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This sketch provided by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office shows one of the home invasion suspects.

Robbery suspects sought

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Staff Writer

LECANTO — A pair of gun-toting men barged their way into a home, briefly scuffled with a resident and took off with the man's wallet and firearms, shortly before 9:30 p.m. Thursday, according to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

It was the second such incident on W. Noble Street in a week.

When deputies responded, the two residents, a 73-year-old man and 50-year-old woman, said when the woman answered a knock at the door, a pair of men forcibly entered the home and ordered the woman to the floor at gunpoint.

Both suspects were armed with handguns and demanded cash. The man's wallet and cash were taken, in addition to a pair of firearms. The two suspects then fled out the front door in an unknown direction.

The residents described one suspect as a white male in his late 20s, approximately 6 feet tall, weighing 180 pounds with a medium build, plus a shaved head. A second suspect also is believed to be a white male, possibly in his 20s. Both men were wearing dark clothing, including hoodies, and had bandanas concealing their faces upon entry.

Except for minor scrapes to the man's right arm, no other

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No. 1: Port Citrus

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The *Chronicle* takes a look at the top five stories for 2011 on the front page and other noteworthy stories from around the county on Page A3.

Port was year's biggest storm

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

2011 was another quiet year for the hurricane season, but will be remembered for the Citrus County Port Authority suddenly bursting on the scene.

The *Chronicle* staff has chosen this as the number one story of 2011.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted unanimously on Feb. 22 to develop an

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CHRIS VAN ORMER/Chronicle file

Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted unanimously on Feb. 22 to develop an area on the former Cross Florida Barge Canal as Port Citrus.

No. 3: King's Bay rule

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CRYSTAL RIVER — Perhaps no singular issue in 2011 has galvanized debate over a proposal in Citrus County than the planned rules for King's Bay.

On one side is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who in their capacity as custodians and protectors of the sea cows who call the balmy spring water of the county home, are keen to institute new measures to minimize harm to the mammals.

Opponents of the proposed rules announced last June call it oppressive, an overreach by government, a ruse that is being foisted on residents of the county with very little or no input in the formulation of the plans.

"I always say it's arbitrary and capricious and therefore should not be adopted," Crystal River City Council member Ron Kitchen said recently.

Official opposition, which now includes a promise to sue the government if the new rules are adopted, has now spawned a burgeoning grassroots group called the Save Crystal River, Inc.

Members of that group have called the proposal everything from a ruse to gradually chip away at access to the bay to a government effort to exert dominance over the waterways and the property owners who live on the banks of those waters.

The controversial proposal calls for, among other things, the area around Buzzard Island, the sports zone, to become a slow zone for boaters in a bid to protect the sea cows from propeller injuries and deaths. Officials say the slow speeds are necessary to protect manatees from fast boats. The current speed limit in the "sport zone" is 35 mph.

The rule changes also could affect scuba diving in Three Sisters Springs and create no-entry in smaller springs if weather is cold enough.

Michael Lusk, the manager at the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge, said there are a lot of inaccuracies being floated by opponents of the plan.

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No. 2: Warriors mourned



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Johnathan Taylor was killed in Afghanistan in February 2011. Upon his return to Florida, a procession that included hundreds of vehicles made its way from Hernando County to Citrus County, where his memorial services took place.

Citrus County feels loss of local soldier, Marine

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

HOMOSASSA — Deborah Taylor doesn't remember the details.

"I was told go into this car, I went into this car. I was told to go somewhere, I went somewhere," Mrs. Taylor said. "That was the only way I got through it — people telling me what to do."

And 10 months later, Mrs. Taylor still struggles with the death of her 23-year-old son, Marine Cpl. Johnathan Taylor.

Citrus County mourned the deaths of two servicemen in 2011, both residents of Homosassa and casualties in Afghanistan.

Cpl. Taylor, a Lecanto High School graduate, died Feb. 22 when an improvised explosive device, or IED, detonated while he was on



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

United States Army Pfc. Michael Mahr was killed in Afghanistan in March of 2011. He was buried in Bushnell at the Florida National Cemetery.

foot patrol in Helmand Province. Cpl. Taylor was serving his fourth combat tour — one in Iraq and

three in Afghanistan.

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No. 4: Citrus Memorial

CMH in '11: Law passed, challenged

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — A *Chronicle* editorial summed it up nicely: "There are two separate boards that have been fighting over the governance of Citrus Memorial Hospital for two years now and the argument is no closer to resolution than when it started," it read.

That editorial appeared in March and, despite much legal wrangling, 2011 came and went with no solution to the bitter and costly feud between rival boards over control of the hospital.

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation has a lease to operate the public hospital in Inverness. The taxing authority rests with the

Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees, whose four members are appointed by the governor.

They have fought since late 2009 over control of the hospital and its properties throughout Citrus County.

The year started with the foundation threatening to sue to stop a piece of legislation that had not even yet been approved. Citrus County's legislators, with the trustees' strong backing, submitted a bill that gave trustees oversight of the hospital by giving it controlling votes on the foundation.

The bill was approved in May and became law without Gov. Rick Scott's signature.

The foundation sued in the second circuit court in Leon County, naming both the board of trustees and state of Florida as defendants. Foundation attorneys argued the

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No. 5: Public safety

Sheriff's office, fire rescue merge

SHEMIR WILES
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On Oct. 1 during a swearing-in ceremony in Lecanto, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and Citrus County Fire Rescue ushered in a new era in public safety, officially becoming "one team" with "one mission."

The beginnings of the historical merger began in February when the Public Safety Initiative Task Force met for the first time. The 17-member group, chaired by County Commissioner Joe Meek and Sheriff Jeff Dawsy, included people with backgrounds in medical, fire-

fighting or police agencies. The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Realtors and Builders Association as well as the cities of Crystal River and Inverness were also represented.

The idea to form the group came after it was revealed the county's fire rescue service was running a \$1 million deficit because the special tax rate for fire had seen a significant drop in revenue with a decline in property values.

During a handful of meetings, the group was tasked with determining whether some or all public safety functions should fall under the sheriff's control and finding innovative ways to pay for those services, which could include special taxing districts or countywide fees.

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Jolting year for electric company

CHRIS VAN ORMER
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— CRYSTAL RIVER Progress Energy Florida had a few shocks in 2010.

Early in January, Progress Energy, which owns PEF, announced it was in merger talks with Duke Energy that would form the largest electric utility company in the United States.

Also in January, State Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, proposed the repeal of a law that allows utilities to charge for new nuclear plants before they are built. PEF customers discovered in 2009 they were being charged an extra \$11.42 a month for the planned Nuclear Plant in Levy County.

