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Help with the healing



Therapy horses Magic (left) and Wakanda, of Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses of Lake City, are seen at a memorial at Newtown Town Hall in Newtown, Conn. The horses were invited to Newtown by family members of one of the victims of the Dec. 14 mass shooting that left 26 dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Debbie Garcia-Bengochea, who owns Gentle Carousel with her husband, Jorge, said they will remain in Newtown through next week.

Sunday Zumba introduction

A free introduction to Zumba class will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Teen Town Recreation Building, 533 NW DeSoto St. For more information, contact Sarah Sandlin as (386) 758-0009 or visit "Lake City Zumba" on Facebook.

Tuesday Medicare seminar

LifeStyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free Medicare seminar from 5 to 6 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates. Subjects to be covered include: what you need to know about Medicare, when to enroll, what's covered and when a supplement is needed. Call 755-3476 ext. 107 to reserve a seat.

Wednesday Newcomers meeting

The Lake City Newcomers will meet at 11 a.m. at Guang Dong Chinese Restaurant in the Lake City Mall. Lunch costs \$11. Sale of 50-50 tickets will end at 11:25.

The guest speaker will be Leandra "Lily" Johnson, the first female judge in the Third Judicial Circuit. For more information, call Barbara Test at 754-7227 or Rose Taylor at 755-2175.

Medicare information

SHINE will present a program to inform seniors about Medicare from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake City Public Library on Columbia Avenue. For more information, call (800) 262-2243.

Thursday

Builders Association

The Columbia County Builders Association will hold its first General Council lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Guang Dong restaurant in the Lake City Mall. The meeting will start at noon.

The speaker will be Columbia County Superintendent of Schools Terry Huddleston. If you are considering joining our builders association, this is a good time to join us for lunch, meet our members and learn more of what we are all about. Cost of lunch for members is \$12 and non-members fee is \$15. A HammerClaw jackpot is now \$275. To make a reservation or for more information, email colcountybuild@comcast.net or phone (386) 867-1998.

DAR meeting

The Edward Rutledge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 28 SE Allison Court (off Baya Avenue). Kathleen Cooper will be speaking about Lyme disease. Visitors are welcome.

Stabbing sends 1 to area hospital

Man wounded 12 times with 'ice pick thing,' reports say.

By TONY BRITT
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FORT WHITE — A Fort White man was arrested Wednesday and faces felony battery charges after he allegedly stabbed another man 12 times with a home-made ice pick while the two were fighting about garbage cans and dogs.



Hurtado

Jesus Hurtado, 50, of 527 SW Grandpa Way, Fort White, was charged with aggravated battery in connection with the incident. He was booked into the Columbia County Detention on \$10,000 bond.

According to Columbia County sheriff's reports, deputy Don Meyer was dispatched to a battery call after Hurtado told dispatchers he was struck by his neighbor while checking an easement. While Meyer was en route, dispatch informed him that the other man involved in the fight called and said he had been stabbed, but refused emergency medical services.

Meyer met Hurtado at the intersection of County Road 138 and Grandpa Way where Hurtado told him he was "blocked in" on the road by the other man, at which point Hurtado confronted the man and started complaining about garbage cans and the man's dogs. Hurtado told Meyer that the man punched him in the side of the head and the two began fighting in the roadway near Grandpa Way and Nightingale Glen. Hurtado told Meyer that he kept fighting but was dazed and the other man was getting the better of him.

Meyer informed Hurtado that dispatch said the other man was cut and asked Hurtado what he used and Hurtado reportedly told Meyer he used his box cutter and cut the man several times.

STABBING continued on 3A

More fiscal clashes coming

By DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — A new Congress opened for business Thursday to confront long-festering national problems, deficits and immigration among them, in an intensely partisan and crisis-driven era of divided government. "The American dream is in peril," said House Speaker John Boehner, re-elected to his post despite a mini-revolt in Republican ranks.

Moments after grasping an oversized gavel that symbolizes his authority, Boehner implored the assembly of newcomers and veterans in the 113th Congress to tackle the nation's heavy burden of debt at long last. "We have to be willing — truly willing — to make this right."

Also on the two-year agenda is the first significant effort



ASSOCIATED PRESS

House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, enters the House of Representatives chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday after surviving a roll call vote in the newly convened 113th Congress.

CONGRESS continued on 3A

COUNTY COMMISSION

Nash: Speed up rec complex improvements

By DEREK GILLIAM
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District 3 County Commissioner Bucky Nash said Thursday the county has been dragging its feet on improvements at the Southside Recreation Complex, and that it's time to finalize the plans, as tournaments are scheduled to start in February.

Those tournaments are opportunities to showcase the city, he said. He noted that plans for the improvements were approved in May 2012.

"I know this is something that's been kicked down the road...it's you either

COUNTY continued on 3A

Crash stalls traffic on I-75



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Northbound traffic on Interstate 75 came to a halt for more than an hour Thursday after a four-vehicle crash at 2:09 p.m. near the 435 mile marker. Traffic was backed up for more than five miles a tractor trailer jackknifed across the roadway. The driver of truck, who did not give his name, said cars cut him off and caused the crash. "I tried to avoid an accident," he said. "I saved lives."



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Williams joining tour of 'Fela!'

Former Destiny's Child member Michelle Williams is joining the latest national tour of the musical "Fela!"

Producers said Thursday the singer, who starred on the UPN sitcom "Half & Half," will be onstage when the tour opens at Sidney Harman Hall in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 29.

"Fela!" — a biography of Nigerian musician and political activist Fela Anikulapo Kuti — will then play 16 cities, including Miami, Atlanta, Cleveland, Dallas, Los Angeles, Seattle and Nashville, Tenn. Williams will play Fela's African-American lover, Sandra Isadore.

Williams, part of Destiny's Child along with Kelly Rowland and Beyonce, is now a solo artist who has released the dance album "Unexpected" and the recent singles "On The Run" and "Waiting On You." Jay-Z, Beyonce's husband, is one of the producers of "Fela!" which won three Tony Awards in 2010.

Williams has appeared on Broadway in "Aida," on tour with "The Color Purple," and in London starring in "Chicago."

"Fela!" had its world premiere off-Broadway in the summer of 2008, and opened on Broadway a year later, playing 34 previews and 463 regular performances. It returned to Broadway last summer after an international tour.

Madonna fan gets probation for resisting

NEW YORK — A former firefighter with a crush on Madonna

has been sentenced to three years' probation for resisting arrest outside the singer's New York City apartment building.

Robert Linhart was convicted in November after being twice arrested in September 2010.

Police say the then-59-year-old Linhart was nabbed after he parked his SUV outside the Material Girl's former Manhattan apartment and spray-painted love notes on poster boards. He returned a few days later and was arrested again.

His attorney had argued that it was no crime to adore Madonna, the singer of pop hits including "Like a Virgin" who performed at last year's Super Bowl halftime game.

The judge on Wednesday also ordered Linhart to attend anger management sessions.

Attorney Lawrence LaBrew tells the Daily News that Linhart is appealing the conviction.

Depardieu, in tax fight, gets Russian citizenship

MOSCOW — The Kremlin has cast Gerard Depardieu in one of the most surprising roles of his life — as a new Russian citizen.

The announcement Thursday that President Vladimir Putin has approved Depardieu's application for citizenship is almost a real-life analogue to the French actor's 1990 comedy "Green Card," in which his

character enters into a sham marriage in order to work in the United States.

But in this version, taxes appear to be at the heart of the matter. Depardieu has waged a battle against a proposed super tax on millionaires in his native country.

French President Francois Hollande plans to raise the tax on earned income above \$1.3 million to 75 percent from the current 41 percent, while Russia has a flat 13-percent tax rate.

As Depardieu's criticism of the proposed tax roiled his country, French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault called him "pathetic."

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Ex-governor leaving Current TV

LANSING, Mich. — Former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm says she soon will leave Current TV, where she has hosted a public affairs program for the past year.

Granholm made the announcement in a Facebook post late Wednesday, the same day it was revealed that Pan-Arab news channel Al-Jazeera has acquired Current TV.

In the post, Granholm says her "agreement with Current was for the duration of the election (and the sale)." She says "The War Room" will air "for the next few weeks through the transition ..."

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Actress Barbara Rush ("Peyton Place") is 86.
- Actress Dyan Cannon is 76.
- Country singer Kathy Forster of the Forester Sisters is 58.
- Guitarist Bernard Sumner of New Order (and Joy Division) is 57.
- Actress Ann Magnuson ("Anything But Love") is 57.
- Country singer Patty Loveless is 56.
- Singer Michael Stipe of R.E.M. is 53.
- Actor Dave Foley ("NewsRadio," "Kids in the Hall") is 50.
- Actress Dot Jones is 49.
- Actress Julia Ormond is 48.
- Country singer Deana Carter is 47.

Daily Scripture

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age."

— Titus 2:11-12

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AROUND FLORIDA

Officers to patrol schools in Tampa

TAMPA — When classes resume Monday at Hillsborough County elementary schools, an armed police officer or deputy will be on duty at each one for security purposes.

The Tampa Tribune reported that precaution was taken in local schools following the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut on Dec. 14 that left 26 dead, including 20 students.

Officials said Wednesday that the additional security — armed officers or deputies already are assigned to the district's middle and high schools — will be extended to elementary schools the remainder of the school year.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Tampa Police Department will have uniformed officers in about 150 elementary schools countywide.

Missing boater's body found

OVIEDO — Authorities have found the body of one of the boaters missing since the weekend on Lake Jesup.

Search crews found the body of 30-year-old Jason M. Cobb floating in the water near Bird Island on Wednesday. He and 26-year-old Charles T. Jackson went missing early Saturday when they took a 15-foot boat onto the lake.

Investigators from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said the men likely were ejected from their boat shortly after 1:30 a.m. Saturday. A friend found their boat empty about 12 hours later.

Medicaid fraud efforts working

TALLAHASSEE — State officials said they terminated the Medicaid prescribing rights of 437 providers who were writing suspicious amounts of prescriptions for painkillers and other drugs under a new system.

State health officials made the announcement Thursday along with Attorney General Pam Bondi in the annual Medicaid fraud report.

The state spent nearly \$17 million fighting Medicaid fraud in fiscal year 2011-12. According to the report, it recouped nearly \$50 million.

Florida's Medicaid program is the fourth largest in the nation, serving more than 3.3 million low-income recipients.

Bondi said in the report that the collaboration with the Agency for Health Care Administration has resulted in tremendous financial recoveries on behalf of taxpayers and promised to ensure that Medicaid dollars go to helping the needy rather than to those who defraud the system.

Boy shoots line, causes outage

OCALA — A 12-year-old north Florida boy shot a high-powered rifle and hit a 69,000-volt transmission line, causing almost 6,000 customers in Lynne, Silver Springs Shores, Silver Springs and Ocklawaha to lose service for several hours.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports that the Clay Electric Co-op said the outage began at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and lasted for about five hours.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office has clas-

sified the incident as accidental, since the boy claimed he was shooting the rifle at tree limbs and was not targeting the transmission line.

Clay Electric serves about 165,000 members in 14 counties, including Marion.

Deputies fatally shoot man

ORMOND BEACH — Two Volusia County Sheriff's deputies shot and killed a suicidal man who brandished a handgun as he refused their orders to stop.

Sheriff's officials said the deputies fired their weapons and shot the man Wednesday night near Ormond Beach.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported the deputies sent messages to the 52-year-old man's cell phone.

He eventually responded with a suicidal text that also demanded them to leave him alone.

The incident began after a 911 caller reported the man had sent text messages to his ex-girlfriend threatening suicide.

3 dead after SUV goes into lake

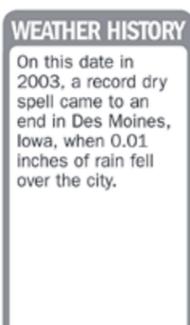
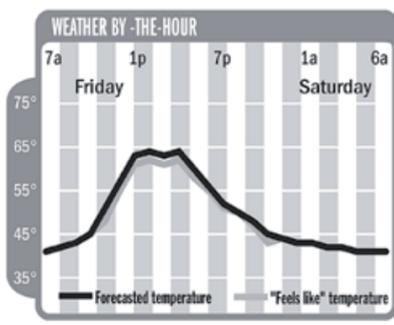
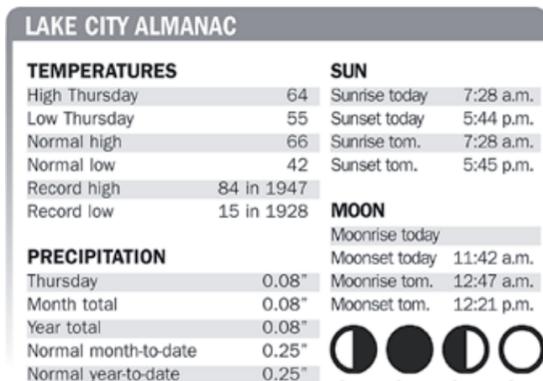
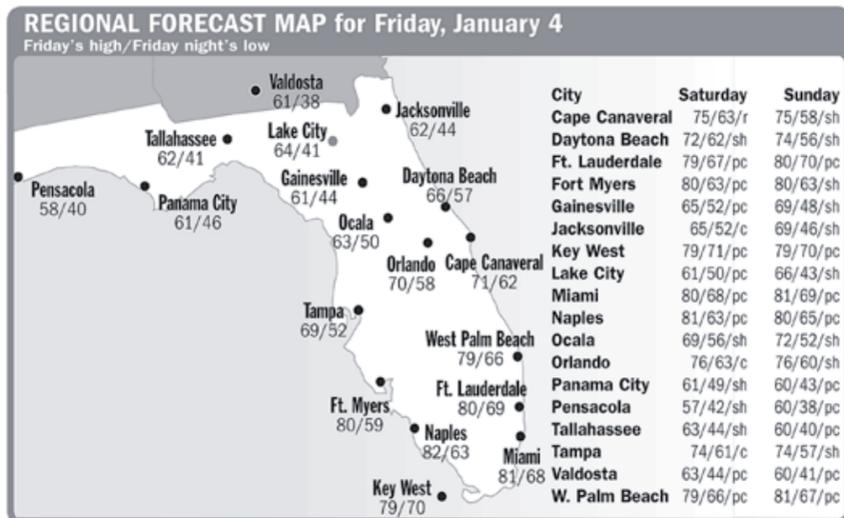
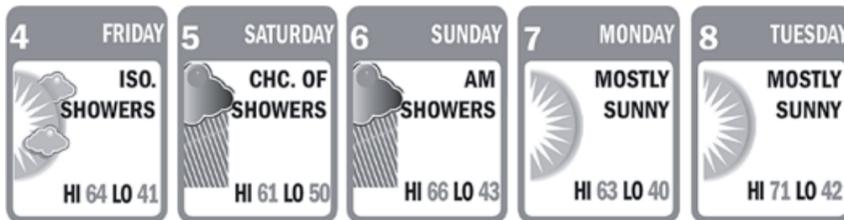
DEERFIELD BEACH — The Florida Highway Patrol said the body of another person has been found in a lake where a sport utility vehicle landed following a crash on Interstate 95.

Troopers said the body was found Thursday morning after authorities realized another person was missing from the SUV.

