started to show its claws.

Roger Cray picked off a Sandon Mims pass and returned it 47 yards for a touchdown.

Three plays later, the Tigers had another interception when Trey Marshall picked off a Mims' pass and returned it 38 yards to set up another Tigers' score.

The defense helped Columbia put 15 points on the board in only a minute and four seconds.

But it wasn't just the interceptions to set up scores that showcased the defense on Friday.

Brett Newcomb had a sack on fourth down to stall a

St. Augustine drive and Drew Clark's sack on the Yellow Jackets' final play forced a fumble that was also picked up by Cray.

Columbia's defensive shutout marked the fifth time this season that the Tigers have kept an opposing offense off the scoreboard. The Tigers have kept opposing offenses out of the end zone in six games.

"The thing is even though we pitched a shutout, I can guarantee

you when we look at the film at 4:30 on Monday that it will sound like we lost the game," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "There's no laughing, no joking. We pay intense attention to detail and that's what has allowed us to continue to get better. We have to look at the small things so that we don't make the small mistakes two weeks in a row."

Right now, Columbia's not making many mistakes.

Kuykendall glad to be back when it matters

By BRANDON FINLEY

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Columbia High's Blake Kuykendall has had a senior season he'll never forget.

The senior was hurt during the spring and it looked like he wouldn't play football at all for the Tigers this season. On Tuesday, that all changed.

Kuykendall had been sidelined with a back injury all year, but he hasn't missed a practice or game. The only difference is the senior wasn't suiting up.

After visiting the doctor on Tuesday, Kuykendall found out that he finally received his clearance. On Friday, he ran out of the

tunnel for the first time with pads on and helped the Tigers' defense pitch its fifth shutout of the year in Columbia's 34-8 victory against St. Augustine High in the Class 6A regional semifinals in Lake City. St. Augustine's only score came after a Columbia fumble was returned for a touchdown.

"It felt great to be back out there instead of watching from the sidelines," Kuykendall said. "Until now, I had been out there watching my boys win."

Kuykendall felt that he played pretty good given that he hasn't been practicing for a full week yet.

"I felt good," he said. "I made a lot of mistakes but

that will come."

The biggest thing holding Kuykendall back at this point is his conditioning after missing an extended period of time.

"After Tuesday's practice, I was sore from head to toe," Kuykendall said. "Once I get out there more, I'll get back into shape."

Still, Kuykendall was in on a number of plays in his first game back and feels that he'll continue to improve an already impressive Tigers' defense.

"I think we're playing good," he said. "I know that I made some mistakes, but I'm out there running to the ball. There's no jogging."



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Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23) dodges an attempted tackle by St. Augustine High's Larry Woodard (16) on Friday.

CHS: Tigers sting Jackets, 34-8

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14-0 lead.

The Tigers defense forced its second interception in as many drives as Trey Marshall picked another Mims' pass and returned it 38 yards to the 25-yard line with 43 seconds remaining in the first half.

Columbia needed only four plays to take a 21-0 lead going into the half. Timmons capped off the drive with his second touchdown rush of the half. Brant Nelson added the extra point.

The Tigers continued to add to their lead during the second drive of the second half when Ronald Timmons broke the all-time Columbia single season rushing record. The senior has 1,539 yards on the year. This time, it was the special teams getting into the mix as the Tigers used a 45-yard punt from Marshall on a fake punt score in all three phases of the game.

St. Augustine capitalized on one of the few Columbia mistakes of the night when Marcus Victory jumped on a fumble and returned it

87-yards for a touchdown. Bobby Mitchell ran in a fake kick for a two-point conversion and cut the Columbia lead to 28-8.

The Tigers added to their lead and worked on the clock during their final drive of the night.

Columbia used 13 plays and 6:24 of the game clock to move 55 yards for the final score which came on a 10-yard run from Lonnie Underwood.

The drive included 12 runs and an 18-yard pass from Jayce Barber to Nate Ayers.

Columbia's defense nearly added a second score from Cray when Drew Clark sacked Mims forcing a fumble on St. Augustine's final drive. Cray returned it 55 yards to the end zone, but a block in the back negated the touchdown.

While Timmons carried the Tigers to victory with 209 rushing yards and two touchdowns, it will be buses carrying the Tigers to the panhandle next week when the Tigers take on Navarre High.

Columbia head coach

Brian Allen ended the game with a first for himself as a head coach.

"I've never given a game ball, but tonight No. 23 (Timmons) earned it," Allen said while speaking to the team after the game.

Columbia	0	21	6	7	—	34
St. Augustine	0	0	0	8	—	8

Second Quarter
CHS—Timmons 52 run (kick blocked), 10:03

CHS—Cray 47 yard interception return (Timmons 2-pt conversion) 1:21
CHS—Timmons 3 run (Nelson kick) 0:17

Third Quarter
CHS—Marshall 45 fake punt run (kick failed) 4:44

Fourth Quarter
SA—Victory 87 fumble return (Mitchell 2-pt conversion) 8:48
CHS—Underwood 10 run (Nelson kick) 2:22

	Columbia	St. Augustine
First downs	16	9
Rushes-yards	45-334	12-45
Passing	62	129
Comp-Att-Int	8-11-0	14-34-2
Penalties-Yards	4-35	12-80

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Columbia, Timmons 24-209, Underwood 12-67, Barber 4-0, Marshall 5-58, St. Augustine, Sands 6-33, Stewart 1-4, Mims 5-9.
PASSING—Columbia, Barber 8-11-62, 0, St. Augustine, Mims 14-34-129-2.
RECEIVING—Columbia, Ayers 2-16, Johnson 1-4, Weber 4-26, Pelham 1-3, St. Augustine, Williams 4-40, Nelms 4-27.



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Columbia High's Blake Kuykendall (20) assists in a tackle Friday.

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Section B

GAMES

Monday

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

■ Fort White High girls basketball at Union County High, 7:30 p.m. (girls-6)

Wednesday

■ 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. (JV-6)

Thursday

■ Fort White High girls basketball at Santa Fe High, 6 p.m.

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

■ Columbia High girls basketball at Atlantic Coast High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)

■ Columbia High boys basketball at Suwannee High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)

Friday

■ 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)

■ Fort White High girls basketball vs. North Florida Christian School, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High boys basketball at Melody Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High football at Navarre High in regional final, 7:30 p.m. (CST)

Saturday

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

■ Columbia High boys basketball at Union County High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)



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Columbia High captains Javontae Foster (left) and Morris Marshall expect the Tigers to be a high-energy team this season.

Columbia High hoops looks for 20-win season

Coach Horace Jefferson expects high-energy team.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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After 19 wins last season, Columbia High has its eyes set on a 20-win campaign in year three of head coach Horace Jefferson's tenure with the Tigers' basketball team.

"Our goal is to do better than we did last year by whatever means it takes," Jefferson said. "We want to play longer than we did

last year."

Columbia was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs after losing to Ridgeview High, but the Tigers have their eyes set on hosting a playoff game this year.

The way the Tigers plan on achieving their goal is by changing up their tempo. Columbia will play a faster-paced brand of basketball this season.

"I think the community wants to see us run the ball and I do too," Jefferson said. "Last year, I didn't

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Three to go



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23) breaks through St. Augustine High defenders during the Tigers' 34-8 Class 3A regional semifinal win on Friday.

Tigers take sting out of Jackets, 34-8

By BRANDON FINLEY
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St. Augustine came into Lake City looking to improve on its undefeated record against Columbia High in the Class 6A regional semifinal on Friday.

The Yellow Jackets are undefeated no more as that Tigers took the sting out of the Jackets in a 34-8 win to advance to the regional final

at Navarre High on Friday.

Both teams struggled to find much offense in the first quarter as Columbia and St. Augustine combined for three first downs in the opening period.

The Tigers began to sustain an offense with 1:37 remaining in the first quarter and put together an eight-play, 77-yard drive that ended with 10:03 remaining in the second quarter when Ronald Timmons

busted free from 52-yards out for a score. The extra point was blocked to leave Columbia with a 6-0 lead.

St. Augustine moved the ball into Columbia territory on the following drive, but the Yellow Jackets faced a fourth-and-6 situation at the 41-yard line. The Tigers' Brett Newcomb came up with a sack of Sandon Mims and St. Augustine would turn the ball over on downs. The Tigers responded with 10

plays, but were forced to attempt a 26-yard field goal. Brayden Thomas' attempt was no good.

Columbia's defense would get the Tigers on the board for the second time with an interception returned 47 yards for a touchdown from Roger Cray with 1:21 remaining in the first half. Timmons converted a two-point try to give Columbia a

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BRIEFS

CHS FOOTBALL

Charter bus for Navarre game

The Columbia County Quarterback Club is planning on taking a charter bus to Columbia High's playoff game at Navarre High. Cost for a seat on the bus will be confirmed Monday; estimate is \$36 with game ticket extra. Deadline to reserve a seat is Monday.

For details, call Joe Martino at 984-0452 or come to the Quarterback Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Jones Fieldhouse.

FORT WHITE FOOTBALL

Q-back Club meeting Monday

The Fort White Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the faculty lounge at the high school. Banquet plans and other year-end topics will be discussed.

For details, call club president Harold Bundy at 365-5731.

■ From staff reports

Chomped

Florida knocks off Florida St., 37-26, in Tallahassee.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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TALLAHASSEE — It was a game of momentum swings reminiscent of a heavyweight fight, but Florida's Mike Gillislee provided the most powerful punches to lead the Gators to the signature win of Will Muschamp's career, 37-26, over rival Florida State.

Gillislee provided the

Gators (11-1) with a consistent running game throughout the day and finished the day with 140 yards on 24 touches including two touchdown runs. Combined with five turnovers forced by the Florida defense, the Gators were able to come up with a double-digit win.

Florida's running game was effective throughout the day as the Gators racked up 244 yards on the ground, including another 81 yards from Matt Jones on eight carries.

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida's Mike Gillislee (23) runs in a nine-yard touchdown against Florida State on Saturday.

Tigers move one step closer



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Columbia High's Antonio Pelham (10) is dragged down while driving up the field against St. Augustine High on Friday.



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Columbia High's Roger Cray (9) trips up a St. Augustine High runner during the game on Friday.



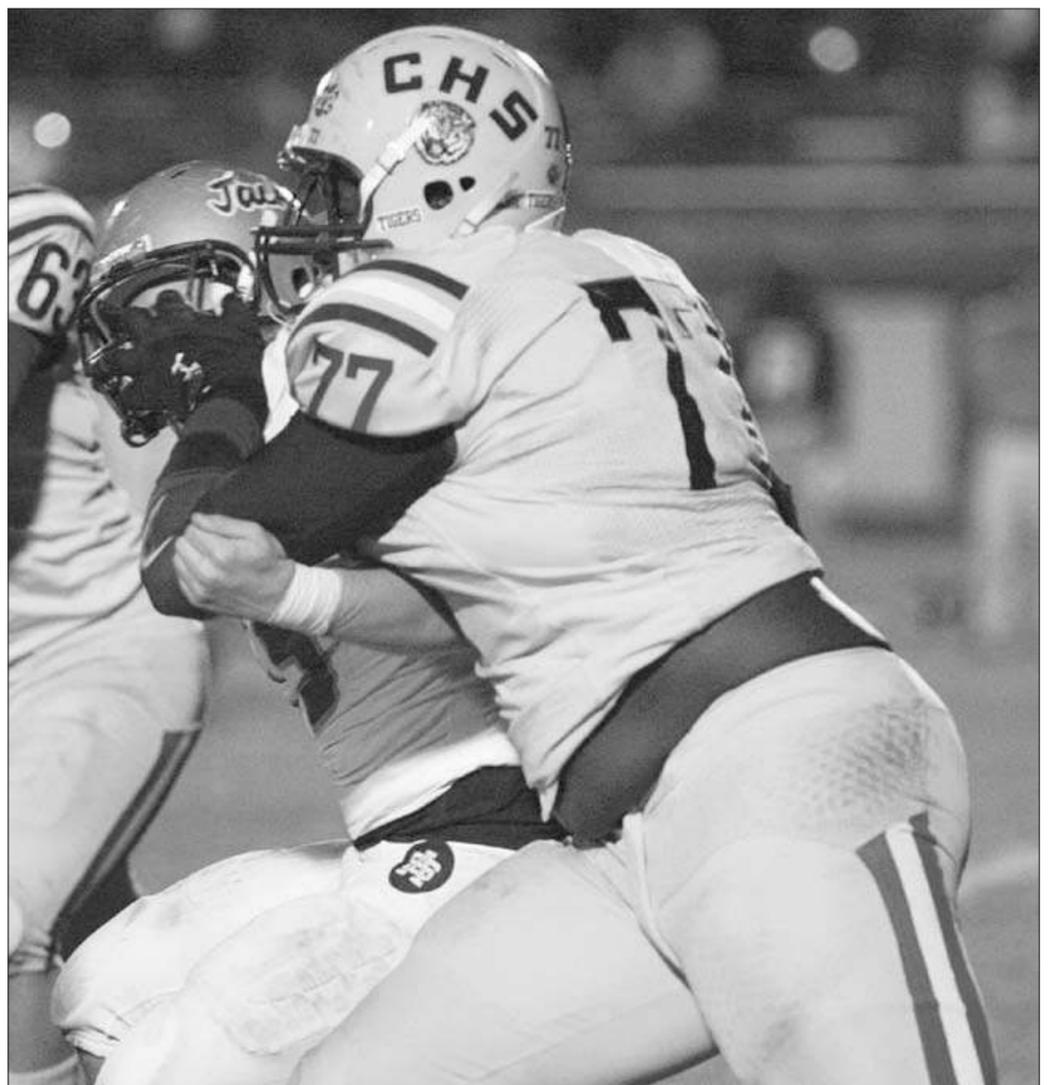
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Injured running back Braxton Stockton watches the game between Columbia High and St. Augustine High on Friday.