In March, PEF announced Crystal River nuclear unit 3 would be repaired and back in service in April. The nuclear unit was shut down Sept. 26, 2009, for a planned refueling outage that included replacement of steam generators in a concrete and steel containment building. When a hole was

cut into the containment building wall to remove the old steam generators, staff discovered a separation in the concrete, called a delamination, that required analysis and repair.

The NRC scheduled a public meeting to discuss the resumption of operation. However, the meeting was canceled after PEF found another delamination in the wall in March.

On April 4, PEF notified the NRC it could not estimate a return to service date for the nuclear unit.

As of May 31, Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (NEIL), PEF's insurer, had paid \$265 million for repairs and replacement power. PEF had spent \$214 million on repairs and \$375 million on replacement power costs at that point.

In June, PEF said it would repair the delamination in the containment wall and hoped to have the plant in service by 2014. Company officials estimated the repair cost at between \$900 million and \$1.3 billion.

In July, Fitch Ratings, which offers opinions about



The Progress Energy facility in Crystal River has seen many changes in the past year. More changes are expected in the coming year.

investing, revised its ratings outlook for PEF from stable to negative because of the second delamination in the containment wall.

On July 26, PEF reported to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC), state regulators, containment building acoustic monitors detected a third delamination.

The PSC voted on Nov. 22 to allow PEF to recoup \$140 million in additional fuel charges resulting from the Crystal River nuclear unit being offline all year, allowing the utility to raise the customer's monthly bill by about 3.2 percent as of Jan. 1. A monthly average use of 1,000 kilowatts of power will cost \$123.19.

On Dec. 15, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) rejected Duke Energy's planned acquisition of Progress Energy.

On Dec. 22, the NRC unanimously approved a design that PEF proposes to use for construction of its \$20-billion Levy County power plant. The NRC

waived the usual 30-day waiting period, so its decision would be effective before January. That moves the utility closer to pouring concrete for safety-related parts of the plant.

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Year in review: business in Citrus

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In business, there were highs and lows throughout the tumultuous year of 2011.

One of the bright spots involved unemployment figures.

In November, Workforce Connection region's unemployment rate held steady at 11.5 percent, the same as in October, but represented a 2.4 percent drop in unemployment over the year. Also in November, Citrus County's labor force grew by 316 to 58,527 for the month; the number of people employed rose by 309 to 52,105; and the number of those

without jobs remained virtually unchanged at 6,422.

Overall, Citrus County's unemployment rate fell 2.3 percent during the year. Last year at this same time, there were 7,809 jobless.

Rusty Skinner, Workforce's chief executive officer, heralded in a press release an end to the yo-yo effect — up slightly one month, down the next — in the jobless rate and stated unemployment was finally steadily trending downward.

Other highlights of 2011:

■ HPH Hospice announced plans in January to build a 25,000-square-foot patient care facility and office on land just east of

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Lecanto Surgery Center. In Sibex, a manufacturer of electronic components, used incentives from the Citrus County Economic Development Council and created 20 jobs. Likewise, TCG, which recycles electronics, created 27 jobs.

■ The EDC got to work on turning the former Citrus County Chamber of Commerce building in Homosassa into a business

incubator where small businesses can start and grow. The incubator formally opened in September.

■ Well-known local businessman and landowner Dixie Hollins abruptly resigned from his posts with the Citrus County Economic Development Council and Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, citing the need to focus on his company.

■ The county loses two

landmark businesses to fire: Margarita Grill in Homosassa and Turner Fish Camp near Inverness, both accidental.

■ The real estate market in Citrus County didn't get any worse, but sales remained flat as local experts predicted it could be another two years before people see any stable appreciation locally in property values.

■ John Siefert, executive director of the EDC, made a surprise announcement during the EDC's regular board meeting agenda in November that he desired to cut back on the amount of hours he works. It was

then proposed the chamber of commerce would assume more responsibilities in the form of support services. The last-minute item promoted intense discussion, which led to a vote on it being shelved until 2012.

■ Though there appeared to be a boost in commercial construction, such as the building of a new Walmart in Homosassa, residential construction remained flat in 2011.

■ Sears Holdings Corp. announced it would shutter 79 Sears and Kmart stores nationwide, including the Sears at the Crystal River Mall.

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area on the former Cross Florida Barge Canal as Port Citrus, following a 40-minute presentation by an attorney, Fred Busack, who said an expanded Panama Canal in 2014 would benefit Florida ports.

Teddi Rusnak, Citrus County Council president, said the project was moving forward too quickly without public discussion.

On March 8, the BOCC voted to give Busack's law firm, Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, \$50,000 to lobby legislators for legislation to help the port effort.

Later in March, BOCC members confirmed they first heard Busack's presentation separately in his Tampa office. The firm's lobbying contract had been drawn up 10 days before the public presentation, according to county records.

On March 23, the lobbyist, Peter Dunbar, said language for Port Citrus was added to Senate Bill 524 regarding seaport security regulations that would allow Port Citrus to join 14 other established Florida ports.

In April, Cabot McBride, Inverness councilman and member of the Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) said the TPO should have been told that officials and Busack discussed the Port Citrus idea for several weeks before commissioners voted to pay a lobbyist.

Midway through April, Dunbar, the lobbyist was shown to have started registration paperwork on Feb. 17 to add Port Citrus into state law, five days before the BOCC's vote.

On May 3, Inverness Schweickert Jr. of Robert Schweickert Jr. of Robert Schweickert filed suit against the county alleging commissioners violated the Sunshine Law by having a de facto meeting when they met individually in Busack's office.

On May 4, legislation added Citrus County to the Florida Seaport Trans-

portation and Economic Development Council, which gave the county until July 1, 2014, to apply for a grant to conduct a feasibility study about the port. Schweickert lost an appeal regarding a 2009 BOCC decision to create a port district on the canal on behalf of Citrus Mining and Timber owner Dixie Hollins.

Gov. Rick Scott signed the legislation on May 24 that created Port Citrus.

On June 6, the county asked a judge to dismiss Schweickert's lawsuit claiming commissioners violated the Sunshine Law. Also in June, attorneys representing the county said they would seek fees against Schweickert unless he dropped the lawsuit.

BOCC members met July 12 for the first time as the Citrus County Port Authority. County Administrator

Brad Thorpe was appointed port director and County Attorney Richard Wesch was appointed port attorney.

At the TPO's Aug. 18 meeting, Ron Kitchen, vice chairman, told Thorpe, who was making a presentation about Port Citrus, that the public was wary of the project because county officials lacked details. Commissioner Rebecca Bays said the feasibility study would address all issues.

In September, Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council allocated \$50,000 for the study on condition of the county coming up with matching funds. The money was matched by the Citrus County Economic Development Council, CLM Workforce Connection and the BOCC using the business license reserve fund.

On Oct. 13, a judge took evidence for Schweickert's Sunshine Law violation complaint and decided in November in Schweickert's favor, with conditions.

