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Space Night a big draw at Summers. 3A

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3 killed in crash

PATRICK SCOTT/Special to the Reporter

FHP Trooper Mark Birchard speaks with MCpl. Linda Albriton at the scene of a fatal three-car crash off US 441 Friday.

Couple, along with unborn son, perish.

From staff reports

A crash on US441 took three lives Friday, including the unborn child of the fatally-injured driver. Four others were hurt, three seriously.

Jennifer Lee Anne Duncan, 20, Lake City, and her boyfriend, Kenneth Patrick Pelletier, 21, Orlando, died in the crash, according to an FHP media release. Duncan was six months pregnant with a boy, the release said.

Duncan had turned onto the southbound lanes of US 441 at SW Catherine Road in a 2008 Smart Passion at 1 p.m. when David Lee Huckaba, 29, Lake City, "swerved back into the southbound lane" behind her after passing a line of southbound traffic headed uphill.

Huckaba's 1994 Camaro struck the right rear of Duncan's Passion, a micro compact vehicle, spinning it into the path of a northbound 2004 Chevy Cavilier driven by Matthew Keven Schroader, 36, Lake City.

The Cavalier struck the right side of the Passion, ejecting Duncan and Pelletier. FHP said they were not wearing seat belts.

Schroader suffered serious injury, as did passengers Charletta Willette Beasole, 39, Lake City, and Sarah Schroader, 15. A third passenger, Joshua Lee. 22, suffered minor injuries.

All four were taken to Shands Health at UF.

None was wearing a seat belt, according to FHP.

Huckaba, who was wearing a seat belt, was unhurt, an FHP media release said.

Charges are pending investigation, FHP said.

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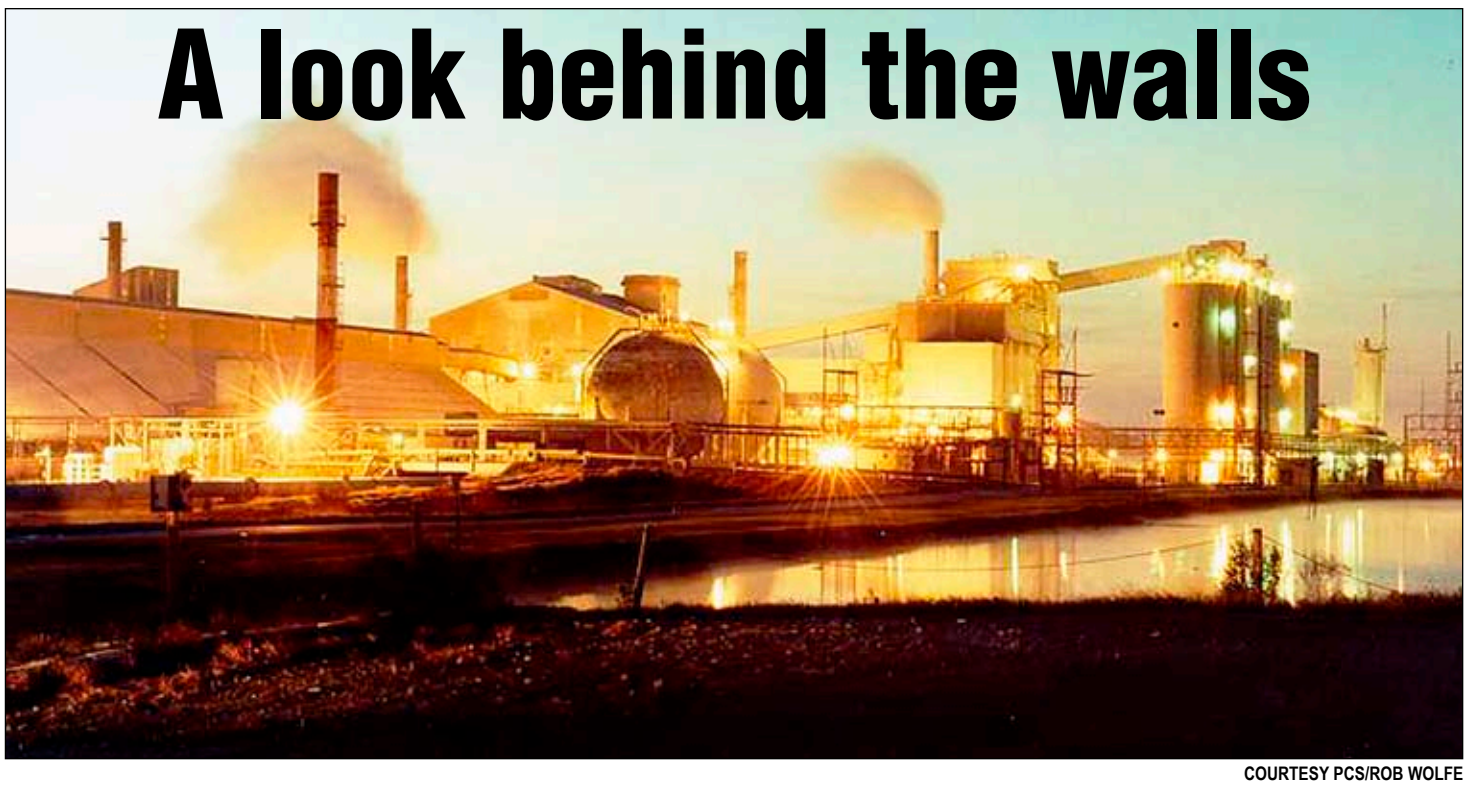
A look behind the walls



COURTESY PCS/ROB WOLFE

Plant changed Suwannee River Valley forever

By STEVEN RICHMOND
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Armand Hammer, president and CEO of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, dug a shovel into the earth of Hamilton County on Oct. 31, 1964—the phosphate boom had found its way to North Florida.

Residents of Hamilton, Suwannee and Columbia counties now know that site to be the home of PotashCorp-White Springs.

Occidental, or "Oxy," developed that land into a $35 million phosphate mining and processing operation that was "expected to transform [the] economy of Northeast Florida within the decade," according to the Florida Journal of Commerce in Dec. 1964.

To put that in perspective, $35 million in 1964 dollars roughly equates to $255,660,000 today.

COURTESY PCS

Occidental Petroleum CEO Armand Hammer is seen giving a speech in the 1960s. **ABOVE:** The PotashCorp–White Springs facility is seen at night.

The capital investment was so large that White Springs opened the doors to its newly organized Chamber of Commerce Dec. 18 the same year and spurred the Town of Jasper, Hamilton's county seat, to seek an $800,000 bond issue for civic and infrastructural improvements in April of '65.

"It's been in a landmark within the community," PotashCorp-White Springs Public Affairs Manager Mike Williams said. "Basically this was the first major modern industry that came to Hamilton County."

PotashCorp of Saskatchewan, Inc. purchased all outstanding shares of White Springs Agricultural Chemicals Ltd. from Oxy for $291.5 million and became the new managing company of the Hamilton County phosphate operation in 1995.

However, PotashCorp announced Tuesday that it will close the doors to the Suwannee River chemical plant, part of its White Springs operation, by the second half of 2014. The

PCS *continued on 6A*

Hunter, Kraus seek No. 2 job at county

From staff reports

As Lisa Roberts prepares to leave her position as assistant county manager of Columbia County, 50 applicants have submitted their resumes for consideration.

According to current Columbia County Manager Dale Williams, the field should be narrowed and finalists selected sometime by early January.

Williams said he and his staff will be looking for a candidate who could replace him once he retires in a few years.

Here are some notable applicants:

•**Glenn Hunter**—President and GM of Hunter Printing and former Columbia County School Board member;

•**David Kraus**—Columbia County Safety Manager, former manager, City of Lake City;

•**James Douglas Drymon**—Deputy City Manager and Interim Airport Manager of Leesburg, Economic Stimulus Coordinator of Alachua County, City Manager of Archer, Lake Park, Dade City and Wallace, N.C.;

•**Michael Brillhart**—St. Lucie County Strategy Director, City Administrator of Paris, Ill.;

•**Torey Alston**—Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice-Mayor and Office of Commissioner Albert Jones at the Broward County Board of Commissioners, State of Florida Executive Director Office of Efficient Government;

•**Ronald Akins**—Alachua County Administrative Support Manager;

•**Loren Wickham**—City Planner of Nisswa, Minn.;

APPLICANTS *continued on 6A*

District, teachers union at odds over state-mandated pay hikes

District wants to give non-instructional workers bonuses.

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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Doyle

Huddleston

Porter

After 34 school districts have finalized payments for teacher pay raises, Columbia County still finds itself in the midst of negotiations between the local school district and the county teachers union.

The school board had hoped to issue payments before the holiday break; but according to School Superintendent Terry Huddleston on Friday, an agreement has not be made between the two parties.

"I know it's frustrating the teachers, especially right here at the holidays," Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) said. "From what I understand, the union doesn't agree with the approach the district wants to use to distribute the dollars. ... A lot of districts around the state, and I think Columbia County as well, want to give it to non-instructional personnel too."

Every time we've lost money in the past, we walked away peacefully and said we understand the district's having a difficult financial time.

— Kevin Doyle, teachers union president

In January 2013, Gov. Rick Scott announced a plan to give every classroom teacher in Florida a $2,500 raise. The Legislature allocated $480 million to fund the proposal, and told districts to negotiate the salary increases locally. According to the Florida Department of Education, the funds remain at a state level until the district has submitted a board-approved distribution plan. The department continued by stating that classroom teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, psychologist, librarians, principals and assistant principals are all eligible to receive funds from the allocation— as well as charter and virtual teachers.

Locally, however, Columbia County did not receive enough funds to provide the full amount proposed to all 720 teachers employed by the district. FDOE allocated $1,651,417 to Columbia, and $91,662 of those funds will be sent to area charter schools. Based on those calculations, that will leave approximately $2,166 for instructional personnel only without including benefits. If the district decides to spread the funds to non-instructional positions, the amount will be further reduced.

"No district, to my knowledge, received enough to give $2,500 to every

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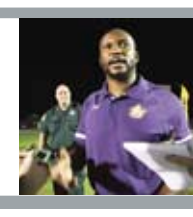

TODAY IN SPORTS
Coach Allen offers locker room insight.

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Wednesday:
6-9-11-31-44-25

AROUND FLORIDA

Police: Man left child in car outside strip club

FORT MYERS Florida man is facing child neglect charges after allegedly leaving an infant in a locked car outside a Fort Myers strip club.

Police arrested 21-year-old Andrew Sosa after they found the infant in the back seat of a Kia Optima in the parking lot of the Lookers strip club. A bystander had flagged down an officer, who smashed a window to get the child out.

NBC2 in Fort Myers reports that the four-month old girl was sweating and covered in vomit. She was taken to a local children's hospital and treated for mild dehydration and is expected to recover.

Police say the infant was left alone for more than three hours while Sosa was inside the strip club. A judge set the suspect's bond on Saturday at $100,000.

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Officially open for business — and births

Doctors and staff members from Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the hospitals new birthing center, which includes 14 rooms with brand new, state-of-the-art equipment.

Workers charged with stealing wire

FORT LAUDERDALE — Workers at a construction site for the new FBI headquarters in South Florida have been charged with stealing thousands of dollars in copper wire.

The three men work for a subcontractor at the site in Miramar, west of Fort Lauderdale. The Miami Herald reports that they added unnecessarily large amounts of electrical wire needed for the job, then got caught trying to sell the extra for more than $23,000.

A complaint filed in federal court says the FBI learned of the scheme through a confidential informant.

The three men were each granted $150,000 bail at a hearing this week and will be arraigned at a later date.

The new FBI building off Interstate 75 is scheduled to open in fall 2014.

Mayor's arrest uncovers scandal

SWEETWATER — Until federal agents began swarming over the city the past several months, Sweetwater seemed as nondescript as its City Hall — a three-story concrete box surrounded by working-class homes and an auto repair shop, tamale stand and passport office down the street.

Now, the tiny West Miami-Dade city is quickly becoming famous for something other than its perennial flooding problems and the quirky fact that it was founded by Russian circus midgets.

The city's disgraced mayor and a lobbyist crony — both convicted last month in federal court — admitted pocketing $60,000 in kickbacks after getting nailed in an FBI sting operation. But the bust only scratched the surface of a culture of corruption that has infested City Hall, which is shared by Sweetwater officials and the police department.

Federal agents are trying to unravel the tangled tentacles of ex-Mayor Manny Marono's association with a towing company, in which he has been a suspected silent partner. The city's no-bid, verbal agreement with Southland The Towing Company, which state records show the mayor once owned, filled police coffers with wads of cash from fines — funds controlled by the recently resigned police chief, a Marono ally. Some of that cash, deposited into a postal-type box inside the police department, was found to be missing.

The arrangement also gave Sweetwater and the towing company the opportunity to sell dozens of seized cars at auction. And it gave some police officers the chance to take joy rides in luxury vehicles, including an ultra-sleek Porsche Panamera.

Couple killed crossing US 1

MALABAR — Authorities say a central Florida couple died after being struck by a car while walking across U.S. 1 in central Florida.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports that 77-year-old Carl Burch and 70-year-old Mary Burch were crossing the street Thursday night when they were hit. Both died at the scene, and the car's driver sustained minor injuries.

There are no crosswalks or traffic lights in the area of the crash.

No charges were immediately filed. The crash remains under investigation.

■ Associated Press

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Year after Newtown, gun rift deepens

NEWTOWN In the moment, Newtown's children became our own.

Staring at photographs of their freckled faces, hair tucked into barrettes and baseball caps, a country divided by politics, geography, race, class and belief was united in mourning. And as their deaths confronted Americans with vexing questions about guns and violence, there were calls to turn that shared grief into a collective search for answers.

"These tragedies must end," President Barack Obama said, two nights after the mass shooting left 20 first-graders and six educators dead. "And to end them, we must change."

Now, a year has passed. But the unity born of tragedy has given way to ambivalence and deepened division.

Today, half of Americans say the country needs stricter gun laws — down since spiking last December but higher than two years ago. And the ranks of those who want easier access to guns — though far fewer than those who support expanding gun control — are now at their highest level since Gallup began asking the question in 1990. Even when the public found some common ground, widely supporting expanded background checks for gun purchases, lawmakers could not agree.

In our towns, in our neighborhoods, the discord is striking.

In Webster, N.Y. — where two firefighters were shot and killed last Christmas Eve — an advocate of gun control is discouraged by the hostile response to his effort to get people to rethink old attitudes. In Nelson, Ga., each of two men who took opposite sides in the debate over a local law requiring everyone to own a gun says the other side won't listen to reason. In Newtown, itself, a gun owner says the rush to bring the town together has left people like him marginalized.

People are digging in.

"I wish people could come to a table and say we all want the same thing. We want our kids to be safe. Now how are we going to do that?" says Carla Barzetti of Newtown, who backs her husband's support of firearms ownership, yet feels personally uncomfortable around guns. "I don't think the grown-ups are setting a very good example."

COURTESY

CHS places 1st in High-Q Conference

The Columbia High School Academic Team competed in the High-Q Conference, which is a series of trivia competitions against high school teams all over North Florida. The CHS Varsity team came in first place in the Beta District competition this Thursday. They will now move on to the conference championship in January in Ponte Vedra. Pictured are Allison Duren (from left), Shyan Christie, Priyanka Patel, Brian Dunn, and Carlos Diaz.

LeBron James to co-star in comedy movie 'Ballers'

CHICAGO — LeBron James is taking his game to the silver screen.

The Miami Heat superstar confirmed reports before Thursday's game against the Chicago Bulls that he will co-star with Kevin Hart in the comedy "Ballers." Hart plays the brother of an NBA star who gets a chance to prove himself at a fantasy basketball camp in Miami.

James says the opportunity to work with Hart was a product of their "friendship" and "mutual respect." He says the role is "something I could relate to, as far as fantasy basketball and guys wanting to be basketball players" who "never had really had the great opportunity to be a professional athlete."

Venezuela's president tightens grip on media

CARACAS, Venezuela — Even while Venezuelans endure their toughest economic crisis in 15 years of socialist rule, the opposition has been largely knocked from public view by what they claim is a government-led campaign to intimidate media outlets that give airtime to the opposition and the nation's mounting woes.

Between January and September, the number of attacks on journalists, cases of harassment and reports of censorship has risen 56 percent compared with the first nine months of 2012, according to a complaint filed by press freedom groups in October to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Even more damaging has been the sale of several media outlets once critical of the government to owners who more closely follow the official line.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

■ Keyboardist Gregg Allman, from the Allman Brothers, is 66.
■ Teri Hatcher, "Desperate Housewives," is 39.
■ Actor Ian Joseph Somerhalder, Boone Carlyle from "LOST," is 35.
■ Artist Nikki Minaj is 31.
■ NBA star Dwight Howard, now playing for the Houston Rockets, is 28.

Thought for Today

"Don't be pushed by your problems. Be led by your dreams."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Scripture of the Day

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" — 1 Peter 1:10

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Space Night was out of this world

COURTESY PHOTOS

ABOVE LEFT: Dianna Swisher poses in a piece of art and looks like an astronaut in space. **ABOVE:** Space night participants.

Heather Geibieg aka "Mrs. Frizzle" with 1st grade daughter Katy Lyn Geibieg stand in front of the moon rover.

By TONY BRITT
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A school project that began as Summers Elementary students sought knowledge about space and stars turned out to be a community unifying project where everyone increased their knowledge about the galaxy.

The school on Thursday held Space Night, which more than 1,000 people attended to learn about the final frontier.

"The reason we wanted to do this for our school is we knew our children wouldn't have the opportunity to get this hand's on experience and in looking at our science standards, space is covered in VPK through fifth grade," said Dianna Swisher, a Summers Elementary School teacher.

Summers Elementary School fifth graders, along with fifth graders across the state, are required to take the science portion of the FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test), which includes questions dealing with space and astronomy.

"Twenty-two percent of the science FCAT is based on space," Swisher said. "As a school wide unit this is something they can continually build on as go through each grade."

The program coincides with a state- and nationwide push to bolster learning in STEM, science, technology, engineering and math.

The Space Night activities took place from 5 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday and more than 1,000 people attended, including every member of the school's faculty.

The exhibits the audience and students viewed were in the school's physical education area and the all-purpose building. In addition a planetarium was set up there.

"This was such a big undertaking for our school," Swisher said. "We have a new principal this year and she is very science-based and she is leading our school in that science strong direction. It was an amazing turnout for summers for community outreach."

"This project has been a culmination of the whole school coming together," said Amy Stanton, Summers Elementary School principal. "This was absolutely a different way for a community to come together with science."

The planetarium was a 25x25 foot exhibit that was 10-feet tall. It showed a night in the sky, including the moon phases as seen from earth. The exhibitor was flown in from Texas to lead the demonstration and also answered questions from students and the audience afterward. The demonstration lasted approximately 20 minutes per show.

"It was supposed to conclude at 8:30 p.m., but he did demonstrations until 9 p.m. because so many people wanted see it," Swisher said. "They waited in line for more than an hour to see it."

Each class did a science project and judges were brought in to determine who had the best space project from each grade level.

Stanton promised to reward the student winners, as well as their teachers, by offering them a "Snow Day" where she teaches the science lesson.

"I'm a science girl and when we were talking about doing a big community event, we thought that space is something highly covered in all of our grades that the kids learn from pre-school to fifth grade and on," Stanton said. "We thought why not do this on parent involvement night. It was unbelievable."

It's a family and sibling affair: Shavor and Aniyah Weston are seen at Summers Elementary's Space Night on Thursday.

Kameron Couey dressed up as an astronaut.

LEFT: A space planetarium was part of the education and excitement on Thursday. **BELOW LEFT:** Mal Henson prepares to launch a rocket at the Space Night event at Summers Elementary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

All interested persons are invited to attend either of the meetings described above.

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ANOTHER VIEW

'Unprovoked and dastardly'

Seventy-two years ago yesterday, at 7:53 a.m., the Japanese began their attack on Pearl Harbor, killing 2,335 servicemen and 68 civilians, and wounding 1,178 others.

Seventy-two years ago today, on Dec. 8, 1941, at 12:30 p.m., President Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave the following address to Congress.

Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation, and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. ...

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese Government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

And this morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has therefore undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense, that always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory.

I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph. So help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

■ Tampa Tribune

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Think Lake City First when you shop

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Stores in Lake City saw decent crowds moving about, shopping and spending money on Saturday. That's a good thing for our local economy. It doesn't hurt that we're in the midst of an 80-degree weekend. It was perfect weather to be out and about in town.

It's important we all shop at home as much as possible – during the holidays and every day during the year. Everyone goes out of town for retail recreation from time to time and that's normal. We all do it occasionally. But, it's important to focus on the importance of the local businesses in Lake City. The money we spend at home is taxed locally. The profit earned by local businesses "turns over" in our community.

That means the money is used by business owners to make other purchases of goods and services. It also means your money spent in our community is directly linked to jobs. Local commerce creates – and more importantly – maintains part-time and full-time jobs. If retail businesses lose commerce to other towns, there are no new positions created and many times downsizing occurs.

Some studies say every dollar spent in a small community turns over within that community seven times. Other studies claim five times. It is significant, so Think Lake City First!

Try to avoid Internet shopping. When you spend money at Internet sites, whether a retail site or a conglomerate, you really damage our local economy. When is the last time an Internet site sponsored a local sports team? Or a student activity? Or a community event? Your locally owned and operated businesses do all three of these things and they are asked frequently for donations.

Local businesses cannot support our community if we don't support them.

You can find most things you need right here in Columbia County. Shop here when you can. You'll have a pleasant experience and you'll run into people you haven't seen in a while. Make the most of a pleasant experience.

FOOD DRIVE ASSISTANCE

The Lake City Reporter's Sixth Annual Community Food Drive enters its final week this week. We've had very good support from our readers and friends who have brought a lot of canned goods and dry goods to our office downtown.

We need a strong effort this week to reach our Community Food Drive goal. If you can spare it, please bring canned goods or boxed dry goods to our office during normal business hours. We're at 180 E. Duval St., across from the courthouse. No glass containers, please.

All of the items collected during our Community Food Drive will be delivered to the Florida Gateway Food Bank. The Food Bank needs all the help it can get during this time of year and we're asking our readers and business partners to help.

The items collected and donated through this Food Drive are earmarked to help less fortunate families in Columbia County with Christmas dinner. The food you donate through us stays here at home. Thanks in advance for your generosity and may you be blessed during this Christmas season.

■ Todd Wilson is publisher of the *Lake City Reporter*.

Once derided, Rockwell sets a record

In his prime years as an artist, the oh-so-refined fine arts community derided Norman Rockwell as a corny chronicler of middlebrow American life. His realistic paintings, meticulously drawn from life, were in almost prissy contrast to the ferocious abstractionism of the time.

Worse, his paintings told stories that could be termed "heartwarming," and his preferred outlets were the glossy – and well paying – mass circulation magazines of those pre-TV days, particularly the Saturday Evening Post for which he did 322 covers. He did not fit the popular stereotype of the struggling, tormented artist. Indeed, he lived a comfortable life in New England frequently using his fellow townspeople as models.

On Wednesday, three of his better known paintings came up for auction. "Saying Grace," a 1951 oil of an elderly woman and presumably her grandson saying grace before lunch in a blue-collar diner, sold for $46 million, a record price for an American auction. Two other paintings, "The Gossips," a 1948 Post cover, and "Walking to Church," a 1953 cover, sold for $8.45 million and $3.2 million respectively. ...