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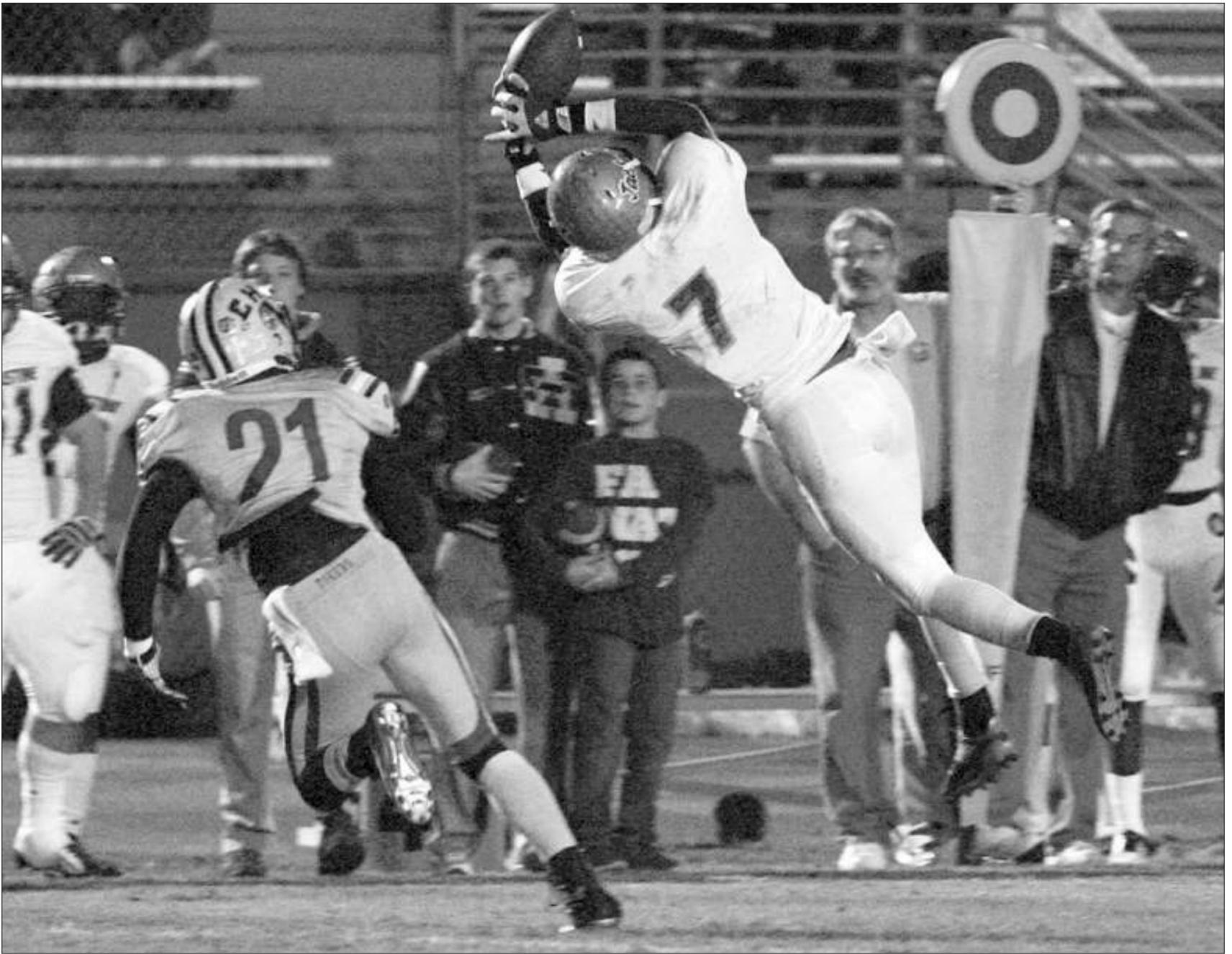
St. Augustine High's Weston Powers (22) attempts to stop Columbia High running back Ronald Timmons (23) as he runs in for a touchdown.



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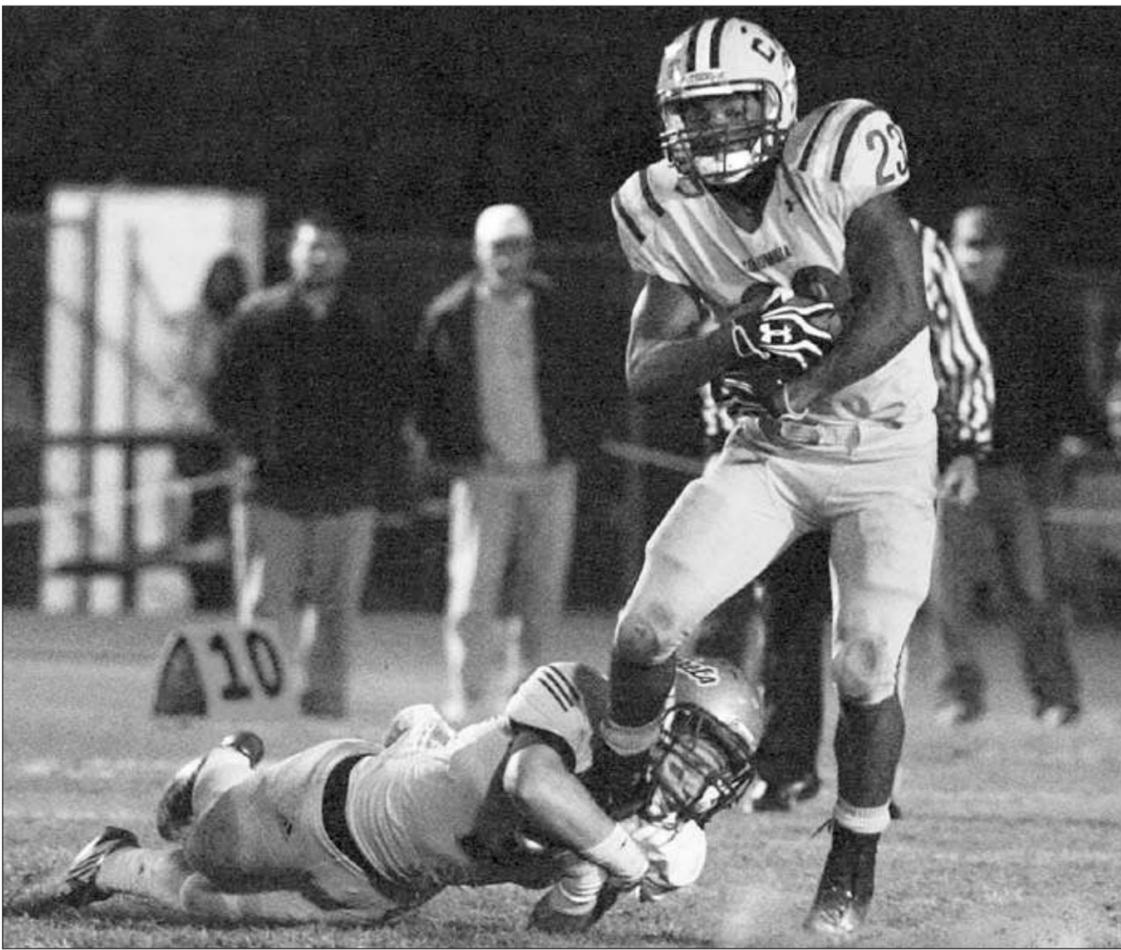
Columbia High's Laremy Tunsil (77) blocks a St. Augustine High defender in Friday's game.

CHS wins 34-8 against Jackets



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Columbia High's Trey Marshall (21) covers St. Augustine High's Bobby Mitchell (7) as he attempts to catch a pass during the Tigers' 34-8 win on Friday night. Marshall knocked the ball loose with his hit.



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St. Augustine High's J.P. Bennett (3) fails in his attempt to tackle Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23).



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood (24) powers down the field against St. Augustine High during the Tigers' 34-8 victory on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High head football head coach Brian Allen (right) shakes hands with St. Augustine High head coach Joey Wiles following the Tigers' 34-8 win on Friday.



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Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber (5) looks to escape a blitz by St. Augustine High's John Mills (55) on Friday.

Timmons sets Tigers rushing mark

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Columbia High has a new all-time leading rusher and his name is Ronald Timmons.

With 209 yards against St. Augustine High in the Tigers' 34-8 win in the Class 6A regional semifinal on Friday, Timmons edged into the history books.

"It feels really good," Timmons said. "I just come out and work hard and I wouldn't be where I'm at without my offensive line. Without them blocking, I wouldn't be able to get anything done."

Timmons has 180 carries for 1,539 yards this season and the running back isn't done yet as he will lead the Tigers into Navarre High for the Region 1 final on Friday in the Class 6A playoffs.

"We've got to continue to work hard," Timmons said. "We have to go out and have good practices and keep playing with confidence."

Timmons was more worried about next week than he was about setting records.

"We have to win games and move on," he said.

But his left tackle was sure to give Timmons his props.

"I'm proud of him,"



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Ronald Timmons (23) bypasses a tackler during the Tigers 34-8 win in a playoff game against St. Augustine High on Friday.

Laremy Tunsil said. "Like he said, he just grabs the ball and runs. It's a big compliment for us to have him break the rushing record."

Indeed it says a lot about Timmons and the line in front of him that along

with Tunsil includes Milla Chasteen, Thomas Holmes, John Sweat and Deonte Crumitie.

Tight end Shaq Johnson and fullback Darren Birch also make up part of Columbia's blocking

machine.

"It starts with Shaq," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "He's had a heck of a year blocking. Laremy looks like a NFL defensive tackle playing left tackle for us and he can run with any

linebacker. Darren gives us 45 to 50 snaps of smash mouth. Milla is a young guy that allows a lot of these runs to spit. Holmes is a throwback in that he leaves everything he has on the football field. Sweat may

not be the most physical specimen, but he's the guy that pulls for us every week. When Braxton Stockton went down he was crying like it was his eye and that's something you can't account for — how much this team cares about each other. Deonte Crumitie plays with a fire under him and he's a tremendous player."

But the coach saved his biggest compliments for his running back that led the Tigers to over 3,000 yards on the ground this season.

"He's had a special season," Allen said. "He's bought into everything that we asked of him which is to work hard and go to school and he has the confidence of this coaching staff. When I came in, it gave a lot of these kids a clean slate. He's out there working the hardest for an opportunity to play. Last year, he not only made the offense better, but he made the defense better as well because he's out there running scout team for us ever day."

"He's blessed with speed that runs in this family, but he's also committed himself in the weight room. Coach (Mitch) Shoup has done a phenomenal job and it all starts with him in putting Timmons in position to have such a phenomenal year. I'm extremely proud of them."



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Florida's Jordan Reed (11) is wrapped up by FSU's Terrence Brooks (31) while driving down the field Saturday.

GATORS: Move to 11-1

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Florida led 13-3 at the half after controlling the clock to the tune of a 21:58-8:02 edge, but the Seminoles (10-2) came out firing in the second half.

Kenny Shaw had a 26-yard punt return to set up the Seminoles at the Gators' 25-yard line. Four plays later, the Seminoles cut the Gators' lead to three points after EJ Manuel hit Nick O'Leary for a six-yard score.

Bjoern Werner recovered a Jeff Driskel fumble on the Gators' first offensive play of the next series and Manuel put the Seminoles up 17-13 with a one-yard run on a bootleg pass play.

The Seminoles would close out the quarter with a 53-yard field goal to go up 20-13, but the Gators caught fire again in the fourth quarter.

After Caleb Sturgis added another field goal from 32 yards out, the Gators' Dominique Easley recovered a Manuel fumble that

was jarred loose by Antonio Morrison. Gillislee provided a 37-yard run on the first play and Florida took a 23-20 lead.

After a three-and-out by the Seminoles, Marcus Roberson returned a punt 50-yards and the Gators added to their lead with a Driskel pass to Quinton Dunbar from 14 yards out to go up 30-20.

Jones added a 32-yard touchdown run, and Manuel scored on the final play of the game.

"I know this is an important game to beat Florida State and get the state back to where it's supposed to be," Florida coach Will Muschamp said.

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- 27 Time to eat
- 29 Dolt
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TIGERS: Looking for district title

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know if my kids were ready to do that, but it's my job to teach them."

The players are excited about the new brand of basketball including captains Morris Marshall and Javontae Foster.

"It's both an advantage and disadvantage for me as a point guard (to play fast)," Foster said. "I think we will have a better mentality though. We're going to play fast and look to get to the goal."

Marshall said the biggest difference will be in philosophy.

"The difference between playing slow and fast is that on a slow team you have to perfect the fundamentals," Marshall said. "By playing fast, we just have to beat the team down the court."

But playing fast comes with a price. The Tigers must condition themselves to be in better shape than any team they go up against.

"We have to be in better condition to play up-tempo," Jefferson said. "They know what's at stake and we're running drills conducive to the up-tempo game. We're going to push teams at breakneck speed."

Jefferson said the team will rely on his 'Big 3' to make its run this season. The 'Big 3' includes Foster, Marshall and Tre Simmons.

"For us to be successful, we've got to have the 'Big 3' playing great," Jefferson said. "Marshall had a great summer. He's matured as a leader and become more vocal. Foster is a gym rat and thinks just like me. We tend to go a little faster when Tre has the ball in his hand and Javontae is capable of moving to the two guard, but when the game is on the line, Foster will have the ball in his hands as the director."

Jefferson said sophomore Andrew Momeka has been the Tigers' biggest surprise.

"He's been a real pleasant addition," Jefferson said. "I don't want to discredit anyone that's returning, but he's been the biggest surprise. He can block shots and defend the perimeter. The stronger he gets, the better he's going to be."

Abram Rossin was slated to be a starter, but went down with an ankle injury during the teams' preseason

and won't be ready to go to start the season.

Filling out the rest of the Tigers' starting five will be Wayne Broom and Kelvin Jonas.

"Wayne has been a pleasant surprise," Jefferson said. "He's a young kid, but he's a starter. Having two sophomores that can play is what you need to challenge for a district. Jonas allows us to play four guards at times and change it up. He'll allow us to do a lot of trapping and press."

To capture the district championship, the Tigers must dethrone Wolfson High.