Also in November, Schweickert filed a writ of mandamus to force the county to comply with a public records request. For ignoring the request, the county settled out of court for \$1,450. Port authority members met with residents of Inglis and Yankeetown to tell them about the port project, and discussed the Ocala 489 Inland Port Project with Marion County business people.

In December, Schweickert

filed another lawsuit making a constitutional challenge against the county regarding Port Citrus.

Marion County commissioners and Ocala city council members met on Dec. 9

with port authority members for a presentation about the port. On Dec. 21, Marion County Commission Chairman Charlie Stone toured the proposed Port Citrus area.

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CITRUS COUNTY: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Crystal River: Springs saved, streets paved, flag rule waived

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Staff Writer

This city packed in a lot into 2011, with enough left over for 2012.

From the county's controversial decision to relocate its offices to Meadowcrest and the flap over flags to the heft of truck traffic and the not-so-crystal-clear politics of water and privacy rights, city officials grappled with many issues and simply left some for the new year. Meanwhile, officials were able to add a little beauty to downtown.

Among some of the issues that made headlines in the city of the manatee in 2011 were:

■ City officials were not pleased with a plan by Tarmac to mine limerock north of Inglis and drive through this city five days a week. Tarmac own estimates put weekly truck traffic through the area at 250. The city OK'd a plan to join a lawsuit against the company, but have yet to join. City Manager Andy Houston said Dec. 30 the city is currently tracking what is going on with other challenges to the proposal.

■ The county gave notice to vacate the site of its satellite offices, which it had maintained for 18 years, and move to Meadowcrest. The annual lease at the new spot will average \$100,000.

■ In June, the city council approved a controversial sewer project. The project will connect county residents on Fort Island Trail to the city's sewer lines, but there is a cost involved for the homeowners. These fees have become a source of contention for some residents.

■ The city's decision to cite a business owner for flying too many flags at her business erupted into a national debate over patriotism. City rules allowed the display of only three flags, and officials said it was a bid to keep businesses from displaying too many to call attention to the business, but opponents called

it a constitutional matter. The city eventually changed the ordinance. Now, businesses can fly up to eight flags.

■ After several fits and starts, a \$401,000 plan to streetscape South Citrus Avenue finally got under way and was finished last summer. The downtown core now has a beautifully landscaped stretch of the core road. The street has brick sidewalks, nice parking areas and decorative street lamps.

■ After being left for dead three years ago, councilor Ron Kitchen's dream of a city marina came back to life in 2011. Boat slip permission given to a now de-

funct project at Three Sisters Springs can be used to resurrect the marina idea. Officials hope to extend an existing 77-foot dock another 50 feet and add 24 boat slips. The project could get under way next year.

■ Three Sisters Springs, which was purchased through a private-public partnership to keep it from being a housing development, has become a point of controversy. Some residents are opposed to a plan to develop the area into an ecotourism destination. The Florida Communities Trust which was also instrumental in keeping the property out of developers' hands,

has a point system for what goes on the property and what doesn't. Opponents of the plan object to two main features: manatee viewing areas and a kayak landing. A plan without those features may cost the project its funding unless an acceptable alternative can be found. The U.S. Wildlife Service, which will manage the property, has already tweaked the plan some to help address some concerns. The city has scheduled a workshop for February for concrete alternatives.

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As economy suffers, so do social services

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The need for assistance stayed strong this year.

As economic discontent shaped the tone of 2011 nationwide, several local agencies remained busy providing what they could to those struggling in a faltering local market.

The biggest step in the direction of increasing resources to help the needy and hungry came in the form of the significant groundbreaking in April for the Food Distribution Center for Feed Citrus County in partnership with We Care Food Pantry.

The \$1.2 million project includes building two 7,200-square-foot storage and distribution centers on 4.7 acres of land on Cardinal Street and Premier Avenue in Homosassa. When complete and operating, the warehouses will store donated food that will be sold at 18 cents a pound to 51 area charities for distribution to the poor.

Diane Toto, the director of We Care Food Pantry, spearheads the project and stays patrolling in search of funds and donors to help bring the buildings to fruition.

In November, a local couple donated \$50,000 to the building fund and challenged any person, group or business in the community to match their donation. United Way of Citrus County accepted that challenge and donated an additional \$50,000.

In an e-mail Toto sent out before Christmas, she stated Capital City Bank informed her Capital City Bank Foundation had awarded them \$25,000 through a grant and a new donor has stated if We Care raises \$75,000, he or she will match it.

Other highlights of 2011:

■ When the Hernando Civic Club announced it would be disbanding in March, the club members decided to donate their 40-by-60-foot clubhouse to the Family Resource Center. The building was turned into an outreach center called "Connections."

■ Due to drastic budget cuts necessitated by the reduction in state funding for community nonprofit developmental disabilities providers, the Key Training Center closed its garden center store in April after 20 years.

■ In July, the county's only social security office closed its doors due to budget cuts.

■ Jessie's Place, Citrus County's child advocacy center, began providing in-house counseling for children ages 3 to 18 and a non-offending parenting support group.

■ New Church Without Walls celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

■ The Citrus County Health Department announced in September it would cut six full-time and 10 part-time staff positions to save a budget shortfall of \$1.3 million.

■ Angel Food Ministries — a national organization that provided low-cost food to individuals and families in Citrus County — announced it would be closing permanently after 17 years of service.

■ YMCA of Citrus County welcomed its new executive director, Joanna Castle.

■ Kids Central Inc., a not-for-profit agency that coordinates child protection services in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties announced it would be pulling funding for all visitation centers, including the one in Citrus County, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit at the end of December.

■ For the first time in history, the county's Home Delivered Meals Program, which brings meals to homebound seniors, had a waiting list.

■ Big Brothers, Big Sisters announced it would not be leaving the county, but will postpone growth in Citrus and Hernando counties for at least the next year.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Citrus County Sheriff's deputies busted four marijuana grow and distribution houses that have been linked to a Cuban drug ring.

Crime: Fugitive found, grow houses shut down

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Little ol' Citrus County has had its share of headline-grabbing crimes and crime stories in 2011, but nothing perhaps more riveting than the story of a man of many names, the death of two young men and a major drug bust with purported Cuban cartel ties.

In Citrus County, a 69-year-old man named Bob Jay Parsons went about his business living under the radar until he killed his longtime domestic partner Arlene Preg.

Parson's true identity and history was soon revealed after some detective work. Parsons had lived in the county for three decades without a driver's license, social security number, bank accounts or vehicle registration, officials said.

He has also used Jon Charles Good and Jon Charles Black as aliases. His real name is Jon Charles Black. Citrus County officials were able to establish Black's real identity through fingerprint records dating back to the 1960s and early '70s.

