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**SUNDAY EDITION**

Comeback falls short for Tigers.

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Snow Day, more set for Saturday in Lake City.

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## Ex-water chief 'muzzled' on JEA

David Still says DEP kept him silent on 155M gallon per day water permit.

From staff reports

The former head of the Suwannee River Water Management District opposed a permit by the Jacksonville Electric Authority

to pump up to 155 million gallons of water a day from the Floridan Aquifer, but was "muzzled" by officials of the state Department of Environmental Protection, according to a report by the *Tampa Bay Times*.

David Still, who was fired as executive director of the water district Feb. 14, was forced out by Gov. Rick Scott "as part of a massive shakeup and budget cutback of all five districts," the paper reported in its



Still

pumping on Florida's fresh water springs as well as the aquifer.

Nov. 23 edition.

Still said that before he left, he persuaded colleagues at the St. Johns Water Management District, which approved the JEA permit, to ask the National Research Council to study the effect of over-

The Council agreed to the \$400,000 study but the water districts said they could not fund it.

"Still scoffs at that," the *Times* reported. "They can fund what they want to fund," he said. "There just wasn't the will to do it."

Still told the *Times* that the districts apparently feared coming to the conclusion

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### CALLAWAY FLOODING

## Who's to blame?



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Callaway resident Chris Williams (top) paddles (from left) his wife Mandi and neighbors A.J. and Dennille Decker through flooded streets of their neighborhood last summer as they survey the damage done by Tropical Storm Debby.

## Dispute over drainage in Callaway has gone on more than 6 years

However, county may be close to deal with water management.

By DEREK GILLIAM  
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The damage to the Callaway subdivision caused by Tropical Storm Debby in June is still far from fixed, while a six-year debate over who is responsible for drainage issues in the neighborhood continues.

While nothing can turn back the clock on the current damage, however, a possible deal is in the works that would put the burden of managing future problems there and elsewhere on the county government.

Meanwhile, there remain unanswered questions about just how — and from where — the water flowed into Callaway.

The Suwannee River

Water Management District and the Board of County Commissioners have been discussing who's responsible for operation and maintenance for one of the retention ponds since at least 2006.

County Manager Dale Williams said the county doesn't have the legal right to work on the roughly oval-shaped, half-acre pond. And the plat, a planning document approved by the county commission, shows the home owners association owns the land.

Steve Minnis, director of governmental affairs and communications for the management district, said according to SRWMD records, the county was responsible for operation and maintenance for the retention pond in question.

Williams said the county doesn't have easements to put equipment on to repair the pond; plus, the

CALLAWAY continued on 7A



FILE

Nicole Roth sits in a boat near the front lawn of the home that she and her family were renting when Tropical Storm Debby struck in June.

## Riders raise big bucks for CSC

Motorcycle event nets \$12,900 for local charity.

By TONY BRITT  
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Going for a nice, relaxing ride on your motorcycle took on new meaning Saturday when more than 150 motorcycles roared off from the Rountree-Moore Toyota dealership, hoping to raise food, clothing and toys for the Christian Service Center.

The Riders with Caring Hearts Christmas Toy ride began around 10 a.m. at Rountree-Moore auto dealership, which was the corporate sponsor, as motorcycles began to fill the parking area. The entry fee for the event was \$10 per bike, an unwrapped toy and a non-perishable food item for the event that was set to begin at noon.

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## Bonuses on table for city workers

By TONY BRITT  
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A token of appreciation can go a long way.

Monday night city officials are scheduled to discuss whether a token of appreciation will amount to something city employees can take to the bank.

City Council members are scheduled to discuss the possibility of giving city employees a one-time token of appreciation during the council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers, 205 N. Marion Ave.

According to the meeting agenda, City Manager Wendell Johnson is suggesting that full- and part-time employees get a financial "token of appreciation."

The proposal is that all city employees who are on a part-time basis and those with less than one

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JLo tones it down.

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Saturday:  
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Evening: N/A



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## AROUND FLORIDA

# Feds impose water pollution rules on Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The federal government is imposing tough water pollution rules on Florida in a long-delayed victory for environmental groups.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson filed a notice in federal court in Tallahassee on Friday, saying she has complied with a consent decree requiring adoption of the rules.

They are designed to curtail pollution blamed for algae blooms that have choked Florida's waterways.

State officials, as well as agriculture, business and utility interests, opposed the rules, arguing they'd be too expensive to implement. They had touted an alternative proposal offered by the state, which environmentalists said was too weak.

Earthjustice lawyer David Guest, who represented environmental groups in a lengthy court battle, said Jackson's action was "absolutely everything we hoped for."

Friday was a court-ordered deadline for the EPA to act.

### Graduation rate jumps this year

TALLAHASSEE — State education officials said Florida's federal graduation rate dramatically increased by 3.9 percentage points this year.

They announced on



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Joe Wasilewski shows off a Nile crocodile he caught near his Homestead, Fla., home. State wildlife officials have given their agents a rare order to shoot to kill in the hunt for a young and potentially dangerous Nile crocodile loose near Miami. "They get big. They're vicious. The animals are just more aggressive and they learn that humans are easy targets," says Wasilewski, a reptile expert and veteran alligator wrangler.

Friday that 74.5 percent of Florida's high school students graduated within four years.

It's the biggest increase since 2003. The rate has climbed 18 percentage points since then.

The rate is based only on standard diplomas as required by federal regulations effective last year. Until then, Florida used its own system that included other diplomas to arrive at a higher rate.

Department of Education officials don't know yet where Florida ranks nationally. The state traditionally has had one of

the nation's lowest rates.

Minority rates have increased sharply in recent years but still lag. The rates this year are 63.7 percent for blacks and 72.9 percent for Hispanics.

### 500 foster kids adopted in month

TALLAHASSEE — More than 500 foster children from around the state were adopted in November for National Adoption Month.

Parents who adopt foster kids receive a monthly adoption subsidy for the

family, health benefits for the child, and free college tuition.

Roughly 750 foster children are still waiting for a family. The children most in need of homes are teens, sibling groups and children with special needs.

A newly redesigned website at [www.adoptflorida.org](http://www.adoptflorida.org) highlights children and sibling groups in foster care each day of the month with photos and videos.

Last year, 3,250 children were adopted from Florida's foster care system.

### Human relations panel denies bias

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Human Relations Commission is denying it's biased against workers who file complaints against their employers.

The commission commented Friday on a report issued a day earlier by a group of lawyers who represent employees in discrimination, reprisal and whistle-blower protection cases.

The state chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association said the commission is a "rogue agency" that's politicized, favors employers and should be fixed or abolished.

The commission responded in a statement saying the report is inaccurate and makes self-serving recommendations. The agency maintains its investigations are fair and impartial and that it strives to be fair to everyone — accuser and accused alike.

### Teen gets prison for fatal crash

WEST PALM BEACH — A South Florida teen has been sentenced to 14 years in prison for a crash in a stolen car that left a woman dead.

A Palm Beach County judge sentenced 18-year-old Jermaine Nixon on Friday. He was convicted in September of vehicular homicide with failure to

render aid, leaving the scene of a crash, grand theft and fleeing and eluding law enforcement.

Authorities said police were chasing Nixon in March 2010 shortly before he hit a pedestrian, 21-year-old Kathryn Veroxie, and then crashed. The Palm Beach Post reported that Nixon fled on foot but was captured a short time later.

### Man gets another death sentence

BARTOW — A central Florida man already on death row for murdering two women has received another death sentence for killing two gas station workers.

A Polk County judge sentenced 34-year-old Leon Davis Jr. on Friday. He was convicted in October of two counts of first-degree murder and several other crimes.

Authorities said Davis fatally shot 33-year-old Pravinkumar Patel and 51-year-old Dashrath Patel during a Lake Alfred BP station robbery in December 2007.

Davis was previously sentenced to death for killing two women — 26-year-old Yvonne Bustamante and 23-year-old Juanita Luciano — during the robbery of a Lake Wales insurance company, about a week after the fatal gas station robbery.

■ Associated Press

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# JLo tones down concert in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Singer Jennifer Lopez wowed thousands of fans in Indonesia, but they didn't see as much of her as concertgoers in other countries — the American pop star toned down both her sexy outfits and her dance moves during her show in the world's most populous Muslim country, promoters said Saturday.

Lopez's "Dance Again World Tour" was performed in the country's capital, Jakarta, on Friday in line with promises Lopez made to make her show more appropriate for the audience, said Chairi Ibrahim from Dyandra Entertainment, the concert promoter.

"JLo was very cooperative ... she respected our culture," Ibrahim said, adding that Lopez's managers also asked whether she could perform her usual sexy dance moves, but were told that "making love" moves were not appropriate for Indonesia.

Lopez changed several times during her 90-minute concert along with several dancers, who also dressed modestly without revealing their chests or cleavage.

### Protests flare in Bahrain for Kim Kardashian visit

MANAMA, Bahrain — Just hours after reality TV star Kim Kardashian gushed about her impressions of Bahrain, riot police fired tear gas to disperse more than 50 headline Islamic protesters denouncing her presence in the Gulf kingdom.

The clashes took place just before Kardashian opened the Bahrain branch of her Millions of Milkshakes shop.

An Associated Press journalist saw protesters chanting "God is Great" near the shopping complex in Riffa, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) south of the capital Manama. The demonstrators were cleared before Kardashian appeared late Saturday.



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Jennifer Lopez performs during her concert in Shanghai, China, on Nov. 24. Lopez toned down both her revealing costumes and suggestive dance moves for a concert in Jakarta, Indonesia, so as not to offend Muslim sensibilities.

Earlier, she posted glowing remarks about Bahrain on her Twitter account, calling it "the prettiest place on earth." It was re-tweeted by Bahrain's foreign minister.

Kardashian was in Kuwait earlier this week to open another branch of the shop.

### Stevie Wonder cancels concert for Israeli group

WASHINGTON — Stevie Wonder is calling off a concert for a group that raises money for the Israeli military.

Wonder had been scheduled to perform next week for Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, which raises money for Israeli soldiers and their families.

Wonder said the United Nations recommended canceling his performance because he is an official "Messenger of Peace" for the

organization. The United Nations overwhelmingly voted to recognize a Palestinian state on Thursday over vehement U.S. and Israeli objections as hopes for Mideast peace talks stalled.

Wonder said in a statement he was canceling with a heavy heart but that "I am and have always been against war, any war, anywhere."

### Katy Perry gets top Billboard honor

NEW YORK — Billboard named Katy Perry its woman of the year, but the pop star thought her year was 2011.

"I felt like my year was last year ... I thought my moment had passed," Perry said in an interview with Jon Stewart at Billboard's Women in Music event Friday in New York City.

Perry released "Teenage Dream" in 2010, and the double platinum album sparked five No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

■ Associated Press

### Celebrity Birthdays

■ Actress Julie Harris is 87.  
■ Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 81.  
■ Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 73.  
■ Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 68.

■ Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 67.  
■ Actor Ron Raines is 63.  
■ Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 62.  
■ Actor Keith Szarabajka is 60.

### Daily Scripture

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."**

— John 1:1-2, 14

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# RIDERS

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Bill Huggins, a Riders with Caring Hearts committee member and business manager at Rountree-Moore auto group, estimated that a total of \$12,960 was raised during the fundraiser.

Riders raised \$6,480 and Rountree-Moore auto group also raised \$2,250 for the fundraiser. Huggins said a donor agreed to match each dollar raised, bringing the final tally to the \$12,960 amount.

The ride was organized by Danny Murray, Polly Murray and the Riders with Caring Hearts Committee and also sponsored by Columbia County Cycles.

Danny Murray, Columbia County Cycles owner, said there were 275 to 300 people at the event, which featured about 140 to 150 motorcycles.

The benefit ride focused on raising supplies for the Christian Service Center, and Murray said the food and other items contributed



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Motorcyclists participating in the Riders With Caring Hearts Christmas Toy Ride make last minute adjustments Saturday morning as they prepare to take part in a benefit ride for the Christian Service Center.

by riders were excellent.

"We have a Chevrolet, Toyota and Ford truck. One truck is for toys, another for non-perishable food and the other truck is for clothing," he said. "It looks like clothing is the truck that beating everyone

else out."

The 32-mile trek through Columbia County was scheduled to last about 90 minutes. The caravan of motorcycles finished at American Legion Post 57, where an after party, featuring a live band and food,

was waiting.

The motorcyclists left from the auto dealership, heading west with a police escort. Riders bearing the American flag were leading the way.

Lake City resident J.D. Howell was one of many

local residents taking part in the benefit ride. He chose to ride with a huge Teddy bear dressed in a Santa Claus outfit as his riding partner.

"I've been participating in the benefit ride for several years, and it's for

needy kids and needy families and I to it to help out by bringing toys and food," he said.

"I think its real good that we have so many bikes. It shows strong support for the people that are putting the event on."

## CITY: Worker bonuses proposed

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year of employment get \$50, and while other full time employees would receive \$100.

In the memorandum Johnson explained that a nominal level of monetary appreciation is customarily provided to employees on an annual basis during December and amounts traditionally range from \$50 to \$100.

The funding will come from the city's annual budget and is expected to have a \$24,000 impact.

The council is also scheduled to discuss reclassification of three fire department battalion chief positions as firefighters. The three battalion chief positions are not currently filled.

The fire department currently consists of 20 assigned personnel which were authorized in the city budget in

September. The department has one fire chief, one assistant chief, three battalion chiefs, three fire lieutenants, six driver/engineers and six firefighters. The fire department's 2013 budget for personnel services is \$1,485,789.

City documents indicate reclassifying the department's three battalion chief positions won't have a negative supervisory or operational impact on the department, since the senior officers in the department consist of the fire chief, assistant fire chief and three veteran fire lieutenants, with at least one of those officers assigned to each shift.

The reclassification will result in an approximate \$65,000 reduction in personnel cost and provide for more equal distribution of supervisory personnel, the proposal said.

## STILL: Was 'muzzled' by DEP on JEA

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that groundwater pumping was depleting the aquifer and that other, more expensive methods of obtaining water might be necessary, such as desalination.

Still told the *Times* that when springs had dried up in the past, overpumping was named as the cause.

Still was fired by the SRWMD governing board Feb. 14, after reportedly telling board members some weeks earlier he planned to resign then saying he had changed his mind.

The *Times* report, by staff writer Craig Pittman, focused on the continued decline of Florida's fresh water springs statewide.

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## OUR OPINION

# Thanks for a great season

No, they didn't go all the way this year. And no, they didn't get a chance to avenge an early season three-point loss, on the road, to top-ranked Gainesville High.

But the Columbia High Tigers, who fell 28-21 to Navarre in the Panhandle on Friday, gave us all something to cheer about this season.

Whatever else folks may have disagreed on over the last few months, the Tigers brought us together and gave us a common cause.

What a great year.

What a great group.

And what a great coach.

Top Tiger Brian Allen has considerable teaching skills. And not just in football.

While inspiring his team to win, he has instilled in them lessons of even greater importance: The value of hard work, perseverance and refusal to give up, no matter how tough the task.

Yes, these are old values.

But they never get old.

Tigers, we salute you all.

## HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

On this date:  
In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of the French.

In 1812, the Electoral College chose President James Madison to serve a second term of office.

In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October. Artist Georges-Pierre Seurat was born in Paris.

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Model A automobile that replaced its Model T.

In 1939, New York Municipal Airport-LaGuardia Field (later LaGuardia Airport) went into operation as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for conduct that "tends to bring the Senate into disrepute."

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would eventually lead Cuba to Communism.

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors. (Its first director was William D. Ruckelshaus.)

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1991, American hostage Joseph Cicippio (sih-SIHP'-ee-oh), held captive in Lebanon for more than five years, was released.

In 2001, in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

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# Our 24th superintendent

**T**erry Huddleston, our new school superintendent, is the 24th

superintendent to serve our county. The first was P.A. Holt, who served from 1869-1870.

Before that, seven different probate judges acted as county school superintendent.

We now have seven living former superintendents: Dr. Silas Pitman, Dr. Frank Philips, Dr. Dianne Lane, Michael Flanagan, Sam Markham, and Mike Millikin. Dr. Pitman was the longest serving superintendent of the group, with 16 years.

Johnny Starling (Columbia High School Class of 1967) told me he had seen Dr. Pitman, the dean of the group, in the local Gondolier Restaurant recently and he looked and sounded fine.

By the way, for many years no, CHS graduate had ever been elected school superintendent. Now, the most recent four were also CHS graduates: Flanagan, Markham, Millikin, and now Huddleston.

### Thanking 'Mr. X'

On a Saturday night two weeks ago I got home from an outing and discovered my wallet was missing. Panic!

Then I remembered that I had last seen my wallet when paying for



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some purchases at the Dollar General store on Branford Highway (SR 247). So, I went back to the store and a wonderful cashier named Kathy Clements returned my wallet with all the contents intact. What a relief!

I profusely thanked Kathy and even called their corporate office to commend her.

However, the man who actually found my wallet in the store's parking lot and turned it in to the cashier is unknown to both Kathy and me.

I hope that gentlemen will call me at (386) 755-8183 so I can personally thank him.

### Reunion reminder

The next class reunion for the combined classes of 1949-53 will be held on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Mason City Community Center, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone should bring a covered dish. James Clayton will provide the chicken pilau, and all iced

tea and plastic ware will be provided. Questions? Call Julia Geohagen Osborn at (386) 752-7544.

### Computer problem

When our school system first started computerizing all records, there were predictably several glitches.

According to school lore, this was one: The computer programmers needed each student to provide a first, middle and last name. However, one male student's name was RB Smith. The RB didn't stand for anything; that was his full, given name.

When the school's first computer printout came back, the kid's name was mistakenly listed as "Arbie" Smith. Thereafter, every effort was made to correct the name, but the computer just could not handle RB as a first name.

Finally the school sent the name in as "R (only) B (only) Smith." You guessed it. The computer record then showed the kid's name as "Ronly Bonly Smith."

### Political nastiness

During the recent national elections, did you tire of the name-calling and wish we could return to the good old days of civil discourse? Be careful what you wish for.

Noah Webster (1758-1843), the "dictionary

man" and consummate wordsmith, was also a political writer who expressed some controversial opinions

For expressing his Federalist opinions, here are some of the names he was called: "a pusillanimous, half-begotten, self-dubbed patriot," "an incurable lunatic," "a deceitful newsmonger," "a pedagogue and a quack," "a traitor to the cause of Federalism," "a toad in the service of sans-cullottism," "a prostitute wretch," "a great fool and a barefaced liar," "a spiteful viper" and "a maniacal pedant."

Still want to go back to the good old days of "polite political discourse"?

### Christmas quote

From Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol:" "Christmas is a good time, the only time when men and women open their hearts freely, and think of people below them as if they were really fellow passengers to the grave and not another race of creatures bound on their journeys.

"And, therefore, though Christmas has never put a scrape of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say God bless it!"

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

# Palestine wins small victory in U.N.

**I**f the U.N.'s elevation of Palestine to nonmember observer status had come at the end of the Clinton administration when Israel and the Palestinians were achingly close to a peace settlement, it might have truly meant something.

But while Thursday's 138 to 9 vote among the U.N.'s more than 190 members is a triumph for the Palestinians — at least that part of them led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — it is hardly likely to change that stalemate in the short run.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has shown little interest in pursuing the two-state solution — Israel and an independent Palestine living peacefully side by side — favored by the last four U.S. presidents.



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Instead, he has used the time to gradually encroach on parts of East Jerusalem and the West Bank that the Palestinians consider their own and, in the case of East Jerusalem, want for their capital.

If anything, however, progress is beginning to look more like a three-state problem: Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, the latter run for the last five years by Hamas, a radical Islamic group that did not join in the Palestinian merit over its diplomatic promotion because Hamas does not recognize Israel

and claims all of the old Palestine for itself.

Needless to say, this gives the Israelis little incentive to deal with Hamas, and Israel's successful "Iron Dome" missile defense seems to have temporarily, at least, defanged Hamas of its principal terror weapon, random missile attacks against Israeli civilian targets.

However, in the long term, the vote was hardly meaningless, as Netanyahu and U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice put it. The Palestinians have steadily been building an international presence, and it has been recognized as an independent state by 132 countries and has embassies in 80 of them.

The vote was a harsh rebuke to the U.S and Israel: The nine nations that voted against observer status also included

— aside from the U.S. and Israel — Canada, the Czech Republic, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and Panama, hardly a murderers' row of diplomatic might.

The new status gives Palestine access to U.N. international agencies, including the International Criminal Court where Israeli annexation of Palestinian land would not fare well under international law.

Curiously, the current situation disarray in the Arab world has bought Israel some time — not necessarily "benign neglect," but neglect when the Islamic nations are preoccupied elsewhere — to start resolving the Palestinian situation.