Two of the three people pulled from the vehicle late Wednesday died and the other was in critical condition at a hospital.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER



Health union alliance may fuel labor tension

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two health care unions are joining forces in a move that could threaten a powerful rival's dominance and fuel a new round of labor tensions.

The 85,000-member California Nurses Association is forging an alliance with the 10,000-member National Union of Healthcare Workers to form a new union made up entirely of health sector workers.

The alliance announced Thursday renews a bitter rivalry between the nurses' union and the powerful 2 million-member Service Employees International Union, the nation's dominant health care union and a major force in Democratic politics.

It also points to a trend that could see unions increasingly compete against each other for a dwindling pool of new members as the ranks of organized labor continue their steady decline. Health care has been one of the few areas of growth for unions in recent years.

About half of the SEIU's members are in the health care industry. CNA is part of the 185,000-member National Nurses United, the largest nurses' union in the country.

A top priority for the new alliance is to lure 43,000 unionized workers at Kaiser Permanente in California away from the SEIU and into the new union, to be known as NUHW-CNA and based in Oakland, Calif. That would deprive SEIU of more than \$40 million a year in membership dues.

"It increases our power and experience exponentially," said Sal Rosselli, president of NUHW. "We will now have the resources to compete with the SEIU's millions and millions of dollars."

Rosselli, a former SEIU leader, founded his upstart union in 2009 after he was ousted by the larger union in a bitter power struggle. Rosselli claimed the SEIU

granted too many concessions to health care corporations at the expense of union members, while SEIU leaders alleged Rosselli was simply making a power grab.

In 2010, NUHW lost an election to woo 43,000 Kaiser workers away from SEIU. But the National Labor Relations Board later ruled that the election was tainted and ordered a new vote. The do over of the nation's largest private-sector union election since 1941 is expected to take place later this year.

SEIU spokesman Steve Trossman said he's not surprised by the agreement because the nurses' union has been working closely with the smaller NUHW over the past few years.

"They are pursuing a losing strategy that is bad for the labor movement that they claim they are all about," Trossman said. "We are not in a position where we can waste precious resources on internal fights instead of using those resources to organize workers who are not already in unions."

The SEIU and the nurses' union have operated under a noncompetition agreement since 2009. That agreement followed months of bitter clashes over organizing workers and accusations from both sides of sabotage and interference. Under the pact, the nurses' union would focus only on recruiting hospital nurses, while SEIU would target other health care workers.

But the noncompetition agreement expired at the end of 2012, and the nurses' union has no intention of renewing it. On Thursday, the nurses' union accused SEIU's California local, United Healthcare Workers West, of collaborating with hospital chains Kaiser and Sutter Health to reduce health coverage, pensions and workplace standards for unionized workers.

"Nurses in the Kaiser system are seeing the erosion of patient care standards as a result of the SEIU regime," said CNA co-President Deborah Burger.

Sitel open house



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Sitel representatives Deann Cruz (from left) and Aaron Arameyo explain business operations at the call center to Abbie Chasteen, Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce marketing director, Audre Washington; Lake City Police Department community liaison, and Dennille Decker, Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director during an open house at Sitel on Thursday morning. More than 50 people attended the open house.

CONGRESS: More clashes to come

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at an overhaul of the tax code in more than a quarter century. Republicans and Democrats alike say they want to chop at a thicket of existing tax breaks and use the resulting revenue to reduce rates.

There were personal milestones aplenty as the winners of last fall's races swore an oath of office as old as the republic.

Sens. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Mazie Hirono of Hawaii and Deb Fischer of Nebraska were among the newcomers sworn in, raising the number of women in the Senate to a record 20. Tim Scott of South Carolina became the first black Republican in the Senate in more than three decades.

On the first day of a new term, one veteran made a stirring comeback. Republican Sen. Mark Kirk of Illinois returned to the Capitol for the first time since suffering a stroke a year ago, walking slowly up the 45 steps to the Capitol with the use of a cane. "Good to see you, guys," he said.

Across the Capitol, children and grandchildren squirmed through opening formalities that ended with Boehner's election as the most powerful Republican in

a government where President Barack Obama will soon be sworn in to a second term and his fellow Democrats control the Senate.

"At \$16 trillion and rising, our national debt is draining free enterprise and weakening the ship of state," said the Ohio Republican, whose struggles to control his members persisted to the final weekend of the 112th Congress when "fiscal cliff" legislation finally cleared. "The American dream is in peril so long as its namesake is weighed down by this anchor of debt. Break its hold and we will begin to set our economy free. Jobs will come home. Confidence will come back."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-NeV., said he, too, is ready for attempts to rein in federal spending, but laid down a few conditions. "Any future budget agreements must balance the need for thoughtful spending reductions with revenue from the wealthiest among us and closing wasteful tax loopholes," he said.

That was in keeping with Obama's remarks after Congress agreed on legislation to raise taxes for the wealthy while keeping them level for the middle class.

STABBING: Man suffers 12 wounds

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Hurtado then took the box cutter from his pocket and Meyer placed it into evidence.

Dispatch then called Meyer and told him an ambulance was headed to the scene for the victim because the victim had been stabbed a dozen times.

Another deputy arrived and stayed with Hurtado while Meyer went to the victim's house. The man said he had been stabbed, and when Meyer asked him how many times he had been cut, the victim said he had not been cut but stabbed with an "ice pick thing."

Reports said the man had stab wounds on his back, chest and both arms and Meyer reported he saw a number of small lacerations that were consistent with punctures from a pointed object. Meyer col-

lected man's shirt as evidence and photographed his injuries.

Emergency medical services personnel transported the victim to a Gainesville hospital. Reports said the paramedics told Meyer they thought the man had a punctured lung and was possible internal bleeding.

Meyer returned to Hurtado and told him the man had been stabbed and Hurtado reportedly said he had all kinds of tools in his vehicle. When asked about the ice pick, Hurtado reportedly produced a homemade ice pick from the back seat of the car.

Hurtado was later arrested for aggravated battery, but he also told authorities that he wanted to press battery charges against the victim, reports said.

COUNTY: Rec improvements coming

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do it or you don't," Nash said. "And (the Tourist Development Council), the tournament people, and everybody else ... (are) tired of hearing 'We're going to do this and we're going to do that' and we never do nothing."

He said that the issue of the Southside Recreation Facility was the motivating factor in his decision to run for the county commission.

"I would like to see this done...," he said. "I want to make sure that everybody know's I'm very passionate about this issue right here."

County Manger Dale Williams said the county had agreed to take up the issue once the final budget for 2012 was completed and to use money left from the budget to pay for some of the improvements to the Southside Recreation Facility.

Williams said even if the bed tax isn't increased right away, work could soon begin.

Williams said that the plans for the improvements were fluid, that there would be a million dollars in improvements added to the plans then a million dollars in improvements taken out. He said that as late as Wednesday, a member of the Tourist Development Council asked for \$500,000 in changes to the plans.

The commission did approve a motion at Thursday's meeting to have the county attorney schedule a public hearing for the increase of the bed tax, which the TDC has recommended.

County Attorney Marlin Feagle said he it would take around 30 days to schedule a public hearing for an increase in the bed tax.

Kenneth & Louise Witt will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Jan. 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Hopeful Baptist Church Life Center. No gifts please.

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OUR OPINION

Top priority

The Newtown, Conn. school shooting no longer dominates the headlines, but the issues it raised won't soon go away.

School districts and law enforcement agencies across the nation now labor over ways to make our children safer, in the wake of the horror that left 20 of them dead at Sandy Hook Elementary.

One thing that many can agree on is the need to place armed school resource officers in elementary schools.

Most districts in Florida already have officers at middle and high schools, but the need for an armed presence at elementary schools just wasn't apparent before Newtown.

It is now.

Up and down the peninsula, school officials are discussing the matter, in particular, how to fund the extra officers.

Some are doing more than just talking.

Hillsborough County authorities announced Thursday that resource officers will be permanently stationed at the district's 150 or so elementary schools.

Also as of Thursday, officers will be placed at elementary schools in Alachua County.

We may not have the wherewithal to just snap our fingers and make it happen here.

But we are making headway.

Supt. Terry Huddleston said Thursday that he is headed to Tallahassee on Monday, Jan. 14 to meet with area lawmakers in hopes of securing funding for resource officers at Columbia County's public elementary schools.

It's part of the annual Florida Association of School Administrators Legislative Days event, in which school officials from around the state urge lawmakers to fund whatever educational needs seem most pressing at the time.

This one has our vote.

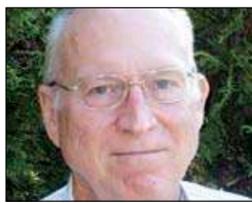
Let's hope our lawmakers feel the same way.



Make it so, with affirmations

Eleven-year-old David hung his head down and wouldn't look at me. He appeared angry and resentful of authority, and less than eager to meet me, his newly assigned court counselor. In this first counseling session, his mother was cooperative, but expressed disappointment and frustration. I learned of his chronic problems with defiance of authority, vandalism, fighting at school, and criminal mischief.

As his therapist, I met with David and his family for the court recommended 10 weeks. I worked to help him overcome his resistance to counseling, and built a supportive counseling relationship with him. David maintained his distance, and was slow to warm to the counseling sessions. We played basketball, and his mom sometimes participated and encouraged him. He actually smiled by the 10th session. When it was time for me to say goodbye, he agreed to try to follow his mother's



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rules and stay out of trouble.

Several months later, I was notified that he was in juvenile detention for 30 days for burglary. From the director, I learned that he had broken up the bed in his cell, stuffed towels down his toilet and flooded the cell and hallway. He was placed in solitary confinement because of the violent behaviors.

I visited him in the juvenile detention facility, behind about 3 locked doors. He was depressed and sullen, showing signs of giving up hope. He agreed to talk to me, and I succeeded at getting him to open up and tell me all about his situation and his feelings. I was most concerned about his

hopelessness. He said he thought he would always be in jail.

This could be my last chance to help him turn around the direction of his life. After a minute of silence, I asked David, "If you could have anything you wanted in your life, what would it be?" David said almost immediately: "I just want my freedom, and to go home and stay out of trouble." I asked, "What would you have to do to make that happen?" David thought for a long minute, staring off into space. "I'd have to do what my mom says, follow the rules, and stay out of trouble."

When I do counseling in the field, I typically carry a pen and a 3-by-5 card to jot any notes I might need later, for my report. As a last chance, I took the card out of my shirt pocket and wrote what he had said on it:

"I want my freedom and to go home most of all.

"I want to follow the rules,

"Do what my mom says, "And stay out of trouble."

I handed him the card,

and said, "Will you do this? Pin this card on the wall over your bed, and look at it every morning when you wake up and each evening when you go to bed. When you've earned your release, hang it in your room at home." David said he would give it a try.

I followed up regularly, and six months later met with him and his mother. Both of them expressed good feelings about his life and his behavior. It can be a powerful tool to decide to turn things around, write down your goals and keep them where you see them often. In counseling, we call this "affirmations."

If it works for somebody when they hit bottom in life, imagine the power it can have for the rest of us. I use it myself, to remind me of my goals.

How about giving affirmations a try?

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Fiscal cliff leaves GOP dazed, confused

The "fiscal cliff" fiasco has left the Grand Old Party in tatters. Dazed, confused and fractured, Republican legislators very publicly have violated some of their most unshakable principles in exchange for a tiny sack of broken marbles. Meanwhile, the party's wobbly congressional leadership makes the Maginot Line look like the Great Wall of China.

With the admirable exceptions of Iowa's Charles Grassley, Utah's Mike Lee, Kentucky's Rand Paul, Florida's Marco Rubio and Alabama's Richard Shelby, GOP senators swallowed a cartoonishly inadequate deal. Conservatives were saddened when our sainted Ronald Reagan, mired in the 1982 recession, traded \$3 in spending cuts for every \$1 in higher taxes. In 1990, we were outraged when we read Daddy Bush's lips as he endorsed \$2 in budget cuts for each \$1 in tax increases. Of course, those spending cuts evaporated, since Democrats always whine loudly enough to scare away the piper before he can get paid.

But those dark days are like a rainbow-sized Laffer Curve compared to the "bargain" that passed Congress on New Year's Day: This legislation cuts



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spending by \$1 for every \$41 in higher taxes. And that \$1 likely won't get cut.

Not even joints get rolled as easily as Republicans.

This legislation boosts spending by \$330 billion and increases the national debt by \$3.9 trillion through 2022. This is how Washington defines "bipartisan debt reduction."

This law also contains \$7 million in special tax favors for electric scooters, \$59 million for biofuel-algae growers, \$78 million for NASCAR, \$222 million for Puerto Rican rum producers, and \$248 million for the motion-picture industry. Conversely, it offers no escape from the brand new 2.3 percent "Obamacare" tax that already is killing jobs and innovation in the life-saving medical device industry.

Republicans reply that they caved today to fight another day. The looming debt-ceiling battle supposedly will find them as intrepid as a Marine battalion, itching to slash spending and re-limit gov-

ernment. Believe it when you see it. For now, free-marketeers would be lucky if Republicans donned the blue helmets of United Nations peacekeepers.

The GOP also backed higher tax rates on upper-income individuals. By conceding Obama's class-warfare argument that "the rich" must pay their "fair share" of taxes, Republicans have rendered themselves incapable of refuting this central lie. They should have responded that, in 2010, the top 10 percent of filers earned 45 percent of national income and paid 71 percent of federal income taxes. When Obama screams yet again for more tax "fairness," Republicans no longer can claim that they are protecting their tax-hike virginity, having shared a tax-raising toss with Obama in the back seat of Cadillac One.

The House passed this measure with Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and just 84 other Republicans, and an overwhelming 172 Democrats voting aye. Meanwhile, Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., inspired 150 Republicans to vote no, along with 16 Democrats.

As if becoming untrustworthy on spending and taxes were not calamitous enough, Boehner boneheadedly canceled a Monday night vote on \$60 billion in aid for Hurricane

Sandy's victims. The Senate shamefully contaminated this bill with such pollution as \$2 million for Smithsonian roof repairs, \$8 million for new Justice Department vehicles, and \$150 million for Alaskan fisheries!

Boehner should have purified the Senate bill of such irrelevancies, pushed it through the House, and sent it across the Capitol without the detritus that senators recklessly inserted. Instead, Boehner scotched the Sandy vote without explanation — even to such GOP allies as Rep. Peter King of New York — then endured bitter bipartisan criticism for his high-handed callousness. Boehner eventually relented and promised Sandy-relief votes early in this new Congress. But Boehner suffered deep, self-inflicted wounds that make him look simultaneously cruel and inept.

So, like Democrats, Republicans are now a free-spending, tax-hiking party. But, unlike Democrats, they are badly split, hopelessly unable to play hardball, and appear mean to hurricane victims.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Jan. 6

Zumba introduction

A free introduction to Zumba class will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Teen Town Recreation Building, 533 NW DeSoto St. For more information, contact Sarah Sandlin as (386) 758-0009 or visit "Lake City Zumba" on Facebook.

Zumba weight loss

The Lake City Zumba Loser weight-loss contest will begin at 4 p.m. at the Teen Town Recreation Building, 533 NW DeSoto St. For more information, contact Sarah Sandlin as (386) 758-0009 or visit "Lake City Zumba" on Facebook.

Jan. 8

Medicare seminar

LifeStyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free Medicare seminar from 5 to 6 p.m. The semi-

nar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates. Subjects to be covered include: what you need to know about Medicare, when to enroll, what's covered and when a supplement is needed. Call 755-3476 ext. 107 to reserve a seat.