"They're like us," Jefferson said. "Their returning class is not bad. It should be a good matchup, but I think we're the fastest team in the league. We're going to compete for district. We know how it feels to be in the hunt, but now we have to bring it home."

Columbia begins the season at Suwannee High at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

"Jimmy Taylor III is the most productive returning player in the area," Jefferson said. "But as good as Taylor is, I wouldn't take him over my guy Marshall."

JUMBLE

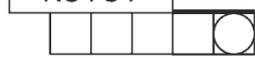
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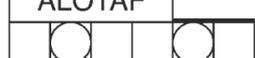


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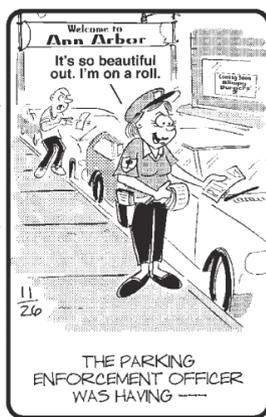
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Section C

GASOLINE PRICES



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Josh Boris, 23, pumps gas at the S&S on US 90 Friday afternoon. He said he spends about \$40 a week on gas and hopes that the price will drop more.

Less pain at the pump

Prices trending downward after year of wild swings

By Derek Gilliam
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Many drivers are giving more at the pump than a year ago but it's not as bad as it was. Prices in many parts of the country have fallen recently, and AAA says gas prices could end the year lower than where they started.

The national average Wednesday was \$3.43, down 44 cents from mid-September although still 8 cents higher than a year earlier. Gas started the year at \$3.28 a gallon. AAA says it should be between \$3.10 and \$3.30 when 2012 ends.

In Columbia County on Friday afternoon, the gas prices ranged from \$3.389 at the Stop N Go at US 41 and Guinevere Court to \$3.459 at the BP at SW Florida Gateway Avenue.

Joe Robinson, 62, put \$10 in his truck Friday morning at the S&S on US 90. He said although gas prices had decreased some, he wanted to see the price go down to \$3 a gallon again.

"I just hope it goes down a little bit more, but I'm not going to bet the farm on it," he said.

Josh Boris, 23, said he puts about \$40 a week in the tank, and any relief was welcome.

"(Prices) need to go down more," he said.

Because the price was so high for so much of the year, Americans are likely to spend a record amount for gas in 2012. Tom Kloza of the Oil Price Information Service estimates that Americans will spend about \$483 billion on fuel this year, eclipsing last year's record of \$471 billion. And that's even as Americans use less gas by taking shorter trips or driving more fuel efficient cars.

The Energy Department estimates that gas prices will average \$3.64 a gallon this year after averaging a record \$3.53 a gallon in 2011.

A number of things affect the price of gasoline. It starts with the price of oil, which can be impacted by everything from the strength,

or weakness, of the global economy to tensions in the Middle East. That oil is turned into gasoline and other products at refineries. The U.S. has about half the number of refineries it did 30 years ago. When one goes down due to a fire or unplanned maintenance, it can lead to a shortage of gasoline, which sends prices higher.

All of these factors have come into play in a big way this year. That's why prices haven't just been high — they've been on a roller coaster. There have been four separate swings of at least 40 cents — two higher and two lower.

The wild swings have been even more notable in individual states. Here's a look at how volatility has contributed to wide swings in certain states over the past year:

New York and New Jersey:

The long lines are gone but motorists in New York and New Jersey are still paying as much as 30 cents more per gallon than they did a year ago. Even before Superstorm Sandy, drivers in the both states — and elsewhere in the Northeast — were paying higher prices because refinery issues caused temporary supply shortages in late summer. Just as supplies were being replenished, Sandy hit. Refineries were shut down, oil imports were delayed and many gas stations were without power. Drivers who didn't want to risk running out of gas waited on lines for hours to fill up. New Jersey and then New York imposed gas rationing. Prices rose more than 10 cents in New York City, Long Island and certain parts of New Jersey, according to AAA.

New York:
Wednesday average price: \$3.92/gal
Versus year ago: Up 27 cents

New Jersey:
Wednesday's average price: \$3.55
Versus year ago: Up 30 cents

Washington:

Gas prices have dropped about 70 cents after jumping above \$4 a gallon in May. Most drivers are now getting a discount of about 20 cents compared with last year.

The reason: West Coast refineries, which had been closed for fires or other maintenance, are operating again. That includes BP's Cherry Point refinery in Blaine, Wash. Washington also is benefiting from cheaper crude delivered by rail from the Bakken shale region in North Dakota, where oil production is booming. Bakken crude is on average about \$4 cheaper than oil at the Clearbrook, Minn., pricing hub, says Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

Washington:
Wednesday average price: \$3.51
Versus year ago: Down 19 cents

Utah and Nevada:

Utah's gain has been Nevada's loss — and in this case Nevada is happier. Utahns are paying about 30 cents more per gallon than last year. Traditionally, the gas produced by Utah's five refineries was kept in-state, meaning lower gas prices, particularly when demand fell during the winter. That changed in the fall of 2011 when a pipeline opened between Utah and Las Vegas. That's taken the extra capacity away from Utah and helped balance supplies in Nevada, which also gets some gasoline from California, Kloza said. The average price for gas in Las Vegas is about 6 cents cheaper than Utah's state average. A year ago, Utah prices were about 18 cents cheaper than in Las Vegas.

Utah:
Wednesday's average price: \$3.63
Versus year ago: Up 30 cents.

Nevada:
Wednesday's average price: \$3.61
Versus year ago: Up 6 cents

California:

The price is about the same as a year ago, but that belies the wild ride motorists have taken. Gas soared to an all-time high of \$4.67 in October because gas supplies ran short. The state's energy infrastructure took it on the chin. A fire closed part of Chevron's Richmond, Calif., refinery in early August. Plus, a Chevron pipeline that moves crude oil to refineries in Northern California also was shut down and operations at an Exxon Mobil refinery in Southern California were disrupted for days after it lost power. Since few refineries outside the state make California's special blend of summer gas, there were few outside sources to draw from for help. Prices since have fallen nearly 90 cents as supply shortages eased and refiners shifted to winter blends.

California:
Wednesday's average price: \$3.77
Versus year ago: Up 1 cent

Georgia:

Drivers are getting a small break at the pump as an indirect result of Superstorm Sandy. Georgia was one of several states allowed to sell a blend of reformulated and conventional gasoline after the massive storm battered the Northeast in late October even though it wasn't in the storm's direct path. It's cheaper for refiners to produce conventional gasoline than blends formulated to control pollution. Georgia also has the advantage of plentiful supplies. The state gets gas shipped through two major pipelines and from refineries in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. And its state gas tax is fairly low, Kloza says.

Georgia:
Wednesday's average price: \$3.28 per gallon
Versus year ago: Up 1 cent

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Advice you need is close at hand

"Treat with utmost respect your power of forming opinions, for this power alone guards you against making assumptions that are contrary to nature and judgments that overthrow the rule of reason."

— Marcus Aurelius

Asking your customers about your business is so important for each and every business. If you are selling a product or service, then both the trends in the markets and customers desires should be part and parcel of your decisions about your business, especially those decisions in which you are considering a shift in orientation of your business.

While a customer satisfaction survey about the quality of your customer service is great information, there is so much more that you should be periodically asking your customers. We are dealing with a very neat entrepreneur who had an exercise/spa business. The spa was not doing well for numerous reasons, including the difficulty of finding qualified nail and hair technicians and attracting new business. As she saw that the spa space was not being used effectively, she decided to use this space for a "wellness center." In this "wellness center they planned on having a dietician and a formal weight-loss program.

While this "wellness center" sounded so appealing to overcome the difficulties of running she was having with the spa, the owner decided to move in this direction, as it just seemed as if this was a national wide trend. However, she never asked her customers if they would support this change in orientation of her business. Once I asked her if she had asked her customers about this change, she quickly realized that she had missed this critical peace of information and needed to survey her customers before she proceeded with this change in her business.

If you are going to survey customers, you must ask the right questions to insure that you get valid information to base decisions on. A student of mine was considering starting a business to sell custom made motorcycles. As part of this project, he had to do a survey to insure that there was a demand for this new business. He went to a motorcycle event and proceeded to ask questions from as many motorcycle owners as he could get to fill out his questionnaire.

He decided that his planned business was going to be so successful because the response was so positive. He made this judgment

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Share of Stock Gives You a Stake

Q Does a company profit when I buy a share of it? And what does the share really give me? — S.U., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A A share of stock represents a small ownership stake in a real company. If a firm has a million shares outstanding and you buy 100 of them, you own one ten-thousandth of the company.

Companies that choose to "go public" and issue stock to all interested investors via initial public offerings (IPOs) collect cash when the shares are created and initially sold. But once the shares start trading on the market between investors, the company doesn't get a piece of those transactions. (Brokerages do, though.)

Companies do care how their stocks perform, however. A falling stock can make it easier for a firm to get bought out. A rising stock can help insiders with stock or stock options get richer.

Q What are "closed-end" funds? — B.N., Medford, Ore.

A They're funds that act a lot like stocks. With regular mutual funds, if many people want to invest in them, more shares are simply created.

But when closed-end funds are created, a fixed number of shares are sold to the public, much like a stock's IPO. After that, the shares are usually traded in a secondary market.

The prices of regular mutual funds are calculated at the end of each trading day based on the value of the funds' assets. But the price of closed-end funds can swing higher or lower than their net asset value, reflecting supply and demand of the shares.

Closed-end funds can also be more volatile than regular mutual funds, sometimes because they can employ leverage, borrowing money with which to invest. Learn more at sec.gov/answers/mfclose.htm.

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Warren and Sandy

Hurricane Sandy led to America's stock markets closing for two days. That was a rare thing, frustrating many investors. It didn't faze those who heed the words of super-investor Warren Buffett, though.

First off, Buffett has made clear that he has no need for the market to be open and busy every day: "I buy (stocks) on the assumption that they could close the market the next day and not reopen it for five years."

How can he think that? Well, unlike many busy traders who buy and sell frequently (paying a lot in commissions to do so), he takes a long-term view: "All there is to investing is picking good stocks at good times and staying with them as long as they remain good companies." (Note the importance of sticking with high-quality companies and of buying them at good prices.)

Regarding the cost of trading, in a 1999 piece for Fortune magazine, Buffett said: "I heard once about a cartoon in which a news commen-

tator says, 'There was no trading on the New York Stock Exchange today. Everyone was happy with what they owned.' Well, if that were really the case, investors would every year keep around \$130 billion in their pockets." And that was in 1999!

Some might think it's important to follow one's stocks every day and to be ready to trade immediately. Says Buffett: "You could be somewhere where the mail was delayed three weeks and do just fine investing." That would be risky for investors in tiny, volatile penny stocks, but it generally holds true for healthy and growing companies with sustainable competitive advantages.

Buffett has even proposed an incentive for long-term investing: a 100 percent tax on profits made on stock held for less than a year.

If two days of a closed market had you stressed about your portfolio, you might want to consider becoming a longer-term investor. As Warren Buffett has quipped, "My favorite time frame for holding a stock is forever."

(Collect more nuggets in Janet Lowe's "Warren Buffett Speaks," Wiley, \$20.)

My Dumbest Investment

Déjà vu With Facebook

My dumbest investment was in AT&T Wireless. I bought it at its IPO. The Facebook IPO has been giving me flashbacks. AT&T Wireless was one of the largest IPOs of all time, riding the wave of the dot-com bubble. I was clamoring for as many shares as I could get, and my broker was able to get me an extra 100. I thought I'd really scored. I bet many Facebook investors felt the same way on IPO day.

Long story short, I did have a double for a bit, but ended up selling my shares at a 50 percent loss. I did very little research; it was a stupid purchase, and I deserved to lose my money. But I'll never forget it — J.R., Gainesville, Fla.

The Fool Responds: We sometimes learn the most valuable lessons the hard way. IPOs in general don't outperform the overall market in their first year or two. There can be a big pop on their first day(s), which most benefits the privileged few who were allowed to buy at the opening price. After that, it's not uncommon for the stock to slump for a long 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!

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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? (Answer: Hasbro)

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on the fact that he got a 98% positive response to the question, "Would you consider to purchase a custom made motorcycle?" After he had some time to reflect on this survey and question, he realized that this question was not valid as he realized that most people would consider a custom motorcycle. He changed the question to, "Would you buy a custom motorcycle that was priced about \$5,000 more than a standard motorcycle?" The positive response to this revised question was only 1% and he quickly abandoned this idea and he learned from this experience that asking a wrong question on a survey could possibly sink a new venture.

You need to continually and constantly be asking your customers how you can serve them better. Obviously, not only must you ask your customers about your business but also you must frame the questions in a way that extracts the information that you need.

You can do this!

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EU summit ends without budget deal

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS — A summit of the European Union's 27 national leaders, charged with agreeing on a long-term budget for the bloc, broke up Friday afternoon without being able to reach a deal.

Coming just days after the 17 eurogroup finance ministers failed, yet again, to agree on the conditions for releasing badly needed bailout money for Greece, the failure of the two-day summit raises questions about how the bloc makes important decisions. In most cases, unanimity is required, meaning that each country wields veto power.

The EU's top officials, who put in long hours trying to soften up the national leaders individually before putting them together in the same meeting room, tried to put a brave face on the budget deadlock.

European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, who presides over the summits, said the "constructive discussions" at the summit meant an agreement could be reached early next year. He added that the national leaders had instructed him and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso to continue working toward consensus over the coming weeks.

Barroso, too, called the talks constructive. But he added, "we are not yet at the point of reaching consensus."



French President Francois Hollande (right) participates in a trilateral meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron (left) and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte (second left) on the sidelines of an EU summit in Brussels on Friday. European Union leaders failed to reach agreement on the 27-country bloc's long-term spending plans.

The prospect of failure had hung over the EU leaders' summit, charged with agreeing on a long-term spending plan of around \$1.25 trillion for the 27-country bloc, even before the meeting began. Some countries wanted the budget to rise, while others insisted it had to fall.

Van Rompuy tried to thread the needle. He proposed a budget with some cuts, but in a post-summit press conference, he also offered a nod to those countries who believe greater spending is essential to spur growth in countries hit by recession.