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at [jbarr@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:jbarr@lakecityreporter.com).

## Dec. 2

### Civil War program

Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach, will host a Union Garrison event. 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 a Christmas tree and decorating 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](http://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 draw-

ing 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.

### Olustee battle meeting

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. to plan the Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will be at the school district central building room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St.

## 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. 7

### Holiday music concert

The combined music ministries of Pine Grove Baptist Church and Southside Baptist Church will present "Season of Joy" holiday music concert at 7 p.m. at Pine Grove Church, 1989 N Highway 441, and at 7 p.m. Sunday at Southside Baptist, 388 SE Baya Drive. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Nursery will be available for children 4 and younger. For advance

tickets or more information, contact Pine Grove Church a (386) 752-2664 or Southside Baptist at (386) 755-5553.

### Community theater

High Springs Community Theater will present the comedy "Christmas Belles," weekends through Dec. 16. The play is about Christmas time in the small town of Fayro, Texas, but the Futrelle sisters are not exactly in a festive mood. A cranky Frankie is weeks overdue with her second set of twins. Twink, recently jilted, is in jail for inadvertently burning down half the town. And

hot-flash-suffering Honey Raye is desperately trying to keep the Tabernacle of the Lamb's Christmas program from spiraling into chaos. Their hilarious holiday journey through a misadventure-filled Christmas Eve is guaranteed to bring joy to your world. 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](http://highspringscommunitytheater.com). Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Doors open a half-hour before show time. Tickets are \$11 for adults,

\$8 for children 12 and younger and \$9 for seniors on Sundays. The theater is at 130 N. First Ave. in High Springs.

### Fish dinner

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

## 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, coffee, hot chocolate and a waffle station. Enjoy holiday music, fun and fellowship, complete with a visit from Santa. Cost is \$9.95 per person for adults and \$4.95 for children ages 3 to 12. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Medical Services of North Florida. A collection box for donations of unwrapped toys also will be available. For more information, call (386) 754-1411.

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## OBITUARIES

### Joan L. Schimpf

Mrs. Joan L. Schimpf, 87, of Lake City, Florida passed away peacefully Monday, November 26, 2012 with her family by her side. Mrs. Schimpf was born in Canton, Ohio, but had lived in the Lake City area for 29 years after moving here from Miami. Mrs. Schimpf graduated from Lehman High School in Canton, OH in 1943. She attended Purdue University where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Mrs. Schimpf was a very active member of the Edward Rutledge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Lake City, having joined in 1985. She was a much respected officer in the DAR, serving as the Treasurer from 1998-2011. She will always be remembered as a very artistic and creative person who brought great joy to everyone who met her. Mrs. Schimpf was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years Donald R. Schimpf and her son Jeffrey Scott Schimpf.

Mrs. Schimpf is survived by her son Mark T. Schimpf of Palm City, Florida, her daughter Joni L. Barnett of Lewistown, Montana, her identical twin sister Barbara A. Miller of Tucson, Arizona, and three grandsons, Eric, Colin and Scott. She has nephews and nieces across the country who loved her dearly. Mrs. Schimpf will be buried at Miami Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Lehman High School Scholarship Fund Alumni Association, PO Box 8775 Canton, OH 44711, or Daughters of the American Revolution, Edward Rutledge Chapter, Attn: Nancy Wheaton, 344 NW Zack Dr. Lake City, FL 32055. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025, (386)752-1234. Please sign the online family guestbook at [parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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COURTESY PHOTO

Nine-year-old Natalie Green presents a check for \$2,600 to Haven Hospice patient care coordinator Angie McClellan. Joining Natalie for the presentations was Pastor Stan Elis (right) of First Full Gospel Church, Natalie's church. Church members helped Natalie raise the money by selling dinners and holding cake auctions.

## 9-year-old raises \$2,600, donates to Haven Hospice

From staff reports

Seeing it as a way to make the world a better place, 9-year-old Natalie Green turned over a check Monday to Haven Hospice for \$2,600.

Natalie decided to raise money for Haven because "We had learned in school about making the world a better place," she said. "I thought about how I could make the world a better place. So when I got home, I asked my Mom and Dad if I could make the world a better place by doing something for hospice?"

When asked by Haven

staff if she knew what the organization did, she replied, "You take care of sick people."

Natalie's goal of making the world a better place will be achieved in part because this donation will be used to help pay for patient care for those who are unable to pay themselves, and it will be used to provide grief support and bereavement camps for children.

Natalie's original goal was to raise \$1,000, but with the help of her church, which got behind her with a fundraiser of selling dinners and having

cake auctions, she managed to collect \$2,600.

Natalie was joined by Pastor Stan Elis, of the First Full Gospel Church, when she presented the check to Haven Patient Care Coordinator Angie McClellan.

### About Haven Hospice

Haven Hospice is a not-for-profit community hospice organization providing services since 1979 and licensed in Florida since 1980.

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COURTESY PHOTO

A parade of antique tractors was one of the highlights of Old Tyme Farm Days and Swamp Meet Heritage Days held Nov. 23 and 24 at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

## Old Tyme Days draws thousands to Suwannee park

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — The 2012 Old Tyme Farm Days & Swamp Meet Heritage Days at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park was one of the largest yet.

Thousands of people camped over the holiday weekend of Nov. 22-24 at the SOSMP with family and friends.

A huge crowd enjoying a community Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22. Everyone brought a covered dish and paid \$5 to enjoy lunch.

Guests feasted on turkey and dressing, ham and all the goodies that guests made.

Thursday evening Ted "Teddy Mac Elvis" McMullen directed karaoke and also performed in the Music Hall. Friday night Justin Case Band played after Rion Paige opened for the popular band. Rion, 12, has become

one of the favorite performers at the SOSMP, along with Justin Case. Saturday night Southern Rukus keep the crowd entertained with more country, country rock and a variety of other music.

Old Tyme Farm Days was held Nov. 23-24, and delighted the hundreds of folks who came to see vintage tractors and farm equipment, a petting zoo, vendors, a tractor and golf cart parade and lots of other fun throughout the weekend.

If you want to enjoy Old Tyme Farm Days next year, it's time now to make your reservations for camping, cabins or primitive camping to make sure there's space available for you and your family.

For more information on SOSMP, call (386) 364-1683, email [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com) or go to [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com).

## Annual 'Suwannee Lights' opens at SOSMP

LIVE OAK — The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak has opened its annual Suwannee Lights Christmas extravaganza.

Suwannee Lights, a tradition in North Florida for families, will be held nightly through Dec. 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission fees are charged.

Suwannee Lights is a unique experience. Visitors can remain warm and cozy in their own vehicle as they drive through this Christmas spectacular, regardless of the weather.

Children and adults will oooh and aaah as they see more than 5 million twinkling lights on lovingly handmade Christmas vignettes.

The entire attraction was redesigned last year by Steve Briscoe of First Street Music in Lake City. The new features include more music, sound enhancements and new displays.

This event has become a tradition with hundreds of families who take the tour each year, shop the Crafts Village, chat with

Santa and enjoy all the special activities going on each evening and weekends at the SOSMP

Visitors also can take a walking tour, roast s'mores over a crackling fire, sit on Santa's knee while Christmas music plays in the background. Santa's elves will be right there working in Santa's unique workshop.

The Puppetone Rockers are back again this year to delight young and old with music and the antics of the puppets, along with Dave Blazer. The Kazoobie Guy will also be there beginning Dec. 14 to entertain with his kazoo.

Many come early to the SOSMP, enjoy dinner and karaoke Monday and Thursday nights and live music, dancing and dinner Friday and Saturday nights in the Music Hall.

The SOSMP's SOS Café and Restaurant brings wonderful culinary creations to delight guests in the Music Hall. Check out beautiful new improvements, which now features a

full-service bar.

Suwannee Lights' admission Sunday through Thursday is \$6 per adult and \$2 per child 4-12 years old, children 3 and younger are free. Fridays and Saturdays, admission is \$8 per adult and \$2 per child 4-12 years old. Discount coupons are available at Taco Bell with any purchase.

SOS Café and Restaurant opens at 5 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday for dinner and events in the Music Hall.

Karaoke begins at 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday in the Music Hall.

Music Hall live music shows begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak, off U.S. 129.



COURTESY PHOTO

Santa's Workshop is one of the many holiday-themed and colorfully lighted displays to be seen in the Suwannee Lights attraction at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park through Dec. 24.



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A band of musician figures made from strings of colorful lights is among numerous displays in the Suwannee Lights attraction at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park near Live Oak.

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# The rising cost of storm maintenance

By **DEREK GILLIAM**  
dgilliam@lakecityreporter.com

County Manager Dale Williams said during the economic boom years the county commission would sometimes approve two or three plats for development during a single meeting.

Before the boom, the board would see one every month or so, he said.

Many of those plats dedicated the surface water drainage maintenance and operation to the county. In addition, the county maintains drainage ditches on either side of public roads.

Recently, the county created a crew just for the maintenance of drainage systems.

The 2012-13 budget for maintenance of drainage systems more than doubled from \$310,182 to \$632,592.

Williams said the increase to the budget and the addition of a crew to work just on drainage issues was due to multiple factors.

The county commission wanted the increases because of aging infrastructure and the increased number of projects, he said.

"You could take the entire public works budget and spend it on drainage and not waste it," Williams said.

The county commission knew about the problems associated with drainage issues as far back as 2004. The combination of

three hurricanes over the span of about one month caused tremendous flooding across the county.

In the minutes from one meeting, District 1 Commissioner Ron Williams said if the county didn't act quickly, the county would be faced with the same problems the next time a big storm comes through the area.

"I think we really need to revisit our stormwater management district. We're talking about millions of dollars to truly fix the problem, and if we're going to fix it, it needs to be really fixed," he said at that meeting. "We as commissioners are going to have to have the backbone to stand up and truly fix the flooding problems."

## CALLAWAY: County may be near deal with Suwannee River Water District

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pond was never built to the proper specifications and the county can't perform work on property that isn't publicly owned.

Homeowners have said they are tired of all the finger pointing and just want the problems fixed.

### The Homeowners

Roger Parish, a homeowner since 2004 in Phase Two of Callaway, said there was a homeowners association, but the association never collected any money and was dissolved sometime near the beginning of 2006.

Parish said the county had known about the issues before then. He contended the water that flooded Callaway came into the neighborhood from three different directions.

In 2004, while the area was slammed with rain from three hurricanes dumping 30 inches on Columbia County, a berm was constructed on Kirby Road to keep water from entering the subdivision.

Some of the houses that flooded in September 2004, during a period of intense rainfall from the passing hurricanes, didn't flood after Tropical Storm Debby, and houses that weren't even close to flooding in the 2004 hurricanes flooded this time, Parish said.

Tom Ottum, a homeowner living in Callaway Subdivision since 2004, said the retention pond

from the Emerald Forest Subdivision, directly to the north of Phase Two Callaway subdivision, was connected to a retention pond in the northwestern edge of the neighborhood.

Ottum said that work was done without a permit from the water management district, and the flooding this time started in that area.

Kevin Kirby, director of public works for Columbia County, on Saturday said a permit isn't always required for that kind of work, but whether a permit existed could not be confirmed by press time.

Ottum said he remembers the flooding started at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, in that area, because he helped some of the families in the subdivision load up their belongings and escape.

He said the water from the direction of Kirby Road, along the east edge of Callaway, either topped or breached the berm about 4 p.m. on June 26. Until then, he said, that part of the neighborhood wasn't flooded.

"And the rain had stopped," he said.

He said at 4:30 p.m. the water was a foot deep and by 5 p.m. it was more than three feet deep. By 6 p.m., he said the water was past people's chests.

"They can say what they want, but that's where it came from and that's how fast," Ottum said.

He said the other direction water flowed from was down Callahan Avenue,

the southern edge of the neighborhood. He said anytime there's a heavy rain he sees water rushing into Callaway coming from that direction.

Ottum said he understands when there's 30 inches of rain there will be flooding, but he feels the county is responsible for some of the damage because he feels that water was redirected into the neighborhood.

"Will they stop it, do they know where it's coming from?" he asked. "I don't know."

A.J. Decker, who hasn't moved back to Callaway since his home was badly damaged by Debby, said there were many unanswered questions.

"Our area of the subdivision didn't flood at all when Callaway initially flooded in 2004," he said. "With Tropical Storm Debbie, however, our area was the first part of the subdivision to flood. The situation raises a number of questions as to how this happened and what's different from 2004."

Williams in an earlier interview said that he has "yet to find an engineer, one that will say 'Yes, (the linkage of the two retention ponds) did'" contribute to the Callaway flooding.

### SRWMD and the County

Williams said the county accepts operation and main-

tenance for retention ponds if the developer designs the retention ponds to county specifications. Some requirements call for the county to have enough land to be able to move equipment onto the site. That can limit the number of homes in a development. In Callaway, the retention pond was not built so as to allow the county to operate and maintain the pond, Williams said.

There is a string of written correspondence between county staff and the water district about needed improvements to the retention pond.

Leroy Marshall II, an engineer with the water district, wrote multiple letters to the county, and an email to the developer, Daniel Crapps, stating that after a site visit "staff found that there has been additional, unpermitted work in the retention pond and the retention pond is in need of repair."

Marshall lives in the Callaway subdivision. Jody DuPree filed a formal complaint with water management that said Marshall was disseminating incorrect information to Callaway residents concerning storm water management. Callaway resident Chris Williams said Dupree's actions were inappropriate and unfounded.

Parrish said he never received information from Marshall and hadn't heard from any other homeowners that were given infor-

mation from Marshall.

In a Feb. 10, 2006 letter to Callaway homeowner Rick Schultz, in reference to an earlier correspondence, Dale Williams wrote the retention pond was the property of the Callaway Land Trust, and that "it is unlawful for the county to expend public funds on private property."

He also noted that the division between the water district and the county extends beyond Callaway subdivision, and that "other developments in similar positions exist."

"This issue is one of legal interpretation," he wrote. "It is not administrative nor engineering."

The repairs were never completed, and in 2010 Jerry Bowden, senior professional engineer with the water district, sent another letter to Dale Williams.

"I am aware this project has a history dating back to 2006; however the items were never fully resolved," Bowden wrote. "According to district records, Columbia County is the designated operation and maintenance entity for the project and thereby responsible for the systems upkeep."

A letter dated Dec. 29, 2010, from Williams to Jon Dinges, who was then the director of water supply for the water district, said the county would accept

He said at that meeting that "the only way the problem will be solved is if the county has a stormwater management system."

Williams said Saturday that his position hasn't changed, aside from the fact that the county should enter into a partnership to pay for the stormwater management system. He said in his district, the county is responsible for about one-third of the water.

He said the Suwannee River Water Management District, Lake City government and the state Department of Transportation should be the partners with the county to pay for the stormwater management system.

operation and maintenance for the pond if four conditions were met.

The county needed legal access to the retention pond and ownership had to be transferred to the pond. Also, an estimated \$80,000 to \$100,000 was needed for refurbishment. Then, the county commission would have to approve acceptance of operation and maintenance.

These conditions haven't been met, and the repairs still need to be completed.

The county has since changed its policy on how surface water drainage systems are accepted for operation and maintenance. The county commission has to approve a resolution to accept a retention pond.

The county is now negotiating a deal with water management to settle the question of responsibility for the disputed retention pond in Callaway.

Under terms of the possible settlement, water management would give the county a 60-acre tract adjacent to Alligator Lake in exchange for the county's accepting responsibility for maintenance of the disputed retention pond.

The county would also take on maintenance of three other ponds for which the responsibility of operation and maintenance is in question.



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

This retention pond has been at the center of numerous letters between the Suwannee River Water Management District and the county commission. The pond was dedicated to the Callaway homeowners association, but water management says the county is responsible for operation and maintenance.



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The Emerald Forest retention pond was connected by a ditch to the retention pond at the northern end of the Callaway subdivision.

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Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	76/61/pc	76/61/pc
Daytona Beach	76/61/pc	77/56/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	77/66/pc	77/65/pc
Fort Myers	82/59/pc	81/58/pc
Gainesville	78/54/pc	75/50/pc
Jacksonville	76/55/pc	75/53/pc
Key West	79/70/pc	78/69/pc
Lake City	78/54/pc	76/49/pc
Miami	77/65/pc	77/63/pc
Naples	79/61/pc	77/60/pc
Ocala	79/54/pc	76/50/pc
Orlando	80/58/pc	79/55/pc
Panama City	74/59/pc	75/57/pc
Pensacola	73/59/s	74/60/pc
Tallahassee	77/52/pc	78/50/pc
Tampa	80/61/pc	79/60/pc
Valdosta	77/51/pc	78/50/pc
W. Palm Beach	77/65/pc	77/63/pc

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**TEMPERATURES**  
High Saturday: 78  
Low Saturday: 48  
Normal high: 71  
Normal low: 47  
Record high: 85 in 1931  
Record low: 26 in 1911

**SUN**  
Sunrise today: 7:10 a.m.  
Sunset today: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunrise tom.: 7:11 a.m.  
Sunset tom.: 5:30 p.m.

**MOON**  
Moonrise today: 9:10 p.m.  
Moonset today: 10:05 a.m.  
Moonrise tom.: 10:05 p.m.  
Moonset tom.: 10:44 a.m.

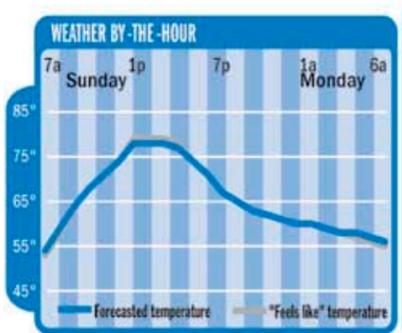
**PRECIPITATION**  
Saturday: 0.00"  
Month total: 0.00"  
Year total: 49.31"  
Normal month-to-date: 0.07"  
Normal year-to-date: 45.00"

### UV INDEX

**4**  
MODERATE: 45 minutes to burn  
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Rain and heavy mountain snow are in store for the West Sunday. Parts of the Golden State could see flooding rainfall, especially in the Bay Area and across the lower Sierra Nevada. Rain showers will also be likely from the Ohio Valley into northern New England. Expect a few showers in the coastal Southeast, as well.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES**  
High: 88°, Harlingen, Texas Low: -2°, Berlin, N.H.