Native plant society

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Hatch Park, 403 SE Craven St., Branford. Beau Willsey, an environmental scientist with the Suwannee River Management District, will give a program about exotic invasive plants. For more information, contact chapter President Mae Brandt by email at maebrandt@bellsouth.net or phone (386) 466-0915.

Jan. 9

Newcomers meeting

The Lake City Newcomers will meet at 11 a.m. at Guang Dong Chinese Restaurant in the Lake City Mall. Lunch costs \$11. Sale of 50-50 tickets will end at 11:25. The guest speaker will be Leandra "Lily" Johnson, the first female judge in the Third Judicial Circuit. Formore information, call Barbara Test at 754-7227 or Rose Taylor at 755-2175.

Medicare information

SHINE will present a program to inform seniors about Medicare from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake City Public Library on Columbia Avenue. For more information, call (800) 262-2243.

Jan. 10

Builders Association

The Columbia County Builders Association will hold its first General Council lunch at 11:30

a.m. at Guang Dong restaurant in the Lake City Mall. The meeting will start at noon. The speaker will be Columbia County Superintendent of Schools Terry Huddleston. If you are considering joining our builders association, this is a good time to join us for lunch, meet our members and learn more of what we are all about. Cost of lunch for members is \$12 and non-members fee is \$15. A HammerClaw jackpot is now \$275. To make a reservation or for more information, email colcountbuild@comcast.net or phone (386) 867-1998.

Medicare information

SHINE will present a program to inform seniors about Medicare from 9 a.m. to noon at the TOPS Health Fair at First Advent Christian Church, Live Oak, and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Live Oak City Hall. For more information, call

(800) 262-2243.

DAR meeting

The Edward Rutledge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting at 10:30 a. m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 28 SE Allison Court (off Baya Avenue). Kathleen Cooper will be speaking about Lyme disease. Visitors are welcome.

Garden Club to meet

Lake City Garden Club will meet at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando Ave. Social time will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10. Jo Carver will give a talk on landscaping.

Jan. 11

History program

Actor Chaz Mena will perform a program, "Claiming La Florida for King and Cross," at 6:30 p.m. at the

Columbia County Main Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Mena will portray Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the founder of St. Augustine and first Spanish governor of Florida. Tickets are required, and are available free of charge at any county library location.

Jan. 12

Chili cook-off

The fourth annual Branford Chili Cook-off will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hatch Park on Craven Street in Branford, with a variety of events for adults and kids. Admission is \$5 and includes all the chili you can eat. Proceeds will benefit Herry's Kids Pediatric Services, a program of Hospice of the Nature Coast. To register to compete in the chili cook-off, call the hospice at (386) 755-7714 or visit online at www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

OBITUARIES

Wilbert Austin

Mr. Willie Austin, resident of Lake City, Florida, passed away December 28, 2012 in the Suwannee Valley Care Center. Wilbert was born August 2, 1945 to Willie Austin and Dora M a z r e n e Carter. He received his education in the Columbia County school system. In 1980 he was united in Matrimony to Mary Brooks. Wilbert, at the age of sixteen, worked for Mr. Gardner at a local mobile home plant and later worked for both ABC Mobile Home and Great Lakes Mobile Home Plants. The experience from working with mobile home manufacturing, afforded him the knowledge to start his own business. He named his business Austin Mobile Home and continued with the business until 2006 when his health declined. Left to cherish memories: His loving wife, Mary; children, Tony, Wilbert, Jr., both of Lake City, FL, Lynwood, Tampa, FL, Kimberly, Kathy, Jody, Brittany, Ray, Glen, Alvin, all of Lake City, FL; grandchildren, great-



grandchildren; aunts, Leather and Laverne Carter; hosts of other relatives and friends. Mr. Austin's care entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL, (386) 752-4366. Marq Combs-Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"

Cora T. Keene

Cora T. Keene, 97, of Longwood, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs. A native of Carraway, she resided in Longwood since 1990 coming from Putnam County where she lived in the Palatka and San Mateo area. Cora was a retired insurance agent with Liberty Na-

tional Life Insurance Company. She was a dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where she was active in the relief society. Cora enjoyed reading and studying the scriptures. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Casper Keene, her parents, Dexter Tedder and Susan Harden Tedder, 2 brothers, Leo Tedder and Raymond Tedder, twin grandsons, Michael and Dale Keene and a great-grandson, Shawn Lynn Ryan. She is survived by a son, Dexter Keene (Sandra) of East Palatka, 2 sisters, Juanita Dornon of



Longwood and Kathleen Hicks of Sanford, 6 grandchildren, Dexter Keene, Jr., Tina Hills (Will), Brandie Bidot (Shawn), Rebecca Keene, Amber Walters (Jamie) and Chris Adams (Shannon) and 4 great-grandchildren, Bradley Cullen, Haden Bidot, Hunter Keene and Katie Walters. Services will be Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Lake Mary with Bishop Clayton Chevreier conducting. The family will receive friends Saturday at the church from 1:00 P.M. till the time of services at 2:00 P.M. The burial will be at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, January 6, 2013 at Oak Grove Cemetery in Union County (near Providence). Memories and condolences may

be expressed to the family at www.JohnsonOverturfFunerals.com. Arrangements are under the direction

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Regular Board Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:15 p.m.
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Board Meetings are held in the Conference Room at LSHA Administrative Complex.

Jack Berry
Executive Director

FAITH & VALUES

Some thoughts for the new year

You only play, work or live so long.

Sports: football, baseball, basketball. The average career life of an NFL running back is five years. We never know how long we have to accomplish what we are to accomplish. The Bible says we have 70 years. Some do... Some don't. Some have longer, less healthy lives. Some have short healthy lives. But no matter what, we only have so long.

So that makes every day important.

Every day we have opportunity to accomplish things that have to be done today. We have opportunity to serve God, to witness, to spend time with those we love, to do good. The

most important thing to do - are those things with eternal value. We are told to lay up treasures in heaven. James says that the things we lay up earthly will be destroyed.

Because when a day is gone, it is gone forever.

When a day is gone and the opportunity of that day is missed, we will never have the chance to relive or revisit some opportunities. The Bible speaks much about the importance of today. The day Jesus called His disciples; that was their opportunity. If they had rejected the call, someone else would have taken their place. You may remember the little, short, Zacchaeus who climbed up in the sycamore tree to see Jesus as He passed by. Jesus said to him: Come

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down, for today I must stay at your house. If he had not come down, Jesus would have stayed somewhere else. We are told that today is the day of Salvation. Who knows? tomorrow may be too late.

In Acts we have the account of Paul before Felix. Paul preached the gospel to him but Felix told Paul to go away and he would call for him when he had a more

convenient season. The Bible does not indicate that he ever called.

Always have a positive attitude.

My attitude is mine. Yours is yours. Don't let someone else take control of yours. One person in an office, store, or church can change all the peoples' attitudes around them because people let them; too bad that most of the time it is changed for the worst. It is a sad thing when one bad attitude can change the good attitude of so many.

Always Do What Is Right. For You Are Being Watched.

All those around you are watching you. When you don't do right, those under you and around you may not do what is right. It has been said that your

life may be the only Bible some may read. Your testimony is the best thing you have going for you. In the letter to all seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3 God said: "I know your works."

Don't ever underestimate the power of love.

In that great love chapter, I Corinthians 13, the Holy Spirit says that someday all the gifts will pass away; and the only thing that will remain is Love. It is the most powerful thing on earth.

Someone once said: Time is so valuable that God only gives us one moment at a time; and He gives that moment but once in all eternity.

■ Hugh Sherrill is an ordained minister and Bible teacher at Eastside Baptist Church.

Happy new year, forgiven by God

The beginning of a new year is always exciting. It makes you feel like you have a fresh start. It has the feeling that you can put some things behind you and go a different direction. It is as if you are living with the slate wiped clean.

Being forgiven by God has the same results and should bring the same feelings. It is as if we can begin a new life. It is like we are a new creature. It is like all our sins have been wiped clean.

Being forgiven by God is not something that is automatic with Him. There are some things which we must do first before He will forgive us. If we are not willing to do them, then He will not forgive us even though He has the desire to extend forgiveness.

One of the very first things

which we must do to have God's forgiveness is to learn that we have done something wrong towards Him. We must learn that we have transgressed His laws or sinned. We may also have to learn that we have not done some things which He wants us to do. We need to learn that He is not pleased with our actions.

The next step we must take is to make a determination that we want to make a change in our life. After learning that we have transgressed His laws, it would do us no good to have this knowledge if we were not going to act upon this knowledge. Not acting upon this knowledge would have the same effect as not having the knowledge in the first place. In Biblical terms this action is called repentance.

The next step in asking

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God to forgive us is to admit, or confess, to Him our wrong behavior. The Christian has the privilege of confessing his sins directly to God. The Christian is not in the position of the children of Israel in that he must confess his sins to a man which was called the high priest. Because Jesus is the high priest for the Christian, then the Christian has Jesus asking His Father to forgive us.

Usually this asking or confessing is done through what is commonly called prayer.

The next step would be to have the confidence that God has done what He said that He would do, namely forgive us. If we have this type of confidence then we will not be having second thoughts as to whether or not God has forgiven us.

If we truly trust Him to forgive us then after we have said "Amen" we will go on with life having the full assurance that we have been forgiven. To do otherwise would be an indication that our faith or trust in God is not what it should be.

The final step in asking God to forgive us is to live the corrected life faithfully. We must have every intention of making the necessary changes in our life so that we will not transgress God's

law. If we find ourselves committing the same sin over and over, maybe we need to question ourselves by asking, "Have I truly repented of this sin?" "Have I really changed my mind about this particular action that violates the will of God?"

Everyone knows that making changes is hard. Everyone knows that sometimes it takes time for us to make the complete change. However, let's not use this as an excuse for not making the changes so that we can be forgiven by God. Have a "happy new year" by obtaining God's forgiveness.

■ Carlton G. McPeak is an evangelist working in the Lake City area. All Scriptural quotations are from the New American Standard Bible, Holman Bible Publishers, unless otherwise noted.

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My little friend

I am writing these few words while flying to a weekend appointment. There is a passenger on board that did not pay for his fare. I offered to pay it for him, but they refused. He is sitting in the seat next to me. He reclines in somewhat of a mystical "praying hands" position. He is so small he sits unnoticed. His mother is not here. He has never spoken a word. He does not cry. His father is alive today, somewhere on earth. A friend gave him to me to care for. Lunch will be served in a few moments, yet he will not eat. He once had a very strong appetite — but no more. He didn't lose it; it was taken from him.

He will never again swim with abandoned pleasure in the fluids of his mother's womb. She did not love him. He is in limbo. His cry was never heard.

His "personal choice" to live was cast aside. He was not made a "ward of the court" but to the contrary, all protections, by the courts, were removed from him. He was one of five million who have been wasted by a culture that places a "low self-image on life".

The doctors who took the vow to preserve life, deliberately destroyed his. He was not sucked out of the womb in small bits and pieces much like a garbage disposal discharges



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waste. He was one of the elite who was poisoned with a saline (salt) solution. He did not drink it willingly. It was injected into his little world.

Now he sits — quiet and still. He is preserved in chemicals, and kept inside a special container — hidden from the eyes of the living. Atrocities of any given generation happen. Yet none seems to be

aware of them while they are going on.

We're now making our decent into New York City. This could have been his hometown, for more of his relatives were aborted here last year than were born alive. I dare not remove him from his hiding place. He would strike fear in the hearts of all the passengers.

His conception was a personal choice, and so was his death. He is a legal "homicide" yet never threatened anyone with harm. He may have been another Einstein or Edison.

He is silent yet so eloquent.

He is naked and defenseless, yet he

attacks us — reminds us — shames us!

We fear him for we have failed to love him.

We hide from him, yet there is no place.

Now everyone is departing. Look at them — hugging loved ones — sweethearts embracing. It's great to be alive.

My little friend? His life stopped at 20 weeks, yet he is perfectly formed.

Weight — about half a pound. Size — a handful.

On his tomb is placed the saying, "Cold is my grave, but O, I love it. For colder were my friends above it."

"Personal choice?"

We've heard from the living, perhaps now we should listen to the dead

People have many "personal choices". What to eat, wear, and where to work, who to marry, which church to attend, and on and on. We have "personal choices". Maybe we need to re-think the "personal choice" of Abortion. What happened to dad's friend? Dad had him 'laid to rest' in a beautiful place, with a quiet ceremony.

■ Jack Exum Jr. is a freelance writer who lives in Lake City. To find more articles (by Jack Exum Jr. as well as Jack Exum Sr.), Exum books for sale, family pictures, Bible studies, special "For Teens Only" area and more, visit Exum's new website, www.jackexum.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Jan. 11

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.

Jan. 12

Gospel sing, supper

A gospel sing and potluck supper will be held to celebrate Mary Lou Flynn Lasseter's 75th birthday, beginning at 6 p.m. at Lee Worship Center Church Fellowship Hall, 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee.

Supper will be at 6 p.m., and the open-mic gospel singing will start at 7. To confirm attendance or for more information, call Brenda Lasseter McCormick at (850) 869-9976.

Jan. 13

Music concert

The Ball Brothers will perform a free concert at 6 p.m. at Wellborn Baptist Church. The church is on U.S. 90 West between Lake City and Live Oak at the intersection of Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn. A love offering for the group will be received.

Jan. 19

MLK Jr. program

The Columbia County

Branch of NAACP will hold its 30th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program at 4 p.m. at Mount Pisgah AME Church, 529 NE Washington St. Judge Julian Collins will be keynote speaker. The NAACP choir, directed by Dr. Tony Buzzella, will perform.

Jan. 20

Gospel concert

Gospel music singer Val Turner and the group Valor III of Statesville, N.C., will perform a free concert at Glad Tiding Assembly at 10:30 A.M. Turner traveled for 25 years as the bass singer with the Blackwood Brothers Quartet and is the recipient of five Grammy and 10 Dove awards. A love offering for the group will

be received. The church is at 1571 E. Duval St. (U.S. 90) Turner and Valor III can be found on Facebook or at www.valoriii.com. For more information, call (386) 365-1533.

Jan. 24

Gospel concert

Southern gospel singer Ivan Parker will give a concert in Suwannee County at 7 p.m. at the Westwood Baptist Church in Live Oak. The concert is a fundraiser for Love INC, the Suwannee County social services agency and food pantry. General admission tickets are \$10 and "Artist Circle" tickets are \$25. Only 750 tickets will be sold. Parker is perhaps best known as a regular artist at

the Gaither Homecoming events, and is featured on most of the Gaither videos. He has been voted favorite male vocalist 12 times and soloist of the year nine times. The "Artist's Circle" tickets entitle the holders to meet Parker a half-hour before the concert and reserved seating. Tickets are available by calling the Love INC office at (386) 330-2671 or the Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at (386) 754-8524. Tickets can be picked up at the Love INC office in Live Oak or mailed. If not sold out, tickets also will be available at the door beginning an hour before the performance.

Ongoing

Devotional services

The American Legion Rider Chapter 57, South Highway 47, hosts Sunday Morning Devotional Services the second Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. There is also a continental breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. Services are held by the Christian motorcycle Association. Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship, breakfast and spiritually uplifting morning.