"Growth in one country benefits all," he said.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, the most vocal proponent of holding the line on EU spending, said he had found "strong allies" in the Dutch and Swedish leaders. And, indeed, it appeared that some countries, including Germany, took pains to ensure that Britain — a country some fear may eventually withdraw from the EU — did not find itself isolated.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte stressed that it was important that Britain "remain engaged"

with Europe "because Britain is important to the EU as a whole."

For his part, Cameron was firm.

"The deal on the table from the EU President was just not good enough," Cameron told reporters after the summit broke up.

"We haven't got the deal we wanted but we've stopped what would have been an unacceptable deal," he said. "And in European terms I think that goes down as progress."

The EU budget funds primarily programs to help farming and spur growth.

Bernanke warns Congress to avoid 'cliff'

Fed chairman warns of recession if deal not reached.

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Tuesday urged Congress and the Obama administration to strike a budget deal to avert tax increases and spending cuts that could trigger a recession next year.

Without a deal, the measures known as the "fiscal cliff" will take effect in January.

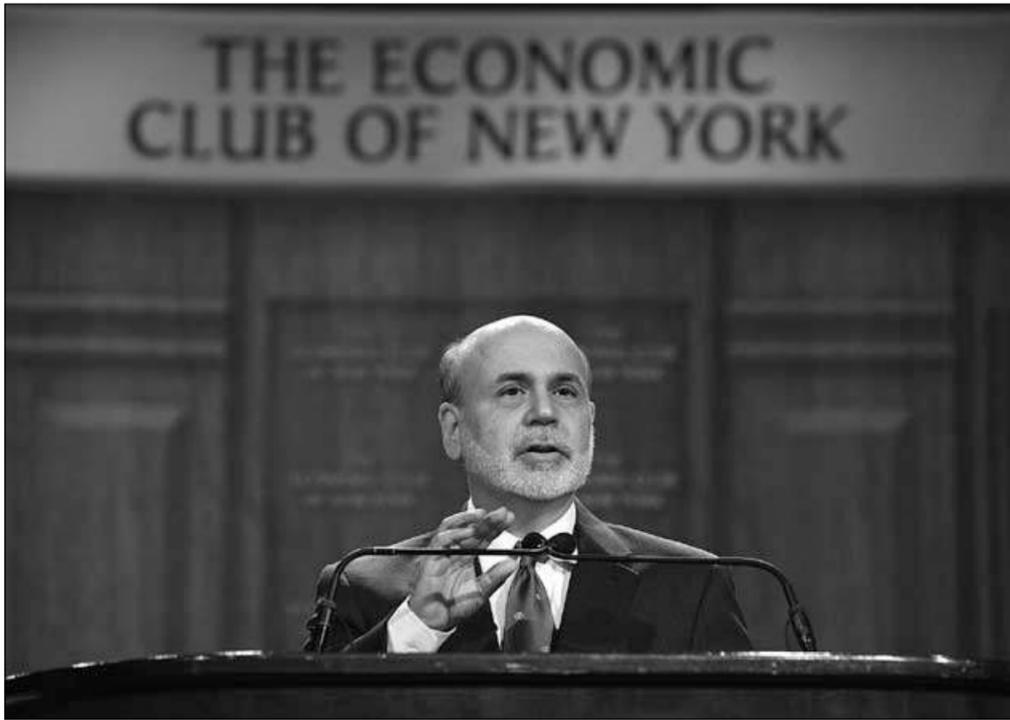
Bernanke also said that Congress must raise the federal debt limit to prevent the government from defaulting on Treasury's debt. Failure to do so would impose heavy costs on the economy, he said. Bernanke said Congress also needs to reduce the federal debt over the long run to ensure economic growth and stability.

Uncertainty about all these issues is likely holding back spending and investment and troubling investors, the Fed chairman said in a speech to the Economic Club of New York.

Resolving the fiscal crisis would prevent a sudden and severe shock to the economy, help reduce unemployment and strengthen growth, he said. That could make the new year "a very good one for the American economy," he said.

"A stronger economy will, in turn, reduce the deficit and contribute to achieving long-term fiscal sustainability," Bernanke told the group.

When asked during a question and answer session after the speech whether the Fed could soften the impact of the fiscal cliff, Bernanke was firm in his warning.



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke addresses a luncheon gathering of The Economic Club of New York, in New York on Tuesday. Bernanke urged Congress and the Obama administration to strike a budget deal to avert tax increases and spending cuts that could trigger a recession next year. Without a deal, the measures known as the "fiscal cliff" will take effect in January.

"In the worst-case scenario where the economy goes off the broad fiscal cliff ... I don't think the Fed has the tools to offset that," Bernanke said.

Bernanke also said the severity of the Great Recession may have reduced the U.S. economy's potential growth rate. He didn't say by how much or how long slower-than-normal growth might persist.

Over the long run, the U.S. economy has grown an average of about 2.5 percent each year. Economists predict growth in the July-September quarter will be revised up to an annual rate of around 3 percent, above the government's initial 2 per-

cent estimate. But they think the economy is slowing to an annual growth rate below 2 percent in the October-December quarter — too slow to make much of a dent in unemployment.

Bernanke said several factors have weighed on growth: Long-term unemployment has eroded many workers' skills and led some who have lost jobs to stop looking for one.

Companies have spent less on machinery, computers and other goods, reducing their production capacity.

Stricter lending rules and uncertainty about the economy may have discouraged would-be entrepreneurs from starting

more companies, the Fed chairman said.

Even assuming the economy's potential growth has declined, Bernanke said that unemployment, now at 7.9 percent, is abnormally high. He suggested, though, that the drags on economic growth should fade as the economy heals.

By the end of December, just as the fiscal cliff nears, the federal government is expected to hit its borrowing limit. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said he will resort to the same maneuvers he used during the last debt standoff in 2011 to prevent the government from defaulting on its debt.

But these maneuvers would buy only a few weeks' time, until late February or early March, before the government would face the prospect of a first-ever debt default.

After the last debt standoff in the summer of 2011, Standard & Poor's downgraded the government's credit rating on long-term securities one notch from the highest level of AAA to AA+. It was the first ever downgrade of U.S. government debt.

After the presidential election, Fitch Ratings said Obama would need to quickly reach a budget agreement with Congress over the fiscal cliff or risk losing Fitch's AAA rating on U.S. debt.

It's unclear what, if anything, the Fed could do to cushion the economy from the fiscal cliff beyond the bond purchases it's already making to try to lower long-term borrowing rates and stimulate spending.

The minutes of the Fed's last policy meeting suggest that it will likely unveil a bond buying program in December to try to drive down long-term rates. The new purchases would replace a bond-buying program that expires at year's end.

Most analysts said Bernanke's comments suggest that is likely.

A new bond buying program would come on top of a program the Fed launched in September to buy \$40 billion a month in mortgage bonds to try to reduce long-term interest rates and make home buying more affordable. That program represented the Fed's third round of major bond purchases to expand its holdings.

Fed officials also announced at the September meeting that they planned to keep the Fed's benchmark short-term interest rate near zero through mid-2015. This rate for overnight loans has been at a record low since December 2008.

Pattern of bad ideas damages Hewlett-Packard

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Hewlett-Packard's \$9.7 billion acquisition of Autonomy seemed like a bad idea long before Tuesday's allegations of an accounting scandal made clear it was a deal that should never have happened.

It's the latest in a cavalcade of costly blunders at HP. The Silicon Valley pioneer has squandered billions of dollars on ill-advised acquisitions, compounding the challenges it already faces as it scrambles to adjust to a world that is shifting away from PCs to smartphones and tablets.

On Tuesday, HP took an \$8.8 billion write-down for the Autonomy acquisition. Hewlett-Packard Co. CEO Meg Whitman alleged that executives at Autonomy used various accounting tricks to make the British software company appear more profitable.

The Autonomy deal may amplify the pressure on HP to reshuffle its board of directors, which already had been overhauled after a series of previous embarrassments. The debacles, dating back to 2006, include prying into the personal phone records of reporters covering the company to its widely criticized hiring of Leo Apotheker as CEO after the company's previous leader, Mark Hurd, resigned amid questions about his relationship with a female contractor.

Although HP says it was duped into paying too much for Autonomy under the since-fired Apotheker, the deal ultimately was approved by 10 of its current 11 directors, including Whitman, who served on the board for eight months before being appointed as CEO in September 2011.

Only shareholder activist Ralph Whitworth wasn't on the board when HP authorized Apotheker to buy



The Hewlett-Packard Co. logo is seen outside the company's headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif. HP said Autonomy Corporation PLC, a British company it bought for \$10 billion last year, lied about its finances, resulting in a massive write-down of the value of the business. HP's net loss for the fiscal fourth quarter amounted to \$6.85 billion, or \$3.49 per share.

Autonomy in August 2011. Just five weeks after the deal was announced, HP's directors fired Apotheker, a move some analysts trace to the company's almost immediate remorse over the Autonomy acquisition.

But Apotheker's ouster may not be enough to placate shareholders who are seething with renewed anger over the deal. The allegation that Autonomy had been "willfully" deceptive leading up to HP's purchase raises the specter of a criminal investigation. It also opens a torrent of potentially distracting class-action lawsuits on behalf of shareholders alleging HP's board was negligent.

"When I talk to investors, that is what they are concerned about: the credibility of the board," said Sterne Agee analyst Shaw Wu. "There already has been a lot of turmoil at this company, but maybe they still need more change."

Wu said he isn't even sure Whitman's job as CEO is safe because of her presence on the board when the Autonomy deal was approved.

In a research note,

Topeka Capital Markets analyst Brian White called for a new purge of HP's board.

Whitman said she regrets voting in favor of the Autonomy acquisition while insisting HP did its due diligence. That was an assertion echoed by Apotheker in a prepared statement.

HP Chairman Ray Lane, who joined the board when Apotheker was hired in 2010, still wasn't available for an interview as of late Tuesday, according to company spokesman Michael Thacker.

Mark Williams, a finance professor at Boston University and a former bank examiner for the Federal Reserve, called HP's accusations against Autonomy "due diligence deflection".

"Just to say 'we paid too much because of fraud' doesn't negate the fact of inadequate due diligence," said Williams. "Some responsibility needs to come back to HP."

At least one of HP's board members, McKesson Corp. CEO John Hammergren, has experience the after-

math of an accounting scandal. McKesson named Hammergren as its CEO after revealing it had been conned into buying software maker HBO & Co. for \$12 billion in 1999. The accounting fraud wiped out half of McKesson's market value. The San Francisco company has since bounced back under Hammergren, but the comeback took years to pull off.

Investors are losing hope that HP will rebound because the company has made so many questionable decisions in the five years since Apple Inc.'s release of the first iPhone changed the way people use technology. The upheaval has reduced demand for HP's PCs and printers.

"I don't see how anyone could invest in this company any longer," said ISI Group analyst Brian Marshall, who described HP as "an unmitigated train wreck."

HP's stock plunged \$1.59, or nearly 12 percent, to finish Tuesday at \$11.71. The shares haven't closed this low since October 2002 when HP was still facing a shareholder backlash over its acquisition of rival

Compaq Computer.

That deal has turned out better than the acquisitions HP has made during the past five years under three different CEOs. In that time, HP has spent more than \$40 billion to buy dozens of companies. In a reflection of how poorly the biggest of those deals have performed, HP's market value has fallen to just \$23 billion. That's about 70 percent less than what HP was worth in June 2007 when the first iPhone went on sale.

In the last three months, HP has absorbed nearly \$17 billion in non-cash charges to account for the diminished value of its 2008 acquisition of technology consulting service Electronic Data Systems and its 2011 purchase Autonomy. Last year, HP took a nearly \$900 million hit for its purchase of device maker Palm Inc.

Other deals for computer networking gear maker 3Com (\$2.7 billion deal), data storage service 3Par (\$2.4 billion) and software maker ArcSight (\$1.5 billion) are working out better, so far.

But the Autonomy deal never seemed to make sense to anyone outside HP.

"Something smelled bad about it from the beginning," said 451 Research analyst Alan Pelz-Sharpe, who has been following Autonomy since the company went public in 1998.

Autonomy, which was based in Cambridge, England, had been known for a "dog-eat-dog" sales culture that drove employees to do whatever it took to hit their quarterly targets or risk incurring the wrath of CEO Mike Lynch, Pelz-Sharpe said. "It was never a happy company," the analyst said. "It was always a place where people were frightened to speak out."

Whitman fired Lynch in May because she was frustrated with Autonomy's poor results since the acquisition, which closed less

than two weeks into her tenure as HP's CEO. She said she had no idea that she would uncover conduct that led her to allege Autonomy had been fabricating sales before she ousted Lynch. In a statement to the Financial Times, Lynch denied any wrongdoing at Autonomy.

By the spring of 2011, Autonomy was desperately seeking a buyer, according to Oracle Corp. CEO Larry Ellison, whose company has become a bitter HP rival. In a series of statements last year, Ellison said Lynch and investment banker Frank Quattrone tried to persuade Oracle to buy Autonomy. The most serious pitch came in an April 1, 2011 meeting, according to Ellison, who described Autonomy's asking price as "absurdly high."

Quattrone, who faced charges of misconduct for his handling of IPOs during the Internet boom in the late 1990s, and Lynch have acknowledged meeting with Oracle executives. But they have denied offering to sell Autonomy.

HP wound up buying Autonomy at a price that was 64 percent above the company's market value. On the same day the Autonomy deal was announced, Apotheker also revealed he was scrapping HP's attempt to sell mobile devices running on Palm's software. He also said he was mulling a possible sale of the PC division. All those developments stunned investors, leading to a one-day drop of 20 percent in HP's stock price.

Even if HP's board had doubts about the Autonomy deal after Apotheker's exit, the company probably had little choice but to consummate it because the laws of England make it difficult to renege once an offer is made, Pelz-Sharpe said. "About the only way you can do it is if you can prove fraud has been committed."

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Sisters offers great buffet

Last Sunday we took a ride to Branford looking for a new place to have lunch. We spotted a large light blue building with lots of cars parked around it and a big sign that says "Sisters Café." We decided to give it a try. We were in for a big surprise.