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	30/20/05	50/40/sh	Des Moines	58/38/0	63/49/s	Omaha	53/31/01	64/45/s
Albuquerque	60/38/0	63/38/s	Detroit	52/37/0	58/47/sh	Orlando	78/56/0	81/60/pc
Anchorage	22/6/0	16/-3/s	El Paso	73/39/0	73/44/pc	Philadelphia	50/39/0	59/46/pc
Atlanta	68/47/0	69/53/pc	Fairbanks	-29/-32/0	-22/-37/pc	Phoenix	71/54/0	77/56/pc
Baltimore	50/34/0	59/48/pc	Greensboro	65/34/0	65/48/pc	Pittsburgh	57/33/0	60/49/sh
Billings	57/40/0	57/36/w	Hartford	33/29/0	54/40/c	Portland ME	25/22/01	51/43/sh
Birmingham	71/46/0	70/51/pc	Honolulu	77/65/0	81/71/sh	Portland OR	54/46/15	50/44/sh
Bismarck	43/18/0	47/34/c	Houston	81/63/0	81/65/pc	Raleigh	65/34/0	69/47/pc
Boise	58/47/0	54/34/sh	Indianapolis	63/38/0	61/55/sh	Rapid City	62/34/0	66/37/pc
Boston	31/28/02	56/43/c	Jackson MS	72/37/0	75/56/pc	Reno	57/48/0	55/34/r
Buffalo	43/26/0	54/46/sh	Jacksonville	71/56/01	76/55/sh	Richmond	60/31/0	66/47/pc
Charleston SC	71/47/0	72/53/sh	Kansas City	66/51/0	70/58/s	Sacramento	63/57/32	61/46/r
Charleston WV	63/31/0	66/50/sh	Las Vegas	64/54/0	70/51/pc	St. Louis	70/48/0	69/59/pc
Charlotte	66/35/0	67/46/pc	Little Rock	76/53/0	74/57/pc	Salt Lake City	57/51/01	61/33/sh
Cherry	55/37/0	60/38/pc	Los Angeles	65/60/01	63/58/c	San Antonio	79/68/0	79/64/pc
Chicago	54/29/0	61/50/pc	Memphis	72/53/0	71/60/pc	San Diego	67/61/0	66/59/c
Cincinnati	63/38/0	62/53/sh	Miami	80/69/04	80/67/pc	San Francisco	63/57/32	62/49/r
Cleveland	57/33/0	59/49/sh	Minneapolis	46/34/0	49/42/pc	Seattle	53/47/15	48/43/sh
Columbia SC	70/44/0	72/47/pc	Mobile	74/50/0	74/55/pc	Spokane	48/44/04	47/36/sh
Dallas	81/64/0	79/64/pc	New Orleans	76/48/0	75/58/pc	Tampa	79/57/0	81/61/pc
Daytona Beach	74/55/0	77/63/pc	New York	39/36/0	58/49/c	Tucson	72/46/0	78/49/s
Denver	64/34/0	66/36/s	Oklahoma City	75/58/0	78/58/pc	Washington	51/37/0	60/49/pc

### INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	88/77/0	86/74/pc	La Paz	61/37/74	48/41/sh	Rio	82/72/0	89/73/t
Amsterdam	43/36/41	46/35/sh	Lima	70/63/0	74/63/pc	Rome	55/46/0	60/41/sh
Athens	78/60/36	68/55/sh	London	43/30/0	39/31/s	St. Thomas VI	84/75/0	81/75/t
Auckland	66/55/0	67/55/sh	Madrid	46/30/0	51/36/s	San Juan PR	86/75/09	80/72/t
Beijing	30/16/0	39/18/pc	Mexico City	72/46/0	70/45/s	Santiago	81/55/0	78/61/s
Berlin	34/25/0	32/26/pc	Montreal	18/10/0	40/38/sh	Seoul	36/19/0	40/19/pc
Buenos Aires	82/57/0	89/66/s	Moscow	41/34/03	33/24/c	Singapore	88/79/02	87/78/t
Cairo	82/61/0	81/66/pc	Nairobi	79/61/0	71/59/sh	Sydney	95/75/0	73/64/sh
Geneva	36/28/0	31/24/sn	Nassau	79/72/0	77/69/r	Tel Aviv	81/55/0	78/64/pc
Havana	77/68/0	81/67/pc	New Delhi	72/48/0	75/54/s	Tokyo	52/41/0	47/46/sh
Helsinki	18/14/03	28/12/c	Oslo	21/16/0	15/10/s	Toronto	32/25/0	50/39/sh
Hong Kong	77/66/0	67/56/sh	Panama	86/75/0	85/73/t	Vienna	41/34/0	34/30/sn
Kingston	86/79/0	80/70/r	Paris	43/32/0	41/32/pc	Warsaw	36/27/14	33/31/pc

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

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Section B

## GAMES

### Monday

■ Columbia High girls soccer vs. Fort White High, 6 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys soccer vs. St. Francis Catholic High, 6 p.m.

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

### Tuesday

■ Fort White High girls basketball vs. Bradford High, 6 p.m.

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

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

■ Fort White High boys basketball at Williston High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

■ Columbia High girls weightlifting vs. Baker County High, 4 p.m.

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

■ Fort White High soccer at Keystone Heights High, 7 p.m. (girls-5)

■ Fort White High boys basketball vs. Santa Fe High, 7:30 p.m. (JV-6)

### Friday

■ Columbia High wrestling at Capital City Classic at Lincoln High, TBA

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Timberwolves Classic in Tallahassee, TBA

■ Fort White High boys basketball vs. Bradford High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5)

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

■ Columbia High boys basketball at Stanton Prep, 7 p.m. (JV-5:30)

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

### Saturday

■ Columbia High wrestling at Capital City Classic at Lincoln High, TBD

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Timberwolves Classic in Tallahassee, TBD

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

## BRIEFS

### BOYS CLUB

#### Registration for basketball league

The Boys Club of Columbia County is taking registration for its basketball program. Three leagues are offered: Training for ages 6-7-8; Jr. Varsity for ages 8-9-10; Varsity for ages 11-12-13-14. Cost is \$45.

For details, call the club at 752-4184.

### ADULT BASKETBALL

#### Charity games for USSSA youth

Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox North, Inc., is sponsoring the third annual charity basketball games at the Lake City Middle School on Jan. 5. The games feature women and men teams — Live Oak vs. Lake City. Game times are 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, with proceeds going to USSSA youth basketball.

For details, call Nicole Smith at 754-7095.

■ From staff reports

# Tide wins thriller

## Late touchdown pass sends 'Bama to 32-28 victory.

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**  
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Alabama is heading back to the national championship game — by a mere 4 yards.

AJ McCarron threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper with 3:15 remaining, and the No. 2 Crimson Tide barely held off No. 3 Georgia 32-28 in a Southeastern Conference title game for the ages Saturday.

After an apparent game-

clinging interception by Alabama was overturned by replay, Georgia's Aaron Murray completed a 15-yard pass to Arthur Lynch, a 23-yarder to Tavarres King and a 26-yarder to Lynch, who was hauled down at the Alabama 8 as the clock continued to run.

Out of timeouts, the Bulldog snapped the ball with 9 seconds to go. Murray threw a pass in the flat to Chris Conley, who slipped down at the 4.

Georgia couldn't get off another play.

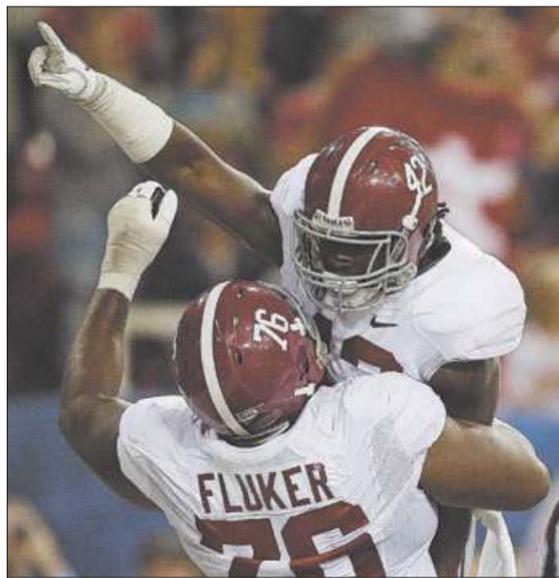
In a back-and-forth second half that looked nothing like a game in the defensive-minded SEC,

the Crimson Tide trailed 21-10 after Alec Ogletree returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Alabama rallied behind a punishing run game, finishing with 350 yards on the ground, an SEC championship game record. Eddie Lacy finished with 181 yards on 20 carries, including two TDs. Freshman T.J. Yeldon had 153 yards on 25 carries, also scoring a TD.

But the Tide won it through the air.

With Georgia stacking the line, McCarron fooled the Bulldogs with play action and delivered a perfectly thrown pass to Cooper.



Alabama running back Eddie Lacy (42) celebrates with linesman D.J. Fluker (76) after scoring a touchdown.

# HEARTBREAKER



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High running back Ronald Timmons (23) sprints to the end zone against Navarre High in the Region 1 final on Friday. Timmons ran for 221 yards and two touchdowns in the Tigers' 28-21 loss to the Raiders.

## CHS fights back, but falls at Navarre, 28-21

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
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NAVARRE — Columbia High was able to overcome a 21-0 deficit on the road by fighting through adversity, but in the end it was Navarre High coming away with a 28-21 win in the Region 1 final on Friday.

The Raiders came out firing on all cylinders and struck gold on the first play of the game, as Nick Benton took the opening kickoff at the 19-yard line

and returned it 81 yards for a touchdown. Chandler Moorer added the extra point and Navarre had a 7-0 lead before either team had taken an offensive snap.

After an exchange of possessions, Columbia moved the ball into Navarre territory but came up short on a fourth-and-4 when quarterback Jayce Barber's pass fell incomplete.

Navarre found the end zone again only four plays later. Facing a third-and-7 at the Tigers' 39, quarterback Andrew Reives couldn't

find an open receiver, but found an open running lane and scrambled to the end zone for a 14-0 lead with 5:18 remaining in the first quarter.

Columbia again moved the ball into Navarre territory before facing a second fourth-down situation. This time Trey Marshall slipped and came up short on fourth-and-2.

The Raiders used Columbia's second miscue on fourth down to set up a six-play, 65-yard drive and take a 21-0 lead when

Reives hit running back Jay Warren on a 21-yard screen pass for a score.

Columbia's offense went three-and-out on the next drive, but freshman cornerback Roger Cray picked off a Reives' pass to give the Tigers another shot.

It woke up the Tigers.

Columbia used three running plays to account for 60 yards — all from Ronald Timmons — to cut the lead to 21-7. Timmons capped off the drive with a

**TIGERS** continued on 6B

### FROM THE SIDELINE



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## Tigers have plenty to be proud of

As the clock ticked down on Columbia High's year, tears fell on the sideline as the Tigers watched Navarre High celebrate a 28-21 win in the Class 6A Region 1 final.

And while the Tigers will certainly think of this game for a long time, those tears will one day subside. The tears of sadness will turn into tears of happiness.

These players have absolutely nothing to be ashamed of and should be proud of everything they've done for this program.

A couple of years ago this community needed someone to breathe life back into the Tigers' program. The stadium was empty at times as the Tigers celebrated victories.

Along came Brian Allen and he brought the fans back, as witnessed last week in the Tigers' 34-8 victory against St. Augustine High.

Not only did the community support the Tigers at home, they packed the stands on Friday to see this team give its all. What they saw was something special.

What they saw was a team that doesn't quit.

**CHS** continued on 6B

## Seminoles hold on

### ACC Championship victory earns Florida State BCS bowl game.

By **STEVE REED**  
*Associated Press*

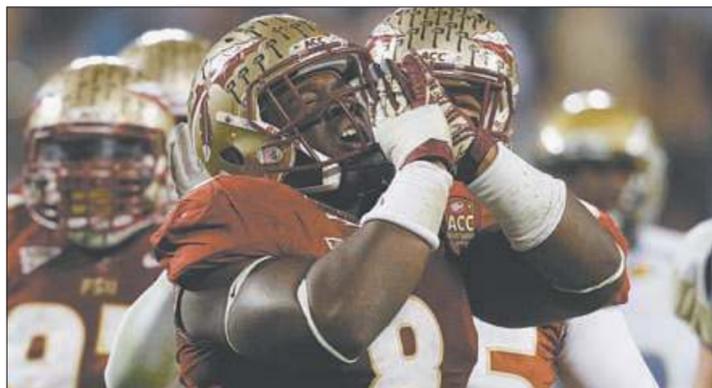
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — James Wilder Jr. ran for two touchdowns as No. 13 Florida State held off Georgia Tech 21-15 Saturday night to capture its first Atlantic Coast Conference champions since 2005 and earn a trip to the Orange Bowl.

It was Florida State's 13th ACC title.

The heavily favored Seminoles (11-2) built a 21-6 lead at the half and held on to win.

Despite its record, Georgia Tech (6-7) is bowl eligible after receiving a waiver from the NCAA on Thursday.

It looked like Georgia Tech, a two-touchdown underdog, might get blown out, but the game wasn't decided until Karlos Williams intercepted Tevin Washington with less than a minute remaining.



Florida State's Timmy Jernigan (8) reacts after a sack against Georgia Tech during the ACC Championship game in Charlotte, N.C., on Saturday.

# SCOREBOARD

## TELEVISION

### TV sports

**Today**  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN — BCS Selection Show, at Bristol, Conn.

**GOLF**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
 TGC — Sunshine Tour, Nedbank Challenge, final round, at Sun City, South Africa (same-day tape)

**1 p.m.**  
 TGC — World Challenge, final round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**3 p.m.**  
 NBC — World Challenge, final round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**12:15 p.m.**  
 FSN — Manhattan vs. George Washington, at Washington

**2:45 p.m.**  
 FSN — Maryland vs. George Mason, at Washington

**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
 CBS — Regional coverage  
 FOX — Regional coverage

**4 p.m.**  
 FOX — Regional coverage  
**4:25 p.m.**  
 CBS — Doubleheader game

**8:20 p.m.**  
 NBC — Philadelphia at Dallas

**Monday**  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN — N.Y. Giants at Washington

**SOCCER**  
**2:55 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Premier League, Wigan at Newcastle

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Jimmy V Classic, Maryland vs. UConn, at Hartford, Conn.

## FOOTBALL

### NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE														
East					West									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244		Denver	8	3	0	.727	318	221
Miami	5	6	0	.455	211	226		San Diego	4	7	0	.364	245	237
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290		Oakland	3	8	0	.273	218	356
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243	319		Kansas City	1	10	0	.091	161	301
NATIONAL CONFERENCE														
East					West									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	283	219		Seattle	8	3	0	.727	277	175
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231	210		Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	273	245
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	282	247		Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	248	249
Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	209	248		Detroit	4	7	0	.364	267	280

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	305	226
Washington	5	6	0	.455	295	285
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	242	262
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	184	282

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	310	254
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321	327
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	214	265

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	277	175
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	273	245
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	248	249
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	267	280

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	2	1	.773	276	155
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	219	185
St. Louis	4	6	1	.409	205	254
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	180	227

**Thursday's Game**  
 Atlanta 23, New Orleans 13

**Today's Games**  
 Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
 San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
 Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 New England at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday's Game**  
 N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
 Denver at Oakland, 8:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 9**  
 Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
 Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
 New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.  
 Detroit at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 10**  
 Houston at New England, 8:30 p.m.

### Consecutive TD pass

54 — Drew Brees, New Orleans, Oct. 18, 2009-Nov. 29, 2012

47 — Johnny Unitas, Baltimore Colts, Dec. 9, 1956-Dec. 4, 1960

43 — Tom Brady, New England, Sept. 12, 2010-present

36 — Brett Favre, Green Bay, Nov. 4, 2002-Nov. 29, 2004

30 — Dan Marino, Miami, Nov. 10, 1985-Nov. 22, 1987

### High school playoffs

**REGION FINALS**  
**Class 8A**  
 Apopka 52, Fletcher 19  
 Christopher Columbus Catholic 36, Miami Killian 19

Cypress Bay 31, Seminole Ridge 14  
 Dr. Phillips 31, East Lake 21

**Class 7A**

Kissimmee Osceola 21, Newsome 18  
 Lincoln 35, Oviedo 29

Manatee 51, Fort Pierce Central 0  
 St. Thomas Aquinas 38, Boyd Anderson 24

**Class 6A**  
 Gainesville 42, Armwood 10  
 Miami Central 38, Palm Bay 2  
 Naples 41, Mainland 14

**Navarre 28, Columbia 21**  
**Class 5A**  
 Godby 64, Bishop Kenny 29  
 Immokalee 38, Lake Wales 21  
 Miami Jackson 33, Glades Central 24  
 Robinson 49, Pasco 21

**STATE SEMIFINALS**  
**Class 4A**  
 Bolles School 45, Yulee 35  
 Miami Washington 41, Cocoa 13

**Class 3A**  
 Fort Lauderdale University 42, Clearwater Central Catholic 0  
 Madison County 27, Orlando The First Academy 3

**Class 2A**  
 Dade Christian 27, First Baptist 13  
 University Christian 26, Warner Christian 21

**Class 1A**  
 Northview 48, Liberty County 14  
 Trenton 36, Newberry 35, OT

## BASKETBALL

### NBA schedule

**Today's Games**  
 Phoenix at New York, 12 p.m.  
 Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Portland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Toronto at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

### Florida 82, Marquette 49

At Gainesville  
**MARQUETTE (5-2)**  
 Otule 0-1 0-0 0, J. Wilson 1-8 1-2 3,  
 Cadougan 1-4 0-0 2, Blue 8-14 2-4 20,  
 Lockett 2-7 1-3 5, Ferguson 0-1 0-0 0,  
 Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, D. Wilson 3-5 0-0 6,  
 Thomas 1-3 0-0 3, Taylor, Jr. 2-3 0-0 4,  
 Gardner 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 21-51 4-9 49.

**FLORIDA (6-0)**  
 Yeguette 5-6 1-2 11, Murphy 4-7 0-0 10,  
 Boynton 2-11 2-3 6, Rosario 2-6 6-6 11,  
 Wilbekin 2-6 0-0 4, Kurtz 0-0 0-0 0,  
 Young 3-6 4-5 10, Ogbueze 0-0 0-0 0,  
 Graham 0-0 0-0 0, Frazier II 6-9 0-0 17,  
 Prather 4-4 2-2 11, Walker 0-0 2-2 2.  
 Totals 28-55 17-20 82.

Halftime—Florida 38-24. 3-Point Goals—Marquette 3-12 (Blue 2-5, Thomas 1-2, Cadougan 0-1, Lockett 0-1, Taylor, Jr. 0-1, J. Wilson 0-2), Florida 9-24 (Frazier II 5-8, Murphy 2-3, Prather 1-1, Rosario 1-4, Yeguette 0-1, Wilbekin 0-2, Boynton 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Marquette 23 (J. Wilson 6), Florida 37 (Young 10). Assists—Marquette 12 (Blue, Cadougan, Lockett, D. Wilson 2), Florida 16 (Boynton 5). Total Fouls—Marquette 15, Florida 9.A—10,245.

## SOCCER

### MLS Cup

Los Angeles 3, Houston 1



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter  
 Fort White High's Rykia Jackson (10) drives around Columbia High's Marnae Gaskins (23) in a game on Nov. 15.

# Lady Indians defeat North Florida Christian

From staff reports

Fort White High's girls basketball team evened its record with a 61-18 home win over North Florida Christian School on Friday.

Kasha Cook scored a career high 26 points to lead the Lady Indians.

Tasha Robinson and Cenise Armstrong also hit double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

N'Mandria Reynolds added eight points with two each from Makhael Rolack, Rykia Jackson and Khadijah Ingram.

Fort White lost a district game, 37-31, at Santa Fe High on Thursday. Robinson scored 12 points and Ingram scored nine.

The Lady Indians opened the week on Tuesday with a 43-28 win at Union County High.

Armstrong led with 14 points and Cook scored 11. Fort White (3-3, 0-2) hosts Bradford High at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

### Lady Tigers basketball

Columbia High's girls basketball team dropped a pair of road games last week.

The Lady Tigers lost 57-38 to Atlantic Coast High on Thursday and 63-60 to Madison County High on Monday.

Marnae Gaskins scored 17 points against Atlantic Coast and Justice Campbell also hit double figures with 12.

Other scorers were Lona Wilson 8, Stephanie Silva, 7, Sierra Vanderpool, 2, and Adrienna Young, 2.

Campbell poured in 24 points in the Madison

County game. Wilson scored 16 and Gaskins scored 12. Other scorers were Silva, 4, Bernisha Clark, 2, and Arnereanna Bryant, 2.

"We had the lead in the fourth quarter in both games," coach David Tompkins said. "We're right there and the girls are playing hard. We have got to find a way to pull it out at the end."

Columbia's junior varsity improved to 4-0 with a 43-34 win over Atlantic Coast and a 48-18 win over Madison County.

Jazman Myers scored 20 at Madison County and Lyric Boyd scored 12. Against Atlantic Coast, Myers scored 10 and Kristal Smith scored nine.

Columbia (2-4, 0-1) hosts Suwannee High at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

## McDowell leads World Challenge

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Graeme McDowell rolled in two long putts early and kept bogeys off his card to keep the lead in the World Challenge on Saturday.

McDowell, trying to win at Sherwood for the second time in three years, had a 4-under 68 for a two-shot lead over Keegan Bradley (67).

Tiger Woods failed to birdie any of the five par 5s at Sherwood, though the tournament host and defending champion stayed in the game with enough birdies late in his round for a 69. He was five shots behind, along with Bo Van Pelt (70).

## Lady Tiger, Lady Indian weightlifters split ten divisions

From staff reports

Columbia High's girls weightlifting team hosted Fort White High on Wednesday.

The teams split first-place honors in the 10 weight divisions.

The winners follow by weight class with bench press, clean and jerk and total lift listed.

■ 101 pounds — Jessica Burns, Fort White, 65-75-140;

■ 110 pounds — Kayla Carman, Columbia, 90-95-185;

■ 119 pounds — Savannah Thomas, Columbia, 70-80-150;

■ 120 pounds — Charlie

Watson, Columbia, 100-120-220;

■ 139 pounds — Jessica Widlan, Fort White, 95-100-195;

■ 154 pounds — Jordan Parks, Columbia, 100-110-210;

■ 169 pounds — Emily Roach, Fort White, 110-100-210;

■ 183 pounds — Barbara Mendez, Fort White, 95-115-210;

■ 199 pounds — Taylor Law, Fort White, 90-100-190;

■ Unlimited — Dana Roberts, Columbia, 165-150-315.