Rockwell consciously avoided controversial or unpleasant subjects although one notable exception is "The Problem We All Live With," a brave little six-year-old black girl, in her best dress, being escorted to an all-white school in 1950 by four towering federal marshals. A smashed tomato lies at the foot of the wall behind them on which the word "nigger" can be partially discerned.

The painting was hung in the Clinton White House and Ruby Bridges was there to see it installed. It was too bad that Rockwell, who died in 1978, couldn't have been there to paint the scene.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Celebrating the farm-city relationship

To the Editor:

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, most of us gather with our families and reflect upon our many blessings. One of those blessings is a nutritious and abundant food supply produced by our farmers and ranchers.

We also benefit from other agricultural products used to produce the clothing, housing, medicines, fuel and other products we use on a daily basis.

These basic necessities are available to us because of a broad partnership of farmers and ranchers, processors, brokers, truckers, shippers, advertisers, wholesalers and retailers. The collaboration of these members of our society helps maintain our standard of living.

As the president of the Columbia County Farm Bureau, I would like to encourage local residents to pause for a moment this holiday season and consider the abundance available to us.

Such abundance includes more than consumer products. In Columbia County we depend upon agriculture and related enterprises. Based on a 2010 study, agriculture and related industries generated 6,800 jobs and annual revenues of $300,000,000 in Columbia County. These benefits help maintain a stable foundation for our local economy.

Neither the farm nor the city can exist in isolation. Our interdependence creates jobs, markets and relationships that build our economy and support our collective security.

As we look back at Thanksgiving and look forward to Christmas, I urge your readers to remember the Farm-City relationships that have allowed us to create an exceptional quality of life for all Floridians.

We also thank you for helping us celebrate the recently observed Farm-City Week as we give thanks, throughout the year, for all that we enjoy.

Charlie Crawford
President
Columbia County
Farm Bureau

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by e-mail at *elawson@lakecityreporter.com.*

Announcement

SVTA meeting

The Tuesday, Dec. 10 Suwannee Valley Transit Authority board meeting has been cancelled.

Open registration

The Boys Club of Columbia County is now registering for their winter program which is on now through March 1. Fees for the session are $200 and include transportation from all elementary, junior and high schools.

The club offers a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, game rooms, library and special events. The club offers a homework program with tutorial help for all children. A computer lab is also available.

Call 752-4184 or visit the club on Jones Way for more information.

Today

Gospel concert

The end of the year Gospel Concert featuring "The Legendary Jackson Southernaires" will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at Ernest Courtoy Civic Center, 1129 NW 4th St. in Jasper. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call Missionary P. Jefferson at 386-792-3247.

Karaoke with Mark

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, is hosting Karaoke with Mark on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wings, shrimp and burgers will be served. The event is open to the public. Call 386-752-5001 for more.

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Serving with Santa

Candace Trichler (from left) gives a donation to the Salvation Army bell ringer program as Santa Claus helps Payton Hammond and Jeramiah Hammond make donations. Santa rang the Salvation Army bell in front of the local Walmart from 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

Dec. 9

Christmas party

The Women's Cancer Support Group of Lake City will meet at 5:30 p.m. on December 9 for our annual Christmas party. Please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and a finger food to share. Information at 386-752-4198 or 386-755-0522.

Dec. 10

PSA

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free educational Medicare Seminar on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 5-6 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates, Inc. Subjects covered will be: What you need to know about Medicare; when to enroll; what is covered, and whether or not a supplement is needed. Please RSVP to 386-755-3476 ext. 107

Dec. 11

Lake City Newcomers

The Lake City Newcomers will meet Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at Quail Heights Country Club on Brandford Highway. The program will be "Lots of Christmas Fun and Friendship." Ten dollar gifts will be exchanged. You must bring one to get one. Games, singing and a special guest will also be a part of the fun. Friends and families welcome. The 50/50 ends at 11:45 a.m.; price is $11. Call Pinky Moore at 752-4552 with questions.

Senator Rubio

If you are having an issue with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, immigration, the IRS or any federal agency, a member of Senator Rubio's staff will be available to meet you at the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave., on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Fundraising Campaign

United Way of Suwannee Valley will conduct its December community fundraiser campaign report luncheon at Colmbia County Senior Services' LifeStyle Enrichment Center at noon on Dec. 11. The cost of the luncheon is $12 per person. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting the United Way office at 386-752-5604 x 102 by December 6.

Dec. 12

DAR meeting

The Edward Rutledge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 10:30 a. m., at the Wilson Rivers Library on the Florida Gateway College campus. Christine Boatwright, librarian at the Wilson Rivers Library, will be the guest speaker. All visitors are welcomed to attend. For more information, please call 752-2903.

Regional Planning

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 NW Commerce Boulevard. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. House Representative Halsey Beshears will be the guest speaker. Please let Carol Laine know if you will be attending. 352-95-2200 x134

Tea Party meeting

The North Central Florida Tea Party will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Ave. Constitutional attorney KrisAnne Hall will be the guest speaker, speaking on "Restoring Liberty for Future Generations. For more information about KrisAnne, go to www.krisannehall.com. For more information about the upcoming meeting, call John at 386-935-1705 or Sharon at 386-935-0821.

Dec. 13

Class reunion

The Columbia High School classes of 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 are having a class reunion on Friday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Mason City Community Center. Anyone from those CHS classes is welcome to come. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Fundraiser

The Woman's Club of Lake City is having a fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando Ave. The menu items will be chicken and dumplings, southern greens, carrot/apple/raisin salad and a brownie. You can dine in or carry out — or get your meal delivered. Cost is $6 per plate. Call Jan at 961-3217 for more information. Proceeds go to the Woman's Club mission for building renovation and local charities.

Top Talent Show

The first round of the 10th Annual Columbia Top Talent show will be on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Columbia High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a dance after the show with DJ Nelson in the multi-purpose room.

Dec. 14

Wreaths Across America

American Legion Post 57 is participating in "Wreaths Across America," a nationwide ceremony to honor veterans. The event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14 at noon at the Oak Lawn Cemetery. Wreaths can be sponsored at the national website, wreathsacrossamerica.org, for $15 per wreath. Use the group ID FLALP57. Call location leader Caroline Bosland 386-466-7408 for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

Holiday Inn & Suites is hosting a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8-11 a.m. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice, coffee, hot chocolate and a waffle station. Adults: $9.95 +tax, kids aged 3-12: $4.95 +tax. Proceeds will benefit Children's Medical Services of North Florida. A collection box for unwrapped toys will also be available on site. For more information, call 386-754-1411.

Live Recording

Blazian Productions presents Minister Derrick McAlister and the Anointed Voices of Praise live recording on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., recording begins at 7:30 p.m. General admission is $10, VIP seating is $20. Featured guests include Shady Grove mass choir. For more information please call 386-758-2964.

Cans & Covers

Rockstar Lounge, 723 E Duval Street, presents Cans & Covers on Dec. 14 from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission for the event is one new or gently-used blanket or three canned goods. All proceeds will go to our local United Way and will be given to needy families in Columbia and surrounding counties. The event will feature live music with The Kris Ritchie Band, Jan Milne, Kameron Hunt and more. Comedian Matt Watts will be the special guest.

Open House

Creative Ideas Salon, 819 SW Alachua Ave., will host a holiday open house on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 4-7 p.m. There will be refreshments. A door prize/drawing will be a part of the evening's festivities. Come learn about this new business and meet the wonderful employees. Contact Georgia at 438-8488 for more.

Dec. 16

UDC meeting

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, will have their monthly meeting on Dec. 16 at 5:15 p.m. at China Buffet, 345 West Duval St. Andy's Boys Barbershop Quartet will be the entertainment for the meeting. The group is made up of representatives from four local churches. The buffet will be served after the meeting. Cost is $9 for meal, cost for drink is extra. Reservations not required. For more, contact Linda Williams at 386-454-2580.

Renewal Service

Hosted by the Hospice of the Nature Coast, a renewal service will be offered to the public on Monday, Dec. 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd. The memorial service is an interactive, non-denominational service of remembrance and hope. There will be encouraging words, musical interludes, a time of sharing, refreshments and community fellowship following the service. The Renewal is provided as a community service and is offered to all at no charge. For information or to register (by December 12th) , contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411.

Dec. 21

Christmas Extravaganza

B&S Combs Elks Lodge will be hosting its Christmas Extravaganza for the kids on Dec. 21, 2013 from 12-4 p.m. at B&S Combs Elks Lodge, 1688 NE Washington St. Please contact Carlos Brown at 386-288-6235 for more information.

Christmas party

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, is hosting their Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 21. Kickstart will perform at 8 p.m. We'll provide finger foods, you bring your friends and we'll all have a good time. The party is open to the public. Call 386-752-5001 for more.

Dec. 25

Christmas dinner

Merry Christmas from VFW Post 2206. We will have a Christmas dinner from 1-3 p.m. at 343 Forest Lawn Way. Cost is $7 per person. The dinner is open to the public. Call 386-752-5001 for more.

NOTICE OF MEETING
ADVISORY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Advisory Beautification Committee for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 4:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

All interested persons are invited to attend either of the meetings described above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid/services for either of the meetings identified above, as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.

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company laid off 250 workers last week and planned to cut 100 more once the plant shuts down for good.

What goes on here?

"There are two sulfuric acid plants, a phosphoric acid plant and various other plants in here," Williams said. "We take phosphate rock, about one millimeter in size, and put it in a reactor and mix it with sulfuric acid. You blend that, you agitate it, and what you have is this paste-like substance you run through a filter. That extracts the phosphoric acid. Phosphoric acid made from phosphate rock is the basic building block for phosphate you'd find in fertilizer. We process and concentrate it and ship it to fertilizer manufacturers."

If you've ever seen a bag of fertilizer, you may recognize a series of three numbers separated by dashes, such as 10-10-10. These represent the relative values of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium—the three essential soil nutrients for plant life—found in the fertilizer.

COURTESY

An aerial view of the PotashCorp–White Springs facility.

Phosphate is naturally abundant below certain areas of Florida's topsoil because it derives from bygone geological ages when the state was covered by oceans.

"In many cases you wind up with phosphorus being consolidated in one point as the ocean dries up," Williams said. "As geologic time takes place, it gets filled in and covered up."

Some of the phosphate deposits even derive from ancient sea creatures such as megalodons, great white sharks and dugongs.

While phosphate deposits are finite, Williams predicted the layoffs and decreased production would extend the lifespan of the phosphate mine about five more years. He didn't expect resources on site to run dry for at least 15 more years.

Investing locally

The company also places a large emphasis on being an active part of the local community.

"Part of our corporate philosophy is to give back to our communities," Williams said. "To us, it's not enough to be in the community. We want to be part of it... We earn the right to mine and do what we do each and every day. If we don't hold ourselves to the highest standards and be good environmental stewards... people will be concerned about us. That's why one of our prime corporate goals is no harm to the people or environment."

According to Williams, PotashCorp-White Springs has a goal to do 60 percent of its purchases for capital maintenance with local vendors. He estimated the company spent $30 million in the tri-county area—$8 million in Hamilton County—on things like landscaping services and automobile maintenance in 2013 alone.

In addition, they're also active contributors to local organizations such as Florida Gateway College, United Way, Boys and Girls Scouts and more.

In the mean time, PotashCorp will continue to develop its phosphate resources for use in fertilizers that are in high demand worldwide as human population, and agricultural demand, increase everyday.

"We feel good about what we do because we are engaged in a global undertaking to feed the world," Williams said. "We always tell our workers, no matter what they do, that they're part of a great mission to feed the world."

RAISES

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teacher," Huddleston said.

Instructional personnel

FDOE began issuing payments as early as July 2013 on a semi-monthly schedule through the Florida Education Finance Program. Porter said she intended for teachers to receive the raises sooner, rather than later. As vice chair of the Florida House of Representatives' Education Committee, she has been following the issue closely.

"If you think about it, it's the instructional personnel that are held accountable for the performance of the students," Porter said. "The intention was to reward teachers for the work they are doing. ... If the districts want to give bonuses or pay raises to non-instructional personnel, that's fine. But to take it out of the money that was intended for instructional personnel was not our goal. Our goal was for those dollars to go to teachers."

According to Columbia Teachers Association president Kevin Doyle, county teachers held the 55th lowest payscale in the state in 2011. However, even with the teacher salary increases promised by the government, the county's salary and benefits will continue to decline from what they were two years ago.

Since the economic crash, teachers in Columbia County have missed several expected salary increases in 2008, 2010 and 2012. Doyle said there's no guarantee there will be a salary increase next year.

"If you miss salary steps 60 percent of the time, then you aren't making what you expected to make and you have no control over rising insurance cost," he added. "You're take-home pay really takes a hit. ... Every time we've lost money in the past, we walked away peacefully and said we understand the district's having a difficult financial time."

Added administration

Despite the financial woes, Doyle believed the two parties had reached an agreement on Nov. 18 for slightly more than the union had been asking for. However, he said the district returned saying the agreement didn't work because there were no savings. According to Doyle, the district wants to eliminate sick leave payout for new teachers if they leave the district before retirement.

"For the money to be held up for savings they might get in 2020 is absurd," Doyle said. "I think the intent was clear from the Governor that the money was going to help. It's been very difficult for teachers in this county with insurance going up."

Doyle added that over the summer, the school district added administrators, increasing yearly salary figure by $308,810.

"If the reserve fund is so low, you have to question why they would commit themselves to almost a million dollars over the next three years," he said. "When you see Jackson county settling in June and give all the money to teachers... when you see all the money spent on administration over the summer, it makes you wonder whether they value teachers in this district or not."

Even though the money was intended for teachers, the legislation had to be flexible with the wording on how districts distribute the funds to avoid interfering with collective bargaining agreements, Porter added. Because of the leeway, districts have been able to negotiate different pay plans than what was intended by the State of Florida. The local teacher's union does not agree with a proposal to give funds to non-instructional personnel, Porter said, because of the state's desire to use the extra budget money to reward teachers.

"To an extent, it frustrates me that it may go where it's not intended," she continued.

Not a one-time bonus

The salary increase comes as the Columbia County School District struggles to right a spiraling financial situation. Since the raises are not a one-time bonus, they will add expenditures to the district's monthly bills. However, Huddleston believes the state will continue to cover the added cost in raises issued throughout Florida.

"At this point in time, it's my belief the $480 million will be included once again," he said. "It would put us in a deeper hole than what we're trying to dig out of right now [if they didn't.] That would be true for every district in the state."

Already 34 out of 67 Florida districts across the state have finalized payments for teacher pay raises through the FDOE, including Baker, Union, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie and Gilchrist. An additional 14 districts have finalized negotiations for the teacher pay raises, such as Alachua, Polk, Lake and St. Johns.

Columbia County remains among the 19 that have not made a final decision.

Governor Scott said in a prepared statement on Wednesday, "I would like to congratulate all of the Florida school districts who have finalized a well-deserved pay raise for our hard-working teachers, including the eight additional districts who have finalized agreements. We are proud to continue to recognize teachers who are the backbone of our classrooms."

By the numbers

STATEWIDE
34 of 67 districts have finalized payments
14 of 67 have finalized negotiations
19 districts, including Columbia, still negotiating

COLUMBIA COUNTY
720 district-employed teachers seeking $2,500 raises
$1,651,417 allocated to county from FDOE
$91, 662 goes to charter schools
$2,166 remains per full-time instructional employee

APPLICANTS

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•**Thomas Ward**—Alachua County Public Schools CFO, Florida Auditor General's Office Lead Senior Auditor;

•**Terry Suggs**—Keystone Heights City Manager, Alachua County Operations Supervisor;

•**Jason Streetman**—Owner of Professional Planning/Recruitment Consulting Firm The Soque Group, Habersham County, Ga. Planning and Building Director, Director of Economic Development for Phenix City, Ala.;

•**Daniel Austin**—Legislative Assistant to Senator Geraldine Thompson and Representatives Steve Perman and Mary Brandenburg, Campaign Manager for Tom Gustafson, Bill Graham, Pete Brandenburg and Mary Brandenburg;

•**Melissa Olin**—Third Judicial Circuit Assistant State Attorney;

•**Charles Meyers**—Business Administrator and former Executive Undersheriff of Passaic County Sheriff's Office, N.J.;

•**Danny Lucas**—Town Administrator of Estill, S.C., City Manager of Sylvester, Ga. and Hahira, Ga.

PATRICK SCOTT/Special to the Reporter

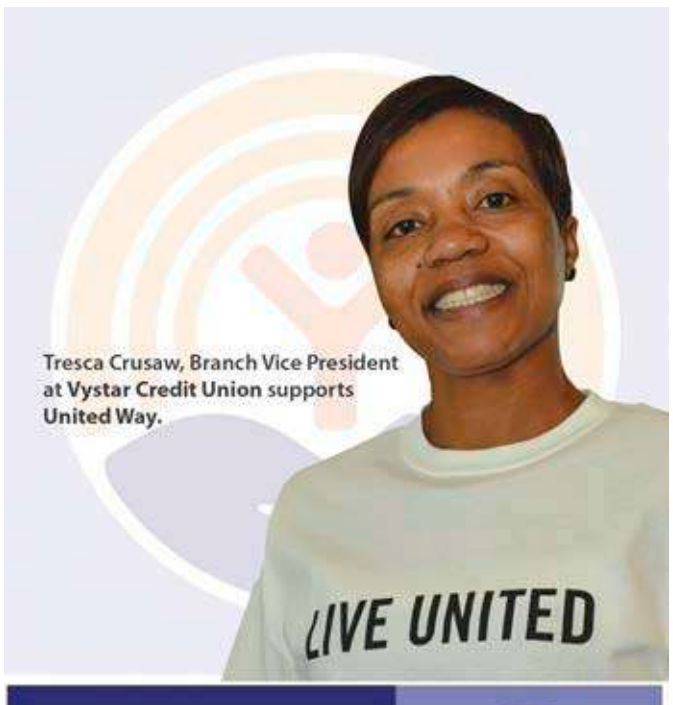
CCSO makes arrest at mall

Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Kosko, counts money as other deputies search a vehicle at the Lake City Mall. One person from the vehicle had a warrant and was arrested, according to officials on scene.

Suwannee River Water meeting to be Tuesday

From staff reports

The Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49 in Live Oak. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate and other various matters. A workshop will follow. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the District's website: www.mysuwanneeriver.com All meetings, workshops and hearings are open to the public.



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Tucked away for 25

County library director seals up time capsule.

By TONY BRITT
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Items that are popular today most likely won't be in style 25 years from now. Nonetheless, people who live in Columbia County a quarter century from now will be able to see today's popular items by viewing those artifacts in a time capsule that was sealed this weekend.

Saturday afternoon Debbie Paulson, Columbia County public library director, closed a time capsule containing several local trendy pieces that will be opened in 25 years. The time capsule will be kept at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library in a display case until it's opened.

Stowing the time capsule was the grand finale of the Viva Florida 500 program, through the Florida Department of State. The closing of the time capsule concludes a year of activities at the library celebrating Florida's history, culture and diversification.

Earlier in the year a committee determined what items would be placed in the stainless steel canister, where it would be placed and how long it would be sealed.

Saturday afternoon 15 residents attended a 20-minute ceremony and brief reception where more than 20 items were placed in the canister. The first item placed in the canister was a Walmart advertising circular; the final item added was a cellphone.

Other items placed in the canister included photographs, a T-shirt, a Florida Gateway College first bachelor of Science in nursing class of 2013 commencement program, a library card and neck wallet and menus from Lake City restaurants that opened in 2013.

Libraries in each of the state's 67 counties were slated to seal time capsules through the Viva Florida 500 promotion.

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Debbie Paulson, director of the Columbia County Library, sealed 20 items — including a Walmart circular, library card, menus for local restaurants and a cell phone — into a stainless steel canister time capsule to be put on display at the library until it's opened 25 years from now.

As warm as it is, the snow's still on its way

FILE

Lake City resident Mia Ray gets a snowball to the head while making ammo for a snowball fight at last year's Snow Day put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber's Snow Day is Saturday at Olustee Park.

By TONY BRITT
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It takes about three hours to make 30 tons of snow. However, when Snow Day rolls into Lake City, the hours of work behind the scenes quickly turns into priceless memories.

Snow Day will take place 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, downtown in Olustee Park.

"Snow Day is going to be as big ever before if not bigger," said Dennille Decker, Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce executive director.

This year's event will feature multiple snow slides, 30 tons of snow, bounce houses, obstacle courses and slides, a rock climbing wall, live entertainment and food vendors.

Attendees will be able to visit with Santa Claus from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Busy Bee B&B is the title sponsor for Snow Day 2013.

"They're going to have lots of surprises just as they have had in years past," Decker said. "They are going to be giving away gaming systems, cash, electronics and scooters. Every hour they are going to be giving something.

"The Chamber of Commerce for the fourth year is presenting Snow Day, but it would not be possible without the generous donation of our title sponsor," Decker continued. "Snow Day is not an inexpensive event. It's about $15,000 to put on every aspect of Snow Day."

The 2013 edition of Snow Day will begin 8 a.m. with a 5K race sponsored by Pro Motion Physical Therapy.

"We have a record number of runners," Decker said. "As of right now we have 175 pre-registered runners."

Pre-registration will be ongoing for $30 up to Dec. 11. On the day of the race, the registration fee is $35.

"One of the reasons that I think the race is so successful this year with so many people participating is all because of the Get Fit Lake City project," Decker said. "We have lots of businesses who are doing the race as a group and lots of the individuals who will be participating in the race are trying to get in some activity during the holiday season."

The Snow Day festivities will end at 4 p.m. and the Christmas parade is set to begin at 6 p.m. More than 60 entries are expected to participate in the Christmas parade.

"The Snow Day event has grown from year to year since I first took over," Decker said. "At one point we were worried would people show up and now the worry is where do we put all the people once they show up. We just ask that everybody come out and have some patience. It's going to be a day full of fun where you can sit back and enjoy the music, have some good food, play in the snow, your kids can bounce, but the best thing of all is it's free. It's a truly unique experience you can't get anywhere else around."

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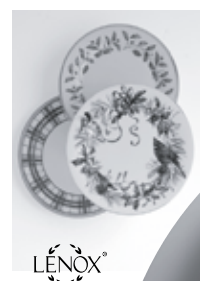

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Bar Association gave baskets of bread, bananas and more

COURTESY PHOTOS

From staff reports

The Third Judicial Circuit Bar Association, comprised of judges and attorneys who live and regularly practice in Columbia and the surrounding counties partnered with Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. to create baskets of food for ten deserving families.

Many of these families included young children, grandparents caring full-time for their grandchildren and elderly or disabled family members.

Members of the local bar and Three Rivers employees donated money and non-perishable food items to put together the ten baskets. The money collected purchased enough food for a full Thanksgiving dinner plus additional meals.

"We are grateful to our local bar for partnering with us to provide these baskets to deserving families within our circuit," said Donna MacRae, Managing Attorney and Pro Bono director for Three Rivers.

Over forty men, women and children benefited from the baskets prepared and given away.

Breakfast full of facts and food

Breakfast with the Chief drew large crowd Saturday.

By TONY BRITT
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Police officer physical and mental well-being, gun issues, the Castle Doctrine, city crime statistics, salary and police department grants were just a few of the topics discussed when Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore had breakfast with area residents Saturday morning.