The place seats 150 people and this Sunday there were at least 100 patrons enjoying the lavish buffet. We even had to share a table with two ladies, there were that many people. Seemed most of them were the after church crowd and mostly locals.

We choose the buffet although there was a large menu of selections. The choice of meats were ham, fried chicken, fried pollock and fried shrimp. Side choices were numerous: green beans, carrots, corn, fried okra, mashed potatoes and gravy, grits, dressing, okra and tomatoes, and rice. Breads were hush puppies, rolls and cornbread muffins. A large salad bar included cottage cheese, cole slaw, potato salad and the usual green stuff with lots of toppings. There was also barbecue sauce, which I saw one lady spoon over her fried chicken. Interesting.

The soup was broccoli and cheese.

The absolute best fried chicken made us want seconds but there just wasn't room. Have to say that many times fried chicken can be good but usually just average, but this was absolutely first class. Hot, crispy, moist and tender in the middle. Just phenomenal. The next favorite was the fried pollock. The Sisters definitely know how to fry.

Instead of eating that second piece of chicken, we saved room for the desserts. There were hot desserts: peach cobbler, apple crisp, chocolate pudding cake and bread pudding. The cold dessert bar included cupcakes, cookies, pecan pie, banana pudding, cookies and cream pudding and rocky road bars. They were all good but hands down the best was the warm bread pudding with a glaze drizzled on top. We may be tempted to just have the fried chicken and the bread pudding next time and just risk the calories. Sunday buffet is \$9.25.

We asked to speak with one of the owners and were escorted to the kitchen, where we met Pat Samperio, who had her hands stuck in the flour she was using to bread chicken. By the way, on the way to the kitchen we

SISTER'S continued on 2D

Soaring with eagles

Local youth on verge of attaining highest honors in Scouting.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**
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Jeremy Barwick spent the first seven years of his life in a home that wasn't a place anyone would ever want to grow up. His mother was a drug addict with six children. He has five sisters and sometimes they all went hungry.

One of his goals is to help as many people as possible.

Last year, the memory of those days drove Barwick, now 16-years old, to attempt to break the world record for most food collected for a food drive in a 24-hour period.

"It's a personal matter," he said. "We went without food."

He fell short by a lot, but it didn't matter to him.

"We fed a lot of people," he said.

His grandmother, Terri Phillips, said Barwick sees things that are wrong and doesn't just shake his head; he challenges himself to do something about them.

She said he's not like your average 16-year-old. He doesn't have a cellphone or a car, and she said he doesn't want those things. In the past, Barwick and one of his sisters gave their Christmas money to charities, she said.

He joined the Explorer Post 386 program with the Lake City Police Department about six months ago.

"I think it's an awesome program, and I'm helping out with my community," he said.

He said when he graduates from high school, he thinks he might want to be a police officer or join the military.

"I've tossed up a couple of things, but nothing for sure," he said.

In the Explorer program, Barwick learned some of the duties of a law enforcement officer. He learned police codes, worked parades and gained service hours.

He's a Eagle Scout, and in Scouts, service hours mean everything. They are a requirement to advance through the different levels of Scouting.



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ABOVE: Jeremy Barwick poses with three scoutmasters at his Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on Nov. 10, (from left) David Finley, Jeremy Barwick, Jeff Simmons and Jim Martin. **RIGHT:** Barwick and Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore pose at his graduation from the Explorer Post 386 program on Oct. 9. Barwick said he may want to be a police officer or join the military.



Barwick joined Scouts about seven years ago. He said scouting gave him chances to do things he wouldn't have been able to do. He went to the Bahamas in 2010, and looks forward to going back in 2013.

"It's allowed me to travel and make friends with other boys my age," he said.

He said when he first joined the Scouts, he didn't have many friends that were boys his age.

He grew up with only sisters, and they didn't want to do the things he wanted to, he said.

"Boy scouts was an opening for me," he said.

Once a Boy Scout graduates to Eagle Scout, there's three more ranks to reach. They are called palm leaves and you have to earn five additional merit badges for each palm leaf. It takes 20 merit badges, being a leader in Scouts, and a whole lot of service hours

to reach Eagle Scout, Barwick said.

At the end of July, he said, he received the bronze palm leaf. This month, he received the gold palm leaf.

Phillips said he plans to get his silver palm leaf sometime in February. She said that would make him one of the only Eagle Scouts in the 90-year history of Lake City Troop 85 to have all three palm leaves.

Cast iron plant is great ground cover in shade

Plants often are given common names that describe characteristics of the plant. The common name "cast iron plant" offers a very good description of the tough but often forgotten landscape plant, *Aspidistra elatior*.

We often like to think of the cast iron plant as 'one of our own.' This non-native was introduced into the United States from Asia in 1824. *Aspidistra* quickly became the staple ground cover plant of shady gardens from zone 7 and south.

In historical southern gardens, the shaded understories of magnificent moss-draped live oaks still are sustained by this dependable, long-lived perennial.

This is one of those often overlooked plants that seems too good to be true. Imagine a landscape plant that has no serious pests, is an upright evergreen that can fill in as a ground cover,

GARDEN TALK



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thrives in heavy shade and has a glossy dark-green color. Add the facts that it survives our hot, humid summers, drought conditions and poor sandy soils. Don't we all have a place for this iron gem?

Two planting sites to avoid are those with poorly drained soil or too much sunlight. Although it is as tough as a skillet, the cast iron plant will respond well to soil amended with organic matter, a balanced fertilizer in the spring or summer and supplemental water during drought conditions.

The species *Aspidistra elatior* has wide, lance-shaped green leaves and reaches a height of one to

two feet.

New cultivars of this shade-loving plant can offer a little spark of light to a dark corner of the garden. These new plants have leaves that appear splashed with spots, stripes or frostings of yellow and white highlights. Miniature cultivars also have been developed with finer textured foliage.

Our winter conditions often cause winter burn on cast iron plant leaves. Trim back browned foliage in the spring or cut the entire planting to the ground each year to provide fresh new growth.

Too much sun, rich soil or excessive fertilizer may cause leaves to become faded and unattractive. Variegated cultivars also tend to lose coloration in these conditions.

Although *Aspidistra* is a spreading ground cover, growth is slow and not threatening to our native plants. Clumps can be divided easily at any time

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Chimpanzees sit in an enclosure at the Chimpanzee Eden rehabilitation center, near Nelspruit, South Africa. A study of chimps and orangutans has the same pattern of changes in happiness through life as many studies find in people.

Even apes have midlife crises, researchers find

By **MALCOLM RITTER**
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — Chimpanzees going through a midlife crisis? It sounds like a setup for a joke.

But there it is, in the title of a report published Monday in a scientific journal: "Evidence for a midlife crisis in great apes."

So what do these apes

do? Buy red Ferraris? Leave their mates for some cute young bonobos? Uh, no.

"I believe no ape has ever purchased a sports car," said Andrew Oswald, an author of the study. But researchers report that captive chimps and orangutans do show the same low ebb in emotional

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CRAFTS

Make an advent calendar and a Christmas tradition

Counting down helps kids bear the anticipation.

By JENNIFER FORKER
Associated Press

The advent calendar, which eases anxiety by counting down those pesky 24 days until Christmas Eve, is as much a holiday tradition for my family as the tree.

Sure, you can buy one and save the crafting time, but making an advent calendar adds to its allure.

Check out images posted on various do-it-yourself websites and you'll see that DIYers are getting beyond — way beyond — the tree-on-a-felt-background calendar popular when I was a child in the 1970s. Those felt-made calendars are still with us — and updated creatively — but now there's also a mind-boggling array of advent calendar options, all ready for a DIY twist.

Kelly Wilkinson, editorial director at Creativebug, an online crafts class site, reminisces about sewing matching calendars with her sister a few years ago.

"Pulling that advent calendar out and hanging it on the wall is a reminder of the time we spent making it together," says Wilkinson. "That is a big part of my attachment to it."

My own advent calendar memories include fighting with my sister over who'd place the last piece — in our case, a 1-inch, naked, plastic baby Jesus — on the day marking Christmas Eve. This is the stuff of advent calendar lore — the memories and childhood traditions we carry into adulthood and hope to share with the next generation.

"I still completely dork out and put that one ornament on a day," says Wilkinson. "It's a simple gesture that reminds me of being a kid and how excited I was."

An advent calendar can



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TOP: Country Living magazine published plans for an advent calendar made from match boxes, gift wrap and filled with daily treats. ABOVE: Jessica Anderson of Rancho Cordova, Calif., made a nativity scene of colorful felt for her young children's advent calendar.

be a simple thing and easy to make. Shelly Ridenour, Country Living magazine's

executive editor, recommends visiting the website Pinterest for inspira-

tion: Ingenious ideas there include small paper bags or colorful baby socks clipped with decorative clothespins to a line; stacked matchboxes, painted cans or Chinese takeout boxes; and diminutive metal buckets hanging from a board or old ladder. Even a large tree branch stuck in a sturdy vase can have artsy envelopes or wrapped gifts numbered 1 to 24 hanging from it.

Jessie Tanner of Charlotte, N.C., made an advent calendar out of differently sized metal tins attached magnetically to the refrigerator for her two children's daily thrill. Tanner, 31, didn't grow up with a Christmas advent calendar, "but as a parent I'm always trying to find new traditions for my kids and new ways to make all kinds of experiences special," she says.

Each of the 25 tins in the Tanners' advent calendar includes something the family can do together. One day it's "go sledding." Another invites the family to do a service project together. Occasionally, a tin will include candy.

"It's sort of a checklist for me of things I want my family to experience at that time," says Tanner, who has two daughters, ages 4 and 7. She blogs about her life at Call Me Badger.

Jessica Anderson of Rancho Cordova, Calif., carefully cut out and sewed a Nativity scene using the same felt wall-hanging concept employed by my childhood calendar. Anderson, 28, and the mother of three, believes advent calendars promote family bonding.

"It's something they will remember when they grow up," says Anderson, who blogs at Cutesy Crafts. "And maybe I'll make one for them when they have their own families."

For now, the two older Anderson kids, ages 3 and 5, behave not unlike my sister and I did 40 years ago.

"They fight about it every day," says Anderson.



A trumpeter swan stretches its wings on a lake in Anchorage, Alaska. Trumpeter swans continue a remarkable comeback from near extinction.

Trumpeter swans make comeback

By DAN JOLING
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — It was likely easier than ever to see a migrating trumpeter swan this year, as the big white birds continued a remarkable comeback from near extinction in the Lower 48 states and much of their Alaska habitat, a federal wildlife biologist said.

"They still have not recovered to their full range that they once occupied prior to the 1880s, but they've done fantastically in Alaska," said Deborah Groves, who has counted Alaska swans since 1990.

A 1968 Alaska census found just 2,847 of the birds. Random sampling in 2010 estimated 25,347, a nearly nine-fold increase.

Trumpeters are known for their distinctive call that the Cornell Lab of Ornithology calls "hollow, nasal honking." The Alaska Department of

Fish and Game says it's deep, like a French horn.

With 7-foot wingspans, trumpeters are North America's largest waterfowl. Males average 28 pounds, females 22 pounds, and eggs are up to 5 inches long, the department says.

The birds were hunted throughout the 1800s for meat and feathers, which made fine quill pens. By the early 1930s, Groves said, there were only 69 known trumpeters in Yellowstone National Park.

Hunting ended and biologists made a happy discovery when they began bird work in Alaska: A remnant population of a couple of thousand trumpeters remained, Groves said.

Alaska biologists did their first formal trumpeter survey in 1968, another in 1975 and every five years since then.

"They were increasing almost exponentially for a while," Groves said.

Sister's: A Branford buffet

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spotted a young man with three fried chicken breasts piled on his plate and he didn't lift his head. He obviously had it all figured out. Pat and her sister, Bobbi Dunn, have owned the Sisters Café for 12 years and are local ladies. The building has housed numerous businesses, including a filling station and another restaurant. Kimberlynne asked her the secret of the bread pudding and she said "homemade and lots of cinnamon".

Sisters allows takeout from the buffet and is also open for breakfast and dinner. Dinner menu includes country fried steak, liver and onions, hamburger steak, chicken strips, etc. Their address

is 208 Suwannee Ave. in Branford, on the main street. You can't miss the blue building. Telephone number is (386) 935-6989. They are open seven days a week, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Fridays 10:30 to 8. Friday nights the buffet is a fried chicken and seafood. They serve fried chicken every day, thank goodness. It's worth the ride from Lake City, so give it a try soon. We don't think you'll be disappointed.

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APES: Midlife crises not reserved to humans

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well-being at midlife that some studies find in people.

That suggests the human tendency toward midlife discontent may have been passed on through evolution, rather than resulting simply from the hassles of modern life, said Oswald, a professor of economics at the University of Warwick in England who presented his work Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A second study in the journal looks at a younger age group and finds that happiness in youth can lead to higher income a few years down the road.

More on that later. Let's get back to those apes.

Several studies have concluded that happiness in human adults tends to follow a certain course between ages 20 and 70: It starts high and declines over the years to reach a low point in the late 40s, then turns around and rises to another peak at 70. On a graph, that's a U-shaped pattern. Some researchers question whether that trend is real, but to Oswald the mystery is what causes it.

"This is one of the great patterns of human life. We're all going to slide along this U for good or ill," he said. "So what explains it?"

When he learned that others had been measuring well-being in apes, "it just seemed worth pursuing the hunch that the U might be more general than in humans," he said.

He and co-authors assembled data on 508 great apes from zoos and research centers in the U.S., Australia, Canada, Singapore and Japan. Caretakers and other observers had filled out a four-item questionnaire to assess well-being in the apes. The questions asked such things as the degree to which each animal was in a positive or negative mood, how much pleasure it got from social situations, and how successful it was in achieving goals. The raters were even asked how happy they would be if they were the animal for a week.

Sounds wacky? Oswald and his co-authors say research suggests it's a valid approach. And they found that the survey results pro-

duced that familiar U-shaped curve, adjusted to an ape's shorter lifespan.