Columbia hosts Baker County High at 4 p.m. Thursday.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: WEARY ORBIT WEAPON DETACH  
 Answer: Mozart's achievements were — NOTEWORTHY

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

### ACROSS

- 1 Is forced to
- 5 Melville title
- 9 Chem. or geol.
- 12 Toledo locale
- 13 Yawn-provoking
- 14 Clammy
- 15 Sigh of relief
- 16 Glare protector
- 18 Cane products
- 20 Not apathetic
- 21 Dagwood's neighbor
- 22 Colony member
- 23 Fairway clump
- 26 Egg producers
- 30 Long-running play
- 33 German industrial region
- 34 Perplexed
- 35 Sorrowful wail
- 37 Faucet problem

### DOWN

- 1 Cuts down
- 2 Yup (hyph.)
- 3 Attack on a fort
- 4 Facing

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Lyric poems
- 6 Very, in Veracruz
- 7 "Grand — Opry"
- 8 Mary-Kate or Ashley
- 9 Festoon
- 10 Yield territory
- 11 Cato's road
- 17 — yoga
- 19 Slugger's stats
- 22 Posh hotel lobbies
- 24 "Quo —?"
- 25 Dory need
- 27 NASA counterpart
- 28 Make after taxes
- 29 "Casablanca" pianist
- 30 Old crone
- 31 Running a fever
- 32 T, in Athens
- 36 Guide
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- 49 College credit
- 50 Bank on

# Advance to region



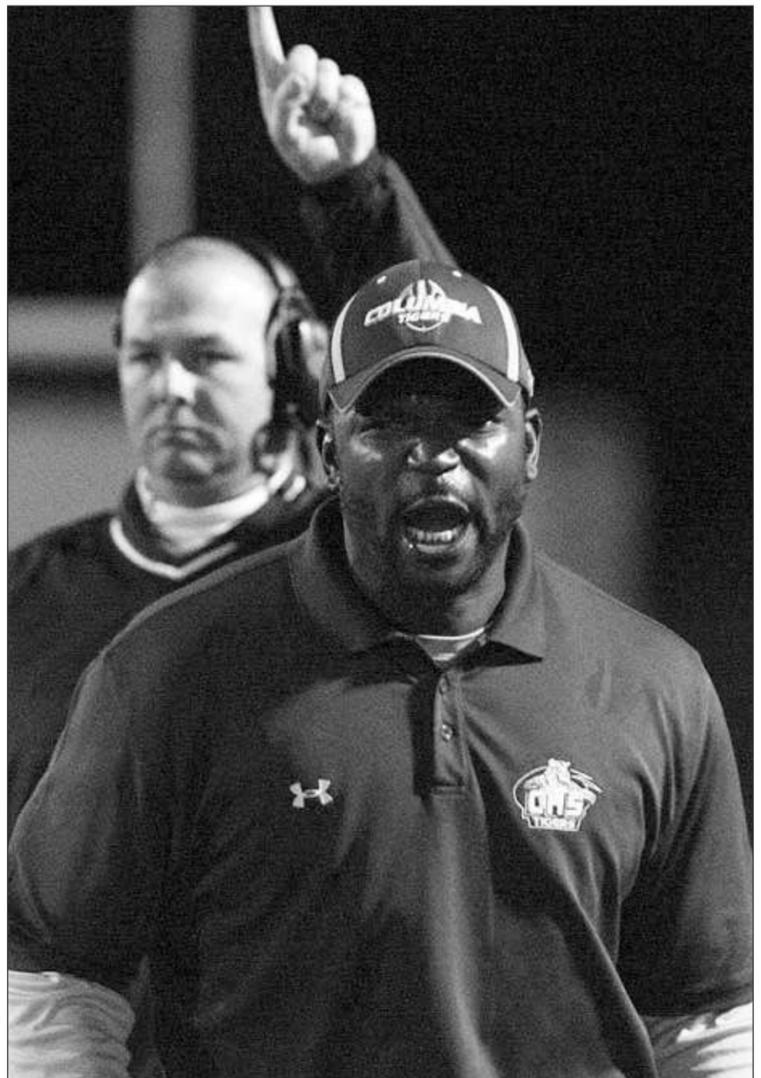
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Columbia High captains Darren Burch (36), (from right) Blake Kuykendall (20), Felix Woods (4) and Jayce Barber (5) listen to an official before the coin toss at the beginning of the Region 1 final game against Navarre High on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Solomon Bell (30) tackles Navarre High's Jordan Leggett (6).



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Columbia High head coach Brian Allen reacts after his team scores a touchdown during Friday's game against Navarre High.



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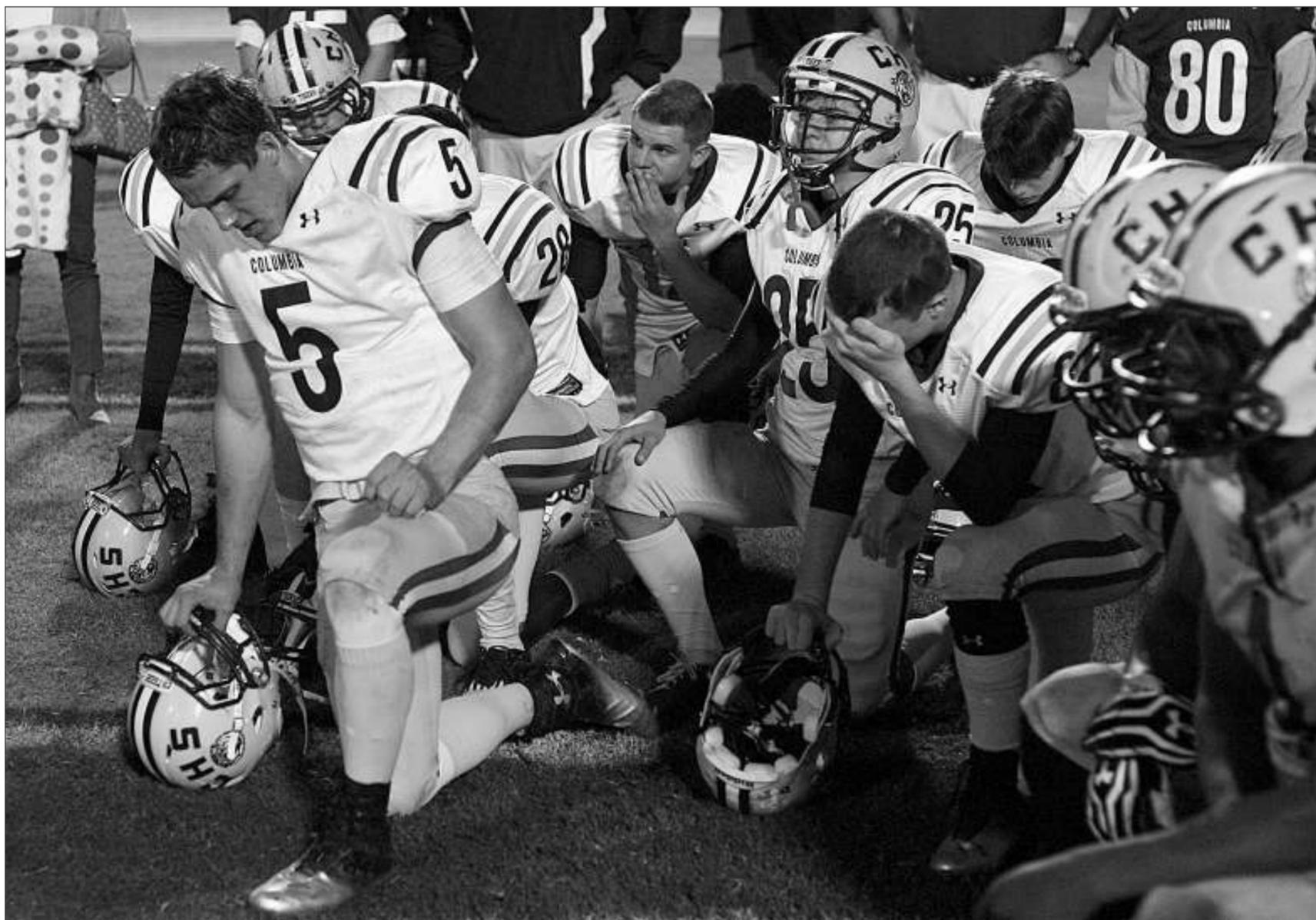
Columbia High's Ben Kuykendall (11) runs with the ball after intercepting a pass against Navarre High.



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Columbia High fan Haley Thomas, 24, (left) smiles as her 2-year-old niece, Emma, hugs a stuffed tiger before the start of the game against Navarre High on Friday.

# Final disappointment



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Members of the Columbia High football team show their disappointment after a 28-21 loss to host Navarre High in the Region 1 final Friday night.



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Columbia High's Shaquille Johnson (18) loses control of a pass from Jayce Barber in the end zone during the game against Navarre High.



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Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber (5) attempts to break away from Navarre High's Jessie Holmes (29) while on a keeper.



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Columbia High's Roger Cray (9) and Charles Combs (54) shake hands with Navarre High players after the game on Friday.



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Columbia High's Kody Mixon (71) is consoled after the Tigers loss to Navarre High.

# Sooners stake Big 12 claim

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Landry Jones and Oklahoma treated their regular-season finale like a championship game — and finished wearing caps and T-shirts declaring the 12th-ranked Sooners the Big 12 champions.

They then had to wait to see if they would have to share their eighth Big 12 title, or win it outright.

“Technically, we’re not sharing anything with anybody right now,” Sooners defensive end R.J. Washington said. “Right now, we’re the only Big 12 champions. We’ll see what happens later. Sharing it or not sharing it, winning the conference championship is great.”

With their 24-17 victory Saturday, after TCU’s fourth-down pass to the goal line in the final minute was knocked down incomplete, the Sooners (10-2, 8-1 Big 12) clinched at least a share of their Big 12 title — and likely a BCS berth no matter what happens.

“In the end, it’s just great to be in this position and to be a winner again,” coach Bob Stoops said. “For these guys, Big 12 champs, or co-champs, they’re recognized as champions.”



Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones (12) passes against TCU during a game in Fort Worth, Texas, on Saturday.

Jones threw for 244 yards and two touchdowns as the Sooners won their eighth consecutive Big 12 game since a late-September loss to Kansas State.

The Sooners, whose only other loss was to No. 1 Notre Dame, are in good shape for the final at-large BCS berth if K-State wins. Kent

State’s double-overtime loss to Northern Illinois in the MAC championship game likely ended any chance for that league to get in the Bowl Championship Series.

TCU (7-5, 4-5), the two-time BCS buster in its first Big 12 season, lost all four of its conference games at home despite winning four

on the road.

“We had a chance to win the game, simple as that,” coach Gary Patterson said. “We gave up an easy touchdown when freshmen blew an assignment.”

The Frogs were still within a touchdown when Oklahoma’s Mike Hunnicut missed a 42-yard field goal

attempt for with just under 3 minutes left.

After the Sooners won their last two games by scoring in the final minute — to win at West Virginia and with 4 seconds left to force overtime and beat Oklahoma State — they depended upon their defense this time.

Frogs freshman quarterback Trevone Boykin, who finished with 231 yards passing, threw a 35-yarder to Cam White to the Oklahoma 12. On third-and-10 from there, Boykin got in the end zone on a keeper, but the play was called back because of a holding call — an obvious penalty that cleared the way for the score.

After hitting Josh Boyce for 7 yards, the Frogs had fourth-and-13 from the 15 in the final minute when Boykin threw toward Boyce again. But he couldn’t make the play between two defenders.

“We like to make them interesting around this place,” Jones said. “Unfortunately we didn’t finish it the way we wanted to offensively, but the defense did.”

The Horned Frogs’ four-game home losing streak is their longest since five in a row from November 1996 to November 1997. Before this year, they hadn’t lost consecutive home games in a season since 1998.

Oklahoma has won the Big 12 in every even-numbered year since Bob Stoops became coach in 1999. The Sooners, who also won a conference title in 2007, have been to eight BCS games in that span.

# UCF falls in C-USA title game

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — UCF will head to the Big East without another Conference USA championship.

Alex Singleton ran for 100 yards and plunged over the top for a 1-yard score in overtime to lift Tulsa to a 33-27 victory over the Golden Knights on Saturday for its first Conference USA title and Liberty Bowl bid since 2005.

It was the final game in C-USA play for UCF, which will settle for a close-to-home trip to the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s Bowl in St. Petersburg.

“We’re both the best in the conference and it showed,” offensive lineman Jordan Rae said. “They made a couple more plays than we did. You have to give them credit.”

Singleton came up with just the second 100-yard game of his career, breaking the school record for touchdowns in the process.

After Cory Dorris blocked Shawn Moffitt’s 38-yard field goal on UCF’s possession to start overtime, Tulsa (10-3) kept the ball on the ground on five straight plays.

“We didn’t make plays when we needed to, both on offense and defense. It came down to one more stop or us putting the ball in the end zone one more time,” said running back Latavius Murray, who became the first player in UCF history to rush for touchdowns in eight straight games in a single season.

Blake Bortles threw for 194 yards and a pair of 8-yard touchdown passes to Breshad Perriman and Quincy McDuffie for UCF (9-4). He also ran for 60 yards and another score.

## No. 25 Boise St. 27, Nevada 21

RENO, Nev. — Joe Southwick threw two touchdown passes to lead No. 25 Boise State to a 27-21 victory over Nevada on Saturday, earning the Broncos a share of the Mountain West Conference title and ensuring their nation’s best seventh consecutive 10-win season.

D.J. Harper ran for 130 yards for Boise State (10-2, 7-1) and the Broncos defense put the clamps on



Boise State's Grant Hedrick (9) streaks down the sideline against Nevada in a Mountain West Conference game in Reno, Nev., on Saturday.

a Nevada offense that was averaging 38 points per game.

Stephon Jefferson ran for 139 yards and a touchdown and Cody Fajardo passed for 203 yards and ran for 81 for the Wolf Pack (7-5, 4-4), who lost four of their last five games after starting the season 6-1.

Matt Miller caught seven passes for 127 yards, including a 52-yard touchdown from Southwick that put Boise ahead late 24-7.

Southwick completed 19 of 26 for 199 yards. The Broncos will share the league title with Fresno State and San Diego State.

Nevada accepted an invitation earlier in the week to play a Pac-12 opponent in the New Mexico Bowl on Dec. 15.

## No. 16 Oregon St. 77, Nicholls St. 3

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Storm Woods ran for two touchdowns in the first quarter and No. 16 Oregon State put up its highest point total ever, routing Nicholls State

77-3 on Saturday in a game postponed by Hurricane Isaac.

The Beavers surpassed their 76-0 win over Willamette in 1931.

Oregon State (9-3) started playing its substitutes against the lower-division Colonels after taking a 35-0 halftime lead.

Markus Wheaton caught 12 passes for 123 yards and a touchdown.

The Beavers had a complete turnaround from their 3-9 finish last year. Oregon State is possibly headed to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 27.

Oregon State piled up 683 yards against the FCS Southland Conference Colonels (1-10), who lost their eighth straight.

Woods scored on runs from the 8 and 1. Wheaton added a 10-yard score early in the second for a 24-0 lead.

Terron Ward added a 15-yard TD run after Oregon State took out starting quarterback Sean Mannion and put in Cody Vaz, who missed the past two games.

## Baylor 41, No. 24 Oklahoma St. 34

WACO, Texas — Lache Seastrunk rushed for 178 yards, including a 76-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter, and Nick Florence passed for 296 yards as Baylor beat No. 24 Oklahoma State 41-34 Saturday.

Baylor (7-5, 4-5 Big 12) has won at least seven games in three straight seasons — the first time the Bears have done that since 1949-51.

Seastrunk’s long scoring run gave Baylor a 41-27 lead with 5:11 left in the game.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sausage meat
  - 5 Showtime rival
  - 8 Not apt to bite
  - 12 Sheltered
  - 13 Zippy’s word
  - 14 Auction site
  - 15 Diminish
  - 16 So-so
  - 18 More caring
  - 20 Weapons for a duel
  - 21 Goal
  - 22 2016 Olympics city
  - 23 The March King
  - 26 Fall follower
  - 29 Part of SEATO
  - 30 Garden green
  - 31 Big shot
  - 33 Upper limb
  - 34 Roll tightly
  - 35 First-magnitude star
  - 36 Heats to boiling
  - 38 Severe
  - 39 Carbondale sch.
  - 40 Ms. Dawber
  - 41 Wolfgang’s thanks
  - 44 Muss
  - 47 Cro-Magnon, to us
  - 49 Charged particles
  - 51 Bard’s tragic king
  - 52 Magazine execs
  - 53 Banister
  - 54 — — just kidding!
  - 55 Born as
  - 56 Whirlpool

- DOWN**
- 1 Bear foot
  - 2 Canute’s foe
  - 3 Gambling mecca
  - 4 Sharpest
  - 5 Overpublicized
  - 6 Razorback
  - 7 Startled cries
  - 8 Tempest in a —
  - 9 Cleric in Cannes
  - 10 Ram or bull
  - 11 Needle holes
  - 17 Paris river
  - 19 Court evidence, maybe
  - 22 Small brook
  - 23 Dolphin habitat
  - 24 Galley slaves’ need
  - 25 “Semper fi” grp.
  - 26 Major conflicts
  - 27 — so much
  - 28 Outfits
  - 30 Striped antelope
  - 32 Balderdash!
  - 34 Bluebottles
  - 35 Bram Stoker’s count
  - 37 Inquisitive types
  - 38 Omelet extra
  - 40 Handbag
  - 41 Painter Salvador —
  - 42 Over again
  - 43 Campus sports org.
  - 44 Took the bus
  - 45 Stow
  - 46 Novelist — Bagnold
  - 48 Gymnast’s goal
  - 50 Devious

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ○○○○○○ (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: VOUCH LIGHT SMOKED OBLIGE  
Answer: His speaker business was successful thanks to — HIGH VOLUME



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Brett Newcomb (99) sacks Navarre High quarterback Andrew Reives (8) in the Class 6A region final Friday.

## TIGERS: Poor field position a factor in second half

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37-yard run at the 8:17 mark of the second quarter.

After Moorner missed a 38-yard field goal on the Raiders following drive, Columbia's offense began to sync. Barber hit Alex Weber for 10 yards on the first play and the running game did the rest. Timmons broke off 31-yard run before handing the duties over to Lonnie Underwood. Underwood responded with a 25-yard run and then a 15-yard touchdown to cut the lead to one score with 5:36 remaining in the half.

Columbia had an opportunity to tie the game going into the half, but the Tigers came up short after reaching the 22-yard line.

Columbia didn't take long to tie the game in the second

half, as Timmons broke free for a 65-yard touchdown on the first play. Brant Nelson added the extra point to tie the game.

The second half turned into a defensive struggle with only four first downs between the two teams. Ben Kuykendall stalled the Raiders' best chance to score when he intercepted a pass at the Tigers' 7.

The Tigers never saw good starting field position in the third quarter with drives beginning at the 3, 7 and 20-yard lines.

Columbia attempted a fake punt on the first play of the fourth quarter, but Felix Woods' run came up short after slipping on the wet field.

The Raiders began their

game winning drive with 8:57 remaining. Facing a third-and-8, Reives hit Gavin Casey for 24 yards and four plays later Warren ran in from eight yards out for the 28-21 lead at 7:11.

Columbia marched down the field and reached the Raiders' 6 before the drive stalled. On the Tigers' fifth fourth-down attempt of the game Barber threw to Shaq Johnson, who appeared to make the catch in the end zone, but the call on the field was incomplete.

Columbia received one more possession with 1:20 left on the clock, but the game ended on an interception with 24 seconds left.

"Anytime you spot a team 21 points, you're going to be in for a fight," Columbia

head coach Brian Allen said. "We haven't had to face that in the last two weeks and had to change our game plan. We're going to stay just as grateful in defeat and I'm proud of the way we fought back through adversity."

Navarre advances to host Gainesville High at 7:30 p.m. CST on Friday for a shot at the state championship.

Raiders coach Jay Walls was proud of the way his team played against the Tigers.

"Anytime you make those guys change their plan from the running game, you're proud," Walls said. "Anytime you make them punt, you know you've done something."

# Tigers set the bar high

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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NAVARRE — Columbia High might not have reached its ultimate goal this season, but the Tigers set the ground work for what is expected out of the football program.

An 11-2 season is nothing to be disappointed about, following the 28-21 loss to Navarre High in the Class 6A Region 1 final.

Columbia fell down 21-0 before fighting back to tie the game on the opening play of the third quarter.

Timmons finished with 221 yards in the game as the Tigers running attack brought Columbia back when it looked like the game could be over early. Lonnie Underwood added another 89 for Columbia.

"That's just who we are," head coach Brian Allen said about the Tigers fighting back through adversity. "You have to credit our players and staff."

The defense also did its part by holding Navarre after falling behind 21-0

early.