More than 120 people showed up at the First Apostolic Church of Lake City where Lake City Gilmore held her quarterly Breakfast With the Chief event.

The church's fellowship hall had a standing-room-only crowd as a cross section of the community attended the meeting to learn about the local police department.

The Breakfast With the Chief event began at 10 a.m. and lasted nearly two hours. Gilmore chronicled and detailed local police department statistics and later answered questions from the public.

She said although Lake City only has a population of about 12,000 residents, the police department considers the service population to be approximately 45,000 — people who work, live, play, eat or attend school within city limits.

Gilmore said the department received 33,921 calls for service and did 3,500 business checks during the year. She said all those numbers aren't often included in the reports issued from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement that tracks crime statistics across the state. She said of the 466 cases assigned, 230 of the total cases were cleared, representing a 49 percent clearance rate.

'This is where we live'

After explaining the statistics and duties of the department's various divisions, Gilmore took questions from the audience and one of the first questions asked was what does the department do to maintain the physical and mental welfare of an officer who has gone through traumatic experiences.

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Argatha Gilmore (standing), Lake City Police Department Chief of Police, reviews crime statistics during the Breakfast With the Chief event Saturday morning at First Apostolic Church. More than 120 people attended the event.

> **"It isn't whether you live in the city or county, it's 'this is where we live and we should take responsibility where we live.'**
> — Debbie Shaw

By the numbers

33,921 calls for service
3,500 business checks
230 of 449 assigned cases were cleared
49% clearance rate

Questions later turned to when was it appropriate for officers to use deadly force and what are citizens' rights when protecting their homes and loved ones.

Debbie Shaw served food at the event but said she was impressed by the message delivered by Gilmore.

"I did this for a sense of community and that was her (Gilmore's) topic and I didn't know it in advance," Shaw said. "She talked about a sense of community that we're all united. It isn't whether you live in the city or county, it's this is where we live and we should take responsibility where we live."

Judy MacGraff was attending her first Breakfast With the Chief event, but by the end of the morning, she had gotten two applications to apply for the police departments Citizens Police Academy.

"The meeting was so informative," she said. "Chief Gilmore is just an incredible speaker and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I attended because I just wanted to know what was going on in the community as far as crimes, murders, etc. and what we can do about it. This is just something that I've been wanting to do."

Engagement with the community

Officer Mike Lee, Lake City Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist, said there was a lot of good dialog between the audience and chief and she was able to answer several questions. Unfortunately with so many people in attendance Gilmore wasn't able to address all the questions.

Department representatives collected comment cards so remaining questions can be answered at future meetings. Gilmore said the department is looking for other potential meeting hosts.

"The reason we do these meetings is because it's an engagement with the community and an opportunity for anybody who lives in or near Lake City or comes to Lake City for any reason to come and have face time with the police chief to ask her the hard questions to find out why we do what we do," Lee said.

Following the meeting, Gilmore had individual visits with several people.

"This was an awesome show of hospitality from First Apostolic Church for wanting to host this Breakfast With The Chief," she said. "This is what the Breakfast With the Chief is all about — asking the hard questions — gun issues, community issues and all of those things, but we can talk about it together."

CCFD adds personnel, equipment and stations

By TONY BRITT
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The Columbia County Fire Department is expanding by adding additional personnel, equipment and more stations as it improves its coverage of the area.

During the week several new firefighters were introduced to the equipment during training sessions where they learned to drive and handle county fire department equipment.

Lt. Josh Wehinger, Columbia County Fire Department public information officer, said several of the department's new hires were working on EVOC — Emergency Vehicles Operations on Thursday.

"The new recruits will just drive the course to make sure we are comfortable with their understanding and control of the vehicle," he said.

The Columbia County Fire Department is hiring 22 new firefighters as the department expands and Thursday six of the new hires earned their mettle while driving fire department vehicles through an obstacle course. Some of the new hires will begin their jobs as Columbia County Firefighters on Monday.

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia County fire fighter Cody Cannon learns the proper technique while extracting a victim from a wrecked car while using a spreader tool at Columbia Auto Salvage on Friday.

During the training, which was tested and evaluated by fire department personnel, the new hires had to drive three fire department vehicles — a brush truck, an engine and a tanker. All three are different sizes with the tanker being the largest.

The hires then spent time on a driver's obstacle course, set up in the parking lot at the girls softball area of the Southside Sports Complex.

The drivers test included driving forward and backwards, driving through a serpentine course in forward and reverse, parallel parking and drive through safety cones at different speeds.

"It's important that they get this training because we're driving heavy vehicles and driving vehicles in emergency response situations and we have to know they understand and are in full control of the vehicles," Wehinger said.

The training for the new firefighters continued Friday when new hires worked on extracation techniques to cut crash victims out of vehicles. They practiced on wrecked cars at Columbia Auto Salvage.

Columbia County Fire Department Lt. Scott McCauley said the new firefighters were practicing the techniques to learn the department's extracation tools and equipment.

During the training firefighters utilized hydraulic spreaders and cutters, saws, and airbags used to lift and stabilize cars.

McCauley said the training was also important because it allowed the firefighters to be exposed to different vehicle types and sizes.

"It's a battle for us to try to keep up with all the new stuff coming out," McCauley said.

The training session, which began about 12:30 p.m. Friday, was slated to last at least four hours.

The firefighters worked on their techniques on four cars and tore off the roof of some vehicles, rolled the dash boards in others, removed doors and cut away window posts.

they look just like you and me
THEY'RE THE FACES OF HIV

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Members of the Faces of HIV street team initiative Ryan Morgan (from left), Dania Freeman and Carlos Freeman prepare for Saturday's exhibit, while Tara Menendez, a public relations specialist with the tour, reads a diary written by an HIV-positive patient.

Street team is destroying the social stigma of HIV one event at a time.

By TONY BRITT
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A white truck with portraits of four people on both sides sat in the Columbia County Courthouse parking lot Saturday morning with little to no fanfare.

However, the inside of the truck contained an art exhibit that showed the faces of 10 Florida residents living with HIV (Human immunodeficiency virus). The display was called the Faces of HIV exhibit and the mobile art display has been across the state promoting HIV/Aids awareness.

The displays not only contained the portraits of HIV patients, but also their journals as they live life being HIV-positive.

Ryan Morgan is a member of the street team initiative that travels across the state with the Faces of HIV exhibit, who invites people to the mobile exhibit.

"The purpose of the exhibit is to raise awareness for HIV and try to break the stigma associated with the disease," he said. "We travel to a lot college campuses and different events. A lot of people think HIV can't affect just anybody or it's a homosexual disease, but going inside the exhibit, they get to put a face with the disease and realize it comes from all walks of life. It can affect anybody at any time and we're trying to promote education, testing and protection."

Morgan said by going to the exhibit, they hope that people will put a face with the disease, read the diaries and get a real feel for the disease, rather than just saying it's someone else's problem.

The Faces of HIV art exhibit is on the road September - May and this year began in Pensacola and is scheduled to conclude in Miami.

"The tour is about touching every little town we can get into," Morgan said. "The tour is about touching everybody and getting education out there."

COURTESY PHOTOS

Nicole Storer from First Federal Bank of Florida presents Troop #1227 with a check for $250 to continue their support of the charities they've been working with this fall. This check, along with donations from silent auctions at Epiphany Catholic Church, enabled the troop to donate $400 to both the Lad Soup Kitchen and Catholic Charities for the holiday season.

Girl Scout Troop #1227 poses with the tables of food they purchased for Lad Soup Kitchen and Catholic Charities. Representatives from the charities were at the troop's meeting and discussed hunger issues with them before accepting the donations of food and other items.

Scouts shop for those in need

From staff reports

After applying for and earning a grant from the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council who were partnering with Winn Dixie, Troop #1227 offered to split their recently-awarded grant money between the Lad Soup Kitchen and Lynn Causey at Catholic Charities.

In late October, the girls from Troop #1227 held a food drive outside of Publix, passing out "wish lists" to entering customers and collecting food as they exited the store. A wagon-full of food was donated to Lad Soup Kitchen as a result of that food drive, just in time for Thanksgiving preparations to begin.

Early in November, the girls put the full extent of their grant money to work and headed to Winn Dixie to shop the day away. With $940 of the $1,000 grant remaining, and wish lists from the charities in hand, the troop split into four groups and headed down the aisles to search for the supplies requested.

The Lad Soup Kitchen needed large supply items like pancake mix, syrup, grits, canned vegetables and fruit, paper towels, napkins, etc. The Catholic Charities backpack program requested items children could carry home and make themselves during the weekend. These items included instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, pop-tarts, pop-top soup cans for the microwave, etc.

With all of the excitement and months of preparation, shopping was completed in just 20 minutes. The girls and parents headed to the check-out with nine grocery carts full of items for both groups.

Teamwork came into play when the girls formed an assembly line to load the groceries onto the conveyor belt, back into the grocery carts, and finally into the cars once they got to the parking lot. The parents were wonderful checking out all the sales and doing comparison shopping to make sure we got the most for our money to help these deserving charities.

On November 13, Minister Cleopatra Steele from the Lad Soup Kitchen, director of Steele Ministries, and Lynn Causey from Catholic Charities attended the Troop's monthly scout meeting. In addition to the Winn Dixie purchases, the troop found themselves with six huge boxes of donations from employees/members of the Columbia County Bank. The purchased and donated items were displayed on two over-flowing tables. Other miscellaneous items were collected from the Epiphany Catholic School and church member/troop member donations. They were able to provide a huge amount of food to these two groups.

Lynn Causey was the first to receive the donation and did a wonderful job explaining to the girls about childhood hunger and how one in five children go without food on the weekends. She asked them to imagine what they would feel like if they opened their cupboards or refrigerator and there were no snacks/food for them to eat.

Minister Steele was also able to attend. She explained how she was called upon by God to create a soup kitchen in Lake City to help those in need. Lad Soup Kitchen was able to serve over 500 people at Christmas last year alone and their goal is to feed 550 people this year as well. Her church and its members are the primary source of funding for the kitchen and they need so much outside help.

A week after the meeting, troop leader Dr. Patricia Bailey was notified by Lisa Hutcherson of First Federal Bank of Florida that the troop had been awarded a $250 grant to use towards these charities as well. Between this grant and donations from silent auction events at the Epiphany Catholic Church, Troop 1227 is able to help donate another $400 to both groups at Christmas this year.

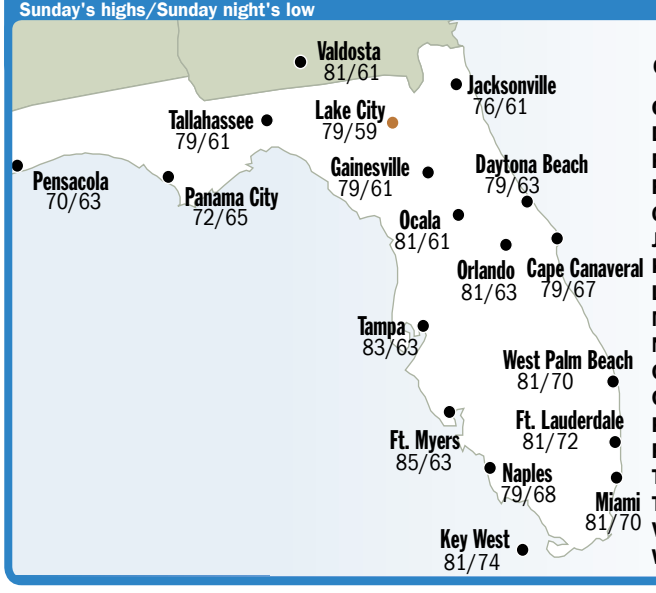
THE WEATHER

8 SUN	09 MON	10 TUE	11 WED	12 THU
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Chance of rain showers	Chance of rain showers	Chance of rain showers
HI 79 LO 59	HI 81 LO 58	HI 77 LO 52	HI 68 LO 47	HI 67 LO 43

NATIONAL FORECAST: A storm system will produce rain from the central Gulf Coast through the Southeast. Freezing rain will fall from northern Louisiana to western Kentucky, with more freezing rain over portions of North Carolina and Virginia.

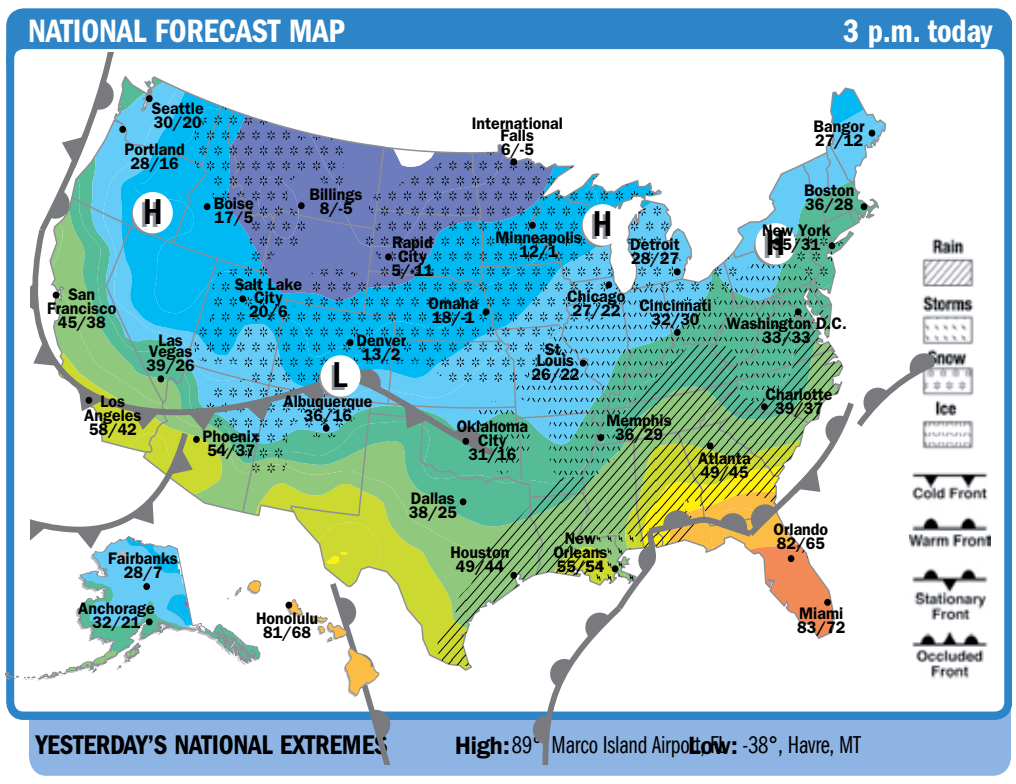
REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Dec. 8

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low



City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	82/67/pc	82/65/pc
Daytona Beach	81/64/pc	82/62/pc
Fort Myers	85/66/fg	86/66/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	82/71/pc	82/71/pc
Gainesville	79/60/pc	80/56/sh
Jacksonville	78/60/pc	78/54/sh
Key West	81/75/pc	81/74/pc
Lake City	79/60/pc	80/56/sh
Miami	83/71/pc	83/71/pc
Naples	80/68/pc	81/68/pc
Ocala	79/61/pc	81/58/pc
Orlando	82/65/pc	83/63/pc
Panama City	74/64/r	70/50/r
Pensacola	72/61/r	63/47/r
Tallahassee	78/62/r	73/48/r
Tampa	82/68/fg	82/66/pc
Valdosta	80/61/pc	73/48/r
W. Palm Beach	82/71/pc	83/70/pc

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP — 3 p.m. today



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TEMPERATURES

High Saturday	82
Low Saturday	60
Normal high	69
Normal low	46
Record high	86 in 1978
Record low	20 in 1937

PRECIPITATION

Saturday	0.00"
Month total	T"
Year total	49.31"
Normal month-to-date	0.52"
Normal year-to-date	45.47"

SUN

Sunrise today	7:14 a.m.
Sunset today	5:30 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset tom.	5:30 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today	11:53 a.m.
Moonset today	11:56 p.m.
Moonrise tom.	12:32 p.m.
Moonset tom.	No Set

Dec 9 First · Dec 17 Full · Dec 25 Last · Jan 1 New

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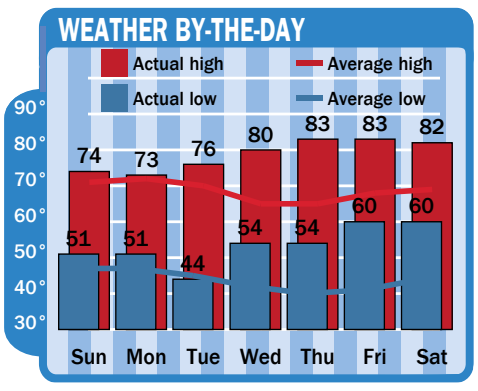
Albany NY	80/59/.00	64/53/ts	Des Moines	12/-2/.00	22/7/sn	Oklahoma City	19/10/.00	31/16/pc
Albuquerque	28/18/.00	36/16/pc	Detroit	26/17/.00	29/26/sn	Omaha	10/-2/.00	18/-1/sn
Anchorage	33/33/.01	33/20/fg	El Paso	36/32/.00	55/36/pc	Orlando	82/62/.00	83/63/fg
Atlanta	59/41/.20	49/45/r	Fairbanks	28/25/.00	28/7/sn	Philadelphia	39/37/.07	35/33/sn
Baltimore	43/35/.17	33/32/r	Greensboro	70/45/.48	33/31/i	Phoenix	55/37/.00	54/37/pc
Billings	-17/-21/.00	8/-5/pc	Hartford	39/33/.07	34/25/cd	Pittsburgh	28/27/.00	30/30/i
Birmingham	39/35/.00	52/52/r	Honolulu	79/68/.00	81/68/sh	Portland ME	37/32/.15	31/23/pc
Bismarck	-6/-16/.00	4/-12/sn	Houston	37/35/.00	49/44/r	Portland OR	28/21/.00	28/16/pc
Boise	24/18/.09	17/5/pc	Indianapolis	24/10/.00	29/24/i	Raleigh	69/43/.11	35/34/i
Boston	41/33/.09	36/28/pc	Jackson MS	35/30/.00	46/44/r	Rapid City	-8/-14/.00	5/-11/sn
Buffalo	28/25/.00	29/26/cd	Jacksonville	82/63/.00	77/61/sh	Reno	28/23/.07	25/2/pc
Charleston SC	79/64/.13	58/52/sh	Kansas City	19/1/.00	26/11/sn	Sacramento	46/30/.01	43/22/s
Charleston WV	33/30/.01	37/37/i	Las Vegas	46/32/.00	42/27/pc	Salt Lake City	28/18/.01	20/6/sn
Charlotte	69/51/.04	39/37/r	Little Rock	28/21/.00	31/25/pc	San Antonio	32/29/.00	50/40/cd
Cheyenne	1/-9/.00	11/-5/sn	Los Angeles	51/46/.09	57/37/pc	San Diego	60/51/.00	55/44/pc
Chicago	19/8/.00	27/22/sn	Memphis	28/21/.00	36/29/i	San Francisco	51/45/.07	45/38/s
Cincinnati	27/19/.00	31/29/i	Miami	82/71/.02	83/72/pc	Seattle	30/19/.00	30/20/pc
Cleveland	28/23/.00	31/30/sn	Minneapolis	1/-11/.00	12/1/sn	Spokane	12/3/.00	13/3/sn
Columbia SC	21/7/.00	26/17/i	Mobile	48/41/.12	63/59/r	St. Louis	24/10/.00	26/22/i
Dallas	26/21/.00	37/27/pc	New Orleans	45/42/.00	55/54/sh	Tampa	82/68/.00	84/68/fg
Daytona Beach	82/64/.00	80/64/pc	New York	43/36/.19	36/35/sn	Tucson	54/33/.00	51/35/pc
Denver	-1/-11/.00	13/2/sn	Oakland	50/43/.05	45/31/s	Washington	44/37/.17	33/33/i

WEATHER BY-THE-DAY



WEATHER HISTORY

Airplanes are struck by lightning all the time. But on this date in 1963, Pan American Fligh 214 crashed near Elkton, Md. after being struck by lightning. Apparently, the strike exploded one of the wing tanks on the Boeing 707. All 81 people are board died.

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Acapulco	87/77/.00	87/75/s	La Paz	62/41/.00	59/39/ts	Rio	86/73/.00	87/73/ts
Amsterdam	46/39/.00	48/41/r	Lima	75/66/.00	73/66/pc	Rome	60/33/.00	59/41/s
Athens	60/48/.00	55/44/pc	London	48/42/.00	50/44/pc	San Juan PR	84/69/.09	82/74/pc
Auckland	71/60/.00	71/60/r	Madrid	57/24/.00	59/24/s	Santiago	80/66/.00	82/64/pc
Beijing	42/23/.00	51/26/s	Mexico City	71/50/.00	75/44/s	Seoul	42/35/.00	46/35/pc
Berlin	35/32/.00	37/30/r	Montreal	30/23/.00	26/13/s	Singapore	87/77/.00	87/77/ts
Buenos Aires	84/66/.00	86/68/cd	Moscow	30/26/.00	30/24/pc	St. Thomas VI	82/73/.01	84/75/r
Cairo	69/55/.00	68/59/pc	Nairobi	78/60/.00	78/57/pc	Sydney	75/57/.00	75/59/pc
Geneva	42/24/.00	37/30/pc	Nassau	80/71/.00	82/73/pc	Tel Aviv	68/57/.00	71/57/pc
Havana	84/60/.00	82/64/pc	New Delhi	77/48/.00	77/50/s	Tokyo	55/48/.00	55/42/s
Helsinki	32/26/.00	32/21/pc	Oslo	37/30/.00	37/30/pc	Toronto	30/26/.00	32/21/pc
Hong Kong	71/60/.00	73/64/pc	Panama	89/77/.00	87/75/ts	Vienna	39/30/.00	37/35/pc
Kingston	87/77/.00	87/77/ts	Paris	46/41/.00	51/41/r	Warsaw	33/28/.00	33/26/pc

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A different culture

Allen offers insight on racism, bullying in NFL.

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
Columbia High head football coach Brian Allen speaks to members of the media earlier this year.

Perhaps no story has grabbed as much media attention as the bullying case with the Miami Dolphins this football season. As a player in high school, college and the NFL, current Columbia High head coach Brian Allen has a unique view on the case.

The case for the Dolphins has to do with offensive lineman Richie Incognito using racial slurs and other bullying tactics against fellow lineman Jonathan Martin. The extent of what the terms were used for has not been diagnosed. The NFL is currently investigating the case. Some say that Incognito was trying to motivate Martin, while others say that Incognito is simply a bully.

Allen believes it's part of the culture of the football locker room.

"From my point of view, I never viewed it as bullying," Allen said. "It's different being around football my whole life. I don't know either individual, so it's tough to evaluate based on their experiences. It's just different in football."

Allen said that he's come to see some of the use of racial terms in his time as a coach including the time he spent in Orlando.

"It was a different culture and really hit home in Orlando," Allen said. "It was kind of accepted. It wasn't just kids are black and white, but they were so many different cultures or races. The N-word was out there. Some places would allow it."

Allen said he made sure that it wouldn't be allowed at Columbia.

"With our team, we made sure it was automatic push-ups, no matter what race it was," Allen said. "We haven't had to deal with the problem, but I can be naive and say that it isn't out there. I can say that I am blessed and haven't had to deal with it as a coach."