"We find it for these creatures that don't have a mortgage and don't have to go to work and don't have marriage and all the other stuff," Oswald said. "It's as though the U shape is deep in the biology of humans" rather than a result of uniquely human experiences.

Yes, apes do have social lives, so "it could still be something human-like that we share with our social cousins," he said. "But our result does seem to push away the likelihood that it's dominantly something to do with human life."

Oswald said it's not clear what the evolutionary payoff might be from such discontent. Maybe it prods parents to be restless, "to help find new worlds for the next generation to breed," he said.

Frans de Waal, an authority in primate behavior at Emory University, cautioned that when people judge the happiness of apes, there may be a "human bias." But in an email he called the results "intuitively

correct" and said the notion of biological influence over the human pattern is "an intriguing possibility."

GARDEN: Adaptable cast iron plant

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of year, with spring being the most favorable. Try growing some transplants in pretty containers placed in shaded corners of the patio or porch. This tough cast iron plant can even

grace a container in a dark kitchen corner.

Find answers to gardening questions at www.solutionsforyourlife.com or call the Columbia County Extension Office at (386)

752-5384.

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HOMES

Get more space with a cottage out back

Prefab buildings popping up in many backyards.

By CEDAR BURNETT
Associated Press

Something small is afoot. Backyard cottages — from 800-square-foot bungalows to Lilliputian studio cabins — are springing up behind houses in many cities, some of which have changed zoning laws to accommodate them.

Often, the cottages are built for aging parents or grown children. Sometimes, they're rented out for extra income, or are used as studios or offices.

"Backyard cottages increase density in a nice way," says Bruce Parker, principal of the Seattle-based design collective Microhouse. "They use existing infrastructure and ... they're inherently sustainable. A cottage is the antithesis of a big house on a tiny lot."

Seattle updated its zoning laws in 2009 to allow for "accessory dwelling units" on single-family lots of at least 4,000 square feet. (Permits are needed depending on the size of the cottage and whether it has plumbing and electricity.)

While Parker had been designing small homes for several years, the micro-house law inspired him to focus on backyard dwellings. Soon, he was teaching classes on backyard cottages with the Seattle firm NCompass Construction.

About 90 percent of his students, he said, wanted to build a cottage for their parents.

"Rather than paying thousands of dollars a month for assisted living, you can have



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A prefabricated cabin is used as a backyard artist studio in Pasadena, Calif. The Zip model by Cabin Fever in Miami comes flat-packed and can be assembled in just a few days.

your parents with you and they can help with the kids — but everyone gets their own space," says Parker.

Often, it's the parents who pay to build the cottages. "It's an investment for their comfort and a way to improve their children's property," says Parker. "One pragmatic woman told me she hoped her granddaughter would use it for college housing after she was gone."

In Portland, Ore., which changed zoning rules in 2010 to allow for backyard cottages, Jasmine Deatherage and her mother, Diane Hoglund, looked for a house with a large yard specifically with this living arrangement in mind.

"We really wanted to live together," says Deatherage. "I have a 2-year-old and my mom will be taking on some of the childcare. It's a special time to live together."

Before her mother bought the house, they

asked the previous owner to build a basic single-car garage, which they plan to convert into a fully functioning mother-in-law cottage by next summer.

While not every young family would opt to have their parents so close, Deatherage notes that it's common historically and globally. "My husband is from Mexico where it's very normal to live with your family," she says. "His whole family lives together and if we lived there we'd live with them too."

For other homeowners, backyard cottages are an opportunity for small-scale entrepreneurship.

Bob DiPalma of Burlington, Vt., didn't set out to run a mini-hotel out of his yard but the project "crept up on me." While rehabilitating their 100-year-old barn, he and his wife saw the opportunity to convert the space into an apartment above a garage.

They drew up designs, hired a contractor and soon had a fully-functioning vacation rental.

"Over the last four years, we've had really wonderful guests who have appreciated the space," DiPalma says.

Sometimes, the need for more space is just a need for more space.

"So many people are working from home," says Gayle Zalduondo, principal of the Miami-based Cabin Fever, which sells prefab cabins. "Rather than going offsite, they're adding a cabin. People need more space, but they're not comfortable upsizing to a larger house, especially in this economy."

Some of her customers want a guest house, while others are artists, musicians and independent service providers — from freelance graphic designers to massage therapists.

Unlike the fully outfit-



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A prefabricated backyard studio is under construction in Cabin Fever's manufacturing plant in Miami. The cabin was disassembled after this photo was taken, and shipped to Alpine, Texas, where it was reassembled in the owner's backyard.

ted miniature homes being used for rental properties and mother-in-law quarters, small backyard cabins without kitchens and bathrooms do not require permits in many states.

"We have a model you can build in a weekend," says Zalduondo. "It comes flat-packed. It's tight and weather-proofed and you don't even need to pour a full slab. You can just prepare a lightweight foundation and put the cabin on top of it."

Seattle resident Isaac Vicknair pioneered a new kind of off-the-grid, backyard living in his quest for affordable housing. He builds simple 8-by-8-foot sheds in exchange for free rent in them for three to six months after completion.

"It's a great deal for everyone," says Vicknair. "They cost me about \$800 in materials and then I save around \$5,000 in rent while I live there. All the

homeowner has to pay for is the electricity I use, which is almost nothing."

Vicknair picks a neighborhood he wants to live in and posts flyers advertising his trade proposal. He says he generally receives calls from three or four interested parties, and takes the project that seems most appealing.

The cabins are built without plumbing or electricity, so Vicknair runs an extension cord from the house and makes do with a space heater, electric skillet, small fridge and a couple of lamps.

He bought a portable marine toilet that he sets up behind the cabin, and he showers at friends' houses or the gym.

"The only downside is it's really hard to get a date to come back to a miniature house in a backyard," says Vicknair. "But I don't think I'm ever going to pay rent again."

Some gifts fall into the love-it-later category

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Have you ever said "thank you" through clenched teeth? The gift in that nicely wrapped box was so not what you wanted: comfy clothes instead of designer duds, or a kitchen gadget instead of a shiny piece of jewelry.

Sometimes, though, the best gifts are the ones you use, and, frankly, most of us probably wear hoodies more than haute couture.

With a closet full of beautiful boots and gravity-defying heels, flat-foot, furry Uggs weren't at the top of celebrity stylist-designer Rachel Zoe's shopping list. They were OK for other people — she might even have suggested them — but she didn't see them fitting into her closet until someone gave her a pair.

"Once you put them on, you can't go back," Zoe says. "In my house, it's now the family at-home shoe. I wear them all the time. My son has 10 pairs and my husband has 10 pairs."

Bradford Shellhammer, founder of Fab.com, which sells unusual items like canvas carryalls screen-printed with images of designer handbags, says gifts fit into three categories: the things everyone knows you want, the bad surprises and the amazing things that make you wonder, "How did I live without it?"

A. Mitra Morgan, founder and chief curator of decorative home-goods website Joss & Main, can't imagine her busy life without the wallet-phone case

wristlet her mother gave her last year.

Morgan has almost unlimited access to the pretty things on so many gift lists. Her mother, however, thought her daily necessities were too scattered. She didn't know it at the time, Morgan admits, but mom was right.

Morgan received another love-it-later gift, this one from her husband. He gave her flat-bottomed pizza scissors.

"Coming from my husband, this was at the level of receiving a vacuum. I thought, 'Really, this is what we've come to?'" Morgan says. "But it's awesome!"

Christine Frietchen, a shopping expert who is advising TJ Maxx and Marshall's this year on their gift-giving programs, says a gift is something you wouldn't get for yourself. And the best way to know you've given a successful gift, she says, is if the receiver becomes an evangelist for it.

Adam Glassman, creative director at O, The Oprah magazine, was never at risk of buying the Patagonia fleece sweatpants his brother got for him a few years ago. "Never in my life did I think I'd need sweatpants, but I live in them," he gushes. "When I come home from work, they are my go-to item. I wear them more than any other clothes in my closet."

The only gift he might treasure more is the Eddie Bauer silk long johns his other brother gave him, something else he didn't think he needed or wanted.

HOLIDAY IDEAS

Give chic gifts that give back

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

Gift giving feels good, and can feel even better if you know your purchase is helping those less fortunate. Luckily, a number of home décor retailers partner with charitable organizations; many do so year round, with additional initiatives during the holiday season.

As you're making your list this year or primping your own home for the holidays, you might consider giving something that not only looks good but supports good works.

At www.pillowdreamproject.com, a fair-trade business started by Denver-based Renee Rietmeijer and Laura Tilley, you'll find silk, cotton or hemp throw-pillow cases from South Africa, Vietnam and Thailand. Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per case; sales from the Vietnamese ones support KOTO, which provides hospitality work training for homeless teens, while sales from the South African cases benefit the Open Arms orphanage in Malawi.

"Accept and Be" is the sentiment expressed on a limited-edition, graffiti-esque poster printed in pigmented inks and available at CB2 for \$16.95, with all sales going to the Trevor Project, a national non-profit that focuses on suicide prevention among gay youth.

The retailer has been involved for several years with San Francisco's Creativity Explored, a collective of developmentally disabled artists. Each season presents a different collection of home accessories, and this fall there is an interesting variety of soft goods, plates and



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Alpaca Woodland Creatures ornaments made of soft alpaca blend wool by rural Peruvian women are available from Crate and Barrel, which collaborated on the collection with a fair trade group that helps the women earn money to support and sustain their families.

prints, including Anne Connelly's vibrant, impressionistic "Color Field" rug and Selene Perez' charming trio of owls printed on white cotton velvet. (Rug, \$399; pillow, \$39.95; www.cb2.com)

CB2 also aims to donate 500,000 meals through food banks nationwide this holiday season; each interaction with the retailer, online or in person, with or without a purchase, will count toward the goal.

Rural Peruvian women crafters are supported by Crate & Barrel, which is selling the artisans' winsome holiday ornaments. A trio of plump little penguins or owls (\$29.95) and a quartet of woodland creatures

(\$39.95) are hand-knit from alpaca blend wool. (www.crateandbarrel.com)

For travelers and animal lovers on your list, have a look at Carol Stevenson's hauntingly intimate photographic prints of elephants, taken at a sanctuary in Thailand, at www.thetravelerscollection.com. Sales of the signed, numbered, limited-edition works benefit the Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation (\$1,895 and up).

If you'd like to peruse a larger variety of gifts, check out www.giftsthatgive.com. Hundreds of home décor and design houses, including Jonathan Adler, Simon Pearce, Lily Pulitzer and Michael Aram, are repre-

sented on the site, and 1 out of every \$5 goes to the cause of your choice — among them, Cancer Care, Lupus Foundation and Save the Whales.

For a romantic gift, consider a boudoir pillow from Anne Koch's washable silk Braille collection for kumi kookoon; each is embellished with the phrase "I love you" in Braille applique, and a percentage of sales goes to the American Foundation for the Blind. (\$110-\$200, www.kumikookoon.com)

At Bloomingdales, celebrities have been enlisted to create ornaments benefiting the Child Mind Institute, which focuses on children's mental health.