Christian motorcyclists

Christian Motorcyclist Association Iron Shepherds Chapter 826 meets the first Thursday of the month at Ray's Deli & Grill, Hwy 247 across from the fairgrounds, at 6:30 p.m. For more information email Ironshepherds826@gmail.com.

New law points to Philippine Catholic church's waning sway

Birth control funding battle split church, state.

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Twenty-six years after Roman Catholic leaders helped his mother marshal millions of Filipinos in an uprising that ousted a dictator, President Benigno Aquino III picked a fight with the church over contraceptives and won a victory that bared the bishops' worst nightmare: They no longer sway the masses.

Aquino last month signed the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012 quietly and without customary handshakes and photographs to avoid controversy. The law that provides state funding for contraceptives for the poor pitted the dominant Catholic Church in an epic battle against the popular Aquino and his followers.

A couple with links to the church filed a motion Wednesday to stop implementation of the law, and more petitions are expected. Still, there is no denying that Aquino's approval of the legislation has chipped away at the clout the church has held over Filipinos, and marked the passing of an era in which it was taboo to defy the church and priests.

Catholic leaders consider the law an attack on the church's core values — the sanctity of life — saying that contraceptives promote promiscuity and destroy life. Aquino and his allies see the legislation as a way to address how the poor — roughly a third of the country's 94 million people — manage the number of children they



A "Pro-Life" sign flashes on an electric signboard outside a Roman Catholic church in Manila, Philippines, on Thursday. Philippine President Benigno Aquino III last month signed the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012. The law that provides state funding for contraceptives for the poor pitted the dominant Roman Catholic Church in an epic battle against the popular Aquino and his followers.

have and provide for them. Nearly half of all pregnancies in the Philippines are unwanted, according to the U.N. Population Fund, and a third of those end up aborted in a country where abortion remains illegal.

Rampant poverty, overcrowded slums, and rising homelessness and crime are main concerns that neither the church nor Aquino's predecessors have successfully tackled.

"If the church can provide milk, diapers and rice, then go ahead, let's make more babies," said Giselle Labadan, a 30-year-old roadside vendor. "But there are just too many people now, too many homeless people, and the church doesn't help to feed them."

Labadan said she grew up in a God-fearing family but has defied the church's position against contraceptives for more than a decade because her five

children, age 2 to 12, were already far too many for her meager income. Her husband, a former army soldier, is jobless.

She said that even though she has used most types of contraceptives, she still considers herself among the faithful. "I still go to church and pray. It's a part of my life," Labadan said.

"I have prayed before not to have another child, but the condom worked better," she said.

The law now faces a legal challenge in the Supreme Court after the couple filed the motion, which seems to cover more ideological than legal grounds. One of the authors of the law, Rep. Edcel Lagman, said Thursday that he was not worried by the petition and expected more to follow.

"We are prepared for this," he said. "We are certain that the law is completely constitutional and

will surmount any attack on or test of its constitutionality."

Over the decades, moral and political authority of the church in the Philippines is perceived to have waned with the passing of one its icons, Cardinal Jaime Sin. He shaped the role of the church during the country's darkest hours after dictator Ferdinand Marcos imposed martial law starting in 1972 by championing the cause of civil advocacy, human rights and freedoms. Sin's action mirrored that of his strong backer, Pope John Paul II, who himself challenged communist rulers in Eastern Europe.

Three years after Aquino's father, Benigno Aquino Sr., a senator opposing Marcos, was gunned down on the Manila airport tarmac in 1983, Sin persuaded Aquino's widow, Corazon, to run for president.



People queue to enter the Vatican Museums at the Vatican. It's 'cash only' now for tourists at the Vatican wanting to pay for museum tickets, souvenirs and other services after Italy's central bank decided to block electronic payments, including credit cards, at the tiny city state.

Bank's action means 'cash only' at Vatican

By FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — It's "cash only" now for tourists at the Vatican wanting to pay for museum tickets, souvenirs and other services after Italy's central bank decided to block electronic payments, including credit cards, at the tiny city-state.

Deutsche Bank Italia, which for some 15 years had provided the Vatican with electronic payment services, said Thursday that the Bank of Italy had pulled its authorization after Dec. 31.

The Corriere della Sera newspaper reported that the Italian central bank took the action because the Holy See has not yet fully complied with European Union safeguards against money laundering. That means Italian banks are not authorized to operate within the Vatican, which is in the process of improving its mechanisms to combat laundering.

The Vatican says it is scrambling to solve the problem for thousands of visitors who flock to its very popular Vatican Museums, which include highlights

like the Sistine Chapel. The Holy See had no immediate comment on the Bank of Italy's reported reasons.

Tourists in the long lines Thursday that snaked around Vatican City walls were not happy about the inconvenience.

"It's certainly a disadvantage," said Giuseppe Amoroso, an Italian. "Credit cards provide a useful service, which needs to be accessible to everybody, everywhere."

"A lot of tourists don't have cash on them, so they have to get euros and don't know where to get them," said Fluger William Hunter, an American tourist.

The central bank said a routine inspection found that Deutsche Bank Italia hadn't sought authorization when it first started providing services at the Vatican. When it finally did, the Bank of Italy turned it down because the Vatican's banking norms, including measures to combat money laundering, didn't meet Italy's more stringent criteria of recent years, a central bank official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because there was no official statement on the case.



COURTESY PHOTO

First Federal Bank of Florida President and CEO Keith Leibfried (right) presents a check to Debbie Freeman of the Columbia County Senior Services organization. Senior Services is one of many local nonprofit organizations that received shares of \$61,400 donated by the bank and its employees in 2012.

First Federal Bank, employees donate to local nonprofits

From staff reports

Last year, First Federal Bank of Florida employees donated \$30,500 to local community agencies through First Federal's employee contribution program, First Federal Way.

The \$30,500 donation facilitated a match of the same amount by First Federal for a total of over \$61,400 contributed to community agencies.

Through First Federal Way, employees elect to contribute a portion of their paychecks to one or more participating nonprofit agencies. At the end of each year, First Federal matches the total contribution and awards it to the selected agencies.

First Federal Bank is proud of our generous, compassionate employees. Our employees continued to give back to their communities this year, despite a weak economy.

For some First Federal employees, like Shawn Bailey and Heather Markham, they chose to contribute to agencies that have touched their lives and the lives around them. Other employees, like Kathy Baird, are proud to be a part of First Federal's commitment to the c

ommunity and enroll in the First Federal Way program because it enables their contribution to be more than they are able to give alone.

At a recent check presentation, Keith Leibfried, president and chief executive officer of First Federal, expressed gratitude to the different agencies for all the dedicated services they provide to our community.

"I am also grateful to the First Federal employees who generously shared their hard-earned income and to First Federal's board of directors for authorizing a match of our employees," Leibfried said. "Most importantly, I am grateful to the loyalty of our customers who enable us to be such a good community partner."

First Federal Bank of Florida offers a comprehensive portfolio of products and services for personal and business customers, and is committed to helping local communities flourish. Founded in 1962, First Federal has 18 branches in Amelia Island, Bonifay, Bradenton, Chipley, Dowling Park, Jasper, Lake City, Live Oak, Macclenny, Marianna, Mayo, Sarasota and Yulee.

Welfare savings expected

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE

— Florida officials are expecting big savings from a new contract for handling federal food and temporary cash assistance services.

The Department of Children and Families said the contract signed Wednesday will save at least \$8.6 million in the next budget year that starts July

1 and an estimated \$21 million over three years.

The contract is with eFunds, a subsidiary of FIS Government Services, the world's largest provider of banking and payment technologies.

The firm will process Electronic Benefit Transfer services that clients receive through plastic cards similar to credit or debit cards.

Annual community event



COURTESY PHOTO

Lee Rimmington and Lillian Zytowski wave as they lead the Eastside Village Golf Cart Parade on Dec. 22.

Eclectic mix of pop, R&B, country music on tap at SOSMP Jan. 11-12

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — It may be cold outside, but you can get warmed up at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) Jan. 11-12 when the Just Maybe Band and Clay Brooker and the Bandits Band heat up the Music Hall with live country, Southern rock, R&B, blues, rock, pop classics and lots more music for dancing or listening.

The Just Maybe Band, new to this area but based out of Gainesville, will take the stage Friday, Jan. 11. The band consists of Richard Ritari on bass, guitar, vocals and song arrangements; Steve Kattell on drums, percussion and vocals; Ellen Donovan on lead vocals, percussion, flute and blues harp, and Joseph Breeden on lead guitar and vocals.

Just Maybe, organized in 2012, plays a rich variety of soulful R&B, along with blues, rock and pop classics and a little country. In other words, a wide selection of songs from all styles for all tastes that will have you tapping your foot, nodding your head and just maybe, out on that dance floor showing your moves.

The band's influences range from Amy Winehouse to the Allman Brothers, Atlanta Rhythm Section, Bob Seeger, Bonnie Raitt, Carole King, Charlie Daniels, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Curtis Mayfield, Dwight Yoakum, Elvis Presley, Toby Keith, Tom Petty, Wilbert Harrison, Willie Nelson, Wilson Pickett and many, many other genres of music.

Clay Brooker and the Bandits played numerous times at the SOSMP last year. Clay competed for the opportunity to play at the 2012 Suwannee River Jam. Now, Clay has his own band and is out every weekend making music.

Clay and the Bandits will rock the house Saturday, Jan. 12. Clay, of Waldo, is a new country music artist with the look, the voice, musical ability and that special "something" that makes a country star.

"I've loved music since I was little," he said. "I grew up listening to all types of music, mainly country, bluegrass and gospel."

Clay's music career began at 14 upon receiving a guitar from his parents.

"From then on my passion for making and writing music has grown." Clay loves playing in front of crowds, especially friends and family. He feels very blessed to have this talent and



COURTESY PHOTO

Clay Booker and the Bandits (top) and the Just Maybe Band out of Gainesville will provide the musical entertainment Jan. 11 and 12 at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

thanks God for his gift. Clay and his band play for parties, weddings or for no reason at all except their love of music.

Clay is a sheet metal worker by day and music man at night. Be sure to be in the house Jan. 12 when this great band will entertain you.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for the SOSMP, call (386) 364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many

exciting events coming up such as live band performances each Friday and Saturday night, the I Remember You Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Jan. 25-27, Aura Festival, Suwannee River Jam Auditions, SpringFest, Waneec, the 2013 Suwannee River Jam and much, much more. Call the SOSMP now for more information!

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak off US 129 at the famous Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.

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Others' all-state

Fort White High football faced some strong teams this season, as shown by the all-state players on the opposition.

The Indians played against 18 all-staters among their 1A, 3A and 4A opponents.

The First Academy, which beat Fort White in the opening round of the playoffs, had first-team running back Lloyd Hylton and linebacker Colton Plante. Running back Ben Deluzio was second team. In the playoff game, Deluzio had 13 carries for 85 yards; Hylton had 12 carries for 48 yards and a touchdown. Plante also scored a touchdown at fullback.

Trinity Catholic's Tristen Brown was first team on the offensive line. Jamonte Jones was second team as a defensive back and defensive tackle Gage Smith was honorable mention. Jones had a touchdown catch against the Indians.

Quarterback David Heinkle and receiver Damien Strange were honorable mention for Williston. Heinkle was 8 of 12 passing for 150 yards and a touchdown in the loss to Fort White. Strange had five catches for 78 yards including the 33-yard touchdown.

For 4A Taylor County, Luke Kellschmidt was second-team linebacker and Moral Stephens was honorable mention at wide receiver. Stephens had just one catch in the 21-9 loss to Fort White.

Union County's Carl Alexander was second-team defensive lineman, while running back Walter Mabrey and linemen Laris Paige and Talon Taylor were second-team offense. Linebacker Austin Dukes also was second team. Mabrey rushed for 124 yards and two TDs against the Indians.

Newberry's Ra'kheem Hoyt was second-team running back and linebacker Les Jordan was second team. Hoyt was suspended for Fort White's 21-7 win. Honorable mention Trace Stankunas did play and carried 14 times for 104 yards.

■ Tim Kirby is sports editor of the *Lake City Reporter*.

Two Indians are all-state



Fort White High linebacker Kellen Snider (7) drags down Daquin Edwards of Union County High.



Fort White High's Michael Mulberry (4) makes a leaping catch in the game against Newberry High.

Snider, Mulberry are honored in postseason vote.

By **TIM KIRBY**
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FORT WHITE — Fort White High placed two football players on the Class 3A All-State Team released Thursday.

Junior linebacker Kellen Snider was second-team defense and senior Michael Mulberry was honorable mention as a utility player.

The teams are chosen by selected newspaper editors and writers throughout the state.

Snider led Fort White with 179 tackles — 104 solo and 75 assisted. Snider had an interception against Taylor County High and recorded one sack and three caused fumbles.

"It is a great honor and well-deserved for Kellen," Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson said. "He has put in countless hours and has grown into a great linebacker and leader for us. The state is recognizing what we know he can do."

The next closest to the Indians was 120 tackles, which Jackson said emphasizes Snider's effort.

"The physical tools have always been there," Jackson said. "He is now understanding the game and beating people to the spot. One thing different is his effort to the ball. He runs players down from sideline to sideline and that is just want-to. He has the desire to be the player he is and that is what a linebacker should be."

As a middle man on the kickoff return team, Snider returned seven kicks for 63 yards.

Mulberry transferred to Fort White for his senior season and started both ways.

Mulberry caught 28 passes for 654 yards and six touchdowns. He added three more touchdowns on punt returns, where he totaled 209 yards. Mulberry

ALL-STATE continued on 2B

'Outcoached, outplayed'

Muschamp pulls no punches in reviewing game.

By **GUERRY SMITH**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Jeff Driskel's first pass of the Sugar Bowl was intercepted and returned 38 yards for a touchdown.

It never got much better for heavily favored Florida in what was supposed to be the crowning game in a bounce-back season.

The fourth-ranked Gators, a two-touchdown favorite over No. 22 Louisville, fell behind by 14 points midway through the first quarter

and trailed by double digits the rest of the way, losing 33-23 on Wednesday night.

"We got outcoached and outplayed," Florida coach Will Muschamp said. "That's what I told the team. That's the bottom line."

Florida looked more like the team that dropped 11 games combined in 2010 and '11 than the one that lost only once in 2012. The Gators (11-2) were no match for the inspired Cardinals (11-2) and former Florida defensive coordinator Charlie Strong, who left to become Louisville head coach in 2010.

"We've had a great year," Muschamp said. "We're building something here.

We still did a lot of positive things this season. Obviously this is a sour day and a sour note, and I apologize to our fans and the university."

Florida was beaten in almost every way possible. After never trailing by more than 10 points in their first 12 games, the Gators trailed Louisville by more than that for all but the first eight minutes and the last 2:13.

The Gators could not slow down Louisville quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who threw for 266 yards and two TDs against the nation's No. 1 pass efficiency defense. In the first half

GATORS continued on 2B



Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) fumbles after a blind-side hit from Louisville safety Calvin Pryor during the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Wednesday.

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BOXING
10 p.m.
ESPN2 — Junior lightweights, Rances Barthelemy (17-0-0) vs. Arash Usmanee (20-0-0), at Miami

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
8 p.m.
FOX — Cotton Bowl, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, at Arlington, Texas

GOLF
5:30 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Tournament of Champions, first round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Memphis at Tennessee
MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Colorado College at Nebraska-Omaha

NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — Chicago at Miami

PREP FOOTBALL
5 p.m.
ESPN — All-America Game, at St. Petersburg

Saturday
AUTO RACING
2:30 a.m.
NBCSN — Dakar Rally, stage 1, Lima to Pisco, Peru (delayed tape)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN — Compass Bowl, Pittsburgh vs. Mississippi, at Birmingham, Ala.