Allen saw Incognito as someone with seniority and recognizes the fact that kind of atmosphere can exist in the NFL.

"I never viewed it as bullying," Allen said. "It's part of the learning. You're a veteran and you're teaching the underclassmen. It's just the way you learn and with my experience it never went overboard."

Allen feels that Martin may have a hard time finding a job in the NFL again after breaking the bond of teammates.

"It's going to be difficult for an organization to bring him in," Allen said. "He threw everyone under the bus. It kind of gave the whole organization a black eye. Whether he's right, wrong or indifferent, it's going to be tough for him."

Allen believes at the end of the day that Incognito is getting a tough rap for his role.

"I think he's getting the bad end of the stick," Allen said. "You listen to him and he's saying that he had Martin's back more than anyone. You don't ever point to your own segment (of the team). That's family. That's part of the segment that makes the engine go. At the end of the day, you have to respect and love those

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ESPN — Bowl Selection Show, at Bristol, Conn.
FIGURE SKATING
Noon
NBC — ISU, Grand Prix Final, at Fukuoka, Japan (same-day tape)
GOLF
1 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, World Challenge, final round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.
3 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour, World Challenge, final round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
FSN — Oklahoma vs. George Mason, at Washington
3:30 p.m.
FSN — George Washington vs. Maryland, at Washington
6 p.m.
FS1 — Nebraska at Creighton
NFL FOOTBALL
1 p.m.
CBS — Regional coverage
FOX — Regional coverage
4 p.m.
CBS — Regional coverage
4:25 p.m.
FOX — Doubleheader game
8 p.m.
NBC — Carolina at New Orleans
SOCCER
8:25 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Aston Villa at Fulham
10:55 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Everton at Arsenal
WINTER SPORTS
2 p.m.
NBC — USSA, Birds of Prey, at Avon, Colo. (same-day tape)
3 p.m.
NBCSN — USSA, Birds of Prey, at Avon, Colo.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
4 p.m.
FS1 — Duke at Oklahoma

Monday
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
FS1 — Manchester at Butler
NFL FOOTBALL
8:25 p.m.
ESPN — Dallas at Chicago
NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Columbus at Pittsburgh
SOCCER
2:55 p.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Hull City at Swansea City

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	322	261
Miami	6	6	0	.500	252	248
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	189	310
Buffalo	4	8	0	.333	267	307
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	285	274
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	264	267
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	201	372
Houston	2	11	0	.154	250	350
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	4	0	.667	292	216
Baltimore	6	6	0	.500	249	235
Pittsburgh	5	7	0	.417	263	278
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	231	297
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	2	0	.833	464	317
Kansas City	9	3	0	.750	298	214
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	279	277
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	237	300

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	329	303
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	300	281
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	237	297
Washington	3	9	0	.250	269	362
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	312	230
Carolina	9	3	0	.750	285	157
Tampa Bay	3	9	0	.250	217	285
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	261	340
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	326	287
Chicago	6	6	0	.500	323	332
Green Bay	5	6	1	.458	294	305
Minnesota	3	8	1	.292	289	366
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	11	1	0	.917	340	186
San Francisco	8	4	0	.667	297	197
Arizona	7	5	0	.583	275	247
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	279	278

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Game
Jacksonville 27, Houston 20
Today's Game
Atlanta at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Miami at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
Dallas at Chicago, 8:40 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA schedule

Today's Games
Boston at New York, 12 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

AP Top 25 schedule

Today's Game
No. 13 Oregon at Mississippi, 5 p.m.
No. 24 San Diego State vs. Washington, 3:05 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Football playoffs

State Championships
At Citrus Bowl
Class 1A
Trenton 14, Blountstown 0
Class 2A
Champagnat Catholic 14, Victory Christian 7
Class 3A
Trinity Christian 34, Clearwater Central Catholic 7
Class 4A
Miami Washington 40, Bolles 21

State Semifinals
Class 8A
Apopka 45, Plant 29
So. Dade 37, Palm Beach Gardens 10
Class 7A
Dwyer 31, East Lake 24, OT
Niceville 31, Kissimmee Osceola 30
Class 6A
Armwood 35, Bartram Trail 28, 3OT
Miami Central 28, Mainland 15
Class 5A
Clay 40, Lakewood 38
Plantation American Heritage 48, Lake Wales 16

PREP ROUNDUP

First 'W' for Fort White boys soccer

From staff reports

FORT WHITE — It is mercy no more for Fort White High's boys soccer team.

The Indians notched their first win of the season, 2-1, over Interlachen High at Arrowhead Stadium on Friday.

At 9:55 of the first half, Fort White's Brandon Shrum pounced on a tipped ball from a free kick by Logan Greenwald and ripped it into the back of the goal.

It was the first lead of the season for Fort White's boys team.

The Indians made it stand up until halftime, then padded the lead at 34:52 of the second half. Josh Sharpe took a crossing pass from Chris Rodriguez and punched it in for a 2-0 lead.

A swarming defense and a stellar game from goalkeeper Steve Giardina kept the visitors at bay. The Rams only goal came on a right-side run from Lennart Stover, whose deep shot creased the front post before finding the net.

That was it until the Indians were able to storm the field in celebration.

"It was nothing major I did," coach Perry Sauls said. "All they have to do is believe in themselves. They have the talent, they just need someone to show the way."

Sauls moved to the boys team from heading up the girls, when the boys coach who started the season stepped down with a winless record. Pete Blanchard, who was an assistant for the girls, took over as head coach.

The moves paid immediate dividends.

In another district game at Newberry High on Thursday, the Lady Indians got a 4-2 revenge win for their second victory of the season. The girls lost, 4-0, against Interlachen, which was an improvement on their first meeting.

Mallory Sealey scored all for goals for Fort White at Newberry. Kasey Blanchard had three assists and Taylor Miller had one.

Fort White's boys lost 3-0 to a Newberry team that had mercy-ruled them in the first meeting.

The Lady Indians are 2-13-1 (2-8-1), while the boys are 1-12-0 (1-10-0). The teams host Eastside High at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Fort White basketball

Fort White's boys basketball team kept its road run going with a 76-47 win at Oak Hall School on Friday.

Earlier in the week the Indians won at Suwannee High and at Columbia High.

The Indians got scoring from eight players: Melton Sanders 17, Joe Powers 16, Chris Cottrell 13, Jalen Wyche 12, Quan Porter 6, Christian Helsel 5, Paul Perry 4, Tyler Velez 3.

The Lady Indians lost 52-27 at Trinity Catholic High on Friday in a re-match of last year's first-round playoff game.

The Fort White teams host Bradford High on Monday with the girls playing at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Tigers basketball

Columbia fell, 56-20, in a district game at Gainesville High on Thursday.

The Lady Tigers trailed 30-10 at the half and were never able to catch up.

Akiria Richburgh led the Lady Tigers with five points in the game. Jazzlynn Williams and Lona Wilson added four points apiece. Lyric Boyd had three points and N'quai Harper had two points.

The Lady Tigers (2-6) host Orange Park High at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

Trinity Christian defeats Central Catholic in state championship

From staff reports

ORLANDO — Isaiah Ford rushed for two touchdowns to lead Jacksonville Trinity Christian to a 34-7 victory over Clearwater Central Catholic in the Florida football Class 3A state championship game.

Ford's touchdowns came in the third quarter when the Conquerors broke open a scoreless game with 27 points.

Ford needed just two carries to break the scoring drought as he raced for 58 yards around the left side. The Conquerors forced a turnover on the next drive and needed just one play for quarterback Jaquez Riles to hook up with Chris Barr for a 14-yard touchdown and a sudden 14-0 lead.

Clearwater Central Catholic had some nice drives in the second half but four of them ended with turnovers. The most costly turnover came late in the third quarter when quarterback Jeff Smith fumbled and Deontai Williams recovered it and went 63 yards the other way to extend the Conquerors lead to 27-0.

Ford finished with 102 yards on nine carries and Jalin Buie added 98 rushing yards and a touchdown for Trinity Christian. Smith finished with 143 passing yards and 92 rushing yards for the Marauders.

FSU, Auburn roll on championship Saturday

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jameis Winston threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score, and No. 1 Florida State stormed into the BCS national championship game with a 45-7 victory over 20th-ranked Duke on Saturday night in the ACC championship game.

The Heisman Trophy favorite was 19 of 32 for 330 yards and set FBS freshman records for TD passes and yards passing in a season two days after prosecutors decided not to press charges against him in a sexual assault case.

Winston threw two touchdown passes to 6-foot-5, 234-pound receiver Kelvin Benjamin and ran for a 17-yard score to overcome two interceptions.

Florida State's defense was dominant, holding Duke (10-3) to 239 yards and forcing three turnovers to help the Seminoles (13-0) win their second straight ACC title.

It was Florida State's 12th win by at least 27 points. The Seminoles entered as 29-point favorites after outscoring its opponents by an average of 43 points.

Florida State outgained Duke 569-239.

Winston struggled early with overthrowing receivers and the Seminoles failed to score in the first quarter for the first time this season.

Auburn 59, Missouri 42

ATLANTA — If offense was the only requirement, Auburn would be a shoe-in for the BCS championship.

Tre Mason rushed for 304 yards and four touchdowns, leading No. 3 Auburn to a wild 59-42 victory over No. 5 Missouri in a Southeastern Conference title game Saturday that looked more like a video game.

Auburn (12-1) kept alive its hopes of playing for the national championship, though the Tigers would likely need either top-ranked Florida State or No. 2 Ohio State to lose in their conference title games, which began about the time Auburn was wrapping up the offensive shootout at the Georgia Dome.

Auburn set an SEC championship game record with 677 yards, including 545 on the ground. Mason had scoring runs of 7, 3 and 1 yards before bursting up the middle on a 13-yard TD that clinched the victory with 4:22 remaining. He carried the ball a staggering 46 times, even striking a Heisman pose on a night when his long-shot candidacy got a huge boost.

Auburn finally stopped Missouri on fourth-and-1 deep in its own territory, setting up Mason's final score. Chris Davis broke up the pass, not quite as thrilling as his 109-yard return of a missed field goal to beat Alabama, but another huge play for the nation's biggest turnaround team.

Auburn, which was 3-9 a year ago and didn't win a game in the SEC, claimed the title in its first year under coach Gus Malzahn.

Ohio State lost 34-24 to Michigan State in the Big 10 championship to give Auburn a shot at the national title.

ALLEN

From Page 1B

guys. I kind of like guys like that as a coach and player. You've got to find what it is in a guy that will make them twitch to play hard. He's going to play aggressive and on fire. As a team, you don't want the spotlight on you like that. You're out there giving it your all for those guys. The only part I have a problem with is it might have been overboard with the racial tone. I can't comment over what's accepted in the locker room. I only know that it wouldn't be accepted in my locker room, but that culture might be different. He could have been trying to strike a fire with him."

JUMBLE

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

NEKTA

OZPAT

GINNIN

MESRUM

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

Ans. here: " - - "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ALBUM DIGIT BOTANY INVITE
Answer: When it came to protecting their castle, they were – "MOAT-IVATED"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 LP speed
4 Width of a cir.
7 Gangplank
11 Gulf st.
12 Herr's spouse
13 Latin I verb
14 Novice swimmer
16 Greedy sorts
17 Horror flick extra
18 Import vehicle
19 Have a cold
20 Mr. Kilmer
21 Pile
24 Pestered
27 Winning streak
28 First name in cheesecake
30 Pantyhose shade
32 Concorde fleet of yore
34 Recounted
36 Summer forecast
37 Nice and warm
39 Marry in haste
41 Monsieur's wine
42 Dirty place
43 Ninny
45 Makes one's way
48 Sigh loudly
49 Education
52 — time no see
53 Hair styling goops
54 Compete
55 Diner sandwiches
56 Just scrape by
57 Bastille Day season

DOWN
1 P.O. service
2 Stop up
3 — 1 (speed of sound)
4 Dental gear
5 Fleming of 007 fame
6 Dog days mo.
7 Drive back
8 Parched
9 Noted star-seekers
10 Qt. parts
12 Oil and water
15 Zen riddle
18 Battery size
20 Tender cutlets
21 Half a couple
22 Depose
23 Till
24 Helen of —
25 Reverberate
26 Lemon candy
29 Memo abbr.
31 Versatile vehicle
33 Nest egg
35 Discourages
38 Command for Fido
40 Singer Loretta —
42 Marshy hollow
43 File or chisel
44 Wish for
46 Cheap nightspot
47 Huff
48 Diamond org.
49 Not sm. or med.
50 Reaction to a mouse
51 Right, to Dobbin

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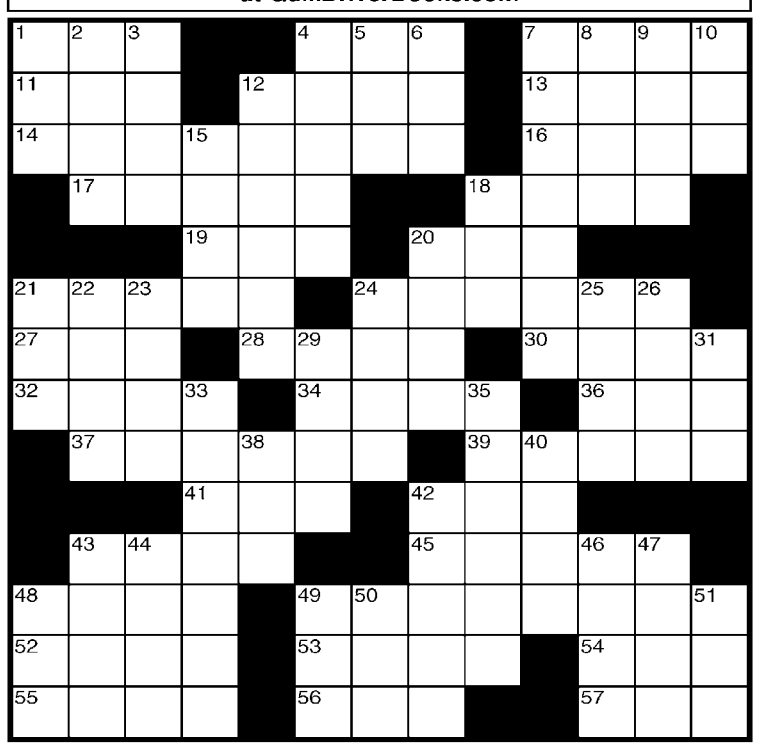

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GAMES

Monday

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

■ Fort White High basketball vs. Bradford High, 7:30 p.m. (girls-6)

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

■ Fort White High boys basketball vs. Keystone Heights High, 7 p.m. (JV-5:30)

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

Thursday

■ Fort White High girls weightlifting vs. Columbia High, Newberry High, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High girls soccer at Oak Hall School, 6 p.m.

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

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

Friday

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

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

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

Saturday

■ Fort White High boys basketball at Williston tournament, 1 p.m.

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

BRIEFS

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Leagues offered at Richardson

Richardson Community Center/ Annie Mattox Park North is offering youth basketball leagues for boys and girls ages 5-7 and 8-10. Each league will have four teams, and will be limited to the first 40 children to sign up in each age group. Cost of $50 and a birth certificate is required. Registration at Richardson Community Center is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. There is a coaches meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Community Center. Coaches must be at least 18 years old and pass a level 2 background check. A volunteer application form is required.

For details, call Mario Coppock or Nicole Smith at 754-7095.

Registration for Boys Club hoops

The Boys Club of Columbia County offers a basketball program for girls and boys ages 7-14. Registration is under way at the Boys Club on Jones Way. Cost is $45.

For details, call 752-4184.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Lake City online registration

Lake City/Columbia County Youth Baseball spring online registration is under way at *www.lcccyb.com*. Cost per player is $75 plus the online fee. Coaching information is available from the league.

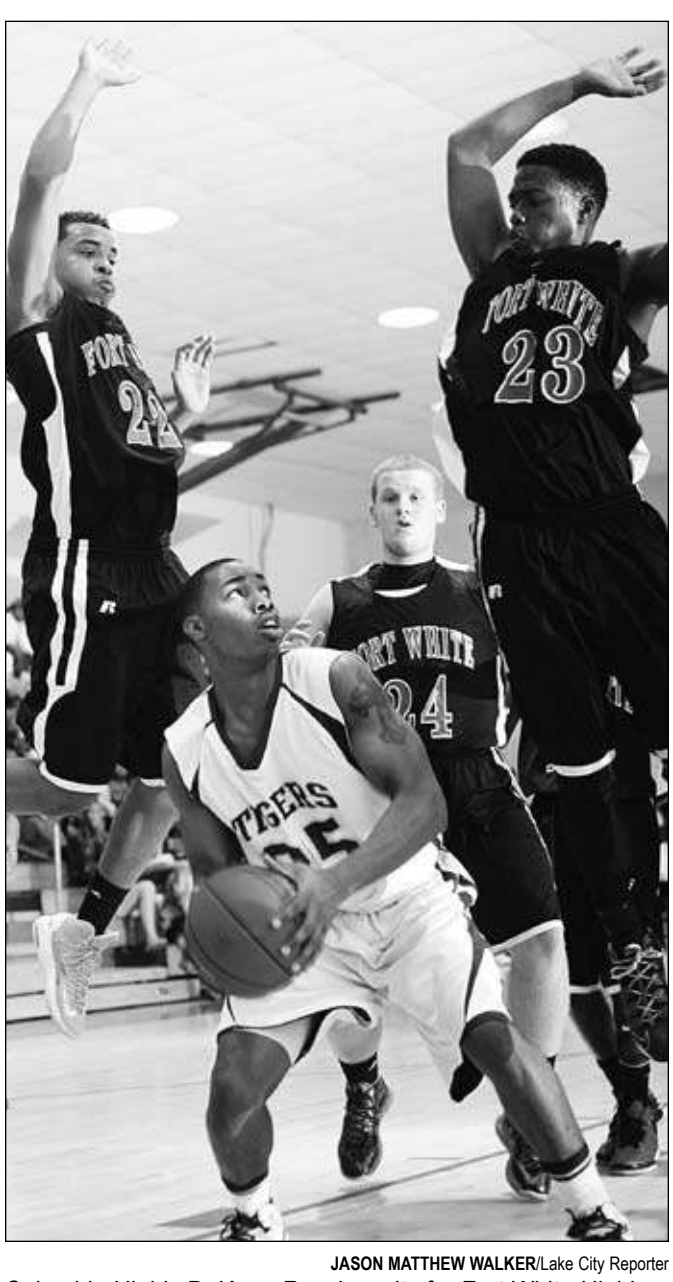
For details, call Jessica Langley at 867-1897.

■ From staff reports

Indians on top in county clash

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Dilan Hall looks to score over Fort White High's Melton Sanders (22).

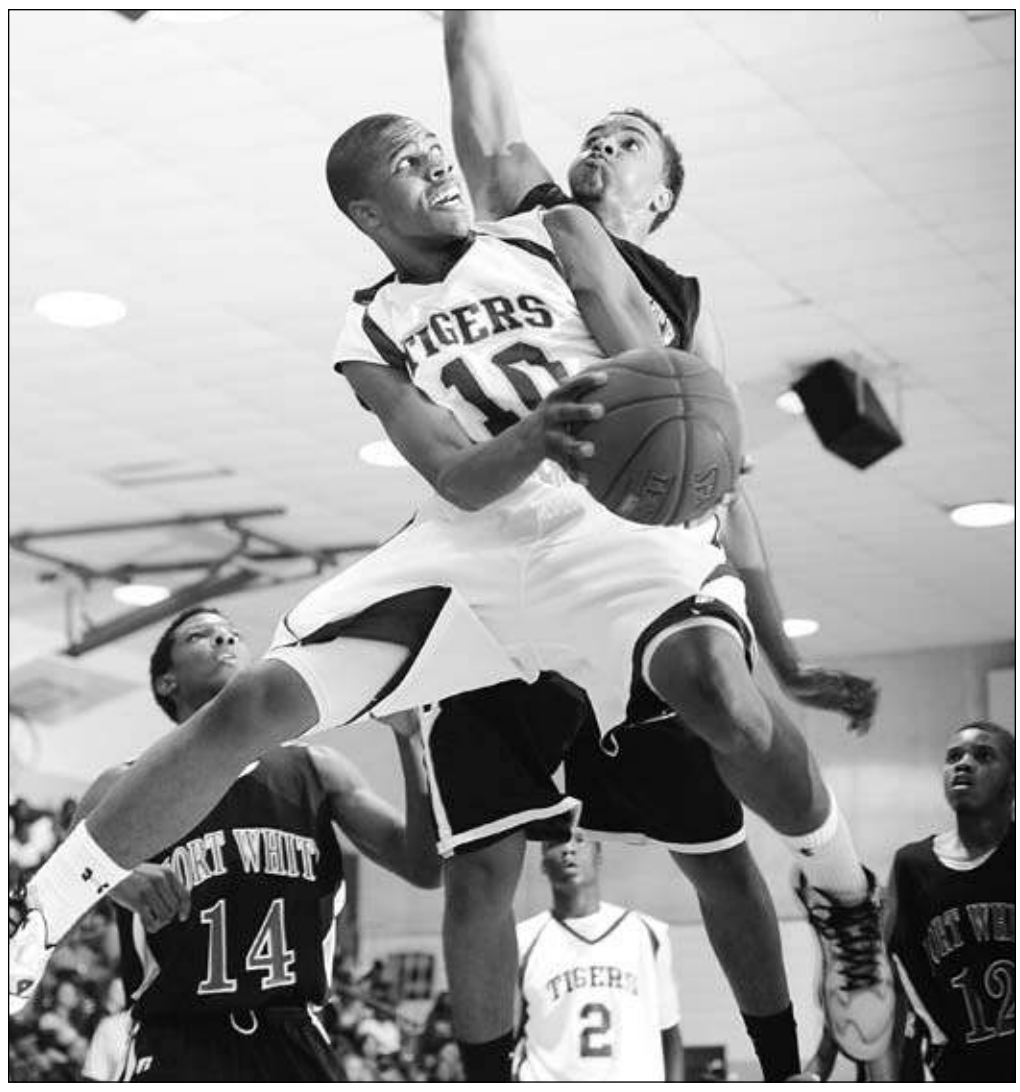


JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's DaKarry Rossin waits for Fort White High's Melton Sanders (22) and Joe Powers (23) to clear a path for a shot on Thursday.

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Christian Helsel (24) is fouled by Columbia High's DaKarry Rossin during the Indians' 61-57 win in Lake City on Thursday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High guard Dilan Hall (10) goes for a lay-up against Fort White High on Thursday.