SUNDAY EVENING												NOVEMBER 25, 2012			
Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
3-ABC	3	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos	Once Upon a Time "Into the Deep" (N)	Revenge "Lineage" (N)	Revenge "Lineage" (N)	(:01) 666 Park Avenue (N)	News at 11	Inside Edition				
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	The Insider (N)	Love-Raymond	Big Bang Theory	CSI: Miami "Collateral Damage" (N)	Criminal Minds "Supply & Demand"	News	Sports Zone	Big Bang Theory				
5-PBS	5	-	Doo Wop Discoveries (My Music)	R&B and pop vocal groups.			Downton Abbey Revisited Behind-the-scenes footage.	Downton Abbey Revisited Behind-the-scenes footage.							
7-CBS	7	47	47	CBS Evening News	Action News Jax	60 Minutes (N)	The Amazing Race "Fishes Kiss" (N)	The Good Wife (N)	The Mentalist "Black Cherry" (N)	Action Sports 360	Two and Half Men				
9-CW	9	17	17	** Nobody's Fool	According to Jim	YourJax Music	Law & Order "Slave"	Local Haunts	Local Haunts	TMZ (N)	The Office	The Office			
10-FOX	10	30	30	4(4:00) NFL Football Regional Coverage.	(N)	The OT (N)	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N)	Cleveland Show	News	Action Sports 360	Leverage Stolen airplane designs.		
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Football Night in America (N) (Live)		9(20) NFL Football	Green Bay Packers at New York Giants. (N)				News		
CSPAN	14	210	350	News	Washington This Week		Q & A	Prime Minister	Road to the White House				Q & A		
WGN-A	16	239	307	Funny Videos	Bloopers (N)	Bloopers (N)	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine	(:40) Instant Replay	30 Rock (N)	30 Rock (N)		
TVLAND	17	106	304	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Happily Divorced	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond		
OWN	18	189	279	OWN's Next Chapter	"Lady Gaga and Her Mother Cynthia" Lady Gaga.		Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Justin Bieber.	Oprah's Next Chapter	Justin Bieber.	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter		
A&E	19	118	265	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Storage Wars	(:31) Storage Wars	
HALL	20	185	312	*** "Moonlight and Mistletoe" (2008, Drama)	Candace Cameron Bure.		"Hitched for the Holidays" (2012) Joey Lawrence.	Premiere.		"Annie Claus Is Coming to Town" (2011) Maria Thayer, Vivica A. Fox.					
FX	22	136	248	** "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy)	Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock.		** "How to Train Your Dragon" (2010) Voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler.			** "How to Train Your Dragon" (2010) Voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler.					
CNN	24	200	202	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom (N)			CNN Presents		
TNT	25	138	245	(5:00) ** "Angels & Demons" (2009) Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor.	(DVS)		*** "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock.	A lawyer's defense of a black man arouses the Klan's ire.	(DVS)				*** "Hide and Seek" (2005) Premiere.		
NIK	26	170	299	*** "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004) Voices of Tom Kenny.			See "Da Rule" (N)	** "Hotel for Dogs" (2009, Comedy) Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin.		Friends			Friends	(:33) Friends	
SPIKE	28	168	241	(4:10) **** "Star Wars V: A New Hope" (1977)			**** "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill, Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Princess Leia face Darth Vader's wrath.			(10:50) ** "Red Dawn" (2012)					
MY-TV	29	32	-	Taxi	Taxi	M*A*S*H	Columbo "Now You See Him"			Thriller A murderer utilizes time travel.			The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	
DISN	31	172	290	A.N.T. Farm "chANTS of a lifetime"		Phineas and Ferb	Jessie	Dog With a Blog	Gravity Falls	A.N.T. Farm	Good Luck Charlie	Dog With a Blog	Shake It Up!	Jessie "Badfellas"	A.N.T. Farm
LIFE	32	108	252	** "The March Sisters at Christmas" (N)		"Love at the Christmas Table" (2012) Danica McKellar.	Premiere.	** "Liz & Dick" (2012) Lindsay Lohan, Grant Bowler.	Premiere.				(:03) ** "Liz & Dick" (2012)		
USA	33	105	242	NCIS "Spider and the Fly" (N)		NCIS A girl is kidnapped.		NCIS Dinazzo's father helps investigate.		NCIS "Out of the Frying Pan ..."			** "Shutter Island" (2010)		
BET	34	124	329	(4:30) *** "Madea's Family Reunion"		2012 Soul Train Awards Red Carpet		2012 Soul Train Awards Musical celebration and performance.	(N)		Apollo Live Musical	guest Faith Evans.	Moesha		
ESPN	35	140	206	(4:30) 2012 World Series of Poker Final Table.		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		BCS Countdown		30 for 30	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	36	144	209	(5:30) 30 for 30		College Basketball Old Spice Classic, Final: Teams TBA. From Orlando, Fla. (N)		College Basketball DirecTV Classic, Final: Teams TBA. From Anaheim, Calif. (N)					2012 World Series of Poker		
SUNSP	37	-	-	Fishing the Flats	Sport Fishing	Sportsman's Adv.	College Football Florida at Florida State.				Seminole Sports	Saltwater Exp.	Into the Blue		
DISCV	38	182	278	Alaska: The Last Frontier		Alaska: The Last Frontier "Fall Feast"		MythBusters "Explosions A to Z" (N)		Mankind Rising (N)		Gold Rush "The Ultimatum" (N)	MythBusters "Explosions A to Z"		
TBS	39	139	247	** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy.				*** "Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo.	Premiere.	(:45) *** "Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo.	(DVS)	Wedding Band			
HLN	40	202	204	Murder by the Book		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege		What Would You Do?		What Would You Do?		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	
FNC	41	205	360	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace		FOX Report (N)		Huckabee (N)		Fox Files		FOX News Reporting		Huckabee	
EI	45	114	236	(5:30) ** "She's Out of My League" (2010) Jay Baruchel.		*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney, Danny Ocean and his gang seek to right a wrong.				Ice Loves Coco (N) Nicki Minaj: My		The Soup	Chelsea Lately		
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Tastiest Places to Chowdown		Christmas to the Extreme		Christmas Craze (N)		Christmas Rush (N)		Instant Christmas (N)		Toy Hunter	
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Million Dollar Rooms A Texas mansion.		Extreme Homes		Property Brothers "Dan & Brittany"		House Hunters Renovation (N)		House Hunters Renovation	
TLC	48	183	280	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Sister Wives "Polygamist Debt Threat"		Sister Wives (N)		Extreme Cougar Wives (N)		Sister Wives	
HIST	49	120	269	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	(:31) Pawn Stars	(:02) The Real Story of Christmas		
ANPL	50	184	282	Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence		Finding Bigfoot "Mother Bigfoot" (N)		Rattlesnake Republic (N)		Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence (N)		Finding Bigfoot "CSI Bigfoot" (N)		Finding Bigfoot	
FOOD	51	110	231	Diners, Drive	What's on the	The Next Iron Chef: Redemption		Sugar Dome "A Dragon's Tale"		The Next Iron Chef: Redemption (N)		Chopped Holiday-inspired dishes. (N)		Iron Chef America	
TBN	52	260	372	T.D. Jakes	Joyce Meyer	Leading the Way	The Blessed Life	Joel Osteen	Kerry Shook	BelieverVoice	Creflo Dollar	*** "The King of Kings" (1927) H.B. Warner. Silent. The story of Jesus Christ.			
FSN-FL	56	-	-	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic. From Amway Center in Orlando, Fla.				College Basketball Old Spice Classic, Final: Teams TBA. From Orlando, Fla. (N)		College Basketball DirecTV Classic, Final: Teams TBA. From Anaheim, Calif. (N)					
SYFY	58	122	244	Name of King	** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight.			*** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984) Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw.					Groundhog Day		
AMC	60	130	254	** "Land of the Dead" (2005, Horror) Simon Baker, John Leguizamo.		The Walking Dead "Hounded" (N)		The Walking Dead (N)		(:01) The Walking Dead		Talking Dead (N)	Comic Book Men		
COM	62	107	249	*** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams.		** "The House Bunny" (2008) Anna Faris, Colin Hanks. Premiere.		** "The House Bunny" (2008) Anna Faris, Colin Hanks. Premiere.		(:02) ** "The House Bunny" (2008, Comedy) Anna Faris, Colin Hanks.					
CMT	63	166	327	(4:00) The 46th Annual CMA Awards		** "Fireproof" (2008) Kirk Cameron. A divorcing couple turn to God to save their marriage.		(:45) ** "Fireproof" (2008) Kirk Cameron. A divorcing couple turn to God to save their marriage.							
NGWILD	108	190	283	Dog Whisperer "Playboy Playmates"		Dog Whisperer		Dog Whisperer "Cesar's Worst Bite"		Cesar Millan: The Real Story (N)		Cesar Millan's Leader of the Pack		Dog Whisperer "Cesar's Worst Bite"	
NGC	109	186	276	Narco Bling		Sex for Sale: American Escort		Inside Underground Poker (N)		Drugs, Inc. "Hurricane Blow" (N)		Alaska State Troopers (N)		Inside Underground Poker	
SCIENCE	110	193	284	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	Punkin Chunkin	Punkin Chunkin	Punkin Chunkin	2012 Challenge the air cannons.		Punkin Chunkin	Punkin Chunkin	Punkin Chunkin	
ID	111	192	285	Disappeared A man goes missing.		Homicide Hunter: Lt. Joe Kenda		48 Hours on ID "Murder at the Manor"		Sins & Secrets "Carthage" (N)		Unusual Suspects (N)		48 Hours on ID "Murder at the Manor"	
HBO	302	300	501	(5:00) *** "Red Tails" (2012) PG-13		(:05) *** "Knight and Day" (2010, Action) Tom Cruise. PG-13		Boardwalk Empire "Two Imposters"		Treme "Tipitina" (Season Finale) (N)		(:15) Boardwalk Empire			
MAX	320	310	515	(:05) *** "Unknown" (2011, Suspense) Liam Neeson. PG-13		*** "Die Hard 2" (1990, Action) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. 'R'		Dexter "Helter Skelter" (N)		*** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel.		Paul Walker. PG-13			
SHOW	340	318	545	Untold History of the United States		Dexter "Argentina" (N)		Homeland "I'll Fly Away" (N)		Homeland "Two Hats" (N)		Dexter "Helter Skelter" (N)			

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON												NOVEMBER 26, 2012			
Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
3-ABC	3	-	News	Be a Millionaire	The Chew		General Hospital		Maury	Varied Programs	Dr. Phil		Be a Millionaire	News	
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Andy Griffith Show		The Jeff Probst Show		Steve Harvey		The Dr. Oz Show	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	
5-PBS	5	-	WordWorld	Barney & Friends	Caillou	Daniel Tiger	Super Why!	Dinosaur Train	Cat in the Hat	Curious George	Wild Kratts	Electric Comp.	WUFT News	World News	
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	The Young and the Restless	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk	Varied Programs	Let's Make a Deal		Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy	Action News Jax	Action News Jax	
9-CW	9	17	17	The Trisha Goddard Show		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Judge Mathis		The Bill Cunningham Show		Maury	The People's Court		
10-FOX	10	30	30	Jerry Springer		The Jeremy Kyle Show		Judge Joe Brown	We the People		The Doctors	Varied Programs	Dr. Phil	Family Feud	
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	Be a Millionaire	Days of our Lives		First Coast Living		Katie		The Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	News	
CSPAN	14	210	350	(9:00) Public Affairs		Public Affairs		Varied Programs					Public Affairs		
WGN-A	16	239	307	In the Heat of the Night		WGN Midday News		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		
TVLAND	17	106	304	Andy Griffith Show	Varied Programs			Gunsmoke	Varied Programs	Bonanza	Varied Programs	Bonanza	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	
OWN	18	189	279	Dr. Phil		Dr. Phil		Varied Programs					Bonanza	Varied Programs	
A&E	19	118	265	CSI: Miami	Varied Programs	Criminal Minds	Varied Programs	Criminal Minds	Varied Programs	The First 48	Varied Programs	The First 48	Varied Programs	The First 48	
HALL	20	185	312	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		
FX	22	136	248	Movie		Movie		Varied Programs					Varied Programs		
CNN	24	200	202	CNN Newsroom				CNN Newsroom				The Situation Room			
TNT	25	138	245	Varied Programs											
NIK	26	170	299	Team Umizoomi	Max & Ruby	Varied Programs		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
SPIKE	28	168	241	Varied Programs											
MY-TV	29	32	-	Hawaii Five-0		Gunsmoke		Bonanza		The Big Valley		The Wild, Wild West	Emergency!		
DISN	31	172	290	Mickey Mouse	Little Einsteins	Varied Programs		Phineas and Ferb	Varied Programs						
LIFE	32	108	252	Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Varied Programs			
USA	33	105	242	Varied Programs											
BET	34	124	329	(:05) The Parkers	(:40) The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Jamie Foxx Show	Jamie Foxx Show	The Parkers	Movie	Varied Programs			
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter	Varied Programs	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Varied Programs	Coll. Football Live	NFL Live	Varied Programs	Around the Horn	Interruption	
ESPN2	36	144	209	(1:00) First Take				Numbers Never Lie	Varied Programs		Numbers Never Lie	Dan Le Batard	NFL32	Varied Programs	
SUNSP	37	-	-	Varied Programs											
DISCV	38	182	278	FBI: Criminal Pursuit		Varied Programs									
TBS	39	139	247	Fresh Prince	American Dad	American Dad	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	
HLN	40	202	204	News Now								Making It in America	Evening Express		
FNC	41	205	360	(11:00) Happening Now		America Live				Studio B With Shepard Smith		Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Five		
EI	45	114	236	EI News	Varied Programs	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Varied Programs					
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Varied Programs				No Reservation	Varied Programs			Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Holiday Battle	Varied Programs								
TLC	48	183	280	What Not to Wear	Varied Programs	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	What Not to Wear	Varied Programs	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	
HIST	49	120	269	Varied Programs											
ANPL	50	184	282	Animal Cops Houston		Animal Cops Houston		Animal Cops Houston		Animal Cops Houston		The Haunted	Monsters Inside Me		
FOOD	51	110	231	Varied Programs	Barefoot Contessa	Varied Programs	10 Dollar Dinners								

DEAR ABBY

Daughter willfully disregards mother's bequest of jewels

DEAR ABBY: My darling mother-in-law passed away recently. She was a wonderful woman, a caring and loving role model to her children and grandchildren. In her will she left a diamond ring to her daughter, "Mimi," a diamond ring to me, and the remainder of her jewelry to her grandchildren. Her house and its contents were to be divided equally between her son and daughter.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

My children received a box from Mimi filled with Mom's costume jewelry. All of her expensive jewelry was missing. When I asked about the missing items, Mimi said they were in the box, and she had taken photos to prove it. My husband noticed that many valuable items were missing from the family home as well.

Recently my daughter and I ran into my sister-in-law in a restaurant and saw she was wearing one of the pieces of jewelry that had been intended for my children. When I asked Mimi to please take it off and give it to my daughter, she replied that she couldn't because she was "still grieving." Any advice on how to handle this? - HEARTBROKEN

IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: What a shame. Who was the executor of your mother-in-law's will? That person should have been overseeing the disposition of her property, and that is the person you should contact now to see the deceased's wishes are complied with. If Mimi WAS the executor, then your next step should be to contact an attorney.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old male who is still a virgin. It bugs me knowing that uglier, disgusting, less intelligent guys are having sex, while I - compassionate, smart, educated and good-looking - am not. What am I supposed to do? What is the secret to finally losing my virginity?

This has been bothering me lately because I have lost a lot of weight and feel better about myself, but it still isn't happening. I used

to be extremely shy, but the confidence I gained from the weight loss has helped me in talking to strangers.