GOLF
5:30 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Tournament of Champions, second round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m.
ESPN2 — Pittsburgh at Rutgers

PREP FOOTBALL
4 p.m.
ESPN2 — NC State at Boston College

Soccer
5 p.m.
NBCSN — Lehigh at VCU

NFL FOOTBALL
4:30 p.m.
NBC — Cincinnati at Houston

PREP BASKETBALL
6 p.m.
ESPN2 — Simeon (Ill.) vs. Montverde, at Wheeling, W.Va.

PREP FOOTBALL
1 p.m.
NBC — All-American Bowl, at San Antonio

SOCCER
Noon
FOX — FA Cup, third round, West Ham vs. Manchester United, at London

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1:30 p.m.
FSN — Oklahoma at Texas

Soccer
2 p.m.
CBS — Purdue at Nebraska

Soccer
4 p.m.
CBS — Notre Dame at UConn

FOOTBALL

NFL postseason

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)

Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC, TBA (CBS); NFC, TBA (FOX)

College bowl games

New Mexico Bowl
Arizona 49, Nevada 48

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Poinsettia Bowl
BYU 23, San Diego State 6

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
UCF 38, Ball State 17

New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 43, E. Carolina 34

Las Vegas Bowl
Boise State 28, Washington 26

Hawaii Bowl
SMU 43, Fresno State 10

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
Central Michigan 24, W. Kentucky 21

Military Bowl
San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20

Belk Bowl
Cincinnati 48, Duke 34

Holiday Bowl
Baylor 49, UCLA 26

Independence Bowl
Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe 14

Russell Athletic Bowl
Virginia Tech 13, Rutgers 10, OT

Meineke Car Care Bowl
Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31

Armed Forces Bowl
Rice 33, Air Force 14

Fight Hunger Bowl
Arizona State 62, Navy 28

Pinstripe Bowl
Syracuse 38, West Virginia 14

Alamo Bowl
Texas 31, Oregon State 27

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
Michigan State 17, TCU 16

Music City Bowl
Vanderbilt 38, N.C. State 24

Sun Bowl
Georgia Tech 21, Southern Cal 7

Liberty Bowl
Tulsa 31, Iowa State 17

Chick-fil-A Bowl
Clemson 25, LSU 24

Heart of Dallas Bowl
Oklahoma State 58, Purdue 14

Gator Bowl
Northwestern 34, Mississippi State 20

Capital One Bowl
Georgia 45, Nebraska 31

Outback Bowl
South Carolina 33, Michigan 28

Rose Bowl
Stanford 20, Wisconsin 14

Orange Bowl
Florida State 31, N. Illinois 10

Wednesday
Sugar Bowl
Louisville 33, Florida 23

Thursday
Fiesta Bowl
Kansas State vs. Oregon (n)

Today
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington, Texas

Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.

Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.

Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday
BCS National Championship
At Miami

Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

FCS Championship
Saturday
At FC Dallas Stadium

Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-3), 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA schedule

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	10	.677	—
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	4½
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	7
Boston	14	17	.452	7
Toronto	12	20	.375	9½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	8	.733	—
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2
Orlando	12	20	.375	11
Charlotte	8	23	.258	14½
Washington	4	26	.133	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	19	13	.594	—
Chicago	17	13	.567	1
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	2
Detroit	12	22	.353	8
Cleveland	7	26	.212	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	26	8	.765	—
Memphis	20	9	.690	3½
Houston	18	14	.563	7
Dallas	13	20	.394	12½
New Orleans	7	25	.219	18

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	24	7	.774	—
Denver	18	15	.545	7
Portland	16	15	.516	8
Minnesota	14	14	.500	8½
Utah	16	17	.485	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	25	8	.758	—
Golden State	22	10	.688	2½
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9
Sacramento	12	20	.375	12½
Phoenix	12	21	.364	13

Thursday's Games

San Antonio at New York (n)
Minnesota at Denver (n)

Today's Games

Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.

Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.

New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

New Orleans at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

AP Top 25 schedule

Saturday's Games

No. 1 Duke vs. Wake Forest, Noon
No. 3 Arizona vs. Utah, 5 p.m.

No. 8 Ohio State at No. 11 Illinois, 2:15 p.m.

No. 10 Gonzaga at Santa Clara, 8 p.m.
No. 12 Missouri vs. Bucknell, 7 p.m.

No. 14 Cincinnati vs. St. John's, 4 p.m.
No. 15 Georgetown at Marquette, 2 p.m.

No. 16 Creighton vs. Indiana State, 3:05 p.m.

No. 17 Butler vs. New Orleans, 2 p.m.
No. 18 Michigan State vs. Purdue, Noon

No. 21 Notre Dame vs. Seton Hall, Noon

No. 22 Oklahoma State at No. 25 Kansas State, 1:30 p.m.

No. 23 N.C. State at Boston College, 4 p.m.

No. 24 Pittsburgh at Rutgers, 11 a.m.

Sunday's Games

No. 2 Michigan vs. Iowa, Noon
No. 6 Kansas vs. Temple, 4:30 p.m.

No. 7 Syracuse at South Florida, Noon

No. 9 Minnesota vs. Northwestern, 7 p.m.

No. 13 Florida at Yale, 5:30 p.m.

Auburn 78, Florida St. 72

At Auburn, Ala.
FLORIDA ST. (8-5)

Brandon 3-4 0-2 6, White 3-7 2-2 8, Turpin 1-3 0-0 2, Snaer 6-13 3-4 18, Whisnant II 6-13 0-0 16, Bookert 3-8 0-0 8, Shannon 3-5 1-1 7, Gilchrist 0-0 0-4 0, Bojanovsky 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 2-2 1-2 5, Miller 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 28-58 7-15 72.

AUBURN (6-7)

Payne 4-8 9-13 17, S. Johnson 3-12 1-2 8, Wallace 0-4 6-8 6, Sullivan 6-15 9-11 24, Chubb 3-5 2-4 8, Dixon-Tatum 2-3 0-1 4, Greene Jr. 1-6 0-0 2, Granger 0-0 0-0 0, N. Johnson 3-10 1-2 9, Totals 22-63 28-41 78.

Halftime—Florida St. 36-35, 3-Point Goals—Florida St. 9-26 (Whisnant II 4-8, Snaer 3-7, Bookert 2-7, White 0-2, Miller 0-2), Auburn 6-20 (Sullivan 3-7, N. Johnson 2-6, S. Johnson 1-5, Greene Jr. 0-2), Fouled Out—White. Rebounds—Florida St. 40 (Snaer 12), Auburn 42 (Chubb 10). Assists—Florida St. 16 (Bookert 6), Auburn 10 (Wallace 6).

Total Fouls—Florida St. 27, Auburn 17. A—6,496.

Cotton Bowl matchup like old times in Big 12

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Spencer Nealy and some of his Texas A&M teammates were discussing potential bowl games even before their first SEC season began.

“We were like, how funny would it be if we made the Cotton Bowl,” Nealy said. “We were looking at SEC vs. Big 12 teams. That’s what we thought about, that situation.”

Well, Texas A&M’s season of firsts — coach Kevin Sumlin’s first year, quarterback Johnny Manziel becoming the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy and the SEC debut — will end with the 10th-ranked Aggies (10-2) playing a familiar Big 12 foe.

In the only bowl matching the SEC against the Big 12, Texas A&M takes on 12th-ranked Oklahoma (10-2) in the Cotton Bowl tonight. Both teams have five-game winning streaks.

“It’s a little more than a game,” Nealy said. “It’s almost like we had a great season but we have to win this one.”

In their 16 Big 12 seasons, the only time the Aggies won more than nine games was when they were 11-3 their 1998 confer-

ence title season. They left the league with a winning record (7-6) last season only after a bowl win over Northwestern.

Once in the SEC, which has six national titles in a row, Texas A&M lost its opener 20-17 to Florida. The other loss was 24-19 to LSU before the current winning streak that includes the Aggies’ first-ever road win against a No. 1 team — at SEC champion Alabama, which plays in the BCS title game Monday night.

“The first thing we did was we didn’t talk about it very much what happened in the past. It seemed to be what everyone wanted to talk about externally, but internally we just didn’t,” Sumlin said. “Any time you have to get over a hump or clear a hurdle, you have got to win a game in a certain fashion.”

Sumlin pointed to a 30-27 win at Ole Miss the first Saturday in October, when the Aggies overcame six turnovers. They lost to LSU two weeks later, but haven’t lost since.

The Sooners seemed certain of a Bowl Championship Series game after clinching a share of their eighth Big 12 title, but Mid-American champion Northern Illinois qualified as a BCS buster.

“For sure, yes, we were

disappointed. I was pretty upset about it,” Sooners senior quarterback Landry Jones said. “But fortunate enough for us, we got put into this game, which you can rank them right up with those BCS games. ... It’s a really good matchup, so when I heard that we were going to be in the Cotton Bowl, it kind of eased over the disappointment.”

Texas A&M and Oklahoma have both averaged more than 40 points and 500 yards of offense per game. The only losses by both were to current Top 10 teams.

It is only the second Cotton Bowl appearance for the Sooners, but will be the 17th consecutive season playing Texas A&M.

Since Bob Stoops became Oklahoma’s coach in 1999, the Sooners have won 11 of the 13 meetings. Jones threw five TD passes as a freshman in a 65-10 win in 2009, though the Aggies won the next year before the Sooners won the final Big 12 meeting between the two last season.

“This is another opportunity to put a stamp on that. We figured last year would be the last time we’d play them for a while,” Sooners defensive tackle Jamarkus McFarland said. “It does mean something.”

BRIEFS

YOUTH BASEBALL

North Florida Rays 11U tryouts

The North Florida Rays 11U travel team has tryouts at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Southside Baseball Complex red fields. For details, call Andy Miles at 867-0678 or Todd Green at 365-5161.

North Florida Outlaws tryouts

The North Florida Outlaws 8U travel machine pitch baseball team will have tryouts at 1 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Southside Baseball Complex blue fields.

For details, call Tommy Boston at 965-9311 or Drew Law at 965-8447.

ZUMBA

Beginner, weight loss classes

A Zumba beginner class and weight loss contest will be offered at Teen Town on Sunday. The Zumba beginner class is 3-4 p.m., with the weight loss contest starting at 4 p.m.

For details, call Sarah Sandlin at 758-0009.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

Spring sign-up is under way

The Girls Softball Association of Columbia County has registration open for its spring softball season for girls ages 4-17. Sign-up is at Brian’s Sports or Impact Zone. Cost is \$55 for a single player and \$75 for siblings. Registration deadline is Feb. 1, and a \$10 savings is offered for players who sign up before Jan. 18. For details, call 755-4271.

CAMPS

Kirkman camp at Impact Zone

Major League player Michael Kirkman of Lake City will conduct a pitching camp at Impact Zone on Monday. Kirkman will work with each participant, sign autographs, answer questions and give a pitching demonstration. The camps are 10 a.m. to noon for ages 6-11 and



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Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III looks to pass during the first half of a game against the Dallas Cowboys in Landover, Md., on Sunday.

Untested QBs

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers has won a Super Bowl and an MVP award. Joe Flacco has been to the playoffs in all five of his pro seasons.

They will be the rarities this weekend when three rookie quarterbacks, two in their second NFL seasons, and one veteran who has yet to appear in the postseason will lead the other teams in the wild-card round.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll is a fan of the younger quarterback trend.

"I think it's really exciting and the guys have done great," Carroll said. "They really have against all of the odds and history and stuff they've just been amazing to take their teams into the playoffs."

"It's a very exciting time for the league knowing there are other guys out there who are going to come up in the next couple of years, and there are stars in the making in the college ranks, and you don't have to wait years and years for those guys to show up and be a factor."

Indeed, those days of letting young quarterbacks watch from the sideline before getting their chance has gone the way of the single wing. Rodgers was the last premier passer to undergo a lengthy apprenticeship, under Brett Favre in Green Bay.

On Saturday night, he leads the Packers against division rival Minnesota and

second-year quarterback Christian Ponder. Earlier in the day, Cincinnati and its own second-year signal caller, Andy Dalton, is at Houston. The Texans' Matt Schaub is in his ninth pro season, but this will be his first playoff game.

On Sunday, the inexperience is even more pronounced. Three rookies who have completely belied any rawness — Andrew Luck for Indianapolis, Robert Griffin III for Washington, Russell Wilson for Carroll's Seahawks — will guide their teams in wild-card games.

"You know there's going to be a lot of people talking about playoff football and how it's ratcheted up a notch, which may be true," said Flacco, who will become the first quarterback to start a playoff game in his first five NFL seasons in the Super Bowl era. He's also won at least one postseason game each year. "But the bottom line is, my advice would be go about your business as you always would on a normal week. It's obviously gotten you to the point that you're in the playoffs and playing to get to another week. If it got you that far, then you're obviously doing something right, so you should try to continue that. You shouldn't try anything crazy just because it's playoff time."

Getting to the playoffs with rookie QBs was a crazy idea for decades. That changed permanently when Ben Roethlisberger

led Pittsburgh to the AFC title game.

Carroll points to even more recent times: 2008.

"I always go back to Flacco and Matt Ryan, those guys, when they jumped in and did really well as rookies, I think that was the start of the big turn," he said.

Still, there's never been anything like this season, when Luck, Griffin and Wilson combined for 31 wins, eight more than the previous record total for all rookie QBs in one season, which happened in 2011.

Some credit should go to the coaches who turned over their teams to the kids. Of course, when the Colts grabbed Luck atop the draft and the Redskins traded up to take RG3 at the second spot, it was presumed they would move directly into the lineup.

It took plenty of foresight and not a little courage for Carroll to go with Wilson, particularly after Seattle signed free agent Matt Flynn to a huge deal. But he saw something special in the third-round pick from Wisconsin by way of North Carolina State. And he sees that in all the rookie QBs.

"Maybe this is just the class of classes, too," he said. "Maybe this isn't as much of a trend, but it looks like it's kind of turning."

It's not just the rookies who are making their playoff debuts, either. Schaub was injured when the Texans made their first trip to the postseason a year ago and T.J. Yates — yes,

a rookie — led them to a victory over Dalton and the Bengals. Houston then lost to Flacco and the Ravens.

"I'm definitely looking forward to it," said Schaub. "But the thing that's going to help us win the game are the same whenever you're playing, wherever you're playing. That's playing smart, clean, good football."

That's exactly what the youngsters have done in key situations, even Ponder, who at times has looked overwhelmed. But he was solid the last two weeks when the Vikings beat Houston and Green Bay to secure their place in the Super Bowl chase.

No matter how they fare this weekend, it's been a successful two years for young quarterbacks. Redskins coach Mike Shanahan expects it to continue because of the emphasis on passing in college.

"They're throwing the football a little bit more now than they have in the past," Shanahan said. "I think that gives them a big advantage. I think they have the ability to come in and go through OTAs and really learn the system in the offseason. I know 20 years ago, you never had an opportunity like that."

"Going through a system again, you have a lot of hours in the classroom as a quarterback that you never had 10 years ago, a chance to learn the system. And a lot of these guys are coming out ready to go."