ACROSS

1 Tyrannosaurus —
4 Pasture grazers
8 — Wiedersehen
11 Slant
13 Honey factory
14 Firearms lobby, for short
15 —, vidi, vici
16 With delight
18 Choir selections
20 Big Board letters
21 Hi-fi records
22 Soho co.
24 New shoot
27 Bite
30 Toy on a string
31 Sanskrit dialect
32 Schlep
34 Wine cooler
35 Complain
36 Red giant in Cetus
37 Go up
39 Toucan features
40 911 responder
41 Exasperate
42 Unhurried gait
45 Cracker shape
49 Dirigibles
53 Fidel's country
54 Air pump meas.
55 Plant pest
56 Lyric poems
57 Golf gadget
58 Overlook
59 Fast plane of yore

DOWN

1 Invitation abbr.
2 Really skimps
3 TV warrior princess
4 Board game
5 BP product
6 Harpers Ferry st.
7 Clique
8 Warhol or Rooney
9 WWW addresses
10 Dunaway of films
12 Wee — Winkie
17 They may be split
19 Auto sticker info
22 Lounge
23 Prefix for cycle
24 Glide downhill
25 Type size
26 Road map nos.
27 Motel staffer
28 Lamb's alias
29 Prowl
31 Reviews harshly
33 Petrol
35 Sleep stage, briefly
36 South of the border
38 High notes
39 Mr. Affleck
41 Nosegay holders
42 Reindeer herder
43 River to the Seine
44 Goody-goody
46 Wet soils
47 Fortas et al.
48 Trailing
50 Muser's mumbling
51 Square root of IX
52 Half qts.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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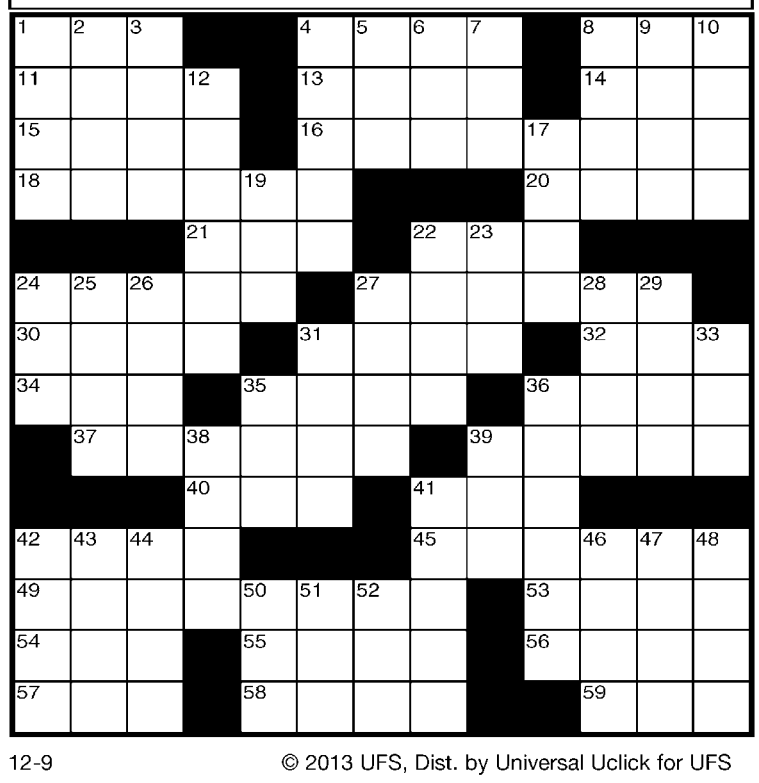

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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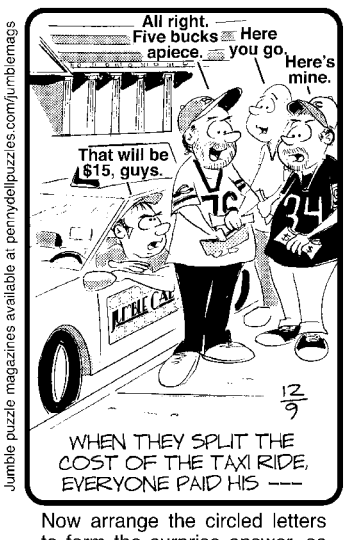

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TAKEN TOPAZ INNING SUMMER
Answer: The farmer's cornfield labyrinth was — "A-MAIZE-ING"

Race is on for first draft pick

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Forget the playoffs. There's a highly competitive race going on at the bottom of the NFL standings that could have as much impact on the franchises involved as winning a Super Bowl can have for the contenders.

It's the chase for top draft picks in what looks like a loaded year for prospects, assuming some of the top underclassmen come out.

Need a quarterback, as the Jaguars, Vikings, Browns, Raiders and perhaps the Texans do? There should be several enticing choices, from Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater to Fresno State's Derek Carr to Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel.

Searching for someone to protect that most prized commodity, as just about every team living in or near the cellar will be? Last April was the time for grabbing blockers high in the draft, with three of the first four selections offensive tackles (Eric Fisher to Kansas City, Luke Joeckel to Jacksonville, Lane Johnson to Philadelphia). But next spring will offer Jake Matthews of A&M, whose blood lines are regal — his dad is Hall of Famer Bruce Matthews — and perhaps Cameron Erving of Florida State among other blue chippers.

It would be difficult to pass up a pass-rushing demon such as South Carolina's Jadeveon Clowney, likely the top overall talent in the 2014 draft class.

The selection order won't be set for weeks, although Houston will get the top spot if it loses out. Here's how the nine teams most solidly in the mix for the No. 1 draft position figure to approach next May's grab bag.

HOUSTON

This has been a shocking downer of a season for the Texans, who went into it expecting to contend for the Super Bowl. They have lost 11 straight and have lost their way offensively, leading to coach Gary Kubiak being fired on Friday.

So choosing a quarterback is a strong possibility unless Case Keenum catches fire in the final four games. The defense already is strong and has an All-Pro pass rusher in J.J. Watt.

The Texans also will address their offensive line and running backs depth at some point.

JACKSONVILLE

Also seriously in the QB derby are the Jaguars, who have soured on their No. 1 pick of 2011, Blaine Gabbert, and recognize that Chad Henne is a solid option as a backup. They'd also like a passer who is mobile, and their fan base would love a big-name signal caller such as Manziel after the team emphatically ignored local hero Tim Tebow.

But a big-time playmaker such as Clowney could be too enticing to pass up.

Jacksonville also will address its offensive line issues again.

MINNESOTA

Both Christian Ponder and Matt Cassel are proving something: They are backup QBs. And with Josh Freeman basically having disappeared, though he probably will be in the mix in Minnesota next year, the Vikings will look seriously at Bridgewater, Carr, Manziel or other quarterbacks who come out early or impress them in workouts.

The nice thing about whoever winds up behind center, he will have Adrian Peterson to hand off to.

CLEVELAND

The Browns have been maneuvering for a top QB prospect ever since September, when they traded 2012 first-round running back Trent Richardson to Indianapolis. Nothing that has happened this season, not even Brian Hoyer's short successful stint before wrecking his knee, has changed things.

Look for them to pursue a top passer at almost any cost, then to address other offensive needs later on. Having two first-round picks provides some options.

OAKLAND

Yet another team thinking quarterback, although perhaps not with as dire a need as the others. Oakland needs help pretty much everywhere on offense, but would love a shot at Clowney, UCLA linebacker Anthony Barr or Alabama LB C.J. Mosley to bolster the defense.

We all know if Al Davis still was around, a speed demon receiver would be the pick. First, the Raiders must figure out if Terrelle Pryor or Matt McGloin is the guy who can get the ball downfield.

ST. LOUIS

The Redskins never would have imagined getting RG3 could cost them a shot at Clowney as the Rams acquired their pick with part of the deal, but if they keep losing, their first-round choice might land the Rams the offense disrupter from South Carolina.

St. Louis also will be in a strong position to trade up or down, then fill needs on the offensive line or with a big-body receiver to augment Tavon Austin, someone like Mike Evans of A&M if he turns pro.

TAMPA BAY

QB Mike Glennon is a nice enough fit for now for the Bucs to look elsewhere, and they would snatch up Clowney or Barr for the defense if they can. But it's the offense that needs the most help. So Matthews or another lineman, or possibly Clemson's Sammy Watkins or another receiver, would likely be on Tampa Bay's early-draft radar.

ATLANTA

One team not searching for quarterback help, thanks to Matt Ryan. But keeping him upright and healthy has to be a major priority for a team that, when it has a full roster, is capable of a turnaround back into contention in 2014.

So adding someone like Matthews, Erving, Cyrus Kouandijo of Alabama or Taylor Lewan of Michigan would make sense.

But if Clowney still is on the board, GM Thomas Dimitroff would have trouble passing on him to bolster a mediocre pass rush.

BUFFALO

On the verge of extending their non-playoff string to 14 seasons — hard to do in the NFL, where teams rarely stay bad for a few years, let alone more than a decade — the Bills could look to bolster the offense. Matthews or another lineman to protect EJ Manuel or a receiver such as Watkins would fit right in.

Dolphins, Steelers trying to find way into AFC playoffs

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin's sideline two-step against Baltimore on Thanksgiving night did more than just earn the Pittsburgh Steelers coach a $100,000 fine and a smudge on his otherwise well-polished resume. It also overshadowed the perilous position his team found itself in after a 22-20 loss.

When Ben Roethlisberger's 2-point conversion attempt smacked off Emmanuel Sanders' hands and fell incomplete, what little margin for error the Steelers (5-7) had entering December vanished.

A loss to the equally enigmatic Dolphins (6-6) on Sunday would doom the Steelers to a second straight non-winning season for the first time this millennium and give the team an early start on an offseason filled with questions to which there are no readily apparent answers.

A win would keep the future at bay a while longer. Four straight to end the regular season could change the conversation entirely.

"This is our playoff game right here," Roethlisberger said. "It's been that way the last couple weeks, and it's going to keep being that way until the end."

Miami finds itself in better position, but only slightly. The Dolphins, whose season has been pockmarked by accusations of bullying that make's Tomlin's misstep look comical, have won two of three. They did so behind a defense playing with a kind of snarl that has taken some of the pressure off second-year quarterback Ryan Tannehill.

The Dolphins are tied for fifth in the league in sacks (37) and ninth in points allowed. Miami held the New York Jets to a field goal in a 23-3 romp last week while getting to quarterbacks Geno Smith and Matt Simms four times, including three sacks by defensive end Olivier Vernon.

"It's been a collective effort by the entire defensive guys," Miami coach Joe Philbin said. "I think everybody ribs everybody, but I think as long as we get the quarterback on the ground I don't think anybody really cares who gets it."

Only Tom Brady and Drew Brees have found a way to score more than 23 points against the Dolphins this season. And while Roethlisberger is hardly a slouch, he'll also be playing behind an offensive line that will have its sixth starting combination on the season after center Fernando Velasco tore his Achilles tendon and is lost for the year.

"That's been a thing since I've been here," running back Jonathan Dwyer said. "We have trouble keeping guys healthy, but we have belief that whoever is out there it going to be able to make plays when the time comes."

Five things to keep an eye on as the Dolphins search for their first win in Pittsburgh in 23 years:

WALLACE'S HOMECOMING

Miami wide receiver Mike Wallace spent four seasons in Pittsburgh, developing into one of the league's top deep threats and making the Pro Bowl in 2011. What Wallace didn't get, however, was a long-term contract from the Steelers, at least not one he wanted to sign. He took $60 million and fled to Miami last spring, and for all the thrills he provided, he has no doubt what Heinz Field is going to sound like when his No. 17 flashes onto the video board.

"I don't think everything ended on the highest note," Wallace said. "I know between myself and the organization, we all know what the deal was, so I am good with it."

TOMLIN'S TANGO

Tomlin called his foray onto the field against the Ravens when he nearly tripped Baltimore's Jacoby Jones "embarrassing, inexcusable, illegal, a blunder." He stressed it wasn't intentional and remains adamant it will not provide a distraction.

"The only thing we can control is our preparation and, ultimately, our play this week," he said. "That's the now and what's immediately ahead of us. I try to relay that sentiment and attitude to our team, and I think it's something they embrace."

CORRALING CLAY

The rapid development of third-year tight end Charles Clay has given Tannehill more options when defenses turn their attention to Wallace and Brian Hartline. Clay's next score will give him as many this season as he had in his first two seasons combined. He'll be facing a defense that has struggled at times against talented tight ends and will start two rookies at linebacker.

SNOW GLOBE

The early forecast for Sunday is a wintry mix of sleet and snow with temperatures hovering around the freezing mark. It sounds nearly as nasty as Miami's last trip to Pittsburgh, which was played in a monsoon on a field that looked more like a slip-and-slide. The Steelers won 3-0 on a field goal with 17 seconds left.

The Dolphins haven't done much in foul weather lately, though they could take some inspiration from the University of Miami, which beat Pittsburgh at Heinz Field the day after Thanksgiving with the thermostat set at a brisk 31 degrees.

THE OTHER WALLACE

Journeyman Cody Wallace will make his first NFL start on Sunday as the third center to play for the Steelers this year. Wallace played all of 58 snaps in five-plus seasons before signing with Pittsburgh in September.

"He's a capable guy," Roethlisberger said. "He's been here a while, so he'll be ready."

Favre wins new title

By DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Brett Favre is a three-time NFL Most Valuable Player and a Super Bowl champion.

Now, he can add one more accomplishment to his storied career: High school state champion.

Favre is the offensive coordinator for Oak Grove High School, which beat Tupelo 14-7 for the Mississippi 6A state title Friday night. It is Oak Grove's first state title.

A proud Favre roamed the sideline following the victory slapping players on the back and hugging his fellow coaches.

"I can't say it's like a Super Bowl, but it's pretty close," Favre said. "It really is. It's a different type of feeling, but I couldn't be more proud of these guys. It's been a lot of fun."

The 44-year-old Favre has been the offensive coordinator at Oak Grove the past two seasons. The school, which his youngest daughter attends, is close to his home in Hattiesburg.

It was a tight game that was a scoreless at halftime. Oak Grove took the lead for good late in the third quarter on a fake field goal when Kirk McCarty threw a 4-yard pass to Logan Scott.

Favre couldn't take credit for that one.

"That was all the special teams' coach," Favre said laughing. "I don't call trick plays."

Stanford claims Pac 12 title, UCF earns BCS game

TEMPE, Ariz. — Tyler Gaffney ran for 133 yards and scored three touchdowns in a dominating first half, leading Stanford back to the Rose Bowl with a over Arizona State in the Pac-12 title game.

Stanford (11-2) raced to a big lead Sept. 21 in its first game with Arizona State this season and had its way with the Sun Devils again early in the rematch, building a 28-7 lead early in the second quarter. Gaffney did most of the damage, scoring on a 69-yard run on the Cardinal's second play and a pair of 1-yard runs.

Stanford consistently gouged Arizona State for big plays, racking up 517 yards to earn a shot at repeating as Rose Bowl champion. Kevin Hogan threw for 277 yards and a touchdown, Ty Montgomery scored two touchdowns and Stanford held Arizona State to 311 total yards to earn a spot in a BCS bowl for the fourth straight season.

Arizona State (10-3) stumbled early for the second straight game against the Cardinal and never really recovered to spoil its Rose Bowl hopes. D.J. Foster accounted for 142 total yards and two touchdowns for the Sun Devils, who will likely play in the Holiday or Alamo Bowl instead of making their first trip to Pasadena since 1997.

NO. 9 BAYLOR 30, NO. 23 TEXAS 10

WACO, Texas — Bryce Petty threw touchdown passes on the first two drives of the second half for Baylor and the Bears won their first Big 12 title and a Fiesta Bowl berth.

The final game in Baylor's old stadium became a de facto Big 12 championship game after No. 6 Oklahoma State lost to Oklahome just before they kicked off in Waco.

Baylor (11-1, 8-1 Big 12) had never even had a winning record in the Big 12 before coach Art Briles arrived six years ago. Now the Bears have their first 11-win season and their first outright title in any league since the 1980 Southwest Conference title when Mike Singletary called Floyd Casey Stadium home.

Petty threw for 287 yards, with TDs to Antwan Goodley and Levi Norwood after a 3-3 halftime tie.

Malcolm Brown ran for 131 yards for Texas (8-4, 7-2).

Texas coach Mack Brown made joking references all week about being the only coach in America playing for a conference championship while also shrugging off speculation that he could be replaced. Well, the intense speculation about Brown's future is certain to increase now.

NO. 6 OKLAHOMA STATE 33, NO. 18 OKLAHOMA 24

STILLWATER, Okla. — Blake Bell threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Saunders with 19 seconds left to help No. 18 Oklahoma spoil rival Oklahoma State's Big 12 championship and BCS bowl game hopes.

Bell, playing in place of an injured Trevor Knight, led the Sooners (10-2, 7-2 Big 12) on the winning 66-yard drive — going 5 of 8 for 57 yards.

Eric Striker ended the game by recovering a fumble for a touchdown for Oklahoma.

Desmond Roland led No. 6 Oklahoma State (10-2, 7-2) with 144 yards rushing and accounted for three touchdowns.

NO. 15 UCF 17, SMU 13

DALLAS — Blake Bortles threw for 242 yards and ran for two touchdowns and UCF celebrated a BCS bid already in hand by rallying to beat SMU in front of just a few hundred fans who braved an ice storm.

With the school's first BCS berth secured with Louisville's win at Cincinnati on Thursday night, the Knights were sluggish before recovering for a school-record eighth straight win and the outright title in the first year of the American Athletic Conference.

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CHAMBER BUSINESS

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Snow Day 2013

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Lake City! The Lake City – Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is proud to present several Christmas activities for you and your family to enjoy this holiday season! Be sure to check out the beautiful decorations in Olustee Park! The City of Lake City, Church on the Way, and Chamber Members were gracious enough to donate their time to volunteer and decorate the park and Santa's House! We would also like to thank The Lake City Garden Club for decorating the gates entering into downtown Lake City for the holiday season. It takes a full month to get the downtown area ready for the holiday season and we couldn't do it without the help of our great volunteers!

While in the park, make sure you stop in and see Santa Claus. He will be in his house nightly from 6:00-8:00pm except on Sunday when he returns to the North Pole to check on the elves. Santa would not be possible without our great sponsors! A special thank you to Pro Built Portable Buildings for the donation of Santa's house, Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center for providing Santa

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Holiday sales picture bright

Local retailers reporting brisk business as Christmas nears.

By TONY BRITT
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From computer sales to car sales, local merchants are reporting brisk holiday sales as Christmas approaches.

Spurred on by Black Friday and pre-Black Friday sale events, a number of local merchants said local holiday sales appear to be stronger than last year at this time.

"This year's holiday sales are going very well. We're doing really well. We're very fortunate," said Bryant Jennings, Star Tech Computer Center owner. "This year's holiday sales are definitely better than last year's."

Bryant said there was nothing done dramatically different to improve the sales from last year, but the store has had holiday promotions and also participated in Black Friday discounting.

"It's not really any different than last year as far as promotional, but certainly business has been better," he said.

Star Tech Computer Center plans to continue with promotional sales events throughout the holiday season.

"In some cases it's almost a daily thing because we'll get a shipment in with some new product or something different," Jennings said. "Because we're small we can be flexible and we're going to be running specials along and along."

Jennings said he expects the strong sales to continue up and through the holiday season.

"We do more business in January, February and March, that we do in December," he said. "Our biggest month last year was March. It's because of tax season — tax season is our Christmas. Because we're a service business, we tend to get a lot of people after they survive Christmas where they have to buy for everybody else. When they get their tax money back they tend to do stuff for themselves."

Stephen Jones, Rountree-Moore Ford general sales manager, said holiday sales are going great.

"We had one of the best months of our year last month," he said. "Black Friday — that weekend, the last weekend of November — was our best week of the year."

Jones said the believes the brisk sales are due to a combination of factors including holiday promotions and the time of year.

He said the Ford Motor Company came out with Black Friday sale that offered customers incentives, including $1,000 Black Friday bonus cash on several products.

"Along with their advertising, our advertising and the shopping spirit that's out there; all of it kind of combined to give us a good month and a great last week to close out the month," Jones said.

Rountree-Moore will have other promotions

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Jon Silcox (left) listens to Stephen Jones, Rountree-Moore Ford general sales manager, as he looks at vehicles at the local auto dealership.

Ask the Fool

How High to Aim

Q What kind of gain should I aim for when investing in stocks? At what point should I sell? — *J.S., Shenandoah, Iowa*

A Instead of thinking of gain targets, consider whether the company is still executing well.

Many people bail out after a particular gain, such as 10 percent or 30 percent. But greater fortunes are made by hanging on to great stocks for years or decades, as long as they keep performing well and growing, and you retain faith in them. If you sold your Apple stock after it more than doubled in 2005, you would be kicking yourself now, as it has risen more than sixfold since the end of 2005.

Don't hang on to any stocks blindly, though. Keep up with each company's progress and prospects.

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Q Is it OK to just read a company's filings, without reading the footnotes too? — *T.P., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.*

A If you skip the footnotes, you might miss some red flags (or green ones). At **footnoted.com**, Michelle Leder and her team offer a fascinating education on footnotes.

Last year they gave their "Worst Footnote of 2012" award to General Electric, for disclosing in its footnotes that a retiring executive was going to collect $89,000 per month for 10 years. (That totals more than $1 million annually.) Runners-up included Dell, which gave an executive $1.9 million in relocation benefits — to move just 200 miles. (The guy left the job not too long after.)

You'll also find less amusing but also useful details in footnotes, such as the specific interest rates that a company is paying on its debt. You might not worry so much about a 3 percent obligation, versus an 8 percent one. Give **footnoted.com** a visit!

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Some ETFs Are Scarier Than Others

If you've steered clear of leveraged ETFs (exchange-traded funds), that's fine. Your portfolio won't suffer for it. But if you've considered investing in them, think twice.

To back up a bit, understand that ETFs are kind of like mutual funds (index funds, typically) that trade like stocks. You can buy or sell as little as a single share as often as you like during the trading day.

Leveraged ones, though, are designed to deliver some multiple of the daily performance of whatever underlying index the ETF tracks. (A "2x" fund, for example, seeks to double the index's return.) But over time, daily movements in the underlying index can create losses for those who hold shares over longer periods of time — even if the index rises overall.

Here's a sense of how these ETFs can perform: The Direxion Daily Financial Bull 3x Shares ETF and the Direxion Daily Financial Bear 3x Shares ETF aim to triple the returns from the gains or losses in the financial sector. The Bull fund saw its price rise 10.5 percent in October, while the Bear fund dropped 11.6 percent (vs. a gain of 4.6 percent for the S&P 500). In 2012, while the S&P 500 gained 16 percent, the Bear fund lost nearly 60 percent, and the Bull gained close to 85 percent.

Leverage cuts both ways, amplifying both gains and losses — and if you bet wrong, you can lose big.

Regulators have questioned the sustainability of leveraged ETFs as long-term investments. Both the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the independent regulatory organization FINRA have warned about the risks of inverse and leveraged ETFs, stating that they are "unsuitable for retail investors (that's most of us) who plan to hold them for longer than one trading session, particularly in volatile markets."

Leveraged ETFs may be effective if you understand them and if you use them the way they're supposed to be used. But they're simply not meant for average investors with long-term horizons.

Regular, non-leveraged ETFs can serve you well, though. Learn more about them at **fool.com/etf**.

My Dumbest Investment

Shipwreck

Back in 2003, I tried a Jones soda at a gas station. I really liked it, and being a new investor, I thought I'd see if Jones Soda was publicly traded. It was. I watched it for a week, and based entirely on the taste of Fufu Berry soda, bought 2,000 shares at about 90 cents apiece. Some two years later, my $1,800 had grown to $64,000! I actually subscribed to Passage-Maker magazine and was going to name my yacht "The Joneses." I started buying $8 cigars at a smoke shop, thinking I could afford them.

The stock changed directions, though, and I rode it all the way down to $1.20 before selling. I turned in my genius card, put my magazines in the garage and spent the next several months kicking myself. I've learned that the stock market is a wealth-building system that rewards hard work, patience and diligence, but it will also kick your butt when you try to sneak a free ride. After a decade of reflection, Jones was the most educational trade I've ever made. — *J.S., Weaverville, N.C.*

The Fool Responds: Amen.