In November, he was sentenced to 25 years for the killing of Preg and

was promptly shipped to Palm Beach County. He was arrested to answer charges that he killed another live-in girlfriend in 1979 and fled, presumably ending up in Citrus County. At the time, he went by the alias Jon Charles Good.

His trail grew cold until April 2011, when Black popped back up police radar screens and was arrested and charged in the murder of his girlfriend Preg in Citrus County.

Other headlines for 2011 include:

■ Arthur Neil Sputa Jr., 48, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Diane Bartlett, his longtime domestic partner.

■ The barge canal bridge was named Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith Memorial Bridge to honor Smith who was gunned down on U.S. 19 by an escaped convict in 1973.

■ Murder-suicide: Mark Davidson, 60, killed his girlfriend Leona Field and then turned the gun on himself.

■ In Ozelto, a long feud between neighbors ended in a shooting. Scott Summer Standard, 46, was shot and killed by neighbor James W. Conner III, 49. Officials said the shooting took place on

Conner's property and he was never charged in the case.

■ Operation Cyber Guardian: Undercover sex sting nabbed 18 people who thought they were traveling to the home of a minor to have sex.

■ Roderic Sparks, 24, stabbed and killed by a teenager at a mud bog in Levy County. The killer of the Crystal River High School wrestling star was charged as a juvenile with manslaughter and recently given a 9-to-12-month sentence, a verdict his parents are highly unhappy about.

■ A 2011 Citrus High School graduate and university athletic scholarship recipient Fred P. Drew, 18, was killed in Citrus Springs. Deandre Phillips, 16, is charged as an adult in the death. His trial is set for this coming spring.

■ The Citrus County Sheriff's Office scored big when it uncovered four gated homes brimming with marijuana — grow houses. One house alone had 462 plants in all stages of development. Estimated street value of the bust in its entirety, at somewhere near a \$1 million.

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At one of the grow houses recently shut down by the CCSO, the plants were grown under magenta light. Deputies seized 426 plants in that bust.

Inverness: Karts, arts, parks and carp

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff Writer

"The city of Inverness gets it — and gets it done."

Those were the words of City Manager Frank DiGiovanni at the concluding city council meeting of 2011.

Looking back on the year, the city saw a number of firsts, most of them good, some not as good. Here are some of the noted events of 2011:

January: The city celebrates the "Year of Elvis," which coincides with the 50-year anniversary of the movie "Follow That Dream" that had some scenes filmed in Inverness and other parts of Citrus County.

February: City council approves a reclaimed water line agreement with Inverness Golf & Country Club.

Taste of Inverness raises \$10,064 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County.

March: Inverness goes Kelly green at the inaugural Wee Bit o' Irish in Every-one parade.

Council votes to accept contract with GatorSkitch for \$49,980 for architectural and design services for the restoration of the Valerie Theatre.

April: City council approves an ordinance to lower impact fees and eliminate change-of-use fees for existing businesses and increase business license fees.

May: First stakeholders meeting for the Valerie Theatre restoration project where design is presented and funding discussed.

June: County agrees to allocate \$300,000 for shared-cost expenses for Whispering Pines Park — \$70,000 less than the city anticipated.

Five part-time Whispering Pines Park employees are laid off.

Weed-eating carp placed in Cooter Pond.

July: In the proposed budget for 2012, law enforcement allocation takes a \$300,000 hit.

August: In an effort to curtail the practice of people moving their parked cars around to avoid the two-hour parking rule, parking enforcers in the city begin to leave "courteous" placards on regular offenders' cars as a reminder.

The \$1.3 million Tompkins Street project enters its final phase.

September: After 30 years of being the face of law enforcement in the city, Citrus County Sheriff's Office Dep. Scott Roush retires and CCSO Dep. Michele Tewell takes his place as community resource officer.

The city joins with the Humanitarians of Florida to seek a solution to the problem of feral cats in the downtown area.

October: 9/11 Memorial Monument is unveiled at Liberty Park.

Six BigBelly solar-powered trash-compacting receptacles debut downtown.

November: Inaugural Inverness Grand Prix go-kart event zooms through town.

After weeks of passionate council-dividing debate, Inverness Mayor Bob Plaisted vetoes alcohol ordinance that would allow the sale of alcohol before 1 p.m.

Restoration plans for the Valerie Theatre are put on pause after a \$750,000 Community Development Building Grant (CDBG) is denied.

December: Florida Department of Transportation approves funding for several city projects, making city streets safer and prettier.

DiGiovanni cites "mastering the Master Bicycle Plan" by designing Phase I to transform N. Apopka Avenue from downtown to the Withlacoochee trail head into a "bicycle boulevard," increase in number and quality of city-hosted events and the fact that the city did not cut services to residents despite cuts in the budget as being particularly noteworthy accomplishments for 2011.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

- DUI arrest: John P. Wells, 66, 3540 N. Brookshire Point, Crystal River... Other arrests: Anthony E. Nero, 22, 5172 S. Thrasher Ave., Homosassa... Edward J. Burnhete, 70, 2674 W. Axelwood Drive, Beverly Hills... Christopher Carl Corbitt, 31, 8216 Trotter Lane, Homosassa... Jonathan Kentmurphy Morris, 25, 1515 Druid Road, Inverness... Barry Scott Thompson, 58, 6025 W. Stockholm Lane, Dunnellon... Jayme A. Russell, 36, 811 NE 5th St., Crystal River...

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- For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriff.citrus.org... Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County... For the Record reports are also archived online at www.chronicleonline.com... The Citrus County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Unit is comprised of nearly 900 citizens serving Citrus County.

(Xanax), possession of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence. According to the report, Russell took off running when he was confronted at a residence and in the process threw away a prescription bottle of pills.

started a verbal argument with the other motorist. Steltzer reportedly spit on the motorist. Bond \$500. Robert J. Place, 53, homeless, 3:03 p.m. Thursday of trespassing at Hayes Motel. Bond \$500.

Burglaries

- A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at about 8 a.m. Dec. 16 in the 2500 block of N. Seneca Point, Crystal River... A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred on Dec. 20 in the 7300 block of S. Sorrell Ave., Homosassa... A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 6 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 40 block of Grass St., Homosassa... An attempted burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 10:50 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 3100 block of S. Blackmountain Drive, Inverness... A burglary to an unoccupied

residence and a grant theft occurred at about noon Dec. 26 in the 11000 N. Nighthawk Terrace, Inglis.

A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 6 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 49 block of Grass Street, Homosassa.

A burglary to a conveyance occurred at about 10 p.m. Dec. 28 at Crossandra Court East, Homosassa.

Thefts

A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred on June 1 in the 12200 block of E. Berry Lane, Floral City.

A theft of utility services occurred at about 8 a.m. Dec. 6 in the 7800 block of W. Liberty Bell Court, Homosassa.