Senior Felix Woods summed it up by describing the Tigers' faith in each other.

"We're one big family," Woods said. "We're a brotherhood. I told the guys that we wouldn't give up. We had to continue to fight."

That's what the Tigers have done all season pushing Columbia to a 10-game winning streak to show future players what the team is capable of.

"I think we set the bar really high," Woods said. "I'm proud of the guys and I think we're going to be ready to make another run next year."

Allen said this team's fight is a credit to his seniors.

"Anytime you have a senior-heavy group, you expect to have a good team," Allen said. "They worked their butts off to be in the game late. We're going to try to do the same things next year and look for a chance to redeem ourselves."

## CHS: Tiger Town again

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They saw a team that fights and claws. They saw a team that wins and loses with emotion. They saw a team that left everything they had on the field this season.

Allen calls the Tigers the hardest working team in America and that showed this season. The Tigers never quit. They often wore teams down. They may have come up short on the scoreboard in two games, but they

won respect from every team they faced.

And they won back the community. This is "Tiger Town" and football is back to stay.

This group of coaches and players are to thank for showing what Tiger football should be.

And we're all proud of them.

■ Brandon Finley covers sports for the Lake City Reporter.

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## What really moves staff?

“There are two levers for moving men — interest and fear.”  
— Napoleon Bonaparte

**F**inding out what motivates staff is more of an art than a science. So many people believe that money is the proper incentive for all workers, but that just is not always the case.

I have seen so many employees who are simply not motivated by money. They just do not value it enough to alter their behavior. Time off, on the other hand, may hold greater value for some — especially Gen Y staff. Bottom line is incentives have to be structured so they relate to the things your staff values.

One manager had been looking for an incentive to motivate one of his employees. He had tried everything to no avail and had become very frustrated. Finally out of desperation, he got her a \$500 gift certificate to an upscale women’s apparel shop. This worked and actually ended up being a whole lot less expensive than the other incentives he had tried, but it was successful because he was able to customize the incentive to this staff member’s wants.

On the other end of the spectrum from incentives and rewards is loss aversion. The theory here is that the hurt associated with a loss is much more motivating than the satisfaction of a gain. To use myself as an example, I have been to Las Vegas many times, but I never gamble because the idea of losing money is so much more repugnant to me than a financial windfall is appealing.

Using teachers in Chicago, three researchers did a neat experiment to test this theory and how it might relate to performance. Participants were randomly selected and divided into two groups. Both groups were given a set of performance goals for the year, and their success would be measured at the end of the year.

The first group was immediately given a \$4,000 incentive and told that they would have to pay back a portion for every goal that was unmet at the end of the year. For the second group, they set up a bonus system that would pay each teacher up to \$8,000 for meeting their goals. In the first case, the reward was given up front, but with the second group, the incentive — though not paid until the end of the year — could potentially be double that of the first group.

Results showed that

# Holiday season kickoff

Snow, parade, more set for Saturday in downtown area.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**  
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**W**hen Saturday rolls around don’t expect snow to fall from the sky, but be ready for it to be trucked in and then for the wet, white stuff to be stacked in Olustee Park in downtown Lake City. Also, Santa will make an appearance, and there will be a 5-kilometer race and a Christmas parade.

Snow Day 2012 will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Dennille Decker, executive director of the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, said. She said the Christmas parade starts at 6 p.m.

Decker said Snow Day has been hosted by the chamber for the last three years, and that more than 30 tons of snow is used every year. Santa will be dropping by between noon and 2 p.m., she said.

The snow, giveaways, parade and Santa attract large numbers of people to the downtown area and should help boost sales for not just the downtown area, but the entire city, Decker said.

She said that many of the people who come for Snow Day will



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Ronnajah Ross, 1, takes the ride of her life down the 60-foot snow slide during last year’s Snow Day.

stick around to go shopping or eat at a restaurant in the area.

“The initial surge of people will be in downtown, but anyone who’s coming from our neighboring areas will take advantage and shop in Lake City,” she said.

The fact that no one has seen snow since 1989 — and even then

the snow was just enough to cover the ground — helps attract huge numbers of people for Snow Day. Whether it’s the snow, the parade or the race, the fact is Lake City businesses are affected by the event every year.

Decker said the event has been a part of the yearly calendar for

almost 10 years.

This year there will be a five kilometer race that starts at 8 a.m. “Dashing Through the Snow” has attracted runners from as far away as Tallahassee, she said. She said if runners want to

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## Snow Day 2012

CHAMBER BUSINESS

**I**t is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Lake City! The Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is proud to present several Christmas activities for you and your family to enjoy this holiday season. Be sure to check out the beautiful decorations in Olustee Park.

The City of Lake City, Christian Heritage Church, Church on the Way, New Life Restoration Church and chamber members were gracious enough to donate their time to volunteer and decorate the park and Santa’s House. We would also like to thank the Lake City Garden Club for decorating the gates at the entrances to downtown for the holiday season. It takes a full month to get the downtown area ready for the holiday season and we couldn’t do it without the help of our great volunteers.

While in the park, make sure you stop in and see Santa Claus. He will be in his house nightly from 6 to 8 p.m., except on Sunday when he returns to the North Pole to check on the elves. Santa would not be possible without our great sponsors. A special thank you to Buildings and More for the donation of Santa’s house, Restoration Specialists for providing Santa Claus and Century Ambulance for donating a candy cane for each child who visits Santa.

After your visit with Santa, take a ride around Lake DeSoto to see Christmas Card Lane. This is the first year the chamber has hosted a community Christmas card tour, and we have 29 businesses participating. We are excited to share



**Dennille Decker**  
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the cards with you all.

On Saturday, the Chamber of Commerce will once again host one of the community’s favorite events — Snow Day. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with the Dashing to the Snow 5-kilometer race, sponsored by Pro Motion Physical Therapy. The 5k event is for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The race will begin and conclude near Olustee Park. There is still time to register.

Stick around after the race to help us celebrate the opening festivities of Snow Day at 9 a.m. While at Snow Day, you can expect to see over 30 tons of snow and two snow slides. If you are a true Floridian and the snow doesn’t interest you, we will also have live entertainment, food vendors and other children’s activities, including bounce houses, a 26-foot, dual-lane slide and a special appearance by Santa all the way from the North Pole.

The title sponsor of Snow Day is Busy Bee B&B, and they will have lots of big surprises and giveaways throughout the day. This is a unique event you don’t want to miss and best of all — playing in the snow and the children’s activities are absolutely free. Just make sure you arrive before the closing of the fun at 4 p.m.

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## Ask the Fool

### The Market Price Tag

Q What is General Electric's "market cap," and what does it mean? — T.L., Goshen, Ind.

A A company's market capitalization reflects the value the stock market is placing on it right now. To get it, you multiply the total number of shares outstanding by the stock price. The result can help you get a sense of whether the firm is overvalued or undervalued if you compare it to peers.

In GE's case, 10.5 billion shares times a stock price of about \$20.70 yields a market cap of \$217 billion.

That \$217 billion is a hefty number. It's more than the market cap of Coca-Cola (which was recently \$162 billion), PepsiCo (\$106 billion), Verizon (\$121 billion), Oracle (\$146 billion), IBM (\$214 billion), McDonald's (\$85 billion), Merck (\$134 billion) and Boeing (\$55 billion).

To compare, Apple's market cap is the largest, recently near \$510 billion, followed by Exxon-Mobil, near \$400 billion, and PetroChina and Wal-Mart, each around \$244 billion.

(The Motley Fool owns stock in some of these companies and we've recommended them in our investing newsletters.)

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Q What does it mean when I see that "today's volume" for a stock is 15,800,000? — D.B., Victoria, Texas

A Imagine Mops 'n' Brooms (ticker: SWABZ), "Providing actionable domestic engineering solutions that leverage and optimize client excellence with a relentless focus on driving shareholder value going forward." If its average volume is 15,800,000, that just means that 15.8 million shares of the stock typically change hands each day.

Volume can vary widely — Apple averages about 18 million shares per day, vs. 5.7 million for Boeing. If a stock's volume is much higher than its average, then something is probably going on, such as good or bad news.

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### Signs of a Great Company

When investing in stocks, focus your money on the best companies you can find. (Make sure they're attractively priced, too.) Here are some marks of great companies:

- **Powerful brands.** Think of well-known brand names in America or, better yet, the world. For example: Coca-Cola, GE, McDonald's and Ford fit the bill. Strong brands offer pricing power.

- **Significant products or services.** Seek firms selling things people really need or want. People won't easily give up their prescription drugs or phone service, for example. Firms such as Starbucks and Apple offer consumers things they crave. Also appealing are repeat-purchase items that people buy over and over again — such as shampoos, burgers, socks and gum, instead of items bought only sporadically, such as cars or refrigerators.

- **Strong competitive position.** Ideally, a company will have advantages over its peers. These can include brand value, economies

of scale (if it's making so much that its costs per item are relatively low), and bargaining power. (Wal-Mart, for example, is so big that it can make demands of suppliers.)

- **Consistent, reliable growth and robust profit margins.** Look for steadily increasing sales and earnings, reflecting capable management. Compare gross, operating and net profit margins with those of competitors to see who's wringing the most value out of each dollar of sales.

- **Lots of potential.** A stellar past isn't enough. Is the company expanding abroad? Is it coming out with promising new products or services that are being embraced by consumers? Is it spending significantly on research and development?

Finally, consider how well you know the company and industry and how much you'd enjoy keeping up with its developments. If reading about a certain company puts you to sleep, it might not be the best candidate for your portfolio.

(The Motley Fool owns stock in some of these companies and we've recommended them in our investing newsletters. For a list of recommended stocks, try our "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" newsletter for free at [newsletters.fool.com](http://newsletters.fool.com).)

## My Dumbest Investment

### Dropping Like Rocks

My shares of Groupon have been dropping like a rock since I bought them. I heard that it's paying a 5 percent dividend, which sounds good. But am I better off getting out of the stock now? — F.B., online

**The Fool Responds:** First of all, Groupon does not pay a dividend, and it seems unlikely that it will initiate one any time soon, as the company is not yet posting consistent profits.

Many folks jumped into Groupon when it had its initial public offering (IPO) last year. It was trading in the \$20s back then and has been below \$3 per share recently, with its stock plunging some 28 percent after it reported disappointing earnings.

Groupon offers great lessons with its many red flags. It faces competition, and it's easy for customers to stray to others. The "daily deal" market itself is seeing its novelty wear off. On the plus side, the company's revenue and subscriber base is growing, but revenue per subscriber is shrinking. Net losses are growing, too. Some see the stock as a bargain now, but it's risky and may fall further.

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

## LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded in 1997 and based in Connecticut, I'm already a giant in the travel business, with a market value topping \$30 billion. I'm the world's top online hotel reservation network, with more than 235,000 participating hotels worldwide. My brands include Booking.com, Agoda.com, Rentalcars.com, and the flagship site that bears my name (which helps folks secure low prices for flights, cruises, vacations and more). I serve customers in more than 40 languages and more than 180 countries. My bookings, revenue and earnings have been growing at hefty double-digit rates for many years, and I'm growing internationally. Who am I? (Answer: priceline.com)

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## Name That Company

I was born in 1923 as a small yarn company in Boston, but today I'm an international conglomerate based in Providence, R.I. I employ more than 30,000 people and rake in more than \$11 billion annually. My wares include Bell helicopters, E-Z-GO golf carts, Jacobsen turf-care machines and Cessna planes. (I boast the largest business jet fleet in the world.) I'm also very involved in telecommunications equipment and services, financial services, military vehicles and more. Some of my other brands include Kautex, Lycoming, AAI and Greenlee. During World War II, I made parachutes. Who am I?

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The float of the 1st Street Music & Sound Co. took top honors in last year's Christmas parade. This year's parade will step off at 6 p.m. Saturday

## HOLIDAY: Lots of fun, excitement

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register for the race, it's \$30 before the day of the event and \$35 if a runner wants to register the day of the race. She said that registration for the race comes with a Dashing Through the Snow T-shirt.

Last year's Snow Day brought 14,000 people to the downtown area, she said.

This year she expects the number to be slightly down because last year Busy Bee B&B Food Stores gave away a Jeep at Snow Day. This year B&B will be taking registration for the jeep giveaway at Snow Day, but no one will

be driving away with the prize.

Busy Bee B&B has sponsored the event and the company gave \$10,000 to be the title sponsor. They will also have prizes people at Snow Day can win. Some come in the form of cash, two prizes of \$1,000, four prizes of \$500 and four prizes of \$250. B&B is also giving away a few gadgets, like an iPad and an Xbox.

Decker said the location to register for the prizes will be inside the Olustee Park in Downtown Lake City and that B&B's both will be hard to miss.

While the chamber does receive money from the city to put on Snow Day, the chamber still has to find volunteers to have help, and reach out to members of the business community for help with funding the event.

"Most communities don't bring in 30 tons of snow," she said. "It's not a money maker for the Chamber by any means."

But Lake City does, and the crowds come.

"Snow Day brings around 10,000 people into the downtown that wouldn't normally be there on a Saturday," she said.

## Couple convicted of GM secrets theft

Associated Press

DETROIT — A former General Motors engineer with access to the automaker's hybrid technology was convicted Friday along with her husband of stealing trade secrets for possible use in China.

Shanshan Du won a transfer within GM in 2003 to be closer to the technology and then copied documents until she accepted a severance offer and left the

company in 2005, prosecutors said.

Du and Yu Qin were found guilty Friday by a federal jury in Detroit after a trial that lasted weeks. Qin also was convicted of wire fraud and attempting to obstruct justice by shredding documents. They shook each other's hand after the verdict but declined to comment, as did their attorneys.

The couple face up to 20 years in prison. No sentencing date has been set.

Prosecutors told jurors that GM trade secrets were found on at least seven computers owned by the Oakland County couple.

The government doesn't believe the information ever made it to China, although Qin had set up his own company, Millennium Technology International, and claimed to have made contact with GM competitors overseas.

## SNOW:

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continue at 6 p.m., when the Lake City Rotary Club will present the 2012 Christmas parade with the theme, "I'll Be Home for Christmas." The parade will honor our community's returning veterans.

It is a day that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit and provide life-long memories of playing in the Florida snow.

For more information on any of these events, please contact the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce at (386) 752-3690 or visit us at [www.lakecitychamber.com](http://www.lakecitychamber.com).

■ Dennille Decker is the executive director of the Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

## STAFF: Find what works

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grades were as much as 10 percent higher among students whose teachers were members of the first group — the loss group — than they were for students whose teachers were in the second group. In this example, applying the loss aversion theory really seemed to work.

So if loss aversion is so successful, why is it not used more in business? I think this is due to a couple of reasons. First, many managers and owners are just not familiar with this behavioral theory, and second, many employers feel uncomfortable about taking money away from their employees. A more palatable alternative might be to take the money back

from future incentives.

While many employees relate to a monetary incentive, many just do not. To be successful, an incentive program needs to be tailored to the individual employee, and there are many potential ways to motivate — including loss aversion. You just have to find what works for your staff.

Now go out and make sure that you have the right incentives in place to excite and motivate your staff.

You can do this!  
■ FSU Entrepreneurship Dr. Jerry Osteryoung is Executive Director of the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship at Florida State University's College of Business.

# Fed survey: US economy growing

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — pickup in consumer spending and steady home sales helped lift economic growth from October through early November in most parts of the United States, according to a Federal Reserve survey released Wednesday. The one exception was the Northeast, which was slowed by Superstorm Sandy.

Growth improved in nine of the Fed's 12 regional banking districts, the survey said. Growth was weaker in New York, Philadelphia and Boston — areas where Sandy caused widespread disruptions.

The survey noted that growth was better despite nervousness about the "fiscal cliff." That's the name for automatic tax increases and spending cuts that could kick in next year if Congress and the Obama administration can't reach a budget deal before then.

Hiring increased in more than half of the districts. But manufacturing shrank or slowed in seven regions and was mixed in two others.

"The weakening in the tone of the Beige Book is clearly linked to the massive disruptions and damage related to Hurricane Sandy and there is no evidence of a wider slowdown in the economy," said Terry Sheehan, an analyst at Stone & McCarthy Research Associates.

Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the message from the survey was "the economy looks to have improved slightly in the current quarter, led by housing and consumers



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Women work on assembly line at Generac Power Systems Inc., one of the largest makers of residential generators in the U.S., in Whitewater, Wis. A pickup in consumer spending and steady home sales helped lift economic growth in October and early November in most parts of the United States, according to a Federal Reserve survey released this past week. The one exception was the Northeast, which was slowed by Superstorm Sandy.

though businesses remain worried about the outlook."

The report, called the Beige Book, provides anecdotal information on economic conditions around the country from October through Nov. 14. The information collected by the regional banks will be used as the basis for the Fed's policy discussion at the Dec. 11-12 meeting.

Many economists believe the Fed could announce plans to buy more Treasury bonds at that meeting to replace a program set to expire at the end of the year.

The goal of the program is to lower long-term interest rates and encourage more borrowing and spending.

The purchases would come on top of the Fed's mortgage bond buying program, which is intended to lower mortgage rates and make home-buying more affordable.

Recent government and private reports show the economy improved in October and early November, even as Sandy halted business activity along the East Coast.

Employers added 171,000 jobs last month and hiring in September and August was stronger than previously thought.

Rising home values, more hiring and lower gas prices pushed consumer confidence in November to the highest level in nearly five years. A better mood among consumers appears to have encouraged businesses to invest more in October after pulling back over the summer. And it could point to a stronger holiday shopping season.

There are already signs that

consumer optimism is leading to more spending. A record number of Americans visited stores and shopping websites over the four-day Thanksgiving weekend, according to a survey by the National Retail Federation.

Still, if lawmakers and the Obama administration fail to reach a budget deal soon, the threat of tax increases could make consumers more cautious in the final weeks of the year.

Many economists say worries about the fiscal cliff could be among a number of factors that keep growth in the October-December quarter below an annual rate of 2 percent. That's too slow to make much of a dent in unemployment and could prompt the Fed to take further action at its next meeting.

The Beige Book said that price increases remained modest. The Fed said the prices of some construction materials were rising at a faster pace in Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and San Francisco regions. Chicago Fed officials noted that food prices had eased in that region except for the price of meat.

Wage growth remained modest, constrained by the high numbers of people looking for work. But there were exceptions due to shortages of qualified workers. North Dakota reported rising wages for oil drilling workers. In Kansas City, wages were picking up for specialized workers in transportation, high-tech industries and energy. San Francisco saw stronger wage growth for truck drivers and health care workers.

## Congress looks at doing away with the paper dollar bill, again

By **KEVIN FREKING**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American consumers have shown about as much appetite for the \$1 coin as kids do their spinach. They may not know what's best for them either. Congressional auditors say doing away with dollar bills entirely and replacing them with dollar coins could save taxpayers some \$4.4 billion over the next 30 years.

Vending machine operators have long championed the use of \$1 coins because they don't jam the machines, cutting down on repair costs and lost sales. But most people don't seem to like carrying them. In the past five years, the U.S. Mint has produced 2.4 billion Presidential \$1 coins. Most are stored by the Federal Reserve, and production was suspended about a year ago.

The latest projection from the Government Accountability Office on the potential savings from switching to dollar coins entirely comes as lawmakers begin exploring new ways for the government to save money by changing the money itself.

The Mint is preparing a report for Congress showing how changes in the metal content of coins could save money.

The last time the government made major metallurgical changes in U.S. coins was nearly 50 years ago when Congress directed the Mint to remove silver from dimes and quarters and to reduce its content in half dollar coins. Now, Congress is looking at new changes in response to rising prices for copper and nickel.

At a House subcommittee hearing Thursday, the focus was on two approaches:

■ Moving to less expensive combinations of metals like steel, aluminum and zinc.

■ Gradually taking dollar bills out of the economy and replacing them with coins.

The GAO's Lorelei St. James told the House



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The President John Adams presidential \$1 coin is being produced by the U.S. Mint. Congressional auditors say doing away with dollar bills entirely and replacing them with dollar coins could save taxpayers some \$4.4 billion over the next 30 years.

Financial Services panel it would take several years for the benefits of switching from paper bills to dollar coins to catch up with the cost of making the change. Equipment would have to be bought or overhauled and more coins would have to be produced upfront to replace bills as they are taken out of circulation.

But over the years, the savings would begin to accrue, she said, largely because a \$1 coin could stay in circulation for 30 years while paper bills have to be replaced every four or five years on average.

"We continue to believe that replacing the note with a coin is likely to provide a financial benefit to the government," said St. James, who added that such a change would work only if the note was completely eliminated and the public educated about the benefits of the switch.