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The Motley Fool Take

Dollar General Commands Attention

Luxury retailers see their business flag in slumping economies, but discounters thrive in them. Consider Dollar General (NYSE: DG), which is a bigger company than you probably suspect.

With a market capitalization recently north of $18 billion, it sports more than 11,000 stores in 40 states. (That's more locations than any other retailer in America.)

Dollar General isn't sitting still, either. It's planning to open 650 new stores this year and notes that it has created close to 30,000 new jobs in the U.S. since 2007. In its last quarterly report, it posted revenue growth of 5.1 percent over year-ago levels at stores open more than a year, and overall revenue growth of 11.3 percent (incorporating new-store sales). Net profit came in 15 percent higher.

One of the company's growth drivers is the introduction of tobacco in its stores, as many people who come in for cigarettes often leave with other items. Cigarettes are a low-margin item, but a higher volume of higher average ticket values is a solid business booster.

The company is also improving its performance via brand-name items. It has been paying down debt in recent years, while seeing profit margins grow. It does have competition, but it's faring well against it.

With a recent price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 19 and a forward-looking one of 17, Dollar General's stock doesn't seem too richly valued.

Name That Company

Launched by a 17-year-old in 1943, I introduced furniture in 1948, published my first catalog in 1951 and opened my first store in 1958. Today, based in Sweden, I oversee roughly 300 stores in 26 nations and employ about 140,000 people. More than 187 million copies of my catalog were distributed last year. I offer close to 11,000 products, though not every item is available in every store. I sell everything from footstools to plants to meatballs. My name is derived from my founder's name and his home. I rake in 27.6 billion euros, or $37 billion, annually. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to a small storefront in Manhattan in 1936, where my two Spanish founders sold items such as olives, olive oil and sardines to the local Hispanic community. Today, based in New Jersey, I'm America's largest Hispanic-owned food company, offering more than 2,200 items from Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean. My Latin American foods and condiments include beans, coconut water, guava paste, salsa, adobo seasoning, plantains, tamales and much more. I rake in more than a billion dollars annually, and I'm named after one of the most famous Spanish painters. Who am I? (Answer: Goya Foods)

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Claus and Century Ambulance for donating a candy cane for each child who visits Santa! After your visit with Santa, take a ride around Lake DeSoto to see Christmas Card Lane. This year we had 40 businesses that participated; make sure you check out all the great holiday greetings. Better yet, take a walk around the lake and get in some physical activity while you are checking out the signs!

On December 14, The Lake City – Columbia County Chamber of Commerce will once again host one of the community's favorite events, Snow Day! The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Dashing to the Snow 5k race sponsored by Pro Motion Physical Therapy. The 5k event is for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The race will begin and conclude near Olustee Park. This is a great way to participate in the community fitness initiative, "Get Fit Lake City"! If you are part of the Fittest Business competition, you don't want to miss this opportunity. Team activity points will be doubled to 10 points and five individual activity points will be given to all participants. To register or to find more information visit, www.lakecitychamber.com.

Stick around after the race and help us celebrate the opening festivities of Snow Day, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. While at Snow Day, you can expect to see over 30 tons of snow and two snow slides! If you are a true Floridian and the snow doesn't interest you, we will also have live entertainment, food vendors and other children's activities including bounce houses, a 26ft dual lane slide and a special appearance by Santa all the way from the North Pole!

The title sponsor of Snow Day is Busy Bee B&B and they will have lots of surprises and give-away's throughout the day! This is a unique event you don't want to miss and best of all – playing in the snow and the children's activities are absolutely free! Just make sure you arrive before the closing of the fun at 3:30 p.m. The festivities will continue at 6:00 p.m. when the Lake City Rotary Club will present the 2013 Christmas parade with the theme, "Miracle on Marion." It is a day that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit and provide life long memories of playing in the Florida snow. For more information on any of these events, please contact the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce at 386-752-3690 or visit us at www.lakecitychamber.com.

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Craze for craft brews creates black market

By LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Fancy a pint of Pliny the Elder or Heady Topper double India pale ales, but can't find it in your neighborhood? Get out your wallet.

As craft brews gain an intense following, a black market has bloomed in which some opportunists are selling for hundreds of dollars top-rated beers that are hard to find, in short supply, expensive or illegal to ship.

In Vermont, a Burlington woman was charged recently with selling five cases of the popular Heady Topper beer for $825 on Craigslist, which brought about mixed feelings for its brewer.

"It's a compliment in an odd way," said Jen Kimmich, owner of The Alchemist brewery in Waterbury, which produces Heady Topper. The hoppy concoction, which retails for $3 a can and $72 a case, was recently ranked No. 1 by Beer Advocate magazine out of the top 250 beers in the world.

"But at the same time," she added, "we don't want to see the consumer being cheated by paying too much and getting a product that hasn't been taken care of properly."

The beer is so popular that The Alchemist recently closed its retail shop in Waterbury, Vt., to appease neighbors concerned about traffic. In the weeks since, a half a dozen posts have appeared on Craigslist — including from southern California, Chicago, and Boston — clamoring for the stuff. Craigslist did not respond to a message seeking comment.

Beer geeks often trade coveted craft brews with no money changing hands to get hard-to-find beers that may only be sold in certain states or countries, in limited amounts or are only in draft form.

To get them might require a beer mule, who will transport the brews to the consumer, or someone who will buy them from the brewery and ship them, said Joe Tucker, executive director of the RateBeer website.

"It's done because the rarity of these releases, the prestige of these releases is a huge driver," he said.

Plenty of trading is done illegally, which RateBeer tries to discourage, he said. He said he once got an unsolicited shipment labeled the Belgian Coffee Company that contained the site's highest-rated beer.

The practice of trading beer doesn't bother most brewers. But buying beer, marking up the price and selling it is another matter. It's illegal in the U.S. to sell alcohol online without a license.

Yet at least hundreds of posts daily last year on eBay offered hard-to-get beers at astronomical prices, said Natalie Cilurzo, co-owner and president of Russian River Brewing, in Santa Rosa, Calif. She spotted the brewery's flagship Pliny the Elder, which sells for $5 a bottle, going for between $15 and $50, and its discontinued Toronado anniversary beer, which sold for about $25 at the brewery, being auctioned for about $700 last year.

"It was out of control," she said. "People were running liquor stores on eBay without any accountability."

She cited the steps that her company took that black market sellers are skipping: acquiring liquor and business licenses, paying sales, property and other taxes and selling responsibly. She pointed out the dangers of selling to minors online or the questions of who would be responsible if a drunk driver who'd bought beer sold illegally online killed someone.

She decided she had to stand up for the breweries.

"It was not just our beer but a lot of our friends'," she said. "And I really felt like I needed to be an advocate for everybody."

She went to state regulators, who set up a meeting with eBay. She said eBay was unaware of the practice but committed to ending it. EBay responded to an interview request by referring to its site, which says that it doesn't allow any container with alcohol, even if it's considered collectible.

While brewers and states might not have the resources to police illegal sales online, beer lovers are doing their part.

"We have a lot of consumers out there that really care about our brewery as well as many other breweries, and they're really kind of our ambassadors, if you will," Cilurzo said.

Dems, GOP craft backup for stalled defense bill

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing a standoff in the Senate, the top Democrats and Republicans on Congress' military panels are working on a backup plan to ensure that they complete a far-reaching defense policy bill before year's end.

Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and the panel's top Democrat, Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state, expressed optimism on Thursday that they could agree with their Senate counterparts on a pared-back bill that would cover a pay raise for troops, buy new ships and aircraft and address the epidemic of sexual assault in the military.

The Senate and the House have only one legislative week to work out their differences before the House adjourns for the year on Dec. 13. A version of the bill remains stalled in the Senate, caught up in a dispute over amendments.

"We have to have this done," Smith told reporters. "A whole lot of bad stuff happens if we don't pass this by the end of the year, in terms of military pay, in terms of death benefit compensation, in terms of military construction projects and on and on and on."

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Granted the gift

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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Gloria Spivey glanced out the window of her office at the Columbia County School Administration building Tuesday, reflecting — as her retirement nears — on 35 years worth of work she's done for the district.

Tears threatened, but she held them at bay. The room around her was mostly bare, except for a scattering of pictures from her various school-designated trips, Columbia High School memorabilia and personal touches. Most of her memories had been shuffled away last year before the move to her current office, but the remainder waited to be packed before her retirement. Spivey's final day with the Columbia County School District will be on Dec. 20.

"I will miss it," she said. "I made a lot of friends over my years in the school district, and there's a lot of good people here who have kind hearts. I will miss them all. I've always said I had the best job in Columbia County."

Stepping into the rescue

As the AIDS epidemic swept the country in the early 90s, the State of Florida voted that every school district had to have a comprehensive health education coordinator. Spivey moved from her

SPIVEY *continued on 3D*

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Gloria Spivey, 64, will be retiring from her post after 35 years of service, 22 as the Columbia County School District comprehensive health coordinator. Her official last day is Dec. 31. Judy Tatem will be replacing her effective Jan. 1. 'I'm looking forward to retiring. I'm leaving with mixed emotions. There's lots of things I want to do.' Spivey plans on doing some fishing, playing with her 4-year-old granddaughter, Laura Van, and spending the entire month of March in Italy.

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Dylan's electric guitar from Newport for sale

By ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bob Dylan's sunburst Fender Stratocaster made rock history when he played it at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival. Now it is again set to make news when it goes on the auction block, where it could sell for half a million dollars.

The festival was a defining moment that marked Dylan's move from acoustic folk to electric rock 'n' roll.

Now viewed as a moment that irrevocably changed American music, Dylan's three-song electric set at the Rhode Island festival was met by boos from folk purists who viewed him as a traitor. He returned for an acoustic encore with "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue."

The presale estimate by Christie's auction house for the guitar, which is being sold Friday with its original black leather strap and Fender hard shell case, is $300,000 to $500,000. The current record for a guitar sold at auction is Eric Clapton's Fender, nicknamed "Blackie," which sold at Christie's for $959,500 in 2004.

Christie's also is selling five lots of hand- and typewritten lyric fragments found inside the guitar case — early versions of some of Dylan's famous songs. They have a presale estimate ranging from $3,000 to $30,000.

The lyrics for sale include "In the Darkness of Your Room," an early draft of "Absolutely Sweet Marie" from Dylan's "Blonde on Blonde" album, and three songs from the record's 1965 recording session that weren't released until the 1980s: "Medicine Sunday" (the draft is titled "Midnight Train"), "Jet Pilot" and "I Wanna Be Your Lover."

With a classic sunburst finish and original flat-wound strings, Dylan's guitar has been in the possession of a New Jersey family for nearly 50 years. Dylan left it on a private plane piloted by the owner's late father, Vic Quinto, who worked for the musician's manager.

His daughter, Dawn Peterson, of Morris County, N.J., has said that her father asked the management company what to do with the guitar but nobody ever got back to him.

Last year, she took it to the PBS show "History Detectives" to try to have it authenticated. The program enlisted the expertise of Andy Babiuk, a consultant to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and owner of an upstate New York vintage instrument shop, and Jeff Gold, a Dylan memorabilia expert. Both men, who appeared on the episode, unequivocally declared the artifacts belonged to Dylan.

Babiuk took the instrument apart and also compared it to close-up color photos of the guitar taken at the 1965 festival.

"I was able to match the wood grain on the body of the guitar ... and the unique grain of the rosewood fingerboard. Wood grains are like fingerprints; no two are exactly alike," Babiuk said. "Based on the sum of the evidence, I was able to identify that this guitar was the one that Bob Dylan had played in Newport."

Dylan's attorney and his publicist didn't respond to email and phone requests for comment. Dylan and Peterson, who declined to be interviewed, recently settled a legal dispute over the items. The terms weren't disclosed.

"Representatives for Bob Dylan do not contest the sale of the guitar, and are aware of Christie's plan to bring it to auction," a statement issued through Christie's said.

Dylan has generally looked upon his instruments to convey his art, akin to a carpenter's hammer, Howard Kramer, curatorial director of the Rock Hall, said last year. "I don't think he's dwelled on a guitar he hasn't played for 47 years," he said. "If he cared about it, he would have done something about it."

Festival founder George Wein, 88, said that when Dylan finished playing at Newport, Wein was backstage and told him to go back out and play an acoustic number because that's what people expected. Dylan said that he didn't want to do it and that he couldn't, because he had only the electric guitar. Wein called out for a loaner backstage, and about 20 musicians raised their acoustic guitars to offer them.

Dylan's "going electric changed the structure of folk music," Wein said. "The minute Dylan went electric, all these young people said, 'Bobby's going electric; we're going electric, too.'"

Associated Press writer Michelle R. Smith in Providence, R.I., contributed to this report.

Govt aims to keep older drivers safe on road

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Silver could take on a whole new meaning when it comes to car shopping. With more older drivers on the road, the federal government is contemplating a "silver car" rating system that will help identify which cars better protect elderly drivers and passengers in a crash.

Federal highway safety officials will investigate the possibility of such a rating system as part of a five-year plan designed to reduce the number of fatal and injury-causing accidents among older drivers.

The plan, released Thursday, also called for more research into how technology could prevent crashes or reduce their severity. One promising technology warns drivers when their car has moved outside its lane. Another automatically applies the brakes when a car is destined to ram the vehicle in front of it.

Over the past decade, the number of fatality crashes in the U.S. has declined significantly, but the progress had been more modest for older drivers, and came to a halt last year when 5,560 people over the age of 65 were killed as a result of motor vehicle crashes, a 3 percent increase from 2011. Another 214,000 were injured, a rise of 16 percent.

The government has a 5-star safety rating system for vehicles. It's now asking whether it can do better when it comes to older drivers. They are expected to drive more miles and drive later into life than previous generations.

"Let me be clear. What we're talking about here is information. Information is power. This is not something that is going to change the price of vehicles," said David Friedman, deputy administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "The idea is to get consumers as smart as they can be about their safety choices when they walk into the showroom."

About one in five drivers, or 35 million, currently are 65 or older. The aging of the 77 million baby boomer generation — those born between 1946 and 1964 — will add to the number of older drivers on the road. NHTSA's plan focused on helping them drive as safely and as long as possible rather than trying to restrict their driving access.

Outside safety analysts said the plan's emphasis on technology was welcome because it should lead to more confident and safe drivers. Lane departure warnings and smart headlights that adjust based on distance to traffic are already available, but they are often considered a luxury item. Such technology will become more and more prevalent in the coming years, said Jodi Olshevski, director of the Hartford Center for Mature Market Excellence.

"The technology is evolving so quickly that understanding more about how it can benefit older drivers is really critical," Olshevski said.

Friedman said the technology developed in recent years has done much to make cars safer when they crash. Now, the question is whether crashes can be prevented entirely. He said the "holy grail" for drivers, especially older drivers, is a vehicle that can drive itself.

"This is I think where a lot of folks would like to see us go. There's incredible potential," Friedman said. "It's something we're working day and night on to do the research to make sure it can be done right, it can be done safely and it can be done right out of the gate."

Olshevski said the plan's emphasis on keeping drivers on the road is the right one because it will help more of the elderly maintain their independence.

"Being able to get In your car and go where you want to go as long as possible and as safely as possible is important to quality of life as we age," Olshevski said.

The plan also seeks to increase seat belt use among the elderly because the consequences of being unbelted are worse for them. For comfort reasons, some of those who use seat belts don't use them appropriately.

In the coming months, NHTSA it will test public service messages aimed at increasing seat belt use and provide educational materials about ways car owners might be able to increase the comfort and fit of their seat belts.

The agency also released new guidelines for the states to improve safety for older drivers. One of the recommendations called for in-person renewal of driver licenses once a person hits a certain age if a state determines there is a problem with older driver crashes.

Another guideline called for all states to establish medical advisory boards that assess the medical fitness of individuals to drive. About two-thirds of the states have such boards.

Unusual number of Arctic snowy owls seen in US

By MARY ESCH
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Snow-white owls with luminous yellow eyes are thrilling bird-watchers as the magnificent birds set up winter residence at airports, fields and beaches far south of their normal Arctic range.

Snowy owls, familiar to children as Harry Potter's pet, made a noticeable appearance in the northern half of the U.S. in 2011. Bird-watchers recently report on eBird.org snowy owl sightings in dozens of locations across the Midwest, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states as far south as Cape Hatteras, N.C.

The owls live in the Arctic, but when their population spikes or lemmings are scarce, young ones fly south.

"Snowy owl populations are synchronized with their food source, lemmings," wildlife photographer Lillian Stokes, who co-authors the Stokes bird guides, said Thursday. "If the lemming population crashes, the owls have to go south in search of food."

A few snowy owls are seen in the U.S. every year, Stokes said. "But this year is phenomenal. People believe this could be historic numbers."

It's too early to say how large this year's snowy owl invasion will be, said Denver Holt, a researcher in Charlo, Mont., who has been studying the owls in Alaska for 22 years. "In 2011, it was enormous, nationwide, with sightings in 35 states," Holt said.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology website says that winter irruptions, or large numbers appearing outside their normal range, occur in snowy owls about every four years. During irruptive years, snowy owls may winter as far south as California, Texas and Florida.

They're easy to see because they're big and white, are active during the day, and hang out in flat, open areas such as airports, farm fields and coastal dunes and marshes, where they hunt for mice, rabbits, waterfowl and other prey.

Jessie Barrie, a scientist at the Cornell lab in Ithaca, agrees it's too early to say how this year's irruption compares to the one in 2011.

"We're just at the beginning of the invasion," Barrie said. "It certainly is at a level that is pretty intense and exciting for bird-watchers, though. There are multiple birds in many locations, an indication of a strong irruption."

Six snowy owls have been hanging out on one dock at Braddock Bay on Lake Ontario near Rochester. Stokes said she and her husband spotted nine on the New Hampshire coast last weekend.

Barrie said reporting by spotters in the eBird database provides researchers with valuable information that will help them better understand the movements of snowy owls and other species. Because the snowy owl, with a wingspan of 5 feet, is so impressive, its appearance in an area can inspire people to get involved in bird-watching and citizen-science projects, she said.

"It's a magical bird that gets people really excited about seeing birds and engaging with the natural world," Barrie said.

Victory Belles revive WW II era

By STACEY PLAISANCE
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Decked out in 1940s throwback tailored dresses and perfectly coiffed curls, the Victory Belles seem delightfully out of place in the age of hip-hop.

They sing big-band classics at the National World War II Museum and flirt playfully with the audience, leaving bright red lipstick kisses on the smiling faces of America's aging war heroes. But these sexy, glam 20-somethings are not just singers in the tradition of wartime entertainers. They are a living museum exhibit about love songs in an era before texting and Skype, when saying goodbye meant you might not see a loved one for years — or maybe ever again.

With the World War II generation rapidly dying out, their performances have taken on new meaning.

"This music still makes me happy," said Forrest Villarrubia, who served as a Marine in the Philippines in 1944 and was celebrating his 88th birthday at the museum on Nov. 20.

After the show, Villarrubia posed for photos with the Victory Belles. As they serenaded him with a soft rendition of "Happy Birthday" and applied red lipstick kisses to his cheeks, his face broke into a wide smile.

For the museum, better known for its war machine exhibits than for big-band and boogie-woogie, the Victory Belles offer a different window into the culture of the era.

"There were just so many beautiful love songs written back in World War II," said Victoria Reed, the museum's entertainment director who founded the Victory Belles in 2009. "People really knew what it meant to miss each other. It was such a great time for music."

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Spivey goes over some details with her secretary Donna Lee. 'I've always said that this is the best job in the school district and I still hold on to that,' Spivey said.

SPIVEY: *Safety became first priority*

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teaching position at Five Points Elementary into the administrative building in 1992. When Spivey retires, Judy Tatem will assume the responsibilities of health education coordinator until the end of the current school year.

Spivey began her tenure in Columbia County when the late Sam Markham, former Five Points' principal and district superintendent, hired her as a fifth-grade teacher in 1980. He always liked to say she was his first hire, Spivey added.

"I owe a lot of what I am today to Sam Markham," she said. "He would let you think out of the box. And if it meant it offered those children something they would normally never have, he was all for it."

'A daunting task'

As Spivey moved into her new position, Florida statutes required that she write a local curriculum for a new health initiative sweeping the Sunshine State. Statutes dictated that she teach grade-level appropriate material on various health topics, such as human sexuality education. While the state regulated the topics, each county devised its own plan for implementation, especially since a plan for Duval county would be vastly different than a plan for Columbia county, Spivey said.

"When I came in, the person before me had already started," she added. "From the time she started, it took almost to two years until we got the board to pass it because there was such resistance from the community.

According to Spivey, many rumors floating around at the time were not true.

"There was kind of a hysteria," she said. "You heard about it at the grocery store. You heard about it at the beauty shop. You heard about it in church... People get nervous when you talk about human sexuality, especially with young children."

But the curriculum has been in place for the last 20 years, educating children at each grade level on various topics. Kindergartners learn the importance of washing their hands, while fifth graders learn a basic understanding of puberty and what it means for their body.

During the summer of 2012, Spivey once again had to approach the curriculum for a total rewrite. The material had to be updated, as well as aligned with national health standards, Florida health standards and the Sunshine State Standards.

"It was a daunting task," she said.

'Everything changed'

Spivey added another hat when she wrote a grant with Dr. Garret Evans for Safe Schools, Healthy Students. They acquired a million dollars a year for three years. The grant helped to bring the community together to serve the needs of the district's children by partnering the district with Department of Children and Families, mental health counselors, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

The goal was to help families in the district who were struggling, and in turn keep children in school, Spivey said. After the grant, mental health counseling became more prominent in the school system and in the county. Safe Schools, Healthy Students attempted to reduce crime through the local law enforcement offices and discover each struggling student's barrier to learning through counselors.

The grant lasted from 2002 until 2006. After it ended, the district decided to continue many of the ideas behind Safe Schools, Healthy Students by obtaining new grants. Spivey wrote another proposal that earned a school counselors grant, which put a counselor in every elementary school in the county. Then, they earned funds to place student assistance teams in every secondary school to stop the rise of alcohol abuse among teens.

"We were always aware that we needed to have some sort of Safe Schools policy on what schools would do if there was a fire or a gas leak," Spivey said. "But the whole safe schools initiative took a complete turn after 9/11. Everything changed — as far as school safety."

Quickly, school safety became the first priority in the school district.

"We had to move aggressively," she said. "We had someone attack us on our own soil. We had to have emergency procedure plans... We had to think about school safety in a way we had never done before."

Now, every school has a school safety team. The names of those team members are given to local law enforcement every year — in case of emergencies. Visitors are now required to check-in at the front office and get a badge before entering a school. Grants were written to purchase camera systems. The Department of Homeland Security provided money to fence in schools, as a way to make it harder for outsiders to enter the building.

"As schools started to be targets, [school safety] really stays at the forefront of all of our minds," she said. "We don't want parents to worry when they drop their children off."

Making a difference

Over the years, Spivey and the women in the office with her wrote continuously, always trying to acquire another grant to help the school system.

"It was something we could do that would make a difference," she added. "A lot of times in education, you know want what would make a difference but you just don't have the monetary funds to do it."

Spivey also handles the school backpack program that distributed food-stuffed packs to children who need them. She's helped initiate the student random drug testing program that selects a random pool of students to test. She wrote a detailed policy on bullying that involved educating teachers, students and parents about the definition of bullying, then how to help stop it.