A petit theft occurred at about 5 p.m. Dec. 21 in the 1700 block of N. Dunkenfield Ave., Crystal River.

A felony retail theft occurred at about noon Dec. 28 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

A retail petit theft occurred at about 5:45 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 4500 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

A retail petit theft occurred at about 8:25 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 6700 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about noon Dec. 26 in the 600 block of N. Independence Highway, Inverness.

A retail petit theft occurred at about 3 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

AG seeks decision certification

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's attorney general wants an appeals court to certify a recent decision that could help the state move ahead with its investigation into fraudulent foreclosures.

The 4th District Court of Appeal ruled in April that Attorney General Pam Bondi's office lacked the authority to subpoena records of a South Florida law firm. A certification by the 4th DCA would permit Bondi's office to appeal that court's decision to the Florida Supreme Court.

Bondi's investigations have focused on whether false or improper affidavits were filed in foreclosures by the Plantation-based Law Offices of David J. Stern and whether employees signed documents without reading them.

The attorney general's motion was filed Friday.

Soldier charged in child's death

CRESTVIEW — A Panhandle soldier and his fiancée face charges of child abuse and neglect in the death of the man's 2-year-old son.

The Northwest Florida Daily News reported that 27-year-old Army Sgt. Grant Sherwin and his fiancée, 26-year-old Nichole Marie Allen, were arrested late Thursday after Allen's son was found dead by emergency responders.

The boy's twin sister was taken into protective custody. According to investigators, emergency crews went to the home Wednesday evening after the couple called 911.

Emergency workers told police that they found 2-year-old Logan malnourished and with numerous bruises on his body. Jail records show that both Sherwin and Allen remained in custody on Friday. Neither had an attorney listed.

Sherwin is a supply sergeant with the Army 7th Special Forces Group.

WEEKLY LINEUP OF FEATURES

- Nearly a dozen medical professionals contribute their expertise to columns in Health & Life. Tuesdays
Read up on all things school-related in the Chronicle's Education section. Wednesdays
Plan menus for the week from the tempting recipes in the Flair for Food section. Thursdays
Get a jump on weekend entertainment with the

stories in Scene./Fridays

- See what local houses of worship plan to do for the week in the Religion section. Saturdays
Read about area businesses in the Business section. Sundays
Pick up tips for home improvement, saving money and cashing in on antiques in Home-Front. Sundays
Find out what your neighbors have to say in the Sound Off and letters to the editor in the Commentary section. Sundays

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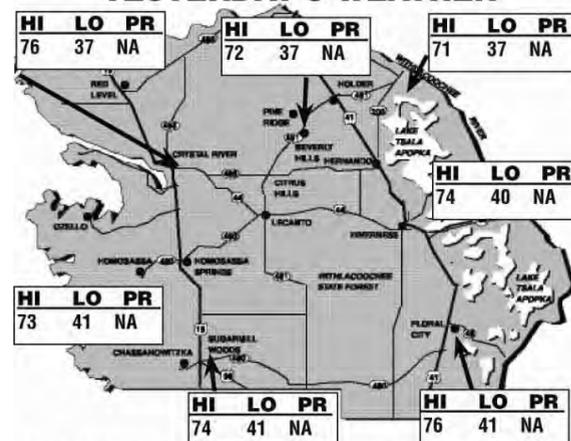
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injuries were reported. Anyone with informa-

tion about this crime or the identity of the suspects is asked to contact 911, or Crime Stoppers of Citrus County, Inc., by texting CITRUS plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES),

clicking on www.crimestopperscitrus.com or calling 1-888-ANY-TIPS toll-free. Tipsters may remain completely anonymous and be eligible to receive a cash re-

ward of up to \$1,000. In the earlier home invasion on W. Noble Street, reported on Dec. 23, detectives made two arrests: Anthony Nero, 22, and Kyle Corriveau, 20.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table listing temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch., Ft. Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Key West, Lakeland, Melbourne, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, Vero Beach, W. Palm Bch.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Northwest winds around 5 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters will be smooth. Partly cloudy and warm today.

Gulf water temperature

64° Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Table listing lake levels for locations like Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, Tsala Apopka-Inverness, Tsala Apopka-Floral City.

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. SATURDAY

Table listing weather forecasts for cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 86 Harlingen, Texas LOW 2 Sarranac Lake, N.Y.

WORLD CITIES

Table listing weather for cities like Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mexico City, etc.

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THREE DAY OUTLOOK
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING: High: 78 Low: 45
SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING: High: 77 Low: 50
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING: High: 60 Low: 30

ALMANAC
TEMPERATURE*: Friday 73/37, Record 86/25
DEW POINT: Friday at 3 p.m. 50
HUMIDITY: Friday at 3 p.m. 43%

SOLAR TABLES
DATE DAY: 12/31 SATURDAY
MINOR MAJOR (MORNING): 11:33 5:23
MINOR MAJOR (AFTERNOON): 11:54 5:44

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK
SUNSET TONIGHT: 5:43 P.M.
SUNRISE TOMORROW: 7:24 A.M.
MOONRISE TODAY: 11:43 A.M.

BURN CONDITIONS
Today's Fire Danger Rating is: HIGH. There is no burn ban.

WATERING RULES
Citrus County/Inverness/Crystal River: Lawn watering is limited to twice per week.

TIDES
*From mouths of rivers
**At King's Bay
***At Mason's Creek

Mystery trust beats the clock for lottery jackpot

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa Lottery officials had more questions than answers Friday as they tried to unravel the stunning mystery behind a year-old winning ticket turned in less than two hours before Thursday's deadline for a jackpot worth up to \$14.3 million.

Among the questions: Who actually bought the Hot Lotto ticket? Who are members of the trust that stepped forward to claim the prize less than two hours before it expired? Where was the ticket for 364 days, and why did the trustee risk sending it by FedEx to Des Moines one day before the deadline?

Here's what they know: Two attorneys with Des Moines-based Davis Brown Law Firm showed up at Iowa Lottery headquarters at 2:10 p.m. Thursday with the winning ticket before the 4 p.m. deadline. They represent Hexam Investments Trust, whose trustee is a lawyer and businessman named Crawford Shaw from the wealthy town of Bedford, N.Y. Shaw signed the ticket, which was validated as the winner, on behalf of the trust.

"It's amazing things were cut that close. What if something had gone wrong? What if there had been a snowstorm? It was down to the wire," said Mary Neubauer, a spokeswoman for the Lottery, which had installed a countdown clock, repeatedly issued public reminders about the ticket and had been making plans to give away Iowa's portion of the unclaimed jackpot. "We just continue to be thrilled that the ticket that came in does ultimately preserve the winner's ability to claim this prize."