Even the \$1 coin's most ardent supporters recognize that they haven't been popular. Philip Diehl, former director of the Mint, said there was a huge demand for the Sacagawea dollar coin when production began in 2001, but as

time wore on, people stayed with what they knew best.

"We've never bitten the bullet to remove the \$1 bill as every other Western economy has done," Diehl said. "If you did, it would have the same success the Canadians have had."

Beverly Lepine, chief operating officer of the Royal Canadian Mint, said her country loves its "Loonie," the nickname for the \$1 coin that includes an image of a loon on the back. The switch went over so well that the country also went to a \$2 coin called the "Toonie."

Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Mich., affirmed that Canadians have embraced their dollar coins. "I don't know anyone who would go back to the \$1 and \$2 bills," he said.

That sentiment was not shared by some of his fellow subcommittee members when it comes to the U.S. version.

Rep. Lacy Clay, D-Mo., said men don't like carrying a bunch of coins around in their pocket or in their suits. And Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., said the \$1 coins have proved too hard to distinguish from quarters.

"If the people don't want it and they don't want to use it," she said, "why in the world are we even talking about changing it?"

"It's really a matter of just getting used to it," said Diehl, the former Mint director.

Several lawmakers were more intrigued with the idea of using different metal combinations in producing coins.

Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, said a penny costs more than 2 cents to make and a nickel costs more than 11 cents to make. Moving to multiplated steel for coins would save the government nearly \$200 million a year, he said.

The Mint's report, which is due in mid-December, will detail the results of nearly 18 months of work exploring a variety of new metal compositions and evaluating test coins for attributes as hardness, resistance to wear, availability of raw materials and costs.

Richard Peterson, the Mint's acting director, declined to give lawmakers a summary of what will be in the report, but he said "several promising alternatives" were found.

## Court to decide if human genes can be patented

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court announced Friday it will decide whether companies can patent human genes, a decision that could reshape medical research in the United States and the fight against diseases like breast and ovarian cancer.

The justices' decision will likely resolve an ongoing battle between scientists who believe that genes carrying the secrets of life should not be exploited for commercial gain and companies that argue that a patent is a reward for years of expensive research that moves science forward.

The current case involves Myriad Genetics Inc. of Salt Lake City, which has patents on two genes linked to increased risk of breast and ovarian cancer. Myriad's BRCAAnalysis test looks for mutations on the breast cancer predisposition gene, or BRCA. Those mutations are associated with much greater risks of breast and ovarian cancer.

But the American Civil Liberties Union challenged those patents, arguing that genes couldn't be patented, and in March 2010, a New York district court agreed. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has now twice ruled that genes can be patented, in Myriad's case because the isolated DNA has a "markedly different chemical structure" from DNA within the body.

Among the ACLU's plaintiffs are geneticists who said they were not able to continue their work because of Myriad's patents, as well as breast cancer and women's health groups. "It's wrong to think that something as naturally occurring as DNA can be patented by a single company that limits scientific research and the free exchange of ideas," said Chris Hansen, staff attorney with the ACLU Speech, Privacy and

Technology Project.

A call to a Myriad spokeswoman was not immediately returned, but in court papers the company's lawyers said without being able to patent and profit from their work, they would not be able to fund the type of medical breakthroughs doctors depend on. The company also said that deciding now that genes can't be patented would throw into chaos current research and profits structures for drug-makers and medical research companies, who have gotten more than 40,000 DNA-related patents from the Patent and Trademark Office for almost 30 years, according to court papers.

"Moving the goalposts of patent eligibility for these patents now would ... undermine the interests of the investing community: Clear and certain patent protection is critical to honor the interests of past investors, such as those who funded the research behind these inventions," the company said in court papers.

In 2010, a federal judge ruled that genes cannot be patented. U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet said he invalidated the patents because DNA's existence in an isolated form does not alter the fundamental quality of DNA as it exists in the body or the information it encodes. But the federal appeals court reversed him in 2011, saying Myriad's genes can be patented because the isolated DNA has a "markedly different chemical structure" from DNA in the body.

The Supreme Court threw out that decision and sent the case back to the lower courts for rehearing. This came after the high court unanimously threw out patents on a Prometheus Laboratories, Inc., test that could help doctors set drug doses for autoimmune diseases like Crohn's disease, saying the laws of nature are unpatentable.

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DATES:  
January 8, 2013  
January 22, 2013  
February 12, 2013\*  
February 26, 2013  
March 12, 2013  
April 9, 2013  
April 23, 2013  
May 14, 2013  
May 28, 2013  
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September 10, 2013  
September 24, 2013  
October 8, 2013  
October 22, 2013  
November 12, 2013  
November 26, 2013  
December 10, 2013

\*Meeting to be held at Fort White Elementary School  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
PLACE: School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium  
372 W. Duval Street Lake City, Florida 32055

PURPOSE: To consider and act upon business of the School Board. A copy of each agenda may be obtained no earlier than 7 days prior to each meeting by writing to the Superintendent of Schools at 372 W. Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055 or by calling Mrs. Lynda Croft at (386) 755-8003. A complete agenda of each meeting will be available on the School District's website at: www.columbia.k12.fl.us

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By: Terry L. Huddleston  
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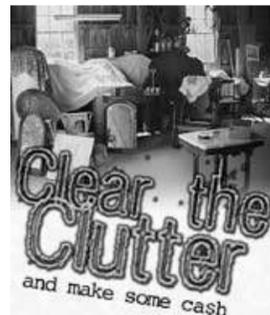
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Travel Tales



Sandy Kishton

Ants in my pants, literally

I got ants in my pants! Literally! Thanksgiving — a time for traditions and sometimes travel — or both.

For a couple of years, we escaped the traditional family dinners and booked a Bahamas cruise for the Thanksgiving holiday. For me the best part of Thanksgiving dinner on the ship was that I didn't have to eat dry turkey.

On this particular trip, we went to Orlando a few days early to do some shopping before catching the boat out of Port Canaveral. So naturally, when we parked the car in the lot, we left shopping bags, a cooler, a bag with some snacks in it and a bag of dirty laundry.

The cruise was everything I expected it to be. Relaxing, lots of good food, some fun in the sun, overall the perfect escape.

What I didn't expect was what I found upon returning to the car in the parking lot at the ship terminal ... ANTS!

And lots of them. We opened the back of the Expedition only to find a trail of ants all over the place. They were marching along the carpet, in and out of the cooler, in and out of our bags. It was a nightmare.

We parked next to a small median with a tree so that it would be easier to find the car. After looking closely, we realized that in addition to the tree, there were ant beds. The scent trail led from the ground, up the tires, along the bumpers and into the back of the car.

As we began to clean everything out of the back, piece by piece, we found scores of them in the dirty clothes bag — more there than anywhere else. It was strange. I guess they were attracted to the sweat and other bodily fluids one would normally find on soiled clothes. We had to pull each piece of clothing out and beat it on the pavement to knock the ants off the clothes.

What was really crazy was the pair of shorts that the ants had literally eaten the back end out of. Now that makes you really stop and think. It did us, anyway.

Even as we arrived home to unpack everything, we found more ants. Lesson learned: Watch where you park and pay attention to your surroundings.

Experiences like this surely don't stop me from going, only make me laugh and shake my head. I do have to wonder if it was a little pay-back for being selfish and escaping the traditional family dinner at Mom's.

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Infectious generosity

Teen's selfless action inspires Fort White classmates to help.

By TONY BRITT  
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FORT WHITE — Storm Ford's penchant for collecting and giving away Christmas gifts started innocently enough when he was about 7 years old and he outgrew his bicycle and wanted to give it away.

Now his talent for organizing and giving away gifts is an annual benefit for the Children's Home Society of Florida's Lake City office as Ford collects toys for less fortunate children.

"It just became a thing that each Christmas we started giving toys away and it got bigger and bigger," he said.

Ford, a 14-year-old Fort White Middle School student, said over the past seven years collecting toys for others has become an annual tradition for him and his family.

This year Ford has organized the "Fill-A-Blazer" toy collection campaign, and it's expected to be the largest thus far, because many of Ford's classmates and chums from school and the community, as well as potentially the school district, plan to pitch-in and give toys to the collection drive.

From 8:15 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Ford's mother will have her Trail Blazer in the Fort White High School courtyard, and students are supposed to bring new, unwrapped toys for the gift-giving campaign. Anyone can drop off toys for the campaign.

"We're going to try to see whether we can fill our Blazer as much as possible," Ford said.

Wednesday's toy collection at the school marks the first time Ford has used the school's population in the toy collection drive.

"The Fill-A-Blazer started this year after my mother and I were talking about a filibuster and I thought of the idea about doing a fill-a-blazer," he said.

Ford already has filled his mother's 2009 Chevy Trail Blazer with toys for the Children's Home Society once this year, and now he's attempting to collect another load of toys as Christmas quickly approaches.

"I have no idea of how many toys it was; It was a lot of toys," he said. "We filled the back and middle of the Trail Blazer with toys."

With help from his mother, Inga Dwyer, and his grandmother, Cecile Holmgren, Ford has made collecting the toys an



Photos by TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Cassie Sparks (above left), a Fort White Middle School seventh-grade teacher and student council advisor, helps 14-year-old Storm Ford carry and organize boxes of toys donated to Ford's Fill-A-Blazer toy collection drive to benefit the Children's Home Society of Florida's Lake City office.

Ford has been collecting toys for less fortunate children for seven years, and this year, his classmates and teachers at the middle school are pitching in to support his efforts.

annual tradition.

Kathy Wintons, family support worker with the Children's Home Society office in Lake City, said the office serves 12 counties. The Children's Home Society of aids adoptions for children who have been in foster care.

She said the office in Lake City



provides services for more than 150 children.

"Last year when he (Storm) first started with us, the kids were just blessed to have more toys," Wintons said. "We were able to bless more homes, more families and more children by him adding more toys. Some kids

would not have received any toys and other kids were blessed by getting an extra toy thanks to Storm."

Cassie Sparks, Ford's seventh-grade teacher and Fort White Middle School student council

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Compatibility applies to plantings, too

Most homeowners think of a landscaping project as a way to add beauty and value to their properties. Landscaping projects can also screen a bad view, enhance a good view or transform a problem area into an attractive one.

Islands of plants and mulch are popular for many reasons, including adding color and interest to the landscape.

When building a plant island, start with plants that are compatible with each other and with the site. Consider your soil type and the drainage, as well as the amount of sun the site receives. Your final selection of plants should include plants that all require the same pH range, drainage, moisture, fertilization and general maintenance.

The main idea when choosing

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and combining plants is not to waste time, energy and money by caring for plants that aren't compatible with the planting site or with each other. Being able to appropriately water, fertilize, prune and mulch everything at the same time is so efficient in terms of all of these major inputs. Even preparing the planting bed at the time of installation should be "all for one," with the least amount of input.

If you have luck with growing

acid-loving azaleas, consider a combination planting of native azaleas, camellias and rabbit-eye blueberries. Depending on cultivar selections, they all have similar soil, sun, fertility, irrigation and maintenance requirements. Attractive blooms will add beauty from November through spring, and the fruit will be colorful and delicious in late spring. Evergreen leaves add color while bare limbs offer forms of interest through winter.

Start by bringing in a soil sample for a free pH test performed by the Master Gardeners at the Extension Office. In our sandy soil, these plants need amendments of peat and organic material to help retain moisture and nutrients. All are shallow rooted and require mulch to protect and insulate roots, reduce weed growth, conserve water, and eventually add to soil organic material.

Your site should have acidic soil, good drainage, and receive at least 5 to 6 hours of good sunlight per day. Choose native azaleas that will grow well in sun. Camellias often have faded leaf color in more sun, but flowering is increased. Find information about individual plants at [http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/lawn\\_and\\_garden/A-Z\\_index.html](http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/lawn_and_garden/A-Z_index.html).

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## CRAFTS

# Handmade ornaments follow tree to Capitol

School children made thousands of decorations.

BY JENNIFER FORKER  
Associated Press

ARVADA, Colo.—Thousands of ornaments, many of them made by Colorado schoolchildren, have accompanied the majestic Engelmann spruce sent to Washington, D.C., to grace the lawn of the U.S. Capitol building this Christmas.

The 73-foot tree is from the White River National Forest in northwestern Colorado. After it's lit on Dec. 4, many of the ornaments will be on public view; others will adorn the nearly 70 smaller trees, also from Colorado, that will decorate government office buildings throughout Washington.

When Colorado residents were asked to craft ornaments for the trees, they responded enthusiastically: Nearly 10,000 ornaments poured into the U.S. Forest Service office in Meeker, where Mary Cunningham coordinated the campaign. She had needed only about half that number, but starting in early September, "it got crazy," she says. "For two weeks we were getting 20 to 30 huge boxes each day of ornaments."

Ornaments arrived from every corner of the state. The theme was "Celebrating Our Great Outdoors," and it inspired ornaments featuring skiing, hiking and fishing; mountain scenes and blue spruce trees; Western attire, from cowboy boots to moccasins; and bears, bison, wolves and moose.

Liberty High School's Art Club and National Honor Society in Colorado Springs contributed 50 small clay pots and baskets crafted from area clay. Students at another Colorado Springs school, Discovery Canyon Campus, were challenged by teachers to use recycled materials, so they made an airplane out of a soda can, a hiking boot from soda pop tabs, and horses made from wine corks, among other ornaments.

From Mount Garfield Middle School in Clifton came more than 100 painted ornaments, includ-



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Colorado school children and others crafted and donated 10,000 ornaments for this year's the Capitol Christmas tree campaign. Some of the ornaments will adorn the 73-foot Engelmann spruce destined for the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol while others will decorate nearly 70 smaller trees, also from Colorado, destined for government office buildings in Washington, D.C., this holiday season.

ing jumping trout, cut from plywood in a technical education class. The teacher, Kevin Elisha, drove the ornaments nearly two hours from Clifton to Cunningham's home in Meeker.

"He kept pulling out individual ones and telling me about the kid," Cunningham remembers. "It was just really neat the time and thought they put into it."

She also tells of a Hamilton man, Ray

Durham, who donated 1,200 large Aspen slices, or disks, so every kid in the area's school district could make an ornament.

While the bulk of ornaments came from schools and scouting groups, three Ute tribes — the Northern Utes, Southern Utes and Ute Mountain Utes — provided a combined 800 ornaments. Northern Ute elders created more than 100 small "cradleboards" — a traditional means of carrying swaddled babies

— from fabric and poster board, then hand-stitched each one, says Pearleen Ridley, director of the tribe's Senior Citizen Program at Fort Duchesne, in north-eastern Utah.

A small group of elders "were really dedicated," Ridley says. "They came in at 8:30 and didn't leave until 4:00. They were here every day for two weeks."

The tribe's ancestors roamed the White River National Forest, says Ridley.

"We're very appreciative that we're representing who and where our people came from," she says.

In a tradition dating to 1970, the state from which the Capitol Christmas tree comes also donates the ornament. This is the third time that Colorado has been asked; the last time was in 2000, when the tree came from the San Isabel National Forest, in central Colorado.

That year, one of the companion trees came from the Winkelman Farm in Limon. The next spring, owners Steve and Kathy Winkelman were given a seedling from the millennium Capitol Christmas tree. They planted it, nurtured it and now, 12 years later, the tree is 6 feet tall.

Kathy Winkelman and her teaching partner, Cindy Stone, took their Limon Elementary School fourth-grade students to see the community's "millennium tree," as they call it, and gathered pine cones from nearby to make ornaments — skiers and snowboarders.

"We suffered a severe hailstorm in June of 2003, which destroyed all of our wheat and feed crops and a large part of our tree farm," the class' submission form read. "But our little millennium tree survived ...."

The teachers and students tracked the progress of the Capitol Christmas tree online during its three-week road trip to the nation's capital, learning about geography, history and the federal government along the way.

"We're small-town USA," Stone says. "Many of these kids don't get out of Colorado, ever. The idea that something they made might be in the nation's capital, that's really cool."

## Seasonal sweaters: Wear in the spirit

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL  
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — The good, the bad, the kitschy. A "seasonal sweater" is one way to start a conversation at a holiday function.

It's a look that can mean all sorts of things: sequins, bows, Fair Isle patterns, bunny rabbits and bird motifs, or even antlers. There's a fine line between a good seasonal sweater and one gone bad.

Even those have a place, though. Yup, there are Ugly Sweater parties and Ugly Sweater blogs. Stand Up To Cancer is hosting a social-media online Ugly Sweater fundraising campaign.

But before we go there, fashion insiders say there's a way to have your novelty

and fun with style: Wear it in the right spirit.

From Saks Fifth Avenue to J. Crew and C. Wonder, carry good tidings and festive trimmings wherever you go. They bring a smile — and they're a good icebreaker, says style commentator Suze Yalof Schwartz.

Who could resist commenting on the glitzy giant bow sweater? she says. But wearer beware: You will be the center of attention.

The Saks way to do the sweater is "tasteful" with the right playful attitude, says Colleen Sherin, the retailer's senior fashion director. It's not going to be covered in Santas, but it could be decorated with clear or metallic sequins, for example.

## TOYS: For children's sake

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advisor, got involved with the toy drive last year and enlisted the help of the school's student council.

"I thought how could I help him because I couldn't believe that a seventh-grader came up with this on his own," she said. "You see kids now days with 'I want, I want' instead of 'let me give, let me give.'"

Sparks and Sheri Keen, Fort White High School student activities director, helped collect toys for last year's drive, giving Ford toys from a source he didn't expect.

"This year I knew I wanted to help again," Sparks said. "The student council and leadership students got on board and we wanted to open the drive to the school. My class has three-plus boxes now and there will be more that we'll be donating to the kids, as well. It's a pretty good thing."

Keith Hatcher, Fort White High School principal, spoke about Ford's

efforts to raise toys for less fortunate kids.

"I think this is a great thing," he said. "Storm has worked really hard on this. He did it last year, and it's a very worthy cause."

"There are so many children out there that are a whole lot less fortunate than a lot of the kids that go here. To have one who is taking the initiative and moving forward with a program like this to help less fortunate children is just amazing to me."

Hatcher said Fort White students are excited about participating in the "Fill-A-Blazer" toy collection campaign. He said he forwarded the request for toys to all administrators in the school district, who have forwarded the request to their faculties and staff members.

"It's really growing, and we're really looking forward to seeing how full this Blazer is going to get," he said.

## No estimate on reopening Liberty Island; statue OK

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tourists will miss out for a while on one of the hallmarks of a visit to New York — seeing the Statue of Liberty up close.

The statue itself survived Superstorm Sandy intact, but damage to buildings and Liberty Island's power and heating systems means the island will remain closed for now, and authorities don't have an estimate on when it will reopen.

The brick paths around the 12-acre island are torn up, and some docks are splintered. The metal railing that surrounds the island is broken in some places. The waterline on some of the buildings reaches 8 feet.

The storm flooded the island's power and heating systems, Superintendent David Luchsinger said as he led reporters on a tour Friday.

The National Park Service still does not know when the statue will reopen to the public or how much the island repairs will cost.

Temporary power has been used to illuminate the statue at night since Nov. 9.

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3	Walmart Lake City	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
4	Direct Insurance	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
4	PEPSI Distribution	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
5	Hardee's Downtown	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
5	Lake City Reporter	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
6	Hardee's by Walmart	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
7	Columbia High School	7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
8	Lake City Snow Day!!!	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
9	Epiphany Catholic Church	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
9	Lake City Mall	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
10	Downtown Lake City	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11	Department of Transportation	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
12	Reception Medical Center	10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
13	Walmart Lake City	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
14	Florida State Prison	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
15	Lowe's Lake City	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
16	First Christian Church (Lake Butler)	8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
17	Winn Dixie	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
18	Hardee's Downtown	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
18	New Millennium	12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
19	Subway State Road 47	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
20	Union Correctional	11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
21	Baker Correctional	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
22	Lake City Mall	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
23	Lake City Mall	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
24	Lake City Mall	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
26	Lake City Mall	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
27	Winn Dixie	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
28	Hardee's by Walmart	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
29	Players Club	12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
30	Lake City Mall	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
31	Walmart Lake City	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## ON THE MONEY

## Shoppers can save as retailers battle

Stores matching online prices is newest trend.

By JOSEPH PISANI  
AP Business Writer

This holiday season, the hottest trend among retailers isn't found on a store shelf. It's taking place at the cash register.

Major retailers, from Best Buy to Toys R Us, are promising to match their competitors' prices. Generally customers just need to bring in an advertisement or print-out to prove that the same item is available elsewhere at a lower price. In some cases, shoppers can come back with a receipt and get a refund for the difference if the price of an item they bought fell.