After the end of the year, Spivey said she doesn't have many plans for her retirement.

"I think I'll just enjoy not living by the clock," she said. "Of course, I have a 4-year-old granddaughter that I look forward to playing with. That's what it's about. I just look forward to the next adventure."

Museum hosts 4 school holiday camps

From staff reports

GAINESVILLE — This winter break students can ring in the holiday season with scientific exploration and natural history investigation during Florida Museum of Natural History's school holiday camps beginning Dec. 23 through Jan. 17, 2014.

The camps for students enrolled in grades K-5 for the 2013-2014 school year provide natural history exploration through museum exhibits and hands-on activities.

"Holiday camps are always an opportunity to have fun while learning about something new – whether it's engineering feats or how prehistoric people managed day-to-day living," said Florida Museum of Natural History public programs coordinator Catherine Carey. "Museum camps are hands-on and sometimes messy, but always fun."

"Float My Boat" on Dec. 23 will dive into engineering principles while students learn to construct a plane, float a boat and build a bridge as they create different models.

"Engineering is one of those subjects students don't always specifically learn about in school," said Florida Museum educator Tiffany Ireland. "It's amazing how much it takes to keep a boat floating or a bridge standing."

Starting 2014 off with a splash, students will gain an appreciation for Florida's coastal waters by learning about the ecology of the beach and ocean in "Surf's Up" on Jan. 2. "Prehistoric Technology" on Jan. 3 will teach students how to make everyday objects and discover how the earliest Floridians adapted to the environment.

The "My Museum" camp on Jan. 17, which is a teacher workday and student holiday, explores everything the museum has to offer by touring the exhibits and going behind-the-scenes.

Camps are offered as full- or half-day programs. For non-members the full-day program is $50 per student and the half-day cost is $30. A special rate for museum members is available.

For full-day camps, drop-off is between 8 to 8:30 a.m. and pickup is 4:30 to 5 p.m. The half-day camps can either be for the morning, with pickup from noon to 12:30 p.m. or for the afternoon, with drop-off from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Pre-registration is available on the Florida Museum's website at http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/events/camps/school-holiday/.

For questions or more information, call 352-273-2061.

Students below global peers in math, science

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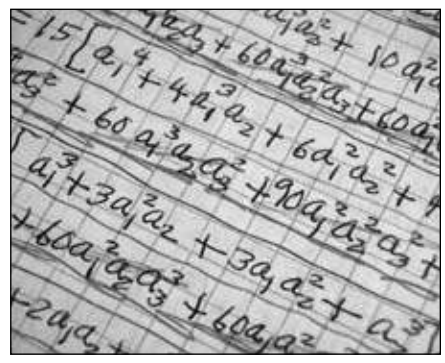

COURTESY

MIAMI — Florida teens scored lower than their international peers in math and science and about the same in reading, results from a global test released Tuesday show.

Overall, the 2012 Program for International Student Assessment shows U.S. students continuing to stagnate in math, reading and science while students in places like Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore top the rankings in every subject.

The average U.S. 15-year-old student scored lower than the international average and about average in science and reading.

"The problem is not that our 15-year-olds are performing worse today than before," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Tuesday in announcing the results with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Paris-based organization that develops and administers the PISA exam. "The problem is they're simply not making progress."

Angel Gurria, secretary general of the OECD, said the results come at a crucial time.

"The ongoing economic crisis has only increased the urgency of developing people's kills, both in the education system and in and for the workplace," he said.

Florida was one of three states to get state-specific results. The other two states were Massachusetts and Connecticut. All three opted to have separate samples of public school student performance in order to get the state-level scores.

Students in Florida scored an average of 467 on a 1,000-point scale in math, lower than the international average of 494 and U.S. average of 481. Both Massachusetts and Connecticut scored higher, with averages of 514 and 506, respectively.

In science, Florida students scored an average of 485 points, lower than the international average of 501 but about the same as other students in the U.S. Again, both Massachusetts and Connecticut saw higher averages of 527 and 521.

Reading scores for Florida students were about the same as both the international and U.S. averages.

Despite the comparatively lower Florida scores, state education officials said students have shown improvement in recent years.

"By continuing to measure our performance, our students will meet the challenges necessary to succeed in college and career," Joe Follick, director of communications for the Florida Department of Education said.

Nikki Lowrey, state director for StudentsFirst in Florida, an organization founded by Michelle Rhee, former chancellor of Washington, D.C., public schools, said the results show students are "not keeping up with the rest of the world in the classroom."

"As the rest of the world advances rapidly, we can't sit idle and make excuses for a system that fails to provide so many of our kids with great schools and great teachers," Lowrey said.

The PISA exam was administered to teens in 65 educational systems and is considered one of the top barometers in comparing student performance across countries. It is designed to assess how students use what they've learned inside and outside school to solve problems.

U.S. performance has not changed significantly since testing began in 2000, while other nations have continued to improve and in some cases surpass the U.S. The U.S. failed to reach the top 20 in math, science or reading.

Another indicator of performance is how many students score at a high level 5 proficiency or above. There were significantly fewer high performers in Florida than in Massachusetts and Connecticut. In math, for example, 6 percent of Florida students scored a level 5 or higher, compared to 19 percent in Massachusetts and 16 percent in Connecticut.

Florida and other states across the nation have made significant changes in terms of how students are taught and teachers evaluated in recent years. Under the Obama administration, the Race to the Top grant competition has spurred dozens of states to implement new teacher evaluation policies and adopt the Common Core standards, a set of uniform academic benchmarks that establish what a student should know in math and reading at each grade.

Florida is currently in the process of implementing the standards.

Gurria said the strict implementation of the Common Core standards would "undoubtedly improve PISA results and would translate literally over the years into trillions of additional wealth for the American people and the American economy."

More U.S. schools and districts are expected to opt into a "mini-PISA" to allow them to be compared to other students internationally this school year.

Want more time off?

Some employers let you buy it.

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Want more time off work to hang out at the beach? Need a little cash and have vacation days to spare?

Some companies allow their employees to buy and sell vacation time, a perk that gives workers more flexibility in managing their time off.

The novel approach might help employees buy some extra days off to take the trip of a lifetime or spend more time with a newborn. Co-workers could sell off unused days to get some extra money.

"When times are a little tight, this benefit really doesn't cost a lot of extra money to employers to provide," said Julie Stich, research director for the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans.

The approach is even more popular with employers that have "paid time off" or PTO plans that combine vacation time, sick leave and personal days into one comprehensive plan. About 52 percent of employers reported offering such plans. Of those, 19 percent offered a cash-out option and 15 percent offered a donation program. One percent give their workers unlimited time off.

The cost is usually one week's salary, prorated over the course of the year. Employees often have to decide whether to participate during an annual fall enrollment process and it becomes part of their benefits for the upcoming year.

Two Amur Leopards born at JAX zoo

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COURTESY

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is welcoming two endangered Amur leopard cubs.

The infant females were born Nov. 16 and given their first checkup by zoo staff on Tuesday. They were each 4 pounds.

Zoo officials say this is the third litter for the parents, Makarii and Nicolai, since they arrived at the zoo in 2006. Makarii gave birth to one cub in 2011 and two in 2012.

Local newspapers report that Amur leopards are native to southeast Russia and northeast China. Experts believe fewer than 50 remain in the wild, and about 95 live in captivity in the United States.

SUNDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 8, 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	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time (N)		Revenge Emily finalizes her plan. (N)		(:01) Betrayal (N)		News at 11	Inside Edition
4-IND	4	4	4	Chann 4 News	omg! Insider (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	CSI: Miami "Driven"		Criminal Minds "Secrets and Lies"		News	Sports Zone	Chann 4 News	Arsenio Hall
5-PBS	5	-	-	Keeping Up	Keeping Up Appearances			Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey Season 3" Wedding guests arrive.				Masterpiece Classic (DVS)		Austin City Limits "Widespread Panic"	
7-CBS	7	47	47	CBS Evening News	Action News Jax	60 Minutes (N)		The Amazing Race "Amazing Crazy Race" A team wins $1 million.				The Mentalist "Green Thumb" (N)		Action Sports 360	(:35) Castle
9-CW	9	17	17	City Stories	Music 4 U	★★★★ "The Christmas Bunny" (2010) Florence Henderson, Colby French.				Local Haunts	I Know Jax	YourJax Music	Jacksonville	Doc Tony	Meet the Browns
10-FOX	10	30	30	NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers. (N)			The OT (N)	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	News	Action Sports 360	Modern Family	Modern Family
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Football Night in America (N) (Live)			(:20) NFL Football Carolina Panthers at New Orleans Saints. (N)						News
CSPAN	14	210	350	Newsmakers		Washington This Week		Q & A David Finkle discusses his book.		British House of Commons		Road to the White House		Q & A David Finkle discusses his book.	
WGN-A	16	239	307	(5:00) ★★★½ "Get Shorty" (1995)		America's Funniest Home Videos		How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	America's Funniest Home Videos		Bones A murderer is killed by a sniper.	
TVLAND	17	106	304	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens
OWN	18	189	279	Oprah's Next Chapter		Oprah's Next Chapter		Oprah's Next Chapter		Oprah's Next Chapter (N)		Oprah: Where Are They Now? (N)		Oprah's Next Chapter	
A&E	19	118	265	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie and Clyde evade the law. (N)				(:01) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2)	
HALL	20	185	312	"Christmas in Conway" (2013) Andy Garcia, Mary-Louise Parker.				"Christmas in Conway" (2013) Andy Garcia, Mary-Louise Parker.				"Christmas in Conway" (2013) Andy Garcia, Mary-Louise Parker.			
FX	22	136	248	(4:30) ★★★½ "Avatar" (2009) Sam Worthington, Voice of Zoe Saldana.				★½ "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.						(:03) ★½ "Armageddon" (1998)	
CNN	24	200	202	CNN Newsroom (N)		Global Lessons: On Guns (N)		Operation Finally Home: Heroes		"An Unreal Dream: The Michael Morton Story" (2013) Nellie Gonzalez.				Operation Finally Home: Heroes	
TNT	25	138	245	(5:30) ★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000) Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott.				★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II.							(:45) Mob City
NIK	26	170	299	Hathaways	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Sam & Cat	See Dad Run	Instant Mom (N)	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008, Comedy) Drake Bell, Josh Peck.				Friends	(:36) Friends
SPIKE	28	168	241	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue "Meat Sauna"		Bar Rescue "Jon of the Dead"		Bar Rescue "Brawlin' Babes" (N)		Bar Rescue	
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rockford Files		Kojak "The Summer of '69"		Columbo "Swan Song" Gospel singer kills evangelist wife.				Thriller "Man in the Cage"		Alfred Hitchcock Hour	
DISN	31	172	290	Austin & Ally	Jessie	Austin & Ally	Liv & Maddie	★★★★ "The Little Mermaid" (1989) Voices of Jodi Benson.			Dog With a Blog	Jessie	Good Luck Charlie	A.N.T. Farm	Shake It Up!
LIFE	32	108	252	(5:00) "Christmas in the City" (2013)		★★★ "Crazy for Christmas" (2005) Andrea Roth, Howard Hesseman.				Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie and Clyde evade the law. (N)				(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2)	
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	
BET	34	124	329	"Dirty Laundry" (2006) Rockmond Dunbar. A closeted gay man learns that he has a 10-year-old son.					★★½ "Funny Valentines" (1999, Drama) Alfre Woodard, Loretta Devine, CCH Pounder.					T.D. Jakes Presents: Mind	
ESPN	35	140	206	(3:00) Football Sunday on ESPN Radio		SportsCenter (N) (Live)			BCS Selection	Bowl Selection Show (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	36	144	209	30 for 30		Football Sun.	World Series	2013 World Series of Poker Final Table. From Las Vegas.				2013 World Series of Poker Final Table. From Las Vegas. (Taped)			
SUNSP	37	-	-	Ship Shape TV	Sport Fishing	Fishing the Flats	College Football ACC Championship -- Duke vs. Florida State. From Charlotte, N.C.						Sport Fishing	Sprtsman Adv.	Reel Animals
DISCV	38	182	278	Naked and Afraid "Beware the Bayou"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid "Double Jeopardy" Strangers must work together to survive.				(:03) Dude, You're Screwed		(:04) Naked and Afraid	
TBS	39	139	247	★★ "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. (DVS)				★★½ "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008) John Leguizamo. (DVS)				★★½ "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008) John Leguizamo. (DVS)			
HLN	40	202	204	What Would You Do?		Cook Your A... Off "Honey Buns War"		Tim Ferriss	Dose With Dr. Billy	What Would You Do?		What Would You Do?		Mystery Detectives	Mystery Detectives
FNC	41	205	360	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace		FOX Report (N)		Huckabee		FOX News Special		Stossel		Huckabee	
E!	45	114	236	(5:30) ★½ "John Tucker Must Die" (2006) Jesse Metcalfe.			★★½ "Dinner for Schmucks" (2010, Comedy) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, Bruce Greenwood. Premiere.					Total Divas "Saying Goodbye" (N)		Total Divas "Saying Goodbye"	
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Toy Hunter "Hunt for Misfit Toys" (N)		Jingle Brawls (N)		Don't Drive Here "Delhi" (N)		Mysteries at the Museum		America Declassified (N)		America Declassified	
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Beachfront Bargain	Beachfront Bargain	Hawaii Life (N)	Hawaii Life (N)	House Hunters Renovation		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l
TLC	48	183	280	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Breaking the Faith "On the Run"		Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium (N)		Breaking the Faith "Into the Unknown"		Long Island Medium	
HIST	49	120	269	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie and Clyde evade the law. (N) (Part 1 of 2)				(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2)	
ANPL	50	184	282	To Be Announced		Finding Bigfoot "Kung-Fu Bigfoot"		Lone Star Legend	Lone Star Legend	Call of Wildman	Call-Wildman	Finding Bigfoot "Sketching Sasquatch"		Call of Wildman	Call-Wildman
FOOD	51	110	231	Chopped "No Pain, No Shame"		Restaurant Express		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Restaurant Express (N)		Restaurant: Impossible (N)		Restaurant: Impossible	
TBN	52	260	372	T.D. Jakes	Joyce Meyer	Leading the Way	The Blessed Life	Joel Osteen	Kerry Shook	Kenneth Copeland	Creflo Dollar	TBN Remembers Paul F. Crouch A celebration of Dr. Paul F. Crouch. (N)			
FSN-FL	56	-	-	Inside the Magic	Magic Live! (N)	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N)					Magic Live! (N)	Inside the Magic	Inside the Magic	World Poker Tour: Season 11	
SYFY	58	122	244	★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine. Bruce Wayne becomes Gotham City's Dark Knight.						★★½ "Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute.					
AMC	60	130	254	(5:30) ★★★ "Remember the Titans" (2000) Denzel Washington, Will Patton.				★★★ "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.					★★★ "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.		
COM	62	107	249	(5:56) South Park	(:27) South Park	(6:58) South Park	(:29) South Park	(7:59) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
CMT	63	166	327	(5:30) ★½ "The Marine" (2006) John Cena. Thugs kidnap the wife of a soldier.				Orange County Choppers		Swamp Pawn "Polticky Ricky"		Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded
NGWILD	108	190	283	The Rise of Black Wolf		Wild Alaska		"One Life" (2011, Documentary) Narrated by Daniel Craig. Premiere.				"One Life" (2011, Documentary) Narrated by Daniel Craig.			
NGC	109	186	276	(5:00) The Real Abraham Lincoln		The Real George Washington		The Real Bonnie and Clyde		Alaska State Troopers (N)		Alaska State Troopers (N)		Alaska State Troopers	
SCIENCE	110	193	284	How the Universe Works		Through Wormhole-Freeman		Futurescape with James Woods		Futurescape with James Woods		Futurescape with James Woods		Futurescape with James Woods	
ID	111	192	285	My Dirty Little Secret		My Dirty Little Secret		48 Hours on ID "Collison Course" (N)		A Crime to Remember "Time Bomb"		A Stranger in My Home (N)		48 Hours on ID "Collison Course"	
HBO	302	300	501	(5:45) ★ "The Apparition" (2012)		(:15) ★★½ "Stoker" (2013, Horror) Mia Wasikowska, Matthew Goode. 'R'				Treme Lambreaux's cancer has spread.		Getting On (N)	School Girl	Treme Lambreaux's cancer has spread.	
MAX	320	310	515	(:10) ★★½ "The Man With the Iron Fists" (2012) RZA, Cung Le. 'NR'				★★½ "Snitch" (2013, Crime Drama) Dwayne Johnson. 'PG-13'				★★½ "Snow White and the Huntsman" (2012) Kristen Stewart. 'NR'			
SHOW	340	318	545	Time of Death "Maria & Nicolle"		Homeland "Good Night"		Masters of Sex "Fallout"		Homeland "Big Man in Tehran" (N)		Masters of Sex "Phallic Victories" (N)		Homeland "Big Man in Tehran"	

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

	Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
3-ABC	3	-	-	News	Be a Millionaire	The Chew		General Hospital		We the People	Supreme Justice	Dr. Phil		Be a Millionaire	News
4-IND	4	4	4	Chann 4 News	Varied Programs	America's Court	Supreme Justice	Steve Harvey		The Queen Latifah Show		The Dr. Oz Show		Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News
5-PBS	5	-	-	Sid the Science	Thomas & Friends	Daniel Tiger	Caillou	Super Why!	Dinosaur Train	Peg Plus Cat	Cat in the Hat	Wild Kratts	To Be Announced	WUFT News	World News
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	The Young and the Restless		Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Action News Jax	Action News Jax
9-CW	9	17	17	The Trisha Goddard Show		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Judge Mathis		The Bill Cunningham Show		Maury		The People's Court	
10-FOX	10	30	30	Jerry Springer		The Steve Wilkos Show		The Test		Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Dr. Phil		Family Feud	Family Feud
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	Be a Millionaire	Days of our Lives		First Coast Living		Katie		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	News
CSPAN	14	210	350	U.S. House of Representatives				Varied Programs							
WGN-A	16	239	307	In the Heat of the Night		WGN Midday News		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
TVLAND	17	106	304	Gunsmoke		(:10) Gunsmoke			(:20) Gunsmoke		Bonanza		(:36) Bonanza		
OWN	18	189	279	Dr. Phil		Varied Programs									
A&E	19	118	265	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
HALL	20	185	312	Home & Family				Movie				Movie			
FX	22	136	248	Movie		Varied Programs							How I Met/Mother	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men
CNN	24	200	202	Around the World		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom				The Lead With Jake Tapper		The Situation Room	
TNT	25	138	245	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Castle		Castle	Varied Programs
NIK	26	170	299	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Dora the Explorer	Peter Rabbit	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Rabbids Invasion	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
SPIKE	28	168	241	Varied Programs											
MY-TV	29	32	-	Hawaii Five-0		Gunsmoke		Bonanza		The Big Valley		Dragnet	Adam-12	Emergency!	
DISN	31	172	290	Never Land	Doc McStuffins	Movie	Varied Programs					Jessie	Varied Programs		
LIFE	32	108	252	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Charmed		Charmed		Witches of East End	
USA	33	105	242	Varied Programs		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	
BET	34	124	329	(11:00) Movie			My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Family Matters	Family Matters	Movie				
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL Insiders	Varied Programs	NFL Live		Around the Horn	Interruption
ESPN2	36	144	209	Varied Programs				Numbers Never Lie		SportsNation		Questionable	Outside the Lines	Coll. Football Live	ESPN FC
SUNSP	37	-	-	Varied Programs											
DISCV	38	182	278	Sins & Secrets		Varied Programs									
TBS	39	139	247	(11:30) Wipeout	Cleveland Show	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	Cougar Town	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King of Queens	King of Queens
HLN	40	202	204	Showbiz Tonight		News Now						News Now		What Would You Do?	
FNC	41	205	360	(11:00) Happening Now		America's News Headquarters		The Real Story With Gretchen Carlson		Shepard Smith Reporting		Your World With Neil Cavuto		The Five	
E!	45	114	236	E! News		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Kardashian	Varied Programs				
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Varied Programs				Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations		Varied Programs		Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern		Man v. Food	Man v. Food
HGTV	47	112	229	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Varied Programs									
TLC	48	183	280	What Not to Wear		19 Kids-Count	19 Kids-Count	Island Medium	Island Medium	What Not to Wear	Varied Programs	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress
HIST	49	120	269	Varied Programs											
ANPL	50	184	282	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Fatal Attractions		Infested!		Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence	
FOOD	51	110	231	Pioneer Wo.	Barefoot Contessa	Sandra Lee	10 Dollar Dinners	Secrets/Restaurant	30-Minute Meals	Giada at Home	Giada at Home	Barefoot Contessa	Barefoot Contessa	Pioneer Wo.	Varied Programs
TBN	52	260	372	Varied Programs		Behind the Scenes	Varied Programs	James Robison	Today	The 700 Club		John Hagee Today	Varied Programs	Praise the Lord	
FSN-FL	56	-	-	NBA Basketball		Varied Programs									
SYFY	58	122	244	Movie		Varied Programs									
AMC	60	130	254	(11:00) Movie		Movie			Varied Programs		Movie			Varied Programs	
COM	62	107	249	Varied Programs								It's Always Sunny	(:22) Community	(4:54) Futurama	(:25) Futurama
CMT	63	166	327	Movie	Varied Programs									Reba	Reba
NGWILD	108	190	283	Dog Whisperer		Varied Programs									
NGC	109	186	276	Wild Justice		Alaska State Troopers		Border Wars		Varied Programs					
SCIENCE	110	193	284	Varied Programs											
ID	111	192	285	Disappeared	Varied Programs	Disappeared	Varied Programs								
HBO	302	300	501	(:15) Movie	Varied Programs										Movie
MAX	320	310	515	(11:15) Movie	Varied Programs										
SHOW	340	318	545	(11:15) Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs		(:45) Movie	Varied Programs			Movie

MONDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 9, 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)	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		The Great Christmas Light Fight		Castle "Still"		News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live
4-IND	4	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)		Chann 4 News	Arsenio Hall
5-PBS	5	-	-	Journal	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Des Moines"		Antiques Roadshow "Des Moines"		Independent Lens Artist Wayne White.		To Be Announced	
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Jaguars Access	Two and Half Men	How I Met/Mother	2 Broke Girls	Mike & Molly (N)	Mom	Hostages "The Cost of Living" (N)		Action News Jax	Letterman
9-CW	9	17	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	Panda Holiday	Merry Madagascar	One Direction-Album Release Party		TMZ (N)	Access Hollywood	The Office	The Office "Sabre"
10-FOX	10	30	30	Family Guy	Family Guy	Modern Family	The Simpsons	Almost Human "Blood Brothers" (N)		Sleepy Hollow "The Golem" (N)		News	Action News Jax	Modern Family	Two and Half Men
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Voice The top artists perform. (N)		The Sing-Off "The Sing Off Is Back!" The groups try to impress the judges.				News	Jay Leno
CSPAN	14	210	350	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.				Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.		First Ladies: Influence & Image The life of First Lady Rosalynn Carter. (N)				Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.	
WGN-A	16	239	307	America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		How I Met/Mother	Rules/Engagement
TVLAND	17	106	304	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens
OWN	18	189	279	Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life	
A&E	19	118	265	The First 48 "Ultimate Price"		Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie and Clyde evade the law. (Part 1 of 2)				Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie wants to generate headlines. (N) (Part 2 of 2)				(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2)	
HALL	20	185	312	"Fir Crazy" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Lancaster, Eric Johnson.				"Naughty or Nice" (2012, Fantasy) Hilarie Burton, Gabriel Tigerman.				★★★ "Debbie Macomber's Trading Christmas" (2011) Tom Cavanagh.			
FX	22	136	248	★★★ "Rio" (2011, Comedy) Voices of Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg.				★★ "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" (2009, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano.				★★ "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" (2009, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano.			
CNN	24	200	202	Situation Room	(:28) Crossfire (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Piers Morgan Live (N) (Live)		AC 360 Later (N)		The 11th hour (N)	ICYMI
TNT	25	138	245	Castle Castle runs into an old flame.		Castle "Sucker Punch"		Major Crimes "Jailbait"		Major Crimes "All In" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Bloodlines"		Major Crimes "All In"	
NIK	26	170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Sam & Cat	AwesomenessTV	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	(:36) Friends
SPIKE	28	168	241	(5:30) ★★ "Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Wes Bentley.				★★½ "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" (2006, Action) Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan.					GT Academy (N)	Cops	Cops
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Seinfeld	Mary Tyler Moore	The Twilight Zone	Perry Mason
DISN	31	172	290	Good Luck Charlie	Jessie	Dog With a Blog	Austin & Ally	"Secret of the Wings" (2012) Voices of Mae Whitman.			A.N.T. Farm	Phineas and Ferb	Jessie	Austin & Ally	Dog With a Blog
LIFE	32	108	252	Wife Swap "Martin/Vallone"		Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie and Clyde evade the law. (Part 1 of 2)				Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie wants to generate headlines. (N) (Part 2 of 2)				(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2)	
USA	33	105	242	NCIS "Identity Crisis"		NCIS A distraught naval officer.		WWE Monday Night RAW (N)						(:05) White Collar "Quantico Closure"	
BET	34	124	329	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown" (N)			★★★ "American Gangster" (2007) Denzel Washington. A chauffeur becomes Harlem's most-powerful crime boss.						Platinum Comedy Series: Bruce Bruce: Live Bruce Bruce.		
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter (N)	Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)				(:25) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Chicago Bears. From Soldier Field in Chicago. (N Subject to Blackout)						SportsCenter (N)
ESPN2	36	144	209	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter Featured (N)		30 for 30				SportsCenter (N)	Olbermann (N)
SUNSP	37	-	-	Ship Shape TV	Sport Fishing	Fishing the Flats	Sport Fishing	Sprtsman Adv.	Saltwater Exp.	Into the Blue	Reel Animals	World Poker Tour: Season 11		World Poker Tour: Season 11	
DISCV	38	182	278	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud A '60 Bel-Air.		Fast N' Loud: Revved Up (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		(:03) Street Outlaws (N)		(:04) Fast N' Loud	
TBS	39	139	247	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	
HLN	40	202	204	Showbiz Tonight		Jane Velez-Mitchell (N)		Nancy Grace (N)		Dr. Drew on Call (N)		What Would You Do?		Showbiz Tonight	
FNC	41	205	360	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)		On the Record W/Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)		The O'Reilly Factor	
E!	45	114	236	(4:30) ★★½ "Dinner for Schmucks"		E! News (N)			Keeping Up With the Kardashians			After Shock: Heidi & Spencer (N)		Chelsea Lately (N)	E! News
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Bizarre Foods America		Bizarre Foods America (N)		Bizarre Foods America		Gem Hunt "Emeralds: Colombia"	
HGTV	47	112	229	Love It or List It A couple is divided.		Love It or List It "Sharon & Sandra"		Love It or List It "The Sinclair Family"		Love It or List It		House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Love It or List It, Too	
TLC	48	183	280	Toddlers & Tiaras		Best Funeral Ever	Best Funeral Ever	Bakery Boss: Bigger & Batter (N)		Bakery Boss (N)		Best Funeral Ever	Best Funeral Ever	Bakery Boss	
HIST	49	120	269	American Pickers		Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie and Clyde evade the law. (Part 1 of 2)				Bonnie & Clyde Bonnie wants to generate headlines. (N) (Part 2 of 2)				(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2)	
ANPL	50	184	282	Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence		Raised Wild "Dog Girl of Ukraine"		Raised Wild "Monkey Boy of Uganda"		Raised Wild "Bird Boy of Fiji"		To Be Announced		Raised Wild "Monkey Boy of Uganda"	
FOOD	51	110	231	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Guy's Grocery Games		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
TBN	52	260	372	(5:00) TBN Remembers Paul F. Crouch A celebration of Dr. Paul F. Crouch.				Behind the Scenes	Living Edge	Kingdom Conn.	Jesse Duplantis	Praise the Lord (N) (Live)			
FSN-FL	56	-	-	Raising Canes	Raising Canes	Ship Shape TV	Magic Live! (Live)	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Memphis Grizzlies. From the FedEx Forum in Memphis, Tenn.					Magic Live! (Live)	Inside the Magic (Subject to Blackout)	
SYFY	58	122	244	★★½ "Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute.						★★★½ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.					
AMC	60	130	254	★★★ "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.				★★½ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. Premiere.					★★½ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)		
COM	62	107	249	(5:56) South Park	(:27) Tosh.0	The Colbert Report	Daily Show	(7:59) South Park	South Park Idol.	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	The Colbert Report
CMT	63	166	327	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	"A Christmas Story 2" (2012, Comedy) Daniel Stern, Braeden Lemasters, Stacey Travis.					Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded
NGWILD	108	190	283	Dog Whisperer "Canine 9-1-1, Part 1"		World's Weirdest "Sneak Attacks"		Dog Whisperer "Gotti's Honor"		Super Snake		Anaconda: Queen of the Serpents		Dog Whisperer "Canine 9-1-1, Part 1"	
NGC	109	186	276	Search for Noah's Ark Noah's ark.		Exodus Revealed		Secrets of Jerusalem's Holiest Sites		Lost Faces of the Bible (N)		Diving Into Noah's Flood		Lost Faces of the Bible	
SCIENCE	110	193	284	Deep Space Marvels "Destiny"		How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made
ID	111	192	285	20/20 on ID "Unforgivable Fathers"		20/20 on ID "The Suitcase Murder"		20/20 on ID "'Til Death Do Us Part" (N)		20/20 on ID "Innocence Lost" (N)		Someone Watching	Someone Watching	20/20 on ID "'Til Death Do Us Part" (N)	
HBO	302	300	501	(5:30) ★★ "Paparazzi" (2004) 'PG-13'		★½ "Identity Thief" (2013) Jason Bateman. A victim of identity theft fights back.				"Six by Sondheim" (2013) Premiere. 'NR'			Getting On	Boxing	
MAX	320	310	515	Shaun of the Dead	(:20) ★½ "Dream House" (2011) Daniel Craig. 'PG-13'			★★★ "American History X" (1998, Drama) Edward Norton, Fairuza Balk. 'R'				★★ "Contraband" (2012, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale. 'R'			
SHOW	340	318	545	(5:30) "I Don't Know How She Does It"		Time of Death "Maria & Nicolle"		Homeland "Big Man in Tehran"		Masters of Sex "Phallic Victories"		Homeland "Big Man in Tehran"		Masters of Sex "Phallic Victories"	

DEAR ABBY

Fiance's parents deserve truth about bride's past

Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I am in my late 20s and recently became engaged to my boyfriend of more than a year. He is in his early 30s. His parents live on the other side of the country, and we see them only twice a year. We plan on visiting them for the holidays, and some friends of theirs will be throwing us a bridal shower.

I was married before. I was 18 and it lasted three years. I was devastated when it ended. Am I obligated to tell them about my previous marriage? My fiance knows, of course.

This is not something I like to discuss. I was raised in a very religious household where divorce is looked down upon. My fiance's parents are not particularly religious, however. — UNCOMFORTABLE IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: While this may not be something you like to discuss, disclose it to your fiance's parents before the wedding. This trip would be a good time to do it, so you can answer any questions that might arise.

Tell them that it's not something you usually talk about, but you and their son didn't want them to think you are hiding anything. If the subject comes up in the future, tell them that it is in the past and you do not wish to discuss it further.

DEAR ABBY: As a teacher, I open my doors every year to at least one student who has low self-esteem. I spend the school year searching for ways to show that child he or she has value. I feel there is no more important lesson for me to teach.

These children's parents don't mean for this to happen. They want their children to be "perfect." The children, though, know they aren't perfect and feel that who they are isn't enough.

Parents, does this sound familiar? If so, then love your children as you did when they first learned to walk. Love them unconditionally when they fail and encourage them to try again. When they make a mistake, celebrate the strength it took to try. When they mess up, let them know you love them even when they aren't at their best.

Remember, feelings stay with children forever. When things get hard, allow your children to fail and to fix it themselves. Celebrate who your children are. Unconditional love is the greatest gift parents can give their children. — KATHY IN ELK GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR KATHY: I'm glad you wrote. You have a wise head and a caring heart, which is an unbeatable combination in an educator. The lessons your students are learning in your classroom will influence their lives long after they are out of school.

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HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD
Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go over your personal financial paperwork and set your budget up for the turn of the year. You have more assets than you realize and are capable of bringing in more money if you look for other ways to use your skills. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans to host a get-together at your place or engage in something that you know someone you love will enjoy doing. Nurturing important relationships or reconnecting with people from your past will be rewarding. Love is in the stars. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful how you react. Emotional deception will cost you if you manipulate a situation or falsify information. Put your time and energy into helping others and avoiding personal problems that can lead to a no-win situation. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will enjoy unusual people and destinations that offer something unique. A different philosophy or lifestyle may appeal to you but before you cozy up to a change, question what's being offered. Romance will enhance your love life. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change will do you good. Check out activities or events that will bring you knowledge about something that interests you. Getting together with friends or collaborating with someone you admire will change your life. Don't spend what you don't have. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Compromise will be necessary when dealing with domestic matters. Making alterations to the way you live or where will be exciting but costly. Put greater emphasis on stabilizing your personal relationships. Romance can conquer any partnership problems you face. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be afraid of change. Be a trendsetter. Step into the limelight and show everyone what you can do. Spontaneity will lead to all sorts of new and exciting adventures. Learn as you go and you will discover victory. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put everything in place. Open up about the way you feel and what you want to do. Make a promise and follow through immediately to show your good faith and reliability. Romance will bring your love life to a new level. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Proceed with caution. Whether you are en route or having a discussion, confusion will set in and the information you obtain will be sketchy. Stick close to home where you can make personal changes that will improve your living situation. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An interesting encounter will jog your memory about a money matter. A little hard work and ingenuity will lead to extra cash. An older individual will be an asset. A competitive challenge will favor you. Experience will make a difference. ★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make changes that will help improve your financial situation. Cut corners or present a wider variety of services to clients and you will get good returns. Use your intelligence, but don't mislead anyone regarding what you have to offer. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Expect to have a change of heart or feel indifferent about your future. Gauge what's going on around you and stick to the truth. An emotional situation is likely to spin out of control if you are ambiguous. ★★★

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.

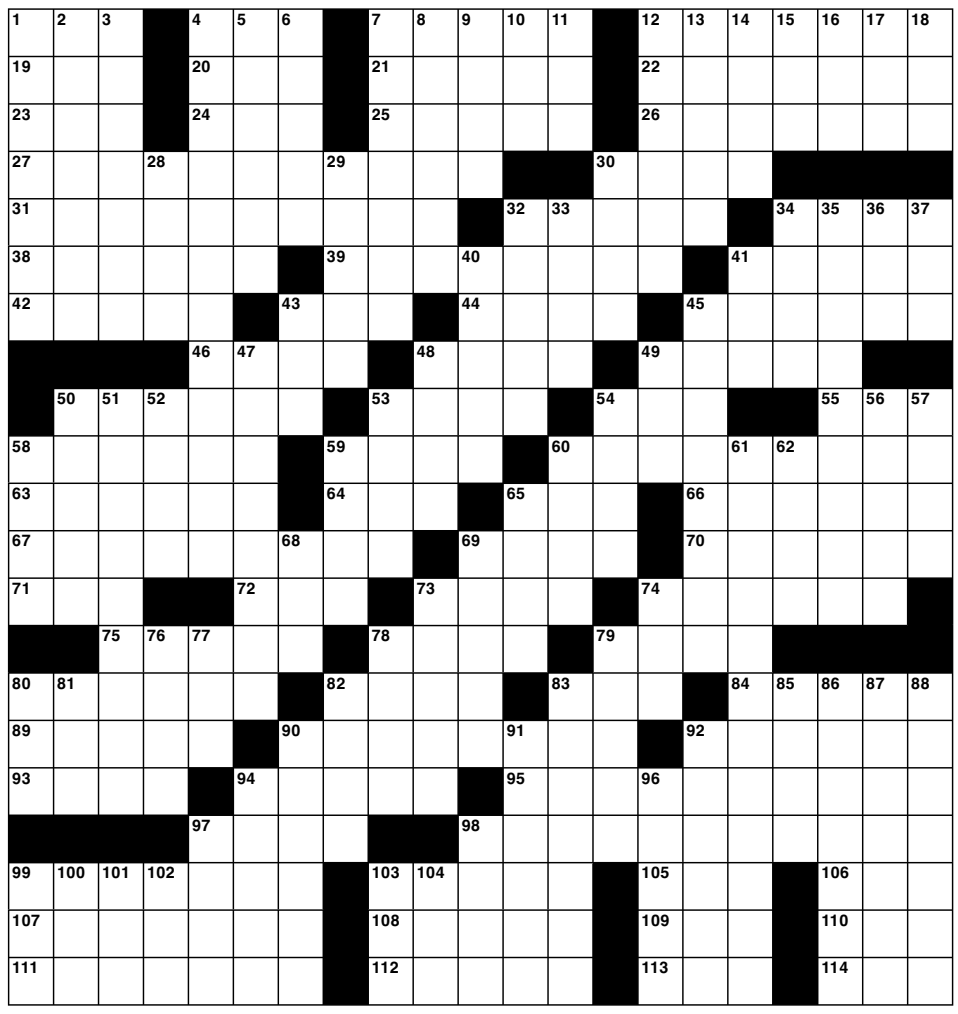
"LYHGH SVH VHSMMN LHVVWOMN VCKRY LWZHG, STJ BH VHSMMN GYCKMJ LVN LC OH SG TWDH LC HSDY CLYHV SG XCGGWOMH." — MCK VHHJ

Previous Solution: "The Navy looked after me like my mother ... took care of me and gave me wonderful opportunities." — Tony Curtis

TODAY'S CLUE: d sienbs x

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

TWO HALVES IN ONE By Alan Derkazarian / Edited by Will Shortz



Across

1 Shot from a gun
4 Hummus, e.g.
7 One-named rapper with a hyphen in his name
12 C2H5OH
19 "Yuck!"
20 Disney deer
21 Company named for a volcano
22 Ones with bouquets, maybe
23 Actress ___ Dawn Chong
24 Aught
25 Subject for the philosopher Heidegger
26 Dressed with elaborate care
27 Passage from life to death
30 Scorecard column
31 Unwritten reminder
32 Wedges, e.g.
34 Sources of feta and ricotta cheese
38 Biological ring
39 Round trip ... or the subtitle of "The Hobbit"
41 —
42 "This I Promise You" band
43 Neptune's home
44 Brewer's oven
45 "Really?"
46 Fins
48 Aquatic singer
49 —
50 Camp treats
53 Astronomical datum
54 20-Across, e.g.
55 Nutritional std.
58 Eponym of Warsaw's airport
59 Numismatic classification
60 Private gatherings
63 Having macadamias or pecans, say
64 Part of E.S.L.: Abbr.
65 Word with holy or sacred
66 Sweats
67 Met one's potential
69 Old capital of Europe
70 Cat also known as the dwarf leopard
71 51-Down unit
72 YouTube posting, for short
73 Firm (up)
74 Basketball play
75 Inexpensive reprint, maybe
78 —
79 Ocean menace
80 Less prudish
82 Deuteronomy contents
83 German Expressionist Otto
84 Sin city
89 2005 nominee for Best Picture
90 —
92 Name on some European stamps
93 "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria
94 Where the wild things are?
95 Steeply discounted product, maybe
97 Distort
98 1980 hard rock album that went 22x platinum ... or a hint to how to cross this puzzle's 27-Across
99 University in Lewiston, N.Y.
103 Speculate, say
105 Cadenza or Forte maker
106 Terre in the mer
107 Some badges
108 ® accompaniers
109 Not a reduction: Abbr.
110 South of Spain?
111 Anne Bradstreet, for one
112 Lane in Hollywood
113 Fa-la connector
114 Conan's network

Down

1 Director with three Best Foreign Film Oscars
2 Messengers, e.g.
3 Todd of Broadway
4 Tooth decay, to professionals
5 Not going anywhere?
6 Michael or Sarah
7 Daughter on "Bewitched"
8 The Carolinas' ___ River
9 End in ___
10 Comfort or country follower
11 Badger
12 Seen
13 Revisits an earlier time
14 Speeds
15 Tucked away
16 Prefix with smoker
17 What a picker may pick
18 "Purple haze"
28 Lots
29 Plebiscites
30 Stands one's ground
32 Clothing lines
33 Metal fastener
34 Yves's "even"
35 Amphibious rodent
36 Autobahn hazard
37 With 60-Down, carnival treat
40 Stir
41 It might be heard when a light bulb goes on
43 Parisian possessive
45 —
47 Try very hard
48 Remain undecided
49 Korean money
50 Coach with two Super Bowl championships
51 Collection of vehicles available to personnel
52 Makes a choice
53 Look after
54 —
56 Three-time N.B.A. All-Star Williams
57 Part of P.D.A.: Abbr.
58 Jim Cramer's network
59 Cause of an audio squeal
60 See 37-Down
61 It's caught by a stick on a field
62 Busy as ___
65 Go pfft, with "out"
68 Yuri's "peace"
69 Publicize
73 Atlas index listings
74 One was blown in Ellington's band
76 Quizzes
77 Presentation opening?
78 Dial-up unit
79 European capital on the Svisloch River
80 Scale abbr.
81 ___ pro nobis
82 —
83 Bishop's place
85 Libran stone
86 Arp or Duchamp
87 Lowest bid in bridge
88 Buoys, e.g.
90 Mire
91 Support group since 1951
92 Cause of weather weirdness
94 —
96 Dickens villain
97 Goods
98 Nickname for Georgia's capital
99 Small amount of drink
100 Oath-taking phrase
101 ___-high
102 "Little Caesar" weapon
103 Superseded
104 Dish made from a root

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, $1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.

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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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YO, ADRIAN!

Rocky devotees set to make tribute run

By DAN GELSTON
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PHILADELPHIA — Yo, Adrian, Rocky devotees are gonna run now, a grueling tribute to their mythical champ.

Nearly 35 years after Rocky Balboa returned for his first sequel, Philadelphia's favorite adopted son has inspired city runners to go to the distance.

Rocky's faithful followers are set to run a 50K that will end, of course, triumphantly atop the art museum steps.

The fictitious fighter left as a big a cultural imprint on the city as any founding father, and hundreds of runners are expected to follow in his championship footsteps, truly, through the streets, steps and past the statue he showcased to the world through six movies.

Sparked by a story on the Philadelphia Magazine website, Philadelphia's debut Rocky Run kicks off at 7 a.m. Saturday, with a start just around the corner from the house where Balboa lived in "Rocky II."

This is the kind of ultramarathon that would make Ivan Drago flinch.

The route is set for 31 miles and based on the inspirational montage in the 1979 flick as Balboa trains for his heavyweight championship rematch with Apollo Creed. For even diehard fans, the scene is nothing but 2 minutes, 30 seconds of Sylvester Stallone's character sprinting and sweating through the city, arms raised high and mobbed by children that flocked to him and followed him up those celebrated steps.

For Philadelphia-based writer Dan McQuade, a native and "Rocky" fan, the underdog boxer's disjointed route made little sense.

"Obviously, the montage isn't meant to be taken seriously as an actual workout; it's just a few scenes strung together so 'Gonna Fly Now' can play and Rocky can finish at the top of the Art Museum steps," he wrote in mid-September. "But, I wondered, what if this roadwork were treated as one actual run? How far would Rocky go?"

He pieced the scenes together through two viewings of the film for the story (http://bit.ly/1jojnMQ), had some friends help identify locations, and mapped distances off a USA Track and Field distance-measuring tool to come up with the whopping total of 30.61 miles.

"This is one long run," McQuade wrote. "I don't recommend anyone try it."

Not so fast. He may as well have suggested hungry tourists head to Geno's Steaks, order a cheese steak, but hold the cheese.

Philly resident Rebecca Schaefer, an avid runner, read the story and contacted McQuade the day it was published for his blessing to organize the run.

"I could not get it out of my head," she said. "This has to happen."

She set up a Facebook event page and website. Almost 400 people have committed to the race.

There are no registration fees, no T-shirts, or trinkets for finishing. Not even greasy, fast speed is required. Just a little love for Rocky.

Schaefer, who will wear a grey sweatsuit with a handwritten "Italian Stallion" on the back like Balboa did, said if she pushed her pace, she could finish in about 4¼-5 hours.

"It's not a real hilly or technical route, because it's all sidewalks, so there's nothing really too hard," she said.

The route weaves runners through historic guideposts like the Italian Market; and Independence Hall, where Balboa hurdles benches and is followed by a flock of children all the way to the steps.

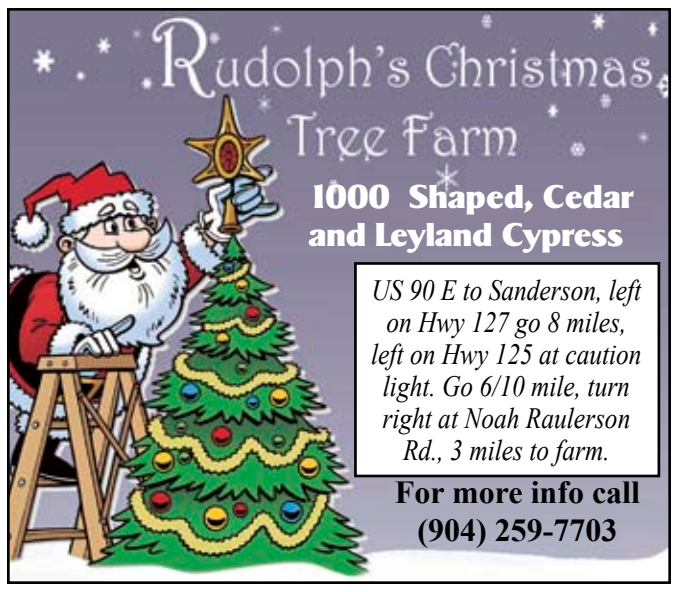
"Why are all these children following him," McQuade asked, laughing. "That's my favorite part, that we're supposed to imagine that Rocky is so popular that children are going to start following him all across the city."

Stallone's publicist said the actor was unavailable for comment. But at the 2006 "Rocky Balboa" premiere in Philadelphia, Stallone said he owed so much of the movie's success to the city.

"It belongs to Philadelphia," Stallone said. "It's a very unique relationship. It's something no one could have ever planned on."

"Rocky" still packs a pop culture punch decades after it became the highest grossing film of 1976.

The musical "Rocky" will open on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theatre in March 2014.



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