But before they pay a dime, Lottery officials say

they will conduct a thorough investigation to make sure the ticket was legally purchased, possessed and presented. They were presented with another wrinkle Friday when they received calls from multiple, unrelated people claiming the ticket was stolen from them.

Steve Bogle, the lottery's vice president of security, said it had never faced similar circumstances in its 26-year history: a huge jackpot claimed so close before the deadline, a winner who sent tight-lipped lawyers to claim the prize rather than showing up in person, a trust whose members weren't immediately clear.

"Everybody's curiosity is very high. We hope to be able to get all our questions answered and that everything works out so we can award this prize," he said. "We will do this as expeditiously as possible but we will be very thorough and comprehensive."

Neubauer said it's not known whether Shaw, a 76-year-old Yale graduate whose website calls him "a leading international lawyer, financier and management consultant with offices in New York, London and Paris," is the winner or whether he simply represents others. She said investigators were in "initial conversations" with him and making arrangements to meet him in person.

Security footage showing someone purchasing the winning ticket — numbers 3-12-16-26-33 and Hot Ball 11 — at a busy Des Moines convenience store near Interstate 80 and Interstate 35 on Dec. 29, 2010, will be reviewed as part of the investigation.

Attorney Beau Gamble of the Davis Brown Law Firm claimed he had "no idea" who actually bought the ticket and his firm was simply representing the trust.

Asked whether Shaw was the winner, Gamble said: "That will be up to the Lotto to decide. Mr. Shaw is not claiming to be the winner. He's just the trustee of the trust."

Gamble said he wasn't authorized to comment on any other details or what he called "the mechanics" of how the ticket was found and sent to Iowa.

Lottery officials said they first heard from the law firm Tuesday and were told it was representing a trust in connection with the jackpot. Neubauer said the ticket was shipped on Wednesday through FedEx, presumably from New York, and arrived at the firm Thursday.

"We look forward to learning the details we've all been wondering about these many months, such as: How did the winner find out he had the jackpot-winning ticket? How long has he known he'd won? Why did he wait until the last day to turn in the ticket?" Lottery CEO Terry Rich said. "Every winner's situation is different, and it's always fun to hear the story."

But Shaw wasn't talking Friday — he did not return phone or email messages.

Neubauer said the jackpot had an annuity value of \$16.5 million when the prize was drawn, but has dropped to about \$14.3 million because of a weak bond market. She said the winner has 60 days to decide whether to take the annuity or a cash payout of \$10.75 million, which has not changed.

Despite the murky circumstances surrounding the ticket, Hexam said its appearance should be a relief to hundreds of players who called suggesting they might be the winner.

"They didn't wash the ticket. They didn't lose the ticket. The dog didn't eat their ticket," she said. "We'd heard all of those stories and more."

Obituaries

Raymond Alvarez, 75 OCALA

Raymond Alvarez, 75, of Ocala, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011.

Local arrangements will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services at a later date in Fairview, N.J.

Irene Bozendorf, 91 OCALA

Irene C. Bozendorf, 91, of Ocala, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011.

Local arrangements will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services at a later date in Fairmont, W.Va.

Ruth Fetter, 93 THE VILLAGES

Ruth J. Fetter, 93, of The Villages, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011.

Local arrangements will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Spenceport, N.Y.

Thomas Lonas Sr., 100 LEESBURG

Thomas J. Lonas Sr., 100, of Leesburg, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011.

Local arrangements will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services at a later date in Jefferson County, Ill.

Joyce Mejdrech, 78 THE VILLAGES

Joyce I. Mejdrech, 78, of The Villages, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2011.

Local arrangements will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Darien, Ill.

Evangeline Peckingaugh, 66 OCALA

Evangeline A. Peckingaugh, 66, of Ocala, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011.

Private arrangements are under the direction of MedCure Inc. and Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Mildred Reich, 89 CANTON, GA.

Mildred Irene Reich, 89, of Canton, Ga., died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011.

Burial will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory at Florida Hills Memorial Gardens in Spring Hill at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2011.

Janet Santucci, 65 HERNANDO

Janet Evelyn Santucci, 65, of Hernando, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at Citrus Memorial Health System in Inverness.

Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of private arrangements.

Vidya Thakur, 61 OCALA

Vidya Thakur, 61, of Ocala, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011.

Local arrangements will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services at a later date in Hartford, Conn.

Marina Zacharias, 47 CRYSTAL RIVER

Marina Zacharias, 47, of Crystal River, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Ralph Boyer, 93 CRYSTAL RIVER

Ralph Boyer, 93, of Crystal River, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011.

Private arrangements are under way through MedCure Inc. and Brown Funeral Home & Crematory, Lecanto.

Thomas Kuhn, 81 CRYSTAL RIVER

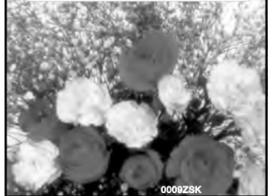
Thomas R. Kuhn, 81, of Crystal River, FL, passed away December 29, 2011. He is survived by his loving wife, Alice Kuhn; children Patricia and Thomas; two granddaughters; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Jan. 1, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Mass for the resurrection will be offered at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Crystal River.

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How To Read The Market In Review

Here are the 825 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 765 most active in the Nasdaq National Market and 116 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Tables show name, price and net change.

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list. Last: Price was trading at when exchange closed for the day. Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Stock Footnotes: cld - Issue has been called for redemption by company. d - New 52-week low. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. ec - Company formerly listed on the American Exchange. Emerging Company Marketplace, h - temporary exempt from Nasdaq capital and surplus listing qualification. n - Stock was a new issue in the last year. The 52-week high and low figures date only from the beginning of trading. pf - Preferred stock issue, pr - Preferences, pp - Holder owns installments of purchase price, rt - Right to buy security at a specified price, s - Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year, wt - Trades will be settled when the stock is issued, wd - When distributed, wt - Warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock, u - New 52-week high, un - Unit, including more than one security, vj - Company in bankruptcy or receivership, or being reorganized under the bankruptcy law. Appears in front of the name.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

How To Read The MUTUAL FUND TABLES

Here are the 1,000 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or Net Asset Value (NAV) and daily net change.

Name: Name of mutual fund and family.
NAV: Net asset value.
Chg: Net change in price of NAV.
Data based on prices reported to Lipper by 6 p.m. Eastern.