The wild card winners are ...

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

Six days after Adrian Peterson blistered them for nearly 200 yards and helped lift his team to a stunning playoff berth, the Green Bay Packers get another taste of "A.D."

This time, they will deal with "All Day" Peterson at Lambeau Field.

And in the playoffs. The stakes are similar to last week for the Vikings, who would have been out of the playoffs had they lost to Green Bay, which already owned the division title.

The venue, obviously, is different.

If that seems like a big edge for the Packers, well, they lost their last two postseason home games, both to the Giants, who went on to win the Super Bowl each time.

They dropped a 31-14 verdict to Minnesota after the 2004 season, the only time in 104 matchups these NFC North rivals have met in the playoffs.

So Green Bay is 1-3 in recent home playoff games on the tundra. That doesn't diminish the challenge facing Minnesota, an 8-point underdog.

"It put us in a spot that we've been wanting to be, wanted to get here since April 23 of last year when we started OTAs," Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder said of the win over the Packers that got them a trip to Green Bay, where they lost 23-14 in the regular season.

"It's going to be tough going to Lambeau. Obviously it's an environment that's tough to play in, but we're hoping that a lot of our Vikings fans travel, just like there were some Green Bay fans at home this past week."

The shorter week won't matter to either side considering they faced off last weekend. At least it gives the Packers less time to watch video of the horror show their defense put on trying to slow down Peterson.

They'll do a better job this Saturday night.

BEST BET: PACKERS, 31-20

Indianapolis (plus 6½) at Baltimore

This could be Ray Lewis' final game; he announced Wednesday his plan to end his 17-year career that certainly should land him in the Hall of Fame.

There are much better ways to finish than chasing around the Colts' offense, which will be a difficult chore for the Ravens' defense. With Lewis sidelined for nearly three

months with a triceps injury and Terrell Suggs not resembling the Defensive Player of the Year he was in 2011 as he plays while still recovering from an Achilles tendon injury, Baltimore can't count on shutting down opponents.

In previous seasons when the Ravens were a defensive power, Andrew Luck might be reduced to an overmatched rookie. Not now.

UPSET SPECIAL: COLTS, 23-17

Cincinnati (plus 5) at Houston

The Texans stumbled into the playoffs, losing three of four and blowing home-field advantage and a bye in the AFC.

Cincinnati, on the other hand, won seven of its last eight with a staunch defense.

Houston made the postseason for the first time last year and promptly knocked off the Bengals in the wild-card round.

Both teams are improved this season, and the key could be which side protects its quarterback better. Houston has J.J. Watt and Antonio Smith providing pressure on the quarterbacks. For Cincinnati, it's Geno Atkins and Michael Johnson.

Houston will do it better.

TEXANS, 24-20

Seattle (minus 1½) at Washington

The juiciest of the weekend's matchups features two streaking teams: Washington won its final seven games to take the NFC East, Seattle took its last five and seven of eight.

Rookie quarterbacks Robert Griffin III for the Redskins and Russell Wilson for the Seahawks have been sensational, like Indy's Luck. RG3 showed enough mobility in the win over Dallas to clinch the division, and his knee should be even stronger on Sunday to provide the double-threat potential that highlights his game.

Wilson is healthy and has similar skills. Even more encouraging for him is the Seahawks have an intimidating, resourceful defense with the speed to slow down Washington's offense. Seattle also has learned how to win on the road.

SEAHAWKS, 23-16

2012 RECORD:
Against spread: 7-6 (112-124-7). Straight up: 12-4 (159-92-1)

Best Bet: 7-8-2 against spread, 11-6 straight up.

Upset special: 11-6 against spread, 9-8 straight up.

Ray Lewis to retire

By **DAVID GINSBURG**
Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — It seems almost impossible to imagine the Ravens without Ray Lewis, who has anchored Baltimore's renowned defense ever since the team came into existence.

For 17 years, Lewis has been stalking opposing quarterbacks and running backs. He inspired his teammates with emotional speeches, proudly donned his No. 52 jersey on Sunday afternoons and did everything in his power to help Baltimore win.

Soon, all that will only be a memory. In a stunning announcement Wednesday, the two-time AP Defensive Player of the Year said he will retire after the Ravens complete their 2013 playoff run.

"It caught me by surprise,

because we all thought the great Ray Lewis was going to play forever," Baltimore outside linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "I thought he was going to surpass Brett Favre and still be out there doing it well into his 40s. He let us know that the sun is setting on his career. It's amazing and it's sad, all at the same time."

When Lewis gathered his teammates together, no one had a clue what he was about to tell them.

"Everything that starts has an end," the 37-year-old Lewis said. "For me, today, I told my team that this will be my last ride."

The reaction was stunned silence.

"I thought we were getting our 'Let's go on a run in the playoffs' speech," Suggs said. "Not that."

Lewis has been sidelined since Oct. 14 with a torn right triceps. He intends to

return Sunday to face the Indianapolis Colts in what will almost certainly be his final home game.

And when he does his trademark dance after emerging from the tunnel, Lewis will receive an ovation 17 years in the making.

"That moment I walk out of that tunnel Sunday, every person that was a Ravens fan — 1996 to this day — we will all enjoy that moment," he said. "It will probably be one of the glorious moments in my life."

Lewis is poised to walk away from the game because he wants to spend more time with his sons. While working to return from his injury, Lewis watched two of his boys play on the same high school football team in Florida. He intends to see Ray Lewis III perform as a freshman next year for the University of Miami, where Lewis starred.



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In this Dec. 18 file photo, Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis peers over the line of scrimmage during a game against the San Diego Chargers in San Diego.

DEAR ABBY

Mom using restaurant table to change baby takes the cake



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I run a restaurant in a small town. Recently, my wife came home on my day off and told me that during the lunch hour, one of our servers had come into the kitchen and announced that they'd need extra sanitizer on table 29 because a mother was changing her baby on it!

What has happened in our society that people don't understand that this is unsanitary and rude? Had I been there, I don't know that I could have kept a civil tongue, and I feel like people today regard my disgust as unreasonable. Is there something I'm missing here? - CAFE CRAZY

DEAR "CAZY": I don't know who you have been talking to, but your disgust is NOT "unreasonable." What that mother was missing was common sense and courtesy for those around her. I agree that changing a baby on a restaurant table was out of the ballpark - particularly if a changing table was available in the women's restroom of your cafe. (I'm assuming there is one, but if there isn't, the situation should be immediately rectified.)

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Gene," and I were married for five years until our divorce six months ago. We still live together and are dating each other. We had so many issues, I felt there needed to be a fresh start, including filing for divorce and living apart.

Now that we have started over, moved away from our hometown and gotten rid of several "friends," our issues are gone and we're

financially stable. In fact, our relationship is better than ever.

Since things are now worked out, I'd like us to get remarried. I told him before our divorce that I hoped we could resolve things and marry again. Now he's not sure, because he says if we got divorced again, he couldn't bear the hurt. He says he still doesn't understand why our "fresh start" included a divorce.

Abby, we love each other. We want to be together forever and have children. I don't want to be dating my ex-husband indefinitely. Do you have advice for us? - GOING NOWHERE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR GOING NOWHERE: I sure do. In the interest of solidifying your fresh start, you and Gene should sign up for some premarital counseling. If you do, you may be able to help him understand why you felt the way you did. With counseling, you can sure that your problems are fully resolved, and it may reassure him that this time there won't be another divorce. If you are thinking about a religious ceremony, the officiant may even require it.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and mother went to a movie recently. My sister became concerned that her husband and kids were locked out of the house, so she quickly took out her phone and texted her husband. It took less than 30 seconds.

A minute later a large man came down the stairs of the theater, got right in her face and began berating her - telling her she was rude for pulling out her phone. It was so upsetting that she and Mom got up and left.

I understand that she should have stepped out of the theater to text. However, the man caused more of a scene than her texting did. What makes people think it is OK

to treat people badly? - HOLLY IN KOKOMO

DEAR HOLLY: The same thing that made your sister think it was OK to use her cellphone in a darkened theater. She's lucky that all she got was a lecture because these days many people have short fuses.

DEAR ABBY: I'm the youngest of three children and I'll be graduating from high school in the spring. My parents always seemed happy with each other. They were obviously in love, and they told my brothers and me they would never get divorced. Although they had arguments, they always made up, and it never seemed to be serious.

For the last few months, my dad has been acting weird. He spends a lot of time talking to and texting "a friend" on the phone. The problem is, although the friend has a male name ("George") in his contacts, the person has a female voice. I didn't think anything about it until recently, when I turned on Dad's phone to play a game and it was open to a series of text messages between him and this "friend." What I saw made it clear that something is up. Mom knows nothing about it.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to tell anyone because I don't want our family to fall apart. But I can't stay quiet. What should I do? - BLINDSIDED IN JERSEY

DEAR BLINDSIDED: I agree that you can't keep quiet about this. What you saw was, of course, shocking - and the person you should talk to about it is your father. Sometimes when people are going through a really tough time, they do things they wouldn't ordinarily do. Your mother may - or may not - have an inkling that something is going on.

Ask your father if the text means he plans to leave the family. Then give him a deadline to come clean with your mother,

and let him know that if he doesn't, you will. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was sober for 14 years. He started drinking again two years ago. He's on probation and drinking is a clear violation of his probation. His liver enzymes are elevated, and I can't seem to find the right words to get his attention. I have thought about contacting his probation officer, but then he will be incarcerated.

Abby, I am watching the man I love drink himself to death and I'm afraid for him. Should I tell his probation officer or just watch him self-destruct? - SCARED AND CONFUSED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SCARED: The reason you can't get your husband's attention is because of the alcohol. He isn't thinking straight. As I am sure you realize, one of the hallmarks of addiction is denial. No one helps an alcoholic by enabling the person to continue drinking, and your husband definitely needs help.

While it may not be easy, talk to the probation officer so your husband can be incarcerated, dry out and become rational again. I know it is a painful choice, but watching him die of liver disease would be worse.

DEAR ABBY: Can you answer something for me? If the abbreviation for "mister" is "Mr.," then why is there an R in "Mrs." when there's no R in the word it's short for? - INQUISITIVE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR INQUISITIVE: According to my American Heritage Dictionary (4th Edition), "Mrs." is the abbreviation of the word "mistress" - an antiquated term for a married or widowed woman.

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THE LAST WORD
Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put more effort into you and what you have to offer. Update your image or take time out to spend with someone you think is special. Trying new hobbies, signing up for a course or traveling somewhere different will lead to a new relationship. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You've got all the right moves. Get in gear and start knocking chores off your to-do list. Getting together with friends or family late in the day will result in valuable information that will help you make a difficult choice. Make travel plans. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be tempted to mix business with pleasure. Make sure that you don't step over a line that can cost you financially or professionally. Love is highlighted, but keeping your personal life private will be required. Avoid secret encounters no matter how enticing. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Share your creative ideas and you will gain the confidence required to reach your goals. A partnership will be your saving grace when faced with deadlines. Greater stability will be yours if you are disciplined and finish what you start. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Enjoy the company of friends or engage in an

event that is conducive to meeting new people or experiencing something unique. You'll thrive on new opportunities and people who look at life differently. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make plans with friends or engage in a creative process that helps you develop one of your talents. Stay away from anyone you feel over-spends, overindulges or is unpredictable. Take care of any pending domestic problem quickly and move on. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Slide under the radar when dealing with personal problems at home. Say little and spend the least amount of time at home. Make plans to do something exciting, physical or creative with a friend who shares your interests. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Speak up and say what's on your mind. You cannot expect anyone to back you if you don't share your intentions. A problem at home will arise if you have been distant or uncompromising. A positive, open attitude will bring good results. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Unexpected alterations at home or at work will favor you. Don't worry about what's to come when it's important

that you focus on what you enjoy doing most and seeing where it leads you. A good opportunity will come through a partnership. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Offer suggestions, services and hands-on help, but not your hard-earned cash. Don't let someone's emotional plea lead to loss or uncertainty and confusion regarding what you should or should not do. Don't make an impulsive or irreversible move. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get serious about your future and what you have to offer. It's up to

you to make the first move and to secure your position financially, medically or emotionally. Expect visitors or changes to your home to lead to greater peace and happiness. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your thoughts a secret until you are certain you know what you are doing and who you want to include in your inner circle. A chance to formulate an agreement that will enable you to follow a creative dream should be explored. ★★

JUMBLE

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

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NICGI
DAISUR
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Ans: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: SILKY INPUT RELENT HYMNAL Answer: If the pickpocket was going to steal the man's pocket watch, he would need to - TAKE HIS TIME

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

In the Stars Astrology
This will make us a fortune!
THE ASTROLOGER'S NEW BILLBOARD WAS ----

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

(Answers tomorrow)

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Complete the grid so that numbers 1 - 144 connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally:

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WORD★Roundup™

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- Find and Circle...
 Eight European capitals
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 Two branches of the U.S. armed forces
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Puzzle Solutions on the next page.
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

PLAY4 By John Wilmes

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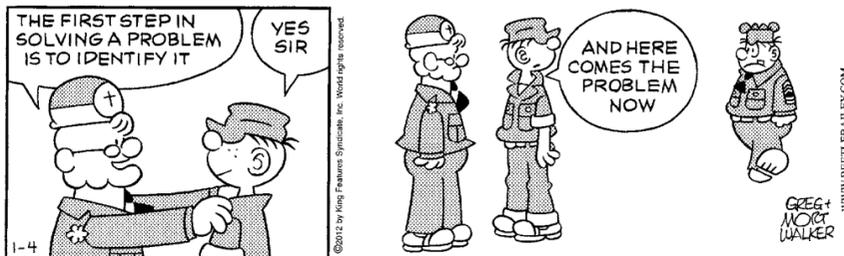
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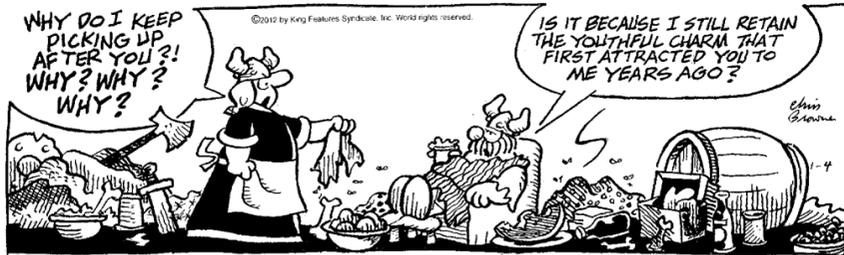
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



FOR BETTER OR WORSE



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.