Best Buy Co. Inc., Target Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Sears Inc. offer price matching to customers all year round. But what's different now is that Best Buy and Target are matching online retailers such as Amazon.com for the first time. That's a big deal, since online prices tend to be lower than those at stores.

Shoppers will be able to save some extra money, but they're going to have to read a lot of fine print to do so.

"Price matching sounds good, but there are so many exclusions, it sometimes isn't as good as it sounds," says Edgar Dworsky, the founder of ConsumerWorld.org, which tracks deals for shoppers.

For instance, Target limits the number of online retailers that it will price



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Big retailers, from Best Buy to Target to Toys R Us, are engaging in a price war this holiday season, and shoppers can score some good deals if they know how to navigate them.

match against to just five. Best Buy has selected 20, but only matched online prices from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 and will start again from Nov. 27 to Dec. 24.

Toys R Us is offering price matching for the first time and will only match prices that customers find in other brick-and-mortar stores. Walmart also matches against in-store prices.

Toys R Us, Best Buy, Sears and Target say they will match prices found on their own websites. It's not uncommon for retailers to offer steeper discounts online than in their actual stores. (But Toys R Us says it won't match prices on its own website if the item is marked as an "online-only price.")

Even the most experienced bargain hunters can get tripped up by all the rules. But shoppers can save some money if they're diligent.

"It really is a way to save money and shop at the store you want instead of one that's inconvenient," says Dworsky.

Here are five ways to get the most out of price matching offers:

#### 1. Know the policy

If you want to take advantage of a price match offer, read the store's policy closely. You can find the guidelines on the store's website.

Print out the policy and bring it with you. Having a hard copy will be helpful if you need to argue your case.

"Know their policy backwards or you may be bluffed into thinking something doesn't qualify," says Dworsky.

#### 2. Bring proof

Always bring the advertisement or the printed

web page for the item you want to price match. Walmart doesn't require bringing the ad because it says cashiers have access to all local advertisements. But Dworsky recommends bringing ads in anyway. If there's any confusion, you'll be better prepared to make your case no matter where you shop.

The cashiers and customer representatives are always looking for a reason not to approve the transaction, says Dworsky.

#### 3. Save receipts

Some retailers will give you money back if you see a lower price after you buy an item. Keep a hold of your receipts and, particularly for big-ticket items, continue to look for lower prices.

Best Buy will issue refunds until the end of January. Toys R Us lets

you seek a refund up to seven days after buying an item. Sears customers can get a refund after 14 days. Target is letting customer's price match against brick-and-mortar retailers until Dec. 24 for any item bought after Nov. 1. You can only ask Target to match the price of an online retailer until Dec. 16.

#### 4. Go straight to the customer service desk

Many retailers have hired cashiers specifically for the holiday rush, so the new employees may not be up-to-speed on the store's price matching policy. Heather Wheeler, who runs savings website TheKrazyCouponLady.com, recommends handling the transaction at the customer service desk instead on the cashier.

"(Those staffers are) trained a little more and are more knowledgeable," says Wheeler.

#### 5. Look beyond retailers

You can also price match depending on how you pay. eBay Inc.'s payment processor, PayPal, promises to match a lower price if you've already made a purchase using the service. That includes airline tickets. PayPal will match the prices of retailers that don't let customers use PayPal, however. Just fill out a form and upload a receipt when you find a lower price. PayPal will give you back up to \$1,000 for all purchases made until Dec. 31.

You should also ask your

#### Summary:

The Associated Press

**ALL THE RAGE:** Big retailers, from Best Buy to Target to Toys R Us, are offering to match lower prices in an effort to attract holiday shoppers.

**HOW IT WORKS:** The merchants promise to match a competitor's price if you bring in an advertisement or print-out that proves that a rival is selling an item at a cheaper price.

**CONFUSING POLICIES:** Price matching policies have a lot of exclusions. Consumers should read the terms and print the policy from a store's website so that it's readily available when they request a price match.

credit card company to see if it offers price matching. It's rare, but there are a few cards that do.

Citi just launched a program for its credit card holders. Called the Citi Price Rewind program, it promises to do the work for you. Register your purchases made on the Citi credit card online and it will send you a check for the difference if it finds a lower price from an online retailer.

The program is aimed at pricier purchases: It will only issue a discount if the price difference is \$25 or more. Citi will give you the amount up to \$250 for each item, and up to \$1,000 a year. Of course, you're going to need pay your credit card bill in full and not incur interest charges to truly make this a deal.



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A new study suggests the western Grand Canyon formed 70 million years ago. Some scientists disagree and believe the canyon was mainly carved in the past 5 to 6 million years.

## Grand Canyon may be as old as dinosaur era

By ALICIA CHANG  
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — The awe-inspiring Grand Canyon was probably carved about 70 million years ago, much earlier than thought, a provocative new study suggests — so early that dinosaurs might have roamed near this natural wonder.

Using a new dating tool, a team of scientists came up with a different age for the gorge's western section, challenging conventional wisdom that much of the canyon was scoured by the mighty Colorado River in the last 5 million to 6 million years.

Not everyone is convinced with the latest viewpoint published online Thursday in the journal Science. Critics contend the study ignores a mountain of evidence pointing to a geologically young landscape and they have doubts about the technique used to date it.

The notion that the Grand Canyon existed during the dinosaur era is "ludicrous," said geologist Karl Karlstrom of the

University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

How the Grand Canyon became grand, *Ái* with its vertical cliffs and flat plateaus — has been debated since John Wesley Powell navigated the whitewater rapids and scouted the sheer walls during his famous 1869 expedition.

Some 5 million tourists flock to Arizona each year to marvel at the 277-mile-long chasm, which plunges a mile deep in some places.

It's a geologic layer cake with the most recent rock formations near the rim stacked on top of older rocks that date back 2 billion years.

Though the exposed rocks are ancient, most scientists believe the Grand Canyon itself was forged in the recent geologic past, created when tectonic forces uplifted the land that the Colorado River later carved through.

The new work by researchers at the University of Colorado Boulder and California Institute of Technology argued that canyon-cutting occurred long before that.

By LISA A. FLAM  
Associated Press

The flights have been booked, the suitcases retrieved from the attic and your vacation itinerary has been set. But while your mind may be ready to wander to a faraway land, don't forget about home sweet home just yet.

Securing your home and making it look occupied while you're away on a winter vacation will help deter thieves. And some simple preparations can save you the anguish and expense of returning home to find damage if something like a dishwasher hose decides to fail in your absence.

"If you look at how long it takes compared to repairing the potential damage, it seems much easier to take the precautions than it does to make the repairs," said Richard Stone, a University of Minnesota Extension educator in housing technology.

Here's a checklist for closing up the house properly before you go:

- **Daily Check:** Arrange for a friend or neighbor to check on the house at least once a day (and feed the fish or water the plants). Give that person a copy of your itinerary and contact numbers. Ask that they call the police if they see or hear anything out of the ordinary.

- **Mail/Newspapers:** Have the mail held, or ask a neighbor to take it in. The U.S. Postal Service will hold mail from three to 30 days. Sign up for this free service at usps.com, or pick up a form at the post office that can be given to your letter carrier, left in your mailbox or returned to your post office. Cancel newspaper deliveries, and ask your neighbor to take in any unexpected holiday packages, notices of delivery attempts that may be left on your door, or free

## HOLIDAY TRAVEL

# Closing up the house for the holidays



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Make sure all windows and doors are locked and set your alarm if you have one, when closing up the house for vacation. The police also might be able to check on your house daily. If your department has one, register with its "vacation watch" or "dark house" list.

publications tossed on the driveway. "That's a sure sign that you're not there, when all that stuff starts accumulating at your house," said Ernie Long, the crime prevention coordinator for the Aventura Police Department in Florida and an instructor for the National Crime Prevention Council.

- **Security:** Lock all windows and doors and set your alarm if you have one. The police also might be able to check on your house daily. If your department has one, register with its "vacation watch" or "dark house" list. "We will periodically go by and check your house to make sure everything is on the up and up," Long said. "Just about every police department offers some kind of vacation watch."

- **Lights:** To make your house look lived in, put lights on timers to mimic your typical routine. Long said he'll set his living room timer to go on in the evening for a bit, and then he'll set a bedroom light to go on for an hour before his usual bedtime. Exterior motion lights are highly effective in

detering crime because, as Long said, "you can't sneak up on them."

- **Noise:** A radio can also be set on a timer to make it seem like you're there. Burglars, looking for an empty house, will first knock on a front door, and will flee if they hear a radio, thinking you just didn't hear the knock. If nobody answers, they typically go around to a back door, where they are less visible, Long said.

- **Locks and Doors:** The back door should have a high-security lock and a strong door frame. Long recommends replacing short screws with 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wood screws to reinforce the strike plate on the door, making it harder for a criminal to kick it in. "You need to have good-quality locks but the door frame is just as important, especially on the back door," he said. "Studies have shown that if you delay him two minutes, he'll go somewhere else."

- **Valuables:** The first place robbers go in a home is the master bedroom, Long said, where they are after money, jewelry and

guns. If you have a big stash of cash or an expensive jewelry collection, he recommends storing it at a bank safety deposit box and storing any weapons in a gun safe. If you hide valuables in your home, be creative, Long said; place them in a coffee can, painted black and attached to the floor joists overhead in the basement, for instance. "If the guy is there for a while, he'll knock over everything in your house, empty every drawer, turn every mattress over and look everywhere in your house for good stuff," Long said. "They're not neat when they do it."

- **Blinds:** Leave the blinds as you normally do. If you raise and lower them daily, Long recommends keeping blinds closed in the rear of the house, in case a would-be robber is watching for movement, and keep them open in the front.

- **Water:** Turn off the main valve (usually located near the water meter) or, if you have well water, turn off the pump. Then, turn on an upstairs faucet for about 15 seconds to relieve any pressure in the system.

SUNDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 2, 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 (N)	Once Upon a Time "Queen of Hearts"	Revenge Daniel's role is challenged. (N)	(:01) 666 Park Avenue "Hypnos" (N)	News at 11	Inside Edition				
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	The Insider (N)	Love-Raymond	Big Bang Theory	CSI: Miami Horatio tries to save Yelina.	Criminal Minds "Proof" (DVS)	News	Sports Zone	Chann 4 News	Big Bang Theory		
5-PBS	5	-	Motown: Big Hits and More (My Music)		Downton Abbey Revisited Behind-the-scenes footage.		Downton Abbey Revisited Behind-the-scenes footage.	Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey" Matthew and others go off to war.						
7-CBS	7	47	7:47:47	4:00 NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Baltimore Ravens.	60 Minutes (N) (S)	The Amazing Race (N) (S)		The Good Wife "Battle of the Proxies"	The Mentalist "Fugue in Red" (S)				Action Sports 360	
9-CW	9	17	17	Brideshead Rev	According to Jim	YouJax Music	Law & Order "Pro Se" (S)	Local Haunts	Local Haunts	Local Haunts	TMZ (N) (S)		The Office (S)	The Office (S)
10-FOX	10	30	30	NFL Football: Buccaneers at Broncos	Bob's Burgers (PA)	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy	American Dad (N)	News	Action Sports 360	Leverage "The Homecoming Job"	
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Football Night in America (N) (Live) (S)		Q & A						News
CSPAN	14	210	350	Newsmakers	Washington This Week			Q & A	Prime Minister	Road to the White House				Q & A
WGN-A	16	239	307	Funny Videos	Bloopers! (S)	Bloopers! (S)	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine	(:40) Instant Replay	30 Rock (S)	30 Rock (S)	
TVLAND	17	106	304	** "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise. Treachery in Prague puts an agent on the run. (S)		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens
OWN	18	189	279	Our America With Lisa Ling (S)	Our America With Lisa Ling (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter	Oprah's Next Chapter
A&E	19	118	265	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Be the Boss "Complete Nutrition"	(:01) Be the Boss "Complete Nutrition"		
HALL	20	185	312	"A Christmas Wish" (2011, Drama) Kristy Swanson, Tess Harper. (S)		"The Christmas Heart" (2012, Drama) Teri Polo, Paul Essiembre. Premiere. (S)	"The Christmas Card" (2006, Romance) Ed Asner, John Newton. (S)	** "The Karate Kid" (2010, Drama)						
FX	22	136	248	** "Kung Fu Panda" (2008, Comedy) Voices of Jack Black, Angelina Jolie.		** "The Karate Kid" (2010) Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan. A Chinese master schools an American boy in the martial arts.								
CNN	24	200	202	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Sharing The Spotlight Pre-Show	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute	The top 10 heroes of 2012. (N) (Live)						CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute
TNT	25	138	245	(5:00) ** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. (DVS)		** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page. A thief enters people's dreams and steals their secrets. (S)	** "A Fairly Odd Christmas" (2012, Comedy) Drake Bell. (S)	See Dad Run	The Nanny (S)	The Nanny (S)	Friends (S)	Friends (S)	Friends (S)	Friends (S)
NIK	26	170	299	The Fairly OddParents Timmy gets a special gift.	Odd Parents	** "Pitch Black" (2000, Science Fiction) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel, Cole Hauser. Premiere.	(:45) ** "Pitch Black" (2000) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel.							
SPIKE	28	168	241	(5:12) ** "The Punisher" (2004, Action) Thomas Jane, John Travolta.										
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H (S)	M*A*S*H (S)	Dog With a Blog	Shake It Up! (N)	Columbo "Last Salute to the Commodore" Columbo's suspect turns up dead.	Thriller "Flowers of Evil"	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	
DISN	31	172	290	Austin & Ally (S)	Shake It Up! (S)	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Good Luck Charlie	Dog With a Blog	Shake It Up! (N)	Dog With a Blog	Jessie (S)	Good Luck Charlie	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Phineas and Ferb
LIFE	32	108	252	(5:00) ** "The Christmas Hope" (S)	"Dear Santa" (2011, Drama) Amy Acker, Brooklynn Proulx, Gina Holden. (S)	"Finding Mrs. Claus" (2012, Comedy) Mira Sorvino, Will Sasso. Premiere. (S)	(:01) "Dear Santa" (2011) Amy Acker.							
USA	33	105	242	NCIS "Two-Faced" (DVS)	NCIS A murder is caught on tape.	NCIS "Baltimore" (DVS)	NCIS Tracking the Port-to-Port killer.	NCIS The Port-to-Port killer is revealed.						NCIS "Masquerade" (DVS)
BET	34	124	329	** "Not Easily Broken" (2009, Drama) Morris Chestnut, Taraji P. Henson, Maeve Quinlan. (S)		** "He's Mine Not Yours" (2011) Caryn Ward. A woman hires a temptress to test her lover's fidelity.								NCIS "Masquerade" (DVS)
ESPN	35	140	206	2012 World Series Film (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) (S)	BCS Selection	College Football Bowl Selection Special (N) (Live) (S)						SportsCenter (N) (Live) (S)
ESPN2	36	144	209	2012 World Series of Poker Final Table. From Las Vegas. (S)				2012 World Series of Poker						2012 World Series of Poker
SUNSP	37	-	-	Fishing the Flats	Sport Fishing	Sportsman's Adv.	College Football ACC Championship -- Florida State vs. Georgia Tech. From Charlotte, NC. (Taped)				Seminole Sports	Saltwater Exp.	Into the Blue	
DISCV	38	182	278	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)		Moonshiners "Rise 'n Shine!" (S)	Moonshiners "Moonshine Goldmine" (S)	Moonshiners (S)			Moonshiners "Storm's a Brewing" (S)	Moonshiners (S)		
TBS	39	139	247	(5:15) ** "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law. (S)		** "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. (S) (DVS)					** "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. (S) (DVS)			
HLN	40	202	204	Murder by the Book		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	What Would You Do?	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 News Sunday With Chris Wallace	Geraldo at Large (N) (S)	Ice Loves Coco (N) (S)	El! Special	Love You, Mean It	Chelsea Lately		
E!	45	114	236	** "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston.		** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas.								
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Extreme RVs (S)	Extreme RVs (S)	Mud People (S)	Sturgis "Biker Madness" (N) (S)	Sturgis "Metal Mania" (N) (S)	Sturgis "Metal Mania" (N) (S)	Sturgis "Metal Mania" (N) (S)	Sturgis "Wild and Free" (N) (S)			
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Million Dollar Rooms (S)	Property Brothers (S)	House Hunters Renovation (N) (S)	House Hunters Renovation (N) (S)	House Hunters Renovation (N) (S)	House Hunters Renovation (N) (S)			
TLC	48	183	280	Untold Stories of the E.R. (S)	Extreme Cougar Wives (S)	Sister Wives (S)	Sister Wives "More Sister Wives!" (N)	Suddenly Single (N) (S)						
HIST	49	120	269	Invention USA	Invention USA	Pawn Stars (S)	Pawn Stars (S)	Pawn Stars (S)	Pawn Stars (S)	Pawn Stars (S)	(:31) Pawn Stars	(:02) Outback Hunters (N) (S)		
ANPL	50	184	282	To Be Announced	Finding Bigfoot "CSI Bigfoot" (S)	Rattlesnake Republic (N)	Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence (N)	Finding Bigfoot "The Sierra Spy" (N)	Finding Bigfoot "The Sierra Spy" (N)	Finding Bigfoot "The Sierra Spy" (N)	Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence			
FOOD	51	110	231	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	The Next Iron Chef "Transformation" (S)	Sugar Dome (N)	The Next Iron Chef: Redemption (N)	BelieverVoice	Creflo Dollar (S)	** "Love's Christmas Journey" (2011, Drama) Natalie Hall, Dylan Bruce.			
TBN	52	260	372	T.D. Jakes (S)	Joyce Meyer	Leading the Way	The Blessed Life	Joel Osteen (S)	Kerry Shook	World Poker Tour: Season 10	Magic Live! (Live)	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles.		
FSN-FL	56	-	-	Tennis Champions Series: Surprise. Courier vs. McEnroe. (Taped)										
SYFY	58	122	244	(4:00) ** Outlander ** "Land of the Lost" (2009, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Anna Friel.		** "The Walking Dead" (2010, Drama) Steve Carell, Catherine Keener. (S)	** "Dinner for Schmucks" (2010, Comedy) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd. Premiere. (S)	** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, Paul Freeman.	** "Land of the Lost" (2009)					
AMC	60	130	254	The Walking Dead "Say the Word" (S)		The Walking Dead "Hounded" (S)	The Walking Dead "Made to Suffer" (S)	(:01) The Walking Dead	Talking Dead (N)	Comic Book Men				
COM	62	107	249	(5:45) ** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell, Catherine Keener. (S)		** "Did You Hear About the Morgans?" (2009, Comedy) Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker. (S)	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Redneck Island
CMT	63	166	327	(4:45) ** "Grumpier Old Men" (1995)	** "Did You Hear About the Morgans?" (2009, Comedy) Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker. (S)	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Chainsaw Gang	Redneck Island
NGWILD	108	190	283	Man v. Monster "African Werewolf" (S)	Moose: Titans of the North	Wild Mississippi "Deep Freeze" (S)	Wild Mississippi "Raging Waters" (S)	Wild Mississippi "Delta Blues" (S)	Wild Mississippi "Delta Blues" (S)	Wild Mississippi "Delta Blues" (S)	Wild Mississippi "Deep Freeze" (S)			
NGC	109	186	276	(5:00) Aftermath: Population Zero	Omens of the Apocalypse: The End	2012: Countdown to Armageddon	Evacuate Earth How humans would evacuate Earth. (N)	2012: Countdown to Armageddon						
SCIENCE	110	193	284	How the Universe Works (S)	Seeing Black Holes Black holes. (S)	Deep Space Marvels "Life" (S)	Deep Space Marvels "Survival" (S)	Deep Space Marvels "Destiny" (S)	Deep Space Marvels "Destiny" (S)	Deep Space Marvels "Destiny" (S)	Deep Space Marvels "Life" (S)			
ID	111	192	285	Homicide Hunter: Lt. Joe Kenda (S)	Disappeared "The Soldier's Wife" (S)	48 Hours on ID "Family Affair" (N)	Fatal Encounters "The Ring" (S)	Unusual Suspects "No Mercy" (N)	48 Hours on ID "Family Affair" (N)					
HBO	302	300	501	(5:15) ** "Elektra" (2005) PG-13 (S)	** "Contraband" (2012, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale. 'R' (S)	** "Boardwalk Empire "Margate Sands" (S)	(:05) Boardwalk Empire (S)	(:10) Boardwalk Empire (S)						
MAX	320	310	515	(5:40) ** "Red Riding Hood" (2011) Amanda Seyfried. (S)	(:20) ** "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Crime Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. 'R' (S)	** "Project X" (2012, Comedy) Thomas Mann. 'R' (S)	Co-Ed							
SHOW	340	318	545	Untold History of the United States	Dexter Dexter gains an advantage.	Homeland "Two Hats" (S)	Dexter "The Dark... Whatever" (N)	Homeland "Broken Hearts" (N) (S)	Dexter "The Dark... Whatever" (S)					

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5-PBS	5	-	-	WorldWorld	Barney & Friends	Caillou	Super Why!	Dinosaur Train	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	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		Dr. Phil		Family Feud	Family Feud		
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	Be a Millionaire	Days of Our Lives	First Coast Living		Katie		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	Andy Griffith Show	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke		Bonanza		Bonanza			
OWN	18	189	279	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Varied Programs	Varied Programs							
A&E	19	118	265	CSI: Miami	Varied Programs	Criminal Minds	Varied Programs	The First 48	Varied Programs	The First 48	Varied Programs	The First 48	Varied Programs	
HALL	20	185	312	Movie		Movie								
FX	22	136	248	Movie	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	Dora the Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
SPIKE	28	168	241	Varied Programs										
MY-TV	29	32	-	Hawaii Five-0		Gunsmoke	Bonanza	Phineas and Ferb	Varied Programs	The Big Valley	The Wild, Wild West	Emergency!		
DISN	31	172	290	Varied Programs							Good Luck Charlie	Varied Programs		
LIFE	32	108	252	Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Varied Programs			
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Varied Programs	Varied Programs							
BET	34	124	329	The Parkers	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	The Parkers	Varied Programs			
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Outside the Lines	Coll. Football Live	NFL Live	Around the Horn	Interruption		
ESPN2	36	144	209	First Take		Numbers Never Lie	Mike and Mike	Best of First Take	Varied Programs	Numbers Never Lie	Dan Le Batard	NFL32	Varied Programs	
SUNSP	37	-	-	College Basketball	Varied Programs									
DISCV	38	182	278	FBI: Criminal Pursuit	Auction Kings	Auction Kings	MythBusters	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	
E!	45	114	236	E! News	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Varied Programs				
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Varied Programs			Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations	Tastiest Places	Tastiest Places	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Man v. Food	Man v. Food		
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Varied Programs								
TLC	48	183	280	What Not to Wear	A Baby Story	A								

DEAR ABBY

Molestation victim breaks her silence after 50 years



Abigail Van Buren  
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: When I was in grammar school 50 years ago, I was molested by two boys. I recently learned that they are now both dead.