Name	NAV	Chg	Name	NAV	Chg
Advance Capital	26.52	-0.11	HyVidA	6.21	...
Balance	15.81	-0.03	StraVidA	25.32	-0.11
Retic	8.74	+0.01	TechGro	29.86	...
Alger Funds B:			DreitsAcnd	10.01	+0.02
SmCapGr	6.37	-0.02	Driehaus Funds:		
GibThGrA	58.47	+0.03	EMktGr	25.71	...
SmCpGrA	33.78	-0.15	EVPTXMEml	41.26	-0.07
AllianceBern Adv:			Eaton Vance A:		
LqCapVd	25.61	-0.06	ChinaA	15.12	-0.08
AllianceBern B:			AMTFMuc	9.65	...
GlbThGrB	50.43	+0.03	GovC	7.93	-0.01
GovThB1	24.37	-0.02	IMBSA	5.66	...
ScpEqA	27.08	-0.12	LqCapVal	17.07	+0.07
AllianceBern C:			NatlMunlnc	9.41	+0.01
ScpCpC1	27.22	-0.12	ScpEqA	15.25	-0.06
Allyz Fds Inst:			TradGVA	7.47	...
NFDVJ	11.45	-0.06	Eaton Vance B:		
SmCpC2	29.18	-0.12	HthsSB1	9.11	...
Alliance Funds A:			NatlMunlc	9.41	+0.01
SmCpV A	27.82	-0.01	GovC	7.46	...
Alliance Funds C:			NatlMunlnc	9.41	+0.01
AGICGrhC	23.01	-0.07	Eaton Vance I:		
TargetC1	13.81	-0.08	FltRt	8.81	+0.01
Amer Beacon Inst:			GblMvAcr	9.82	...
LqCapInst	18.58	-0.06	LqCapVal	17.17	-0.08
Amer Beacon Inv:			FBR Funds:		
LqCapInst	17.84	-0.06	FocustInv	14.62	-0.18
Amer Century Adv:			FMI Funds:		
EqCap	21.43	-0.10	FMF	15.25	-0.06
EqIncA	7.27	-0.03	FWAC	10.05	...
Amer Century Inv:			PNACres	26.78	-0.03
AllCap	26.51	-0.03	Fairholme	23.15	-0.06
Balanced	15.98	-0.08	Federated A:		
DVnBnd	10.98	+0.01	MicGrA	33.79	-0.15
EqInc	7.27	-0.03	MuSecA	10.29	+0.01
Growth	19.57	-0.11	TiFBndP	11.28	-0.01
Hertelgl	24.51	-0.11	TrustInst	9.25	...
IncGr	24.32	-0.08	KaufmR	4.65	...
InflBnd	12.91	+0.01	TrfRtBd	11.28	-0.01
IntDisc	8.74	+0.03	StrValDivS	4.86	...
IntGrl	9.62	-0.03	Fidelity Adv Foc T:		
NewOpp	7.31	-0.04	NYTFA	34.58	+0.06
OneChAg	11.66	-0.02	HtCarT	20.96	-0.02
OneCnMD	11.46	-0.02	Fidelity Advisor A:		
RealEst	20.21	-0.07	Nwngshp	19.72	-0.07
StFT	22.92	-0.08	StFT	9.25	...
ValueInv	5.65	-0.03	Fidelity Advisor C:		
American Funds A:			Nwngshp	19.72	-0.07
AmpcA	18.83	-0.04	Fidelity Advisor I:		
AmMutA	25.86	-0.07	EqGrl	57.27	-0.20
BaltA	18.21	-0.05	EqInl	23.18	-0.08
BondA	12.55	-0.01	Nwngshp	11.46	+0.02
CapIBA	49.22	+0.01	IntBnd	19.96	-0.07
CapWGA	32.12	+0.02	Fidelity Advisor T:		
CapWPA	20.47	+0.04	BalancT	15.01	-0.01
FDInVp	35.16	+0.10	GoldPMA	36.48	+0.53
GovtA	14.41	+0.01	GwthA	34.64	-0.13
GrpA	28.73	-0.05	HYFA	10.28	+0.01
HttrA	10.66	...	HlncA	1.94	...
IncoA	16.76	-0.02	IncoA	1.94	...
IntBndA	13.63	+0.02	IntFA	12.13	...
IntGrpA	27.43	-0.12	NFTYF	11.71	+0.01
ICAA	27.09	-0.05	LATE A	11.66	...
LIBETA	16.16	+0.01	LMGWSA	10.40	...
NPerA	23.78	-0.04	MDFTA	11.68	+0.01
NecAp	26.16	-0.02	MATFA	11.77	...
NwWrdA	46.12	+0.08	MIBFA	12.07	+0.01
STBFA	10.08	...	MOTFA	12.36	+0.01
SmCpA	33.18	-0.05	NUTFA	12.31	+0.01
TkCapA	12.52	+0.01	NYTFA	11.84	...
WkA	28.19	-0.10	NCTFA	12.53	+0.01
Appel Investments:			OhioA	12.68	+0.01
Ariel	38.70	-0.16	ORTFA	12.19	...
Ariel	42.97	-0.23	PATFA	10.57	-0.08
Ariel Global Funds:			RISVDA	14.87	-0.15
IntEqlr	22.62	+0.14	SMCPG	33.80	-0.11
IntEqlr I	9.55	-0.05	Srlntrnc	10.09	+0.01
Artisan Funds:			TiFRtA	10.40	-0.22
IntV	19.83	+0.11	USGovA	6.94	+0.01
IntVInv	25.08	-0.09	UtllsA	13.37	-0.06
MidCap	32.93	-0.07	VATFA	11.89	+0.01
MidCapVal	19.78	-0.08	Frank/Temp Frnk Adv:		
ScapVal	14.92	-0.06	GlbSAdV	12.37	-0.01
Baron Funds:			AmG50	15.02	+0.01
Asset	45.01	-0.25	AmG70	15.44	...
Growth	51.70	-0.21	AmG20	12.73	+0.01
SmallCap	22.93	-0.06	Balanc	18.19	-0.02
SmallCap Fds:			Balanced	18.19	-0.03
InUr	13.86	-0.01	BtGrA	12.49	-0.14
DvM	14.80	+0.01	Canada	15.14	+0.04
TyMgdInt	14.48	+0.03	CapAm	24.62	-0.09
BlackRock A:			CapDevOn	10.19	+0.03
EqyDiv	18.15	-0.05	Cpncr	8.67	+0.01
GIAA	18.16	+0.01	ChinaGr	25.29	+0.02
HYInV	7.39	...	CngS	46.09	...
IntOpA	23.51	+0.08	CTMun	11.96	+0.01
BlackRock B&C:			DvM	12.40	-0.01
GIANC	16.03	+0.12	ConStat	6.41	-0.24
BlackRock Inst:			CnvSec	22.83	+0.05
BVII	24.33	-0.12	DisEq	21.51	-0.10
EqityDiv	18.19	-0.04	DisEqF	21.48	-0.10
Global	12.24	+0.01	DivIntl	25.52	+0.08
Brisson Funds Y:			DvrsnltR	25.48	+0.08
HYInV	7.94	...	DvSgnA	14.79	-0.04
Brufco Funds			EMktGr	25.18	-0.02
BruceFond	37.97	-0.26	EmkMn	40.52	-0.12
BruceFond	24.93	-0.23	EqInc	21.41	-0.14
CGM Funds:			EqInl	17.40	-0.08
FocusN	26.65	-0.17	ECapAp	15.46	+0.08
MultX	24.42	-0.08	Europe	25.47	+0.12
RealtyX	28.61	-0.18	Exch	32.38	...
CRM Funds:			Export	20.88	-0.06
MidCapVll	26.47	-0.13	EqInl	27.62	-0.14
Calamos Funds:			FltRt	17.44	-0.09
GwthA	46.39	-0.19	FltRateHl	9.64	...
Calvert Invest:			FrlOne	25.97	-0.02
IncoP	15.79	+0.02	GNMA	11.84	+0.01
IntEqlrA	12.16	+0.07	GovInc	10.77	+0.01
SocIA	27.89	-0.05	GrCo	80.89	-0.27
SocBdP	15.78	-0.02	GrInlc	18.24	-0.08
SocEqAp	33.33	-0.11	GrInlc	18.24	-0.08
TkF	15.85	+0.01	GwthCok	80.81	-0.28
Cohen & Steers:			GrStrat	18.61	-0.03
Shrs	60.83	-0.22	HighIncr	8.64	+0.01
Column Class A:			Indepn	21.65	-0.06
AcomI	26.53	-0.07	ImPrObd	12.78	+0.01
GIANC	16.03	+0.12	IntBnd	10.88	+0.02
BlackRock Inst:			IntGov	10.97	+0.02
BVII	24.33	-0.12	IntMun	10.45	+0.01
EqityDiv	18.19	-0.04	IntMun	10.45	+0.01
Global	12.24	+0.01	IntScpR	17.52	-0.09
Brisson Funds Y:			IntGrDn	11.68	+0.01
HYInV	7.94	...	IntVGBN	7.72	+0.01
Brufco Funds			Japan	9.20	+0.01
BruceFond	37.97	-0.26	JpnSm	8.55	-0.10
BruceFond	24.93	-0.23	LqCapVal	10.07	-0.04
CGM Funds:			LqCapVal	10.07	-0.04
FocusN	26.65	-0.17	LatAm	16.90	+0.20
MultX	24.42	-0.08	LowPkr	35.73	-0.02
RealtyX	28.61	-0.18	LowPkr	35.73	-0.02
CRM Funds:			Magelln	62.98	-0.26
MidCapVll	26.47	-0.13	Magellnk	62.91	-0.26
Calamos Funds:			MDMun	11.36	+0.01
GwthA	46.39	-0.19	MA Mun	12.32	...
Calvert Invest:			MEGA	35.10	-0.04
IncoP	15.79	+0.02	MidCap	26.68	-0.10
IntEqlrA	12.16	+0.07	MMNun	11.80	+0.01
SocIA	27.89	-0.05	MuSec	11.17	+0.01
SocBdP	15.78	-0.02	MunlcIn	13.03	+0.01
SocEqAp	33.33	-0.11	NwMunR	11.93	+0.01
TkF	15.85	+0.01	NwMnKtr	15.83	-0.03
Cohen & Steers:			NwMun	28.93	-0.12
Shrs	60.83	-0.22	OSI Funds:		
Column Class A:			OSI	13.30	+0.01
AcomI	26.53	-0.07	OTC	54.70	-0.11
GIANC	16.03	+0.12	Oh Mun	12.01	+0.01
BlackRock Inst:			100Index	8.82	-0.03
BVII	24.33	-0.12	PeBas	21.44	+0.15
EqityDiv	18.19	-0.04	PAMunR	11.10	+0.01
Global	12.24	+0.01	PutnR	17.69	-0.03
Brisson Funds Y:			PurtanK	17.68	-0.04
HYInV	7.94	...	SAI	12.61	-0.03
Brufco Funds			SANSec	34.87	+0.11
BruceFond	37.97	-0.26	ScndyStrf	8.96	+0.02
BruceFond	24.93	-0.23	ScndyStrf	8.96	+0.02
CGM Funds:			SmkStk	15.05	-0.05
FocusN	26.65	-0.17	SmkStk	15.05	-0.05
MultX	24.42	-0.08	StmGrw	11.88	-0.06
RealtyX	28.61	-0.18	USQly	9.90	-0.03
CRM Funds:			USQly	9.90	-0.03
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Calvert Invest:			USQly	9.90	-0.03
IncoP	15.79	+0.02	USQly	9.90	-0.03
IntEqlrA	12.16	+0.07	USQly	9.90	-0.03
SocIA	27.89	-0.05	USQly	9.90	-0.03
SocBdP	15.78	-0.02	USQly	9.90	-0.03
SocEqAp	33.33	-0.11	USQly	9.90	-0.03
TkF	15.85	+0.01	USQly	9.90	-0.03