I don't get it. I feel like life is playing a cruel joke on me. I feel like the only virgin in the room. Please give me some advice. - READY FOR MORE

DEAR READY: Please take a moment and re-read the second sentence of your letter. If you do, you will realize that while you have lost the weight, you have not lost the anger you must have felt when, for years, you went unnoticed. The chances of losing your virginity - and more important, having a RELATIONSHIP - will improve if you talk to a psychologist. Unless you do, as smart, educated and good-looking as you now are, the "vibe" you emit may continue to repel women. I have seen this happen, so please give my advice serious consideration.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

you can solve. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ulterior motives are apparent. Whether it's you who has something else in mind or someone else, you must cut through the deception and figure out a way to turn wrongs into rights. Admitting your faults and recognizing others will help you move forward. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Time spent with friends, neighbors or at a community event will be rewarding. The encounters you have will lead to a new pastime or lifestyle change that will improve your current situation. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get back to basics and remember your past. The experiences you have encountered will help you avoid making the same mistake twice. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans with friends, family or your

lover. Doing something different or engaging in a passionate or creative endeavor will bring you great satisfaction and a feeling of comfort and optimism regarding the future. Update your appearance. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Change will be necessary to improve your life. Welcome change and look forward to an opportunity that comes your way. When one door closes, another one opens. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your energy and enthusiasm to work for you. Whether a situation pertains to your profession or your personal life, you can make changes that will enhance your life and your future. A commitment will stabilize your long-term goals. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be a follower. Someone will encourage you to make a poor choice. Separate your personal and business situations - focus on one or the other without interference. . ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen to your heart and your intuition. You can make arrangements that will protect you from anyone trying to take advantage of what you've worked so hard to accomplish. A romantic relationship will ease your stress and bring you domestic options. ★★★★★

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impulsive action and techniques will bring results but must be monitored carefully. You can end up looking like a genius, but expect to have to undergo some arguments before you come out on top. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are in the zone, so don't let anyone tell you you aren't, or that you cannot do things your way. Dealing with people who interest you will lead to greater professional and personal opportunities. A romantic evening should be scheduled. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your life simple and moderate. If you stray too far from home, you will be vulnerable to situations you have no control over. Being cautious may not excite you, but it will deter trouble. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll lean toward the unusual. Do your research and get involved in projects or fundraisers that touch on problems you feel

CELEBRITY CIPHER

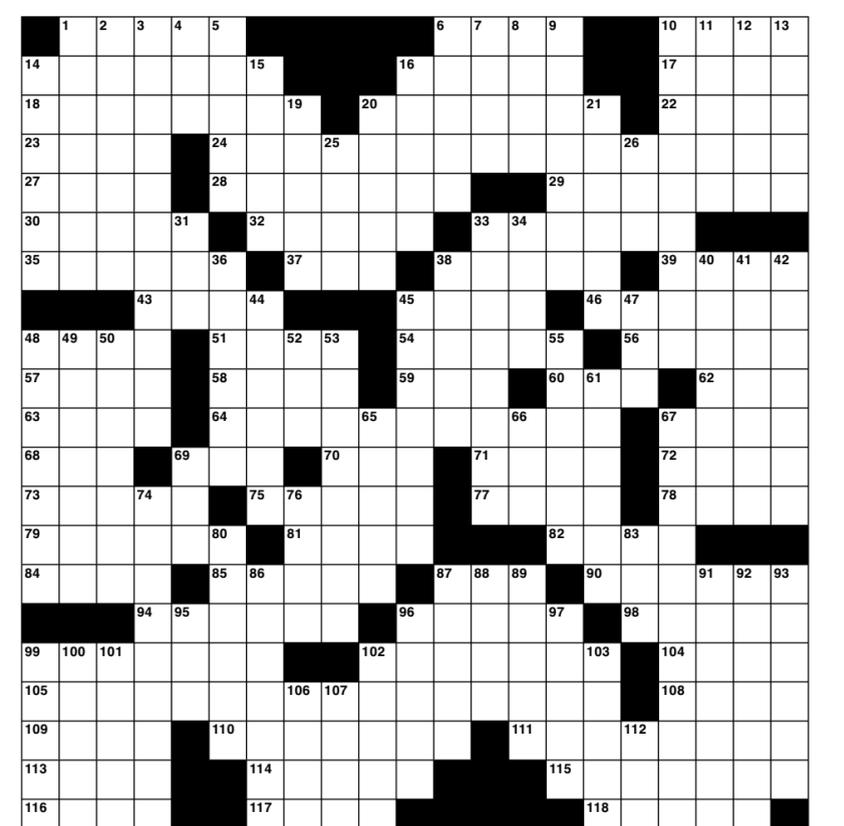
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
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H A Y Z G D F G E H Z G U Y E F G . " - K S I F Z L S D

Previous Solution: "We're always attracted to the edges of what we are, out by the edges where it's a little raw and nervy." - E.L. Doctorow
TODAY'S CLUE: "I sjenbo"
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

STAR-CROSSED LOVERS By Timothy Polin / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across
1 Christie who played half of 3-Down
6 Epiphanies
10 Key of Mozart's "Jupiter"
Symphony: Abbr.
14 John O'Hara's "Appointment in ..."
16 Doughnut ingredient, commercially
17 Indian melody
18 Promotes recessive traits, say
20 Picked some fruit
22 Religious scholar
23 Prefix with byte
24 "Atonement"
27 Dame Joan Sutherland delivery
28 Holy ones are hard to handle
29 Some clerics
30 Equine shades
32 Section of the Medicare law covering hospital and nursing care
33 Kind of bar
35 Honshu city devastated by the 2011 tsunami
37 Signature followers, for short
38 Lighthouse, e.g.
39 Freudian mediators
For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.



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87 Gable who played half of 105-Across
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89 Lobster trap
91 Clique
92 Changed in popularity
93 Snowbird, typically
95 Calder Cup org.
96 Ate
97 "Symphony in Black" and others
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101 Assumed, say
102 Cafeteria worker's headgear
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112 Lowercase letters resembling v's

Grid for the crossword puzzle answers, showing numbers 1-118 in their respective positions.

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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Study: School support key for pregnant teens

By KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

MIAMI — When 15-year-old Kali Gonzalez became pregnant, the honors student considered transferring to an alternative school. She worried teachers would harass her for missing class because of doctor's appointments and morning sickness.

A guidance counselor urged Gonzalez not to, saying that could lower her standards.

Instead, her counselor set up a meeting with teachers at her St. Augustine high school to confirm she could make up missed assignments, eat in class and use the restroom whenever she needed. Gonzalez, who is now 18, kept an A-average while pregnant. She capitalized on an online school program for parenting students so she could stay home and take care of her baby during her junior year. She returned to school her senior year and graduated with honors in May.

But Gonzalez is a rare example of success among pregnant students. Schools across the country are divided over how to handle them, with some schools kicking them out or penalizing students for pregnancy-related absences. And many schools say they can't afford costly support programs, including tutoring, child care and transportation for teens who may live just a few miles from school but still too far to walk while pregnant or with a small child.

Nearly 400,000 girls and young women between 15 and 19 years old gave birth in 2010, a rate of 34 per 1,000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Those statistics have led child advocates to push for greater adherence to a 1972 law that bans sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities, according to a new report by the National Women's Law Center.

Fatima Goss Graves, the



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Kali Gonzalez plays with her daughter Kiah, 2, at their home in St. Augustine. A new report by the National Women's Law Center says offering pregnant teens extra support would ultimately save taxpayers money by helping them become financially independent and not dependent on welfare.

center's vice president of education and employment, says offering pregnant teens extra support would ultimately save taxpayers money by helping them become financially independent and not dependent on welfare.

But budget cuts have eaten into such efforts.

California lawmakers slashed a successful program for such students in 2008, ruling it was no longer mandatory, and allowed school districts to use the money for other programs.

More than 100,000 pregnant and parenting students have participated in the program that helps them with classwork and connects them with social services. It boasted a 73 percent graduation rate in 2010 — close to the state's

normal rate — and advocates said participants were less reliant on welfare and less likely to become pregnant again. That compares to several counties where only 30 percent of pregnant and parenting teens graduated.

"It's unfortunate that this effective program fell prey to the enormous budget challenges we are facing as a state," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

Three years ago in Wisconsin, cost-cutting lawmakers dropped a requirement for school districts to give pregnant students who live within two miles of a school building free rides to school. The requirement had been part of an effort to improve access to education and reduce infant

mortality rates.

Less than half of the states have programs that send home assignments to homebound or hospitalized student parents, according to the study.

In almost half of the states, including Idaho, Nevada, Nebraska, South Dakota and Utah, the definition of excused absences is not broad enough to include pregnant and parenting students.

That typically results in a patchwork of policies where some school districts don't excuse absences even if the student is in the hospital giving birth, according to the study.

But a few states have developed programs to help improve graduate rates among pregnant girls

and young mothers.

In Washington, D.C., caseworkers in the New Heights Teen Parent Program often stand by the school entrance or text pregnant students and young moms to make sure they are attending classes.

When students do miss school, caseworkers take them homework assignments. About 600 students participate in the program which also helps students with housing, child care and parenting skills. But the \$1.6 million federal grant funding the program runs out next year and officials said they don't have a clear future funding source.

Roughly 4,500 male and female student parents participated in a Pennsylvania program last year where case workers helped them balance school and child care. Nearly 1,300 graduated or received an equivalent, state officials said. The ELECT program, which started in 1990 as a partnership between state child welfare and education officials, monitors students' attendance, coordinates summer programs and links them with support systems in the community.

Florida allows pregnant and parenting students to receive homebound instruction and lays out a clear process to make up missed work. The state also gives those students the option of taking online classes.

In St. Johns County, where Gonzalez lives, the school district provides free day care for teen moms and bus transportation for students and their children.

Pregnant students are often stereotyped as low-achievers, but advocates say pregnancy actually motivates some to do better in school.

Gonzalez, whose daughter is now 2, said her grades improved after she became pregnant.

"I did push myself a lot harder and I made sure that I wasn't going to be that statistic," said Gonzalez, who is now married and pursuing a nursing degree.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

PIRG finds fewer unsafe toys

Choking still a serious danger for toddlers.

By JENNIFER C. KERR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Toys are safer than ever before, consumer advocates say, but parents should remain vigilant in keeping their little ones away from powerful magnets and small items that can easily cause choking.

"The main trend that we saw this year was that we didn't find as many toxic toys as we thought we would," said Nasima Hossain, a public health advocate for U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

PIRG examined more than 200 toys on store shelves at major retailers and dollar stores and tested about three dozen toys for lead and chemicals called phthalates, which are used to make plastic products softer but have been linked to reproductive defects and other health problems. A 2008 product safety law ushered in new standards for children's products, including strict limits on lead and phthalates allowed in toys.

Of the toys tested, only one — a Morphobot action figure — turned up lead levels that exceeded the new stricter federal limit on how much metal can be in the toy. For phthalates, the toys all met the federal standard for what's allowed, though a Dora the Explorer backpack had levels that would trigger disclosure under Washington state and California law, the report said.

Small toys that could choke children and loud toys that could possibly lead to hearing loss were the primary concern of this year's report.



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Consumer Product Safety Commission Commissioner Robert S. Adler (left); Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) advocate Nasima Hossain, and Dr. Bryan Rudolph, meet reporters during a news conference in Washington on last week. PIRG released its 27th annual Trouble in Toyland report on hazardous toys.

Summary:

■ **TOYING WITH TROUBLE:** In its annual "Trouble in Toyland" report, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group examined more than 200 toys at major retailers and dollar stores and found about a dozen that could be dangerous to children.

■ **NAUGHTY, NOT NICE:** A Dora the Explorer guitar, dragster cars with small wheels and finger-fidget desktop magnets are among the toys that consumer advocates warn about.

■ **GOT THE LEAD OUT:** Lead and other toxins were less a concern, thanks to a 2008 product safety law that ushered in stricter limits on metals and chemicals in toys.

A Dora the Explorer guitar and a set of colorful toy car keys for infants were cited for being excessively loud. Play food sets of everything from little strawberries to miniature sausage as well as small dragster cars that had tiny rubber traction bands on the wheels that could come loose were all listed as small to choke.

The group also highlighted renewed concerns about

the high-powered magnets in executive desktop toys for adults or a finger-play magnet toy for kids called Snake Eggs that PIRG found at a dollar store.

PIRG cited government estimates of 1,700 emergency room visits between 2009 and 2011 involving the ingestion of high-powered magnets.

Most cases involved children between 4 and 12 years old. Older children have accidentally ingested the balls while trying to mimic

tongue piercings. The magnets, such as the ones in the popular Buckyball desktop toys, can cling together if swallowed, pinch internal tissue and lead to serious injuries.

The Toy Industry Association's Stacy Leistner says his group agrees that strong magnets are a risk for children and should not be available to them.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission this summer sued New York-based Maxfield and Oberton, the maker of the Buckyball desktop toys, to stop their sale. The finger-fidget toys are designed for adults, but CPSC said it was seeing too many injuries involving children.

Maxfield has maintained the toys are for adults, marketed to adults and carry clear warning labels — but it announced last month that it would stop making the Buckyball series. CPSC is considering a ban on high-powered magnet sets.

1936 Coke delivery truck finds new home

By DAVE KURTZ
The (Indianapolis) Star

AUBURN, Ind. — Don Monesmith's collection of Coke memorabilia doesn't all fit at his house anymore.

That's why his latest addition, a 1936 Coke delivery truck, sits on display at the National Auto & Truck Museum in Auburn, where Monesmith serves as a volunteer and board member.

The truck arrived last month, and next summer it will become a traveling ambassador for the museum.

Monesmith, of Avilla, said he has collected Coke memorabilia for 40 years. One day he acquired a photo of a Coke delivery truck painted with a sign advertising the brand's 50th anniversary in 1936.

"I thought, 'That is a cool Coke truck. Wonder if I could build that?'" he said.

Monesmith recently had retired as president of Community State Bank in Avilla.

"I thought that would just be a neat project for me — something I could throw myself into in retirement and not get bored," he said about recreating the Coke truck. "It was good. I'm ready to do another one."

Monesmith started last summer by finding and buying the chassis of a 1936 Ford truck and began the transformation.

His vintage photograph showed the truck fully loaded with wooden cases of Coke bottles.

"By knowing the exact dimensions of the wood cases in that picture, I was able to scale out exactly what the dimensions of that truck body were," he said. He built a delivery truck body from scratch and restored the cab

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— Don Monesmith, retired banker

and engine to gleaming perfection.

"I've done a few farm tractors, but this is the first time I've taken something like this on. It was just a fun project," he said.

Next, he wanted to load the truck with its fizzy cargo. Monesmith acquired a few authentic, wooden Coke cases from the era.

"But they're getting very, very hard to find, so I had to build 160 of them," he said. It took 120 hours in his shop to produce new cases that are hard to tell from the real thing.

"When I was all done, I had more sawdust than I could fit in my pickup truck," he said.

Now, Monesmith has ordered 1,920 small bottles of Coke to fill the cases.

"I'm anxious to see it loaded, because it will look a lot more impressive," he said.

His final objective is to give away all that Coke as he turns the truck into a traveling exhibit.

"Our goal next year is to start taking it to area car shows to promote the museum," he said. "If we hand people a bottle of Coke, we've got a captive audience for a minute, we can tell them about the museum and hopefully pull more people in to what I think's a hidden treasure here in Auburn."