I wrote to the sister of one of them and told her what her brother had done to me and how I felt about it. I'm glad that he is dead, and I told her so.

She responded, calling my letter sad and bitter for bringing up the matter after so much time has transpired. In the '60s the norm was not to tell anyone for fear of being spanked or beaten or called a liar and living in kid hell. I am a female, and the standard was so different in those days. Please print my letter. - CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: If this was something the sister was unaware of, you shouldn't be surprised that she responded as she did to your bombshell.

I agree that we have become more open about discussing sex and sexual assaults than we were in the '60s. And I hope that somewhere along the way you received counseling to help you deal with the molestation, because talking with a qualified mental

health professional about it can be therapeutic. However, if you haven't, please contact RAINN, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Its toll-free number is 800-656-4673. You can find assistance there, and nothing will shock them.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating the most wonderful man, "Art," for almost four years. He's strong, caring and he treats me like a princess. We have discussed marriage several times, and I suspect he will propose soon. I'm sure that Art is "the one," and I would marry him in a heartbeat. My only worry is that we'll end up like my parents someday.

I know this sounds silly, but while I was growing up, I never saw any signs that my parents really loved each other. Dad always seemed like he was trying too hard to make

Mom happy, while she either was indifferent to his affections or dismissed his efforts. They would argue about the smallest things, to the point where I wished they would get divorced so I wouldn't have to hear them disagreeing.

I have mentioned my fears to Art and he has told me not to worry, but I can't help but worry. I love him too much to put him through the same emotional abuse, even accidentally, and I'd never want my kids to grow up thinking their parents didn't love each other. How can I keep the past from repeating? - UNLIKE MY PARENTS

DEAR UNLIKE: You don't have to follow in your parents' footsteps. Children don't always grow up to emulate their parents. You are an individual, and you are well aware of the unhealthy pattern you observed while growing up. If you and Art are able to discuss your differences and reach a consensus when problems arise, you should be fine.

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD  
Eugenia Word

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Protect what's yours. Not everyone will share your concerns. Divvy up what you share with others so you can move on at your own speed. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Witness what's unfolding. The wait may have been a long one, but the rewards will be worthwhile. Interacting with people who share your interests will make contributions that will enable you to reach your goals. Love is in the stars. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reach out to old friends or co-workers and share a little festive cheer. Finding out what others are doing and showing interest will position you well for a potential project that is right up your alley. Don't let domestic issues ruin your fun. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Plan a trip or engage

in a pastime that allows you to use your creative input. Take a serious approach to love, life and your future happiness. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your energy, hope and trust on the line. Change will be necessary if you want to improve the way you live. Be adventurous and you will meet someone who wants to share the experience with you in your personal or professional life. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Follow your gut feeling. You can enhance your reputation if you share your thoughts and plans. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can't win if you are unreasonable. Reassess your situation. Cut your losses and move on if there is no alternative. Keeping your home base tranquil will be what makes a difference to your emotional wellness. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Show your entrepreneurial spirit and head in a direction that looks promising personally and professionally. Include a loved one or someone you find creative and inspiring and you will double your chance of being successful. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

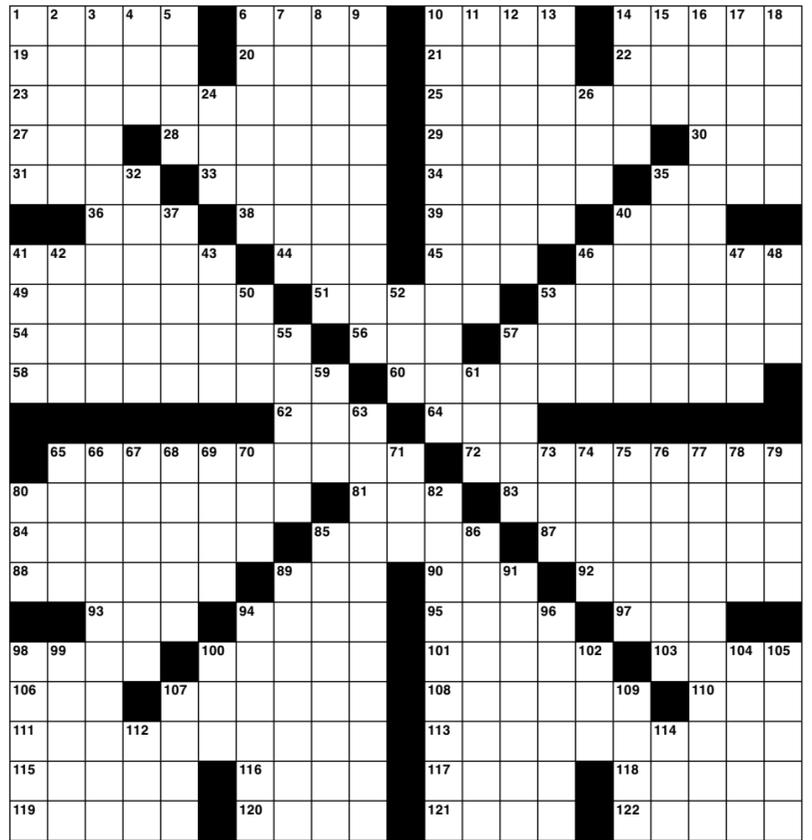
by Luis Campos  
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.  
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T C Z C T H N . " - V H T H H U H M M B H R H V  
Previous Solution: "Music makes people happy, and that's why I go on doing it - I like to see everybody smile." - Buddy Guy  
TODAY'S CLUE: *M. J. Sepia*  
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

A LITTLE EXTRA By Jeff Chen / Edited by Will Shortz

Note: Fourteen symmetrically placed answers in this puzzle are each missing a part ... which can be found elsewhere in the grid.

- Across
- 1 It might appear on a spine
- 6 In the thick of
- 10 The "C" of FDIC: Abbr.
- 14 Muslim moguls
- 19 "The Wrestler" actress
- 20 Trio on camels
- 21 The brother in "Am I my brother's keeper?"
- 22 Monosyllabic state
- 23 Bialys
- 25 Fussy about rules
- 27 Wrestling achievement
- 28 Cup holder
- 29 Rain-forest flora
- 30 Contrail source, once: Abbr.
- 31 Jurassic suffix
- 33 Novel writing, e.g.
- 34 Key in a chain, maybe
- 35 Two of them make a sawbuck
- 36 Having everything one needs
- 38 Victoria's Secret purchase
- 39 Walk, e.g.
- 40 Whiz
- 41 Tormentors of a sort
- 44 Goat's cry
- 45 Carrier letters?
- 46 Je ne sais quoi
- 49 His tomb is a pilgrimage site for both Muslims and Jews
- 51 Occupy, as a booth
- 53 To whom it is said "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark"
- 54 Danish, e.g.
- 56 Grave letters
- 57 Big Red Machine hustler
- 58 Four-time role for Patrick Stewart
- 60 Almost every man in the world has one
- 62 Myrna of "Cheaper by the Dozen"
- 64 Indeed
- 65 Followers of a boom?
- 72 More precise alternative to scissors
- 80 Largest moon in the solar system
- 81 Bottom line, maybe
- 83 "You try!"
- 84 Decrees
- 85 Neighbor of Niger
- 87 One of a pair of drums
- 88 Lunar mission commanded by Thomas P. Stafford
- 89 Ad \_\_\_\_
- 90 Frat.'s counterpart
- 92 Cousins of honey badgers
- 93 Morgan le \_\_\_\_ (Arthurian sorceress)
- 94 "The Labors of Hercules" painter Guido
- 95 Marquee name Washington title role
- 97 Kauaian ring
- 98 Mmes. of España
- 100 Wipe out, in surfing lingo
- 101 Converted into bundles for a loft
- 103 Thwarter of HAL
- 106 Spank but good
- 107 Allure
- 108 1970s-'80s F.B.I. sting
- 110 Xanthippe, e.g.
- 111 A spy will often cross them
- 113 Widely used term declared "undignified" by John Paul II
- 115 Liquefy
- 116 Part of N.B.
- 117 Squared up
- 118 Nutcases
- 119 Centuries, e.g.
- 120 Grab, with "onto"
- 121 "What \_\_\_\_?"
- 122 Wield, as influence
- Down
- 1 Features of some sports cars
- 2 Area conquered by Alexander the Great
- 3 Liftoff point
- 4 Excommunicator of Martin Luther
- 5 German one
- 6 Dangerous liaisons, often
- 7 1992 Denzel Washington title role
- 8 Spanish churches
- 9 Sorry state
- 10 Script writer's study?
- 11 Like a good butler
- 12 King's things
- 13 Quest of the astronomer Percival Lowell
- 14 Athos, Porthos and Aramis, e.g.
- 15 Beano competitor
- 16 Reaches a nadir
- 17 Ouzo herb
- 18 Quakers and Shakers
- 24 Snoop Lion's genre
- 26 Muscle below a delt
- 32 Smell like
- 35 Triple Crown jockey Eddie
- 37 Rubbish
- 40 Cuts back on
- 41 Dickens schemer
- 42 Shade of bleu
- 43 Dates
- 46 Pic
- 47 Seine tributary
- 48 Sushi bar topping
- 50 Part of U.N.L.V.
- 52 One of the X's in X-X
- 53 Hesitate in speech
- 55 Nick of "Cape Fear"



- 57 Hunt in the wrong place?
- 59 Révolution target
- 61 Actor Stephen
- 63 Mustachioed cartoon character
- 65 Fictional writer in a John Irving best seller
- 66 Historical transition point
- 67 South African antelopes
- 68 Simon & Garfunkel's "For \_\_\_\_ Whenever I May Find Her"
- 69 City near Virginia City
- 70 YouTube video leads
- 71 Hebrew N
- 73 Bit of ink, slangily
- 74 Sheep's genus
- 75 Turkey's Atatürk
- 76 Caught
- 77 Summer cooler
- 78 Clichéd prison contraband item
- 79 Verb with "vous"
- 80 Indian tourist haven
- 82 Malformed
- 85 Pamper, say
- 86 Willing to consider
- 89 Vitamin A
- 91 Novelty glasses
- 94 G's opposite
- 96 Fresh
- 98 Measures
- 99 Accumulated
- 100 Print option: Abbr.
- 102 Part of a horse's pedigree
- 104 Knight's attribute
- 105 Discharge
- 107 Observes
- 109 Plant, maybe
- 112 Comic book mutants
- 114 Wii alternative

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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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# Tips for de-stressing holiday entertaining

By **LEANNE ITALIE**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a little planning, a little help and a lot of resolve, holiday entertaining doesn't have to mean you're too stressed out to enjoy your own party.

Sometimes, said Michelle Morton, a professional organizer and busy mom of three in Raleigh, N.C., it's all about attitude.

"This is not the time to perfect being 'perfect,'" she said. "This is all about surviving with a smile on your face and at the end of the day making sure you enjoy it as well. If it doesn't make you happy, and you're doing it out of obligation, then cross it off your list."

If you're a go for hosting, try these tips for maintaining your sanity:

## Choosing the menu:

Mary Giuliani, a high-end caterer and event planner in Manhattan, does 60 to 75 parties from Dec. 1 to Dec. 22 each year. "Mad Men" and all the '50s and '60s retro stuff is chic again," she said. "That means potlucks are cool. Plus these days, everybody wants to be a celebrity chef."

But, she cautions, know your crowd. "If you're certain your guests won't enjoy showing off their favorite casserole or the latest recipe they found online, don't do it."

Try a dessert party or serve mac-and-cheese with toppings instead, suggests Giuliani, with one signature drink as opposed to an open bar. Your offerings for dessert can be a mix of home-baked and store bought, freeing up time to get more creative with parting gifts for guests, for example.

Giuliani calls her go-to party drink served by the pitcher the White Christmas, consisting of white cranberry juice, Åi vodka and pomegranate seeds at the bottom for a bit of extra flavor and holiday color.

Chef Jan Birnbaum, co-owner of EPIC Roasthouse in San



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A young girl wanders through a maze of decorated Christmas trees on display in Dearborn, Mich. With a little planning, a little help and a lot of resolve, holiday entertaining doesn't have to be a test of stress endurance.

Francisco, suggests preparing food you've made at least several times.

"The best way to have fun with your guests and friends is to make the meal doable," Birnbaum said. "Preparing a dish that you have never done before will guarantee a less than fun day for you."

## Make lists:

Morton has found success breaking to-do lists into categories and prioritizing each task, then syncing the tasks with her electronic calendar. "I feel much better when I write things out," she said. "When I walk around with it all in my head I can't think, I can't focus, I can't sleep."

Don't head off to the market without a list, and plan to shop well in advance, Birnbaum adds. Fresh ingredients will stay that way purchased two days ahead.

And don't forget to designate help. Putting on a party alone is foolhardy. Birnbaum said ask yourself a few key questions

when planning, like who will set the table while you're finishing off the meal? How much time do you need to shower and dress? Have your help arrive at least several hours in advance.

## Home decor:

Whipping the house into shape for a party is always stressful. Giuliani suggests stocking up on votive candles to "give a little warmth without going crazy," especially if you forgot to leave time to buy and arrange flowers.

Dana Bowen, executive editor of Every Day with Rachael Ray magazine, says avoid buying decorations intended solely for the holidays. "Look around your backyard for pine cones or tree branches and turn them into centerpieces," she suggests.

Or try a tip from design guru Nate Berkus and reuse scraps of wrapping paper to cover your vases for a more festive feel without spending money.

Aimee Beatty, the in-house styl-

ist for Pier 1 Imports, said focus when decorating on high-traffic areas. "Simple additions, such as garland to an entryway, adorning a table setting with ornament place card holders or perhaps adding beautiful embroidered pillows to the living room sofa can set the tone for the holidays," she said.

At the table, especially if you're on a budget, get funky with a mix of vintage from thrift stores or flea markets, Bowen said. "Vintage china and silverware is a great idea, and you can get it for pennies. I walked out of a bag sale with two armfuls of champagne flutes that I pull out every New Year's Eve. Who wants to drink from plastic cups?"

Loulie Walker, an event planner for the rich and famous in Manhattan, is also a mix-and-match fan. "For tableware, take an anything goes approach, such as family heirloom china next to big-box store plates, and mixing up linens and glassware," she said. "This also makes it easy to add an extra setting at the last minute."

## Holiday wine:

Wine pairings are fun, but they're not everything. Giuliani said choose one wine for holiday hosting and buy it by the case to save money. Kathy Bertone, who wrote "The Art of the Visit: Being the Perfect Host; Becoming the Perfect Guest," notes hosts can count on visitors showing up with plenty of wine, anyway.

Ken Forte, president of the Harlem Wine Gallery, a small wine shop-art gallery in Harlem, says assume most of your guests will drink one to three glasses. Don't succumb to pressure to buy outside your price range and don't sweat the glassware.

"Although the current craze for specific wine glasses for each varietal may work for you, it is perfectly acceptable to drink from the glasses you own," he said. "If you don't own enough wine glasses to serve all your guests, consider renting or borrowing additional glasses."

## Recovery:

Don't pour the open champagne down the drain once everybody leaves, says Kristin Fraser Cotte, CEO and founder of The Grapeseed Co., an eco-friendly line of "vinotherapy" spa and skin care products. Take a well-deserved soak in it instead.

Combine half a cup of Epsom salt and one cup of powdered milk in a bowl, then add one cup of champagne, she said. Warm one teaspoon of honey in the microwave for 30 seconds, adding it to the mixture. Pour into running bath water, throw in some rose petals and relax.

"When you soak in hot water, that opens your pores," Fraser Cotte said.

"The Epsom salt is great for detoxifying, cleansing and relaxing sore, tight muscles. The champagne helps to detoxify the skin. The carbon dioxide, or bubbles, in sparkling wine aids in tightening and constricting pores. It gives the Epsom salt a little boost."

## TRAVEL

# Food Network Kitchen eatery opens at airport

By **SUZETTE LABOY**  
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, — The Food Network is getting into the restaurant business in a location not always associated with good food: An airport.

The channel has opened its first Food Network Kitchen at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in South Florida in the JetBlue terminal.

"The dynamic of food and travel has changed," said Sergei Kuharsky, general manager of Food Network's new business enterprises. "You used to never go in and think about eating at an airport."

Now, with passengers arriving early to get through security and limited options for in-flight food, there's a market for airport dining. "We are responding to that opportunity," Kuharsky said.

The Food Network Kitchen is the only eatery serving hot food at the JetBlue concourse. But it's the brand that gets attention from travelers as much as the lack of alternatives.

"I walked by and I said 'Oh wow, look at that. Food Network restaurant.' So I came in," said Richard Wierzbicki of Austin, Texas. "And I would look for it again because I thought the sandwich was really good."

Since opening Nov. 8, the Food Network Kitchen has averaged 1,500 customers a day.

"Airport locations are very busy, but this one especially," said Jean-Pierre Turgot, general manager of Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services, which partnered with the Food Network to provide



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Freshly made pastries are on display for travelers at the Food Network Kitchen at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, in Fort Lauderdale. The airport is the first outpost in the nation to offer the Food Network Kitchen, designed to look much like what you would see in the cable network's test kitchen.

chef-inspired meals at the airport and is also a partner in Food Network-branded food sold at concession stands and stadiums. "It's the highest revenue producer at the airport."

There are no waiters, so customers sit at tables after ordering at the counter or they can get takeout food, either made to order or readymade items like sandwiches and salads.

While the recipes are developed and branded by the Food Network, the offerings are not named for Food Network personalities, shows or chefs.

Instead, the menu promises organic and sustainable ingredients and offers dishes with connections to local ingredients and regional culture, such as a Florida shrimp po'boy (\$13) and a salmon burger with Key lime mayo (\$14).

South Florida's Latin cul-

ture is reflected in items such as the Cuban breakfast burrito (\$8) and a black beans and rice burger with "mojo mayo" (\$12). Also on the menu: fried pickles with Key lime mayo (\$6); sweet potato fries with Key lime tartar sauce (\$5); and a Cuban sandwich (\$12) with cafe con leche mayo pressed on a ciabatta roll.

Wait times can back up when flights arrive and the airport gets busy, so it's best to arrive early if you plan to sit down, as Liz Lamoureux did before flying back home to San Antonio, Texas.

"On our way here, I was saying we wanted to get here early to sit down for a drink," she said as she nibbled on edamame and sipped on the house pinot grigio.

Beverages range from espresso to entwine, the Food Network's wine brand.



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