After ups and downs, stocks end year flat

Associated Press

Market watch

Dec. 30, 2011

Dow Jones	-69.48
industrials	12,217.56
Nasdaq composite	-8.59
2,605.15	
Standard & Poor's 500	-5.42
1,257.60	
Russell 2000	-4.06
740.92	

NEW YORK — The stock market ended a tumultuous year right where it started. In the final tally, despite big climbs and falls, unexpected blows and surprising triumphs, all the hullabaloo proved for naught. On Friday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at 1,257.60. That's exactly 0.04 point below where it started the year.

"If you fell asleep January 1 and woke up today, you'd think nothing had happened," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer of Harris Private Bank. "But it's been up and down all year. It's been crazy."

It was a year when U.S. companies were supposed to run out of ways to make big profits. But they didn't,

► "An ounce of image is worth a pound of performance."
 Laurence J. Peter, 1919-1920

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 — David S. Arthurs publisher emeritus

UNIQUE BALANCE

Public lands benefit man and nature

The character of Citrus County is largely defined by — and protected by — our ample supply of public lands.

Between coastal refuges, inland preserves, linear parks, forest, historically unique sites and traditional parks, more than one-third of our piece of the world belongs to us, the public.

Whether one enjoys softball or Frisbee golf; bird-watching or hunting; cycling or hiking, our public lands afford us recreational opportunities that would be the envy of many locales.

The significance, however, is much greater than affording the public recreational outlets: These lands also have huge benefits to our environment, through habitat protection and aquifer recharge, as well as ensure that in the decades ahead when boom days of housing

and related development return, the character of the county will be stabilized, thanks to federal, state, county and city public ownership.

It goes without saying that there's ample privately owned lands that will attract new residents to Citrus County beyond the lifetime of even the youngest local residents. Key to the appeal of our corner of the Nature Coast is the public property. Citrus has a unique balance that isn't found to our south or north.

When caught up in day-to-day life, it's easy to forget these protected amenities. There are