“ JP VYY YGZP GE RKRXPERP NBMD IVT SM IVT; GE MSLPB JMBIR, JP VBP SLP LPBM MN MKB MJE RSBMT. ”
— DVBT DOOVBSLT

Previous Solution: “Just because you are different does not mean that you have to be rejected.” — Eartha Kitt

TODAY'S CLUE: A equals Z

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

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- 4 Crumb totter
- 7 Boring tool
- 10 Previously
- 11 Polygraph flunker
- 13 Falco or Sedgwick
- 14 Kitten's plea
- 15 Pastime
- 16 Actress — Powers
- 17 Cruise ship fares
- 19 Swindle
- 20 Big green parrot
- 21 Atlanta university
- 23 Miss Muffet's fare
- 26 Gave an evaluation
- 28 Contented sigh
- 29 Road topping
- 30 Staring at
- 34 Main points

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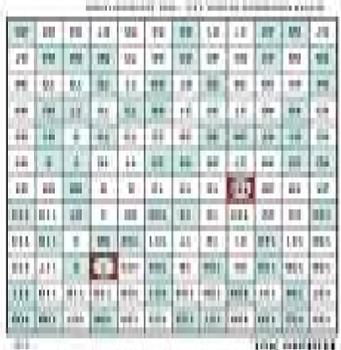
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- 24 “Bali —”
- 25 Codgers' queries
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- 29 1917 abdicator
- 31 Debt memo
- 32 Head
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- 35 Steak orders (hyph.)
- 37 Bottom floors
- 40 Ill-chosen
- 41 Banned bug spray
- 42 Make catty remarks
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- 46 Bend gracefully
- 48 Polar bear perch
- 49 Health food buy
- 50 Equally divided
- 51 Cash, in Pretoria

Answer to Previous Puzzle

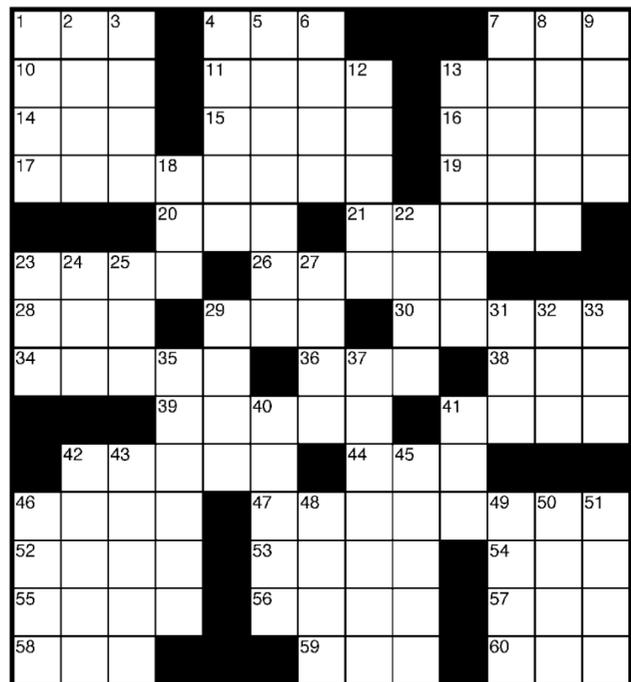
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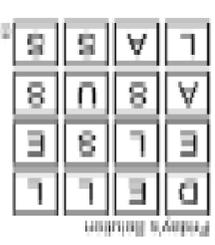


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Answers to Friday's puzzle: BRUSSELS WARSAW ATHENS LISBON BERLIN MADRID PARIS ROME / GOPHER GERBIL / JULES VERNE / ARMY NAVY / BOB

Crappie fishing mistakes

By **STEVE LIND**
Special to the Reporter

Every crappie fishermen has had his good days and bad days. The trick is to avoid the common mistakes all crappie fishermen make so you can always increase your chances of a good catch.

Most folks work full time jobs and when they go fishing, it is a release of the common stresses of life. As we are moving into crappie fishing I did some extensive research about crappie fishing and came up with the following common crappie mistakes.

■ **Patience doesn't pay with crappie.**

We have all heard folks say that patience pays when fishing. Unfortunately, that is not correct when fishing for crappie. Crappie are a schooling fish and it is important to find these schools.

■ **Casting unsharpened hooks**

Have you ever set the hook and thought you had your crappie on for sure?

The problem isn't necessarily your fishing technique, it probably is your hooks. It's important to replace your hooks frequently or spend a few moments to sharpen them. The best way to sharpen hooks is with a flat file, first filing the outside of the hook point. Next you will need a double-edged file that can be used to sharpen both sides of the point.

■ **Stopping the boat while trolling.**

It's best to have two people along when trolling for crappie. If you have multiple poles in the water when you get a fish on, you'll want to keep as many poles trolling as you can. If you stop the boat, you lose the correct depth where the fish are and will have to go through the setup all over again. With a second person, one person can keep steering the boat while the other person re-baits the poles. You'd be surprised at how many people make this mistake when trolling.

■ **Getting too close to the fish.**

The first instinct is to get

as close to the crappie as you can. But that is a huge mistake. What happens is if your boat makes a wake it can spook the fish if you get too close.

The best thing to do is to get a long cane pole, or a telescoping rod such as a brim buster, so you can reach out about 10-15 feet.

Hopefully the above information will come in handy as we roll into crappie season.

Also, keep I mind that crappie will not typically take bait that is beneath them as they have a tendency to always look up.

The bait of choice for specks are live minnows. In addition, they are a cold water fish. That's not to say you won't catch some in hotter water, but cold water is the ticket.

It is a totally different challenge than fishing for blue gill or shellcrackers, however the reward is great as crappie are the best tasting fish in the lake.

■ **Steve and Donna Lind own Tracy's Point Fishing Lodge on Lake Panasoffkee in Sumter County.**

'Rule of halves' for turkeys

By **TONY YOUNG**
FWC media relations

Whether you oversee a large tract of land or own a smaller parcel, there are many wildlife management techniques you can use to help attract and keep wild turkeys on your property.

Wild turkeys, like deer, are "edge species," because of their need for more than one type of habitat. Most of the time, with large tracts of land, this isn't a problem because the vast landscape is diverse enough.

But in the case of small acreage, one-habitat properties, it's up to you as the landowner to create varied, preferred habitats if you expect turkeys to use the property.

For optimal turkey habitat, most experts believe a "rule of halves" should be applied to the landscape. What that means is that half of the area (and if you own a small tract, then include surrounding properties) should be in mature forests and the other half in early-succession openings, such as fields or clear-cut and plantation-cut landscapes.

To create even better and more varied habitats for turkeys, you should offer differing age classes of forests and early-succession areas — and make prescribed burning a big part of your management plan. This will enable new growth of succulent, woody ornamentals, native grasses and weedy-type flowers.

Hardwood lowlands provide travel corridors that turkeys and deer use extensively and feel comfortable moving through. Most wild turkeys prefer to roost in trees over or near water, so it's important to leave these areas undisturbed and free from timbering.

Buffer strips of native grasses and woody ornamentals should be left unmowed where clear-cut areas meet pine or hardwood forests. Hens require this thick understory cover for nesting.

Good brood habitat should hold food in the form of seeds, insects and tender, new-growth vegetation for young poults to feed upon throughout the summer. It should consist of 1- to 3-foot-tall grass

and weeds open enough to enable the young poults to move about, yet dense enough to provide cover from predators.

There is great interest nationally in the planting of food plots for wildlife, including for turkeys. Within extensive closed-canopy forested areas, food plots and/or game feeders are essential to keeping turkeys on your property.

Where an open forest structure is maintained by adequate timber thinning and the use of fire, such supplemental feeding is not as necessary because there is enough natural browse vegetation on which game can feed.

When thinking about good food plot sites, avoid excessively wet or dry areas, and don't place them along heavily used roads to minimize disturbance and possible poaching.

Look to create these openings along an edge where upland pines meet a hardwood drain.

■ **Tony Young is media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management.**

FRIDAY EVENING												JANUARY 4, 2013		
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	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Last Man Standing	Malibu Country (N)	Shark Tank (N) (DVS)		(:01) 20/20 (N) (DVS)		News at 11	(:35) Nightline (N)
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Love-Raymond	Rules/Engagement	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The 10 O'Clock News (N) (DVS)		Chann 4 News	(:35) The Insider
5-PBS	5	-	Journal (DVS)	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) (DVS)		Washington Week	Need to Know	Great Performances	The 25th anniversary of "Graceland" (N) (DVS)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (DVS)	
7-CBS	7	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy (DVS)	Two and Half Men	Undercover Boss	"Mood Media" (N)	CSI: NY "Command Plus P" (N) (DVS)		Blue Bloods "Fathers and Sons" (N)		Friday Night Blitz	Letterman
9-CW	9	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	Nikita "The Sword's Edge" (DVS)		Arrow "Pilot" (DVS)		TMZ (N) (DVS)	Access Hollywood	The Office "Broke"	The Office (DVS)
10-FOX	10	30	Are We There Yet?	Family Guy (DVS)	Family Guy (DVS)	Football Pregame	College Football AT&T Cotton Bowl - Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M. From Arlington, Texas. (N Subject to Blackout) (DVS)							Action News
12-NBC	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Go On (DVS)	Go On (DVS)	Dateline NBC	A teen's murder shakes a community. (N) (DVS)			News	Jay Leno
CSPAN	14	210	350	(2:00) Politics & Public Policy Today			Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today			
WGN-A	16	239	307	Old Christine	Old Christine	America's Funniest Home Videos	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N) (DVS)		America's Funniest Home Videos	
TVLAND	17	106	304	Andy Griffith Show (:24) M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H (DVS)	M*A*S*H (DVS)	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens
OWN	18	189	279	Police Women of Memphis (DVS)			Police Women of Memphis		Police Women of Memphis		Police Women of Memphis		Police Women of Memphis	
A&E	19	118	265	Dog the Bounty Hunter (DVS)			Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Storage Wars	(:31) Storage Wars
HALL	20	185	312	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	** "A Kiss at Midnight" (2008, Romance) Faith Ford, Cameron Daddo. (DVS)		Frasier (DVS)	Frasier (DVS)	Frasier (DVS)	Frasier (DVS)
FX	22	136	248	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	** "Country Strong" (2010, Drama) Gwyneth Paltrow, Tim McGraw, Garrett Hedlund. Premiere.				** "Country Strong" (2010, Drama) Gwyneth Paltrow.			
CNN	24	200	202	(4:00) The Situation Room (N)			Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (DVS)		Anderson Cooper 360 (DVS)		Erin Burnett OutFront	
TNT	25	138	245	The Mentalist (DVS)			The Mentalist (DVS)		** "Law Abiding Citizen" (2009) Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler. (DVS)		** "Law Abiding Citizen" (2009) Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler. (DVS)		Friends (DVS)	Friends (DVS)
NIK	26	170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Marvin Marvin	Marvin Marvin	Full House (DVS)	Full House (DVS)	The Nanny (DVS)	The Nanny (DVS)	Friends (DVS)
SPIKE	28	168	241	(3:30) ** "The Guardian" (2006)			**** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Karen Allen. Premiere.				*** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984) Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw. Premiere.			
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H (DVS)	M*A*S*H (DVS)	Monk "Mr Monk and the Miracle"	Monk Monk's half-brother. (DVS)		Seinfeld (DVS)	Seinfeld (DVS)	The Twilight Zone	Perry Mason (DVS)
DISN	31	172	290	Good Luck Charlie	Jessie "Badfellas" (DVS)		Austin & Jessie & Ally All Star		*** "Tangled" (2010) Voices of Mandy Moore. Premiere.		Tangled Ever After		Dog With a Blog	Good Luck Charlie
LIFE	32	108	252	Hoarders "Beverly; Megan" (DVS)			Hoarders "Ron; Carol" (DVS)		Hoarders "Anna; Claire and Vance" (DVS)		Hoarders "Debra & Patty" (DVS)		Teen Trouble "Asmara" (N) (DVS)	(:01) Teen Trouble "Jacob" (DVS)
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	"Over/Under" (2013, Drama) Steven Pasquale, Caroline Dhavernas. Premiere.		One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand
BET	34	124	329	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	"Top 10 Countdown" The top 10 videos. (N)		One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand	One Mic Stand
ESPN	35	140	206	(5:00) High School Football	Under Armour All-American Game. (N)		Ⓢ NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat. From the AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami. (N)		Ⓢ NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat. From the AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami. (N)		Ⓢ NBA Basketball: Lakers at Clippers			
ESPN2	36	144	209	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (DVS)			NFL Kickoff (N) (Live) (DVS)		Ⓢ College Basketball Memphis at Tennessee. (N)		Ⓢ Boxing Rances Barthelemy vs. Arash Usmanee. (N) (DVS)		Future Phenoms	GatorZone
SUNSP	37	-	-	Prep Zone Spo	Inside the Heat		Inside the HEAT	3 Wide Life					Inside the HEAT	Inside Israeli Bask.
DISCV	38	182	278	Gold Rush "Game Changer" (DVS)			Gold Rush Dave pushes his crew.		Gold Rush "Pay Dirt: Up Smith Creek"		Gold Rush "Leprechaun Gold" (N)		Bering Sea Gold "Point of No Return"	Gold Rush "Leprechaun Gold" (DVS)
TBS	39	139	247	King of Queens	Seinfeld (DVS)	Seinfeld (DVS)	Seinfeld (DVS)	House of Payne	House of Payne	Better Worse	Better Worse	** "Failure to Launch" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Matthew McConaughey. (DVS)	Mystery Detectives	Mystery Detectives
HLN	40	202	204	(5:00) Evening Express			Jeane Velez-Mitchell (N)		Nancy Grace Mysteries	Mystery Detectives	Mystery Detectives	Mystery Detectives	Mystery Detectives	Nancy Grace Mysteries
FNC	41	205	360	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)			The FOX Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N) (DVS)		Hannity (N)		On the Record W/Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (DVS)
E!	45	114	236	Love You, Mean It	The Soup		E! News (N)		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	E! Special (N)	Love You, Mean It
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern			Bizarre Foods Tombstone, Ariz.		Ghost Adventures "Do Not Disturb"		Ghost Adventures "Home Sweet Hell"		The Dead Files "Burned Alive" (N)	Ghost Adventures "Ancient Ram Inn"
HGTV	47	112	229	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Selling Spelling Manor (DVS)		Castles on Camera: Royal Residences		House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l
TLC	48	183	280	Randy Knobs	Randy Knobs	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Randy Knobs	Randy Knobs
HIST	49	120	269	American Pickers "The World's Fastest"			American Pickers "Frank's Dog Days"		American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	(:02) American Pickers (DVS)	American Pickers (DVS)
ANPL	50	184	282	Infested! "Spreading Too Fast" (DVS)			Infested! Campers battle bedbugs.		Infested! "The Nastiest Battles" (DVS)		Infested! "Houses of Horror" (N)		Infested! "The Most Horrifying" (DVS)	Infested! "Houses of Horror" (DVS)
FOOD	51	110	231	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Restaurant: Impossible		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Mystery Diners (N)	Mystery Diners	Diners, Drive
TBN	52	260	372	(5:00) Praise the Lord			Sid Roth - It's Su	The Potter's Touch		Behind the Scenes	Hal Lindsey		Praise the Lord (DVS)	
FSN-FL	56	-	-	The Game 365	Halls of Fame		World Poker Tour: Season 10		Boxing Golden Boy: Jesús Soto Karass vs. Euri González.				Sports Unlimited	Action Sports World Tour
SYFY	58	122	244	Merlin "The Sword in the Stone" (DVS)			Merlin "The Sword in the Stone" (DVS)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (DVS)				Merlin "Arthur's Bane" (DVS)	Being Human Josh wants to tell Julia.
AMC	60	130	254	(5:30) *** "The Karate Kid Part II" (1986, Drama) Ralph Macchio. (DVS)			Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos (DVS)		*** "Enter the Dragon" (1973) Bruce Lee. A kung fu expert is sent to infiltrate an island fortress.		*** "Shanghai Noon" (2000, Comedy) Jackie Chan. (DVS)		Jeff Dunham: Minding the Monsters	Jeff Dunham: Minding the Monsters
COM	62	107	249	It's Always Sunny in	Tosh.0 (DVS)		Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos (DVS)		Jeff Dunham: Minding the Monsters	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos (DVS)			Jeff Dunham: Minding the Monsters	Jeff Dunham: Minding the Monsters
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NGWILD	108	190	283	Dog Whisperer A pit-miss escape artist.			Built for the Kill "Great White Sharks"		Shark Attack Experiment	Shark Attack Experiment	Shark Attack Experiment	Shark Attack Experiment	Shark Attack Experiment	Shark Attack Experiment
NGC	109	186	276	(4:00) Inside the Vietnam War			Cocaine Sub Hunt		Cocaine Wars "Airport Sting"		Inside Cocaine Submarines		Cocaine Wars "Drug Speedboats"	Cocaine Wars "Drug Speedboats"
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3-ABC	3	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	Entertainment Tonight (N) (DVS)		Once Upon a Time "Broken" (DVS)		Once Upon a Time "The Crocodile"		Once Upon a Time "Tallahassee"		News at 11	Crook & Chase
4-IND	4	4	Chann 4 News	Paid Program	30 Rock (DVS)	30 Rock (DVS)	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	News	Inside Edition	Chann 4 News	First Baptist
5-PBS	5	-	The Lawrence Welk Show		Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	*** "An Affair to Remember" (1957, Romance) Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.		The Mentalist (DVS)		48 Hours (N) (DVS)		Austin City Limits "Jack White" (N)	Front Row Center (DVS)
7-CBS	7	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Action Sports 360 - Year End Review	The Mentalist (DVS)			48 Hours (N) (DVS)		48 Hours "Ditto" (N) (DVS)		Action Sports 360	Two and Half Men
9-CW	9	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	Daryl's House	Like, Love	The Crook and Chase Show (DVS)		YourJax Music	Jacksonville	I Know Jax	Local Haunts
10-FOX	10	30	Are We There Yet?	The First Family	Mr. Box Office	The Following	Cops (N) (DVS)	Cops (PA) (DVS)	The Mob Doctor "Resurrection" (N)		News	Action Sports 360	MasterChef "Top 4 Compete"	
12-NBC	12	12	Ⓢ NFL Football AFC Wild-Card Game	Ⓢ NFL Football AFC Wild-Card Game	Ⓢ NFL Football AFC Wild-Card Game	Ⓢ NFL Football AFC Wild-Card Game	Ⓢ NFL Football NFC Wild-Card Game	Ⓢ NFL Football NFC Wild-Card Game	Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers. (N) (DVS)				News	Sat. Night Live
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WGN-A	16	239	307	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (DVS)			America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine	Bones Skeleton is encased in concrete.
TVLAND	17	106	304	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond
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NASCAR INSIDER

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Rearview mirror 2012

From Daytona to Homestead, it was a season to remember

As the calendar rolls over from 2012 to 2013, and the NASCAR guys and gals get away from the tracks for a few weeks, it's time to look back at the big stories of the recently completed Sprint Cup season.

It's often been said that the season-opening Daytona 500, NASCAR's biggest race, sets the tone for the entire year.

First, there was the rain that came on race day and forced the only rainout of the history of the 500. But the news wasn't all bad, because that put NASCAR racing live on prime time TV for the first time ever. That switch led to the highest number of viewers ever to watch a FOX race broadcast.

Then there was the fire, when Juan Pablo Montoya lost control of his car and slammed into a jet dryer, igniting a spectacular blaze and causing a two-hour delay while repairs were made to the track.

Luckily for NASCAR, just as it looked like the TV audience might tune out because of the delay, Brad Keselowski whipped out his cell phone and began Tweeting about the incident. In addition to gaining about 100,000 Twitter followers, he gave NASCAR's social media initiative a huge boost.

Later in the season, NASCAR decided cell phones in race cars were a bad idea and fined Keselowski \$25,000 for Tweeting from his car during a red flag at Phoenix.

Finally, at the end of the 500, there was Matt Kenseth winning his second Daytona 500. That victory, in addition to his solid performance throughout the season, made his mid-year announcement that he was leaving his Roush-Fenway Racing team for Joe Gibbs Racing even more startling.

He's taking over the No. 20 Toyota formerly driven by Joey Logano, who is moving to the No. 22 at Penske Racing as a teammate to Keselowski.

Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s strong runner-up run at Daytona was the start of a comeback season for NASCAR's most popular driver.

He broke a 143-race winless streak at Michigan in June and made the cut for the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

Also grabbing headlines at Daytona were the rules infractions by Jimmie Johnson's No. 48 crew. NASCAR initially suspended crew chief Chad Knaus and car chief Ron Malec, docked the team 25 points and fined Knaus \$100,000 for improper modifications to their car.

The team appealed, and in a stunning move, NASCAR Chief Appellate Officer John Middlebrook overturned the most damaging parts of the penalties, leaving in place only the fine against Knaus.

The drama that began at Daytona continued throughout the season. Both races at Bristol Motor Speedway produced interesting results. The Food City 500 in March, won by Keselowski, saw seas of empty seats in the grandstands, prompting track owner Bruton Smith to grind portions of the pavement in an attempt to bring back the "old Bristol" that



The start of the 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Daytona 500 on February 27 in Daytona Beach, Fla. (NASCAR photo)



Kyle Busch, driver of the No. 18 Toyota, and Brad Keselowski, driver of the No. 2 Dodge, in an incident during the Finger Lakes 355 at the Glen at Watkins Glen International on August 12. (NASCAR photo)

often saw slam-bang racing because of the lack of multiple grooves.

But when the night race in August got under way, the top of the track that had been ground in an attempt to keep drivers on the bottom, actually proved to be the preferred line.

But fans were entertained as in the past, thanks in large part to Tony Stewart and Matt Kenseth.

After the two crashed while racing for the lead, Stewart got out of his car and threw his helmet at Kenseth's car, bouncing it off the front end.

Denny Hamlin took the win, one of his five for the season.

NASCAR's return trip to Daytona in July produced another stunning story.

Just before the start of the race, NASCAR announced that Penske Racing driver A.J. Allmendinger had been temporarily suspended from NASCAR because he didn't pass a random drug test.

He was replaced by Sam Hornish Jr. Allmendinger soon completed NASCAR's Road to Recovery program and rejoined the series in Charlotte in October. He ran a total of four races for Phoenix Racing.

The Finger Lakes 355 at Watkins Glen on Aug. 12 turned out to be more significant than most races.

Kyle Busch, who put aside much of his participation in the Nationwide and Camping World Truck series to concentrate on winning a Sprint Cup championship, was in position to essentially sew up a Chase berth before the last lap at the Glen.

But while leading on the final circuit, he spun after contact with Brad Keselowski, who finished second in the race.

Marcos Ambrose then made a daring move on Keselowski to get the victory, which helped his Richard Petty Motorsports team continue to receive much-needed funding from Ford Motor Company.

As for Busch, he missed the cut for the Chase and finished the season with just one Cup win and none in either the Nationwide or Truck Series. That's in contrast to 2011 when he had 18 combined wins, to 2010 when he had 24 and to 2009 when he had 21.

Safety also was an issue in 2012. Dale Earnhardt Jr. was among those saying early on that racing is plenty safe these days.

"The cars are safe, and we are not in physical danger of injury," he said at Watkins Glen.

But just a few weeks later, on Aug. 29, Earnhardt suffered a concussion in a hard crash during a tire test at Kansas Speedway. He kept his injuries to himself until a second crash, at Talladega Superspeedway on Oct. 7.

At that point he was diagnosed with concussions and was forced to miss the next two races. He wound up 12th in the final points standings



Dale Earnhardt Jr. (NASCAR photo)

and had 10 top-five finishes for the season, but none after the Kansas crash.

The 10-race championship-deciding Chase for the Sprint Cup played out in dramatic fashion as it boiled down to a one-on-one between Keselowski, in his third full year of Sprint Cup racing, and the five-time champion, Johnson, in his 11th.

Keselowski won the Chase opener at Chicagoland Speedway and was never lower than second in points throughout the final 10 races. Johnson came on strong at the end, winning at Martinsville and Texas and holding the points lead after those two races.

But in the next-to-last race at Phoenix, Johnson crashed hard and fell to 20 points behind Keselowski entering the finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

In the Ford 400, pit strategy had put Johnson in position to win the race and possibly the championship before a penalty on pit road put him behind. Then a mechanical issue with the rear gear on his No. 48 sealed the title for Keselowski, who raced conservatively and finished 15th.

Johnson's struggles opened the door for Clint Bowyer to take the runner-up spot in the standings, capping off a remarkable three-win first season with Michael Waltrip Racing.

Bowyer also was involved in a couple of "old-school" NASCAR moments. His risky move in the closing laps in the first Martinsville race caused a crash that ended what would have been a storybook moment for team owner Rick Hendrick. Two of his drivers, Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, were at the front of the pack and in position to claim the 200th Cup win for Hendrick at the track where he got his first Cup victory and where he lost family members and friends in a plane crash.

Instead, they were collected in a crash that set the stage for a win by Ryan Newman.

But Bowyer didn't get off scot-free. In the next-to-last race of the year, at Phoenix, Gordon paid him back by intentionally wrecking him. Then, in the final race of the year, the race for the win came down to none other than Gordon and Bowyer.

Gordon won the race, the 87th victory of his Cup career. Bowyer's second-place finish gave him a one-point edge over Jimmie Johnson in the race for the runner-up spot in the standings.

A great start at Daytona and an equally thrilling ending at Homestead made for one memorable season and raise high hopes for the new NASCAR year.

NOTEBOOK

NASCAR unveils personnel moves

NASCAR has announced several changes in its competition department. Joe Balash, who has served as the Nationwide Series director since 2004, will become international Competition Liaison, working with NASCAR circuits in Mexico, Canada and Europe.

Wayne Auton moves up from his post as director of the Camping World Truck Series to take Balash's old job with the Nationwide Series. He will be replaced by Chad Little, who leaves his job as director of the Whelen Modified Tour.

Balash now will report to Richard Buck, who has been promoted to managing director, Competition GRAND-AM and managing director, Touring Series NASCAR. Auton and Little will continue to report to John Darby, managing director, competition and Sprint Cup Series director.

Brad Moran, now the Canadian Tire Series director, will serve in the role of director of Touring Series, NASCAR, and will report to Buck.

Bayne announces engagement

2011 Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne announced by Twitter and Facebook that he's engaged to Ashton Clapp. "Well Ladies and Gentlemen, she said yes," Bayne said in a message accompanied by a photo of the two of them at a ski slope.

Former driver 'Crawfish' Crider dies

Former NASCAR driver Curtis "Crawfish" Crider died last week at his home near Daytona Beach, Fla. The Abbeville, S.C., native made 232 starts in the series now known as Sprint Cup from 1959-1965. He had 14 top-five and 70 top-10 finishes.



NASCAR's Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (left) and Joey Logano (right) kiss U.S. Army Specialist Katherine Kelley, 28, during a December USO tour to Kuwait and Germany. (USO Photo)

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

5 Cup wins in 2012 by Brad Keselowski, Jimmie Johnson and Denny Hamlin, tops among drivers

4 Poles in 2012 by Mark Martin, Kasey Kahne and Jimmie Johnson, the most among Sprint Cup drivers

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Beautiful log home located on 5 ac, well maintained, wrap around porch. MLS 75550 \$189,000 Missy Zecher 623-0237 **REMAX PROFESSIONALS**

Eastside Village Realty, Inc. MLS #80401 - \$60,000. Must be 55+ 130x750 right on Suwannee, Beautiful lot, minutes from Royal Springs, Denise Bose 752-5290

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Eastside Village Realty, Inc. MLS #76668 - \$32,000 Must be 55+, Buildable lot for site built homes only. In Forest Country. Call Denise Bose 752-5290

Great home, Emerald Lakes, well kept, split floor plan, oversized family room. MLS# 79733 **REMAX PROFESSIONALS** Missy Zecher 623-0237 \$169,900

Great starter, corner lot, needs some TLC, close to town MLS 81784 \$90,000 Missy Zecher 623-0237 **REMAX PROFESSIONALS**

810 Home for Sale

3br/2ba plus office, 2103 heated sqft, wood floors, large patio MLS # 81984 **Swift Creek Realty.** \$229,900 (386) 496-0499

58 Ac, Suwannee County, 3br/2ba newly remodeled horse barns & tack. MLS 81002 **Swift Creek Realty.** \$650,000 (386) 496-0499

Access Realty Gorgeous views 3bd/3ba on Lake Montgomery, Elevator, fishing dock & jacuzzi. MLS 81438 \$249,900. Patti Taylor 386-623-6896

Access Realty - Spacious 4 bd/3ba Cypress Lake w/ 3643 sqft 1.25 acres on lake. Vaulted ceilings. MLS 81314 - \$279,900. Patti Taylor 386-623-6896

Access Realty- Two story 1895 Victorian house w/ electrical upgrades throughout, double-deck porches, MLS 71594 - \$149,900. Patti Taylor 386-623-6896

Beautiful 2 story w/ upgrades, open kitchen, granite counter tops, great room w/ stone f/p. MLS 81994 **Century 21 Darby Rogers** 752-6575, \$435,000

Coldwell Banker Bishop Realty Country Home, 3br 3 bath, spacious, close to Suwannee & Santa Fe River MLS 81775, \$169,900 Elaine Tolar 755-6488

Coldwell Banker Bishop Realty MLS 80175, 4br 3ba & 2.5 ba colonial, 3 fireplaces \$315,000 Mary Brown Whitehurst. 965-0887

Coldwell Banker Bishop Realty 3br 3ba home with a two story duplex. Owner Financing MLS 80915, Elaine Tolar 365-1548

Coldwell Banker Bishop Realty Building lots: May-Fair, Cannon Creek, Creek Run & Meadow View. Elaine Tolar 386-365-1548

Coldwell Banker Bishop Realty Home with 5+ ac 3b 2.5 ba, large kitchen covered deck MLS 81630 Elaine Tolar 365-1548

Coldwell Banker Bishop Realty 230 Acres, Col. Co. Paved Rd. 752-4211 MLS 70453

Country home, wood burning f/p, granite counter tops, vaulted ceilings in living room. **Century 21 Darby Rogers** 752-6575 MLS 82022, \$240,000

Custom home, located on 6.05 ac. Pecan grove w/ rolling hills in Equestrian Comm. **Remax Professionals** Missy Zecher 623-0237 \$269,000 MLS 81075

Eastside Village Realty, Inc. MLS #81959 - Must be 55+, 2br/2ba, \$79,900. Site Built Home w/eat in kitchen, laundry rm, scrn porch. Denise Bose @ 752-5290

Eastside Village Realty, Inc. MLS #81958-, \$115,000. Must be 55+, 3br/2ba, Site Built w/ lots of room, split plan mstr suite, FL. Rm. Call Denise Bose 752-5290

Hallmark Real Estate Brick Home on 6.3 acres 4bd 2.5ba with large 32X20 Deck & Gazebo. Solid wood cabinets . Kay Priest(386)365-8888 MLS#82488

Hallmark Real Estate Short Sale Brick home corner lot 2600 SQFT, fenced back yard. Located minutes from town. Paula Lawrence (386)623-1973 MLS 82491

Ichetucknee River 3br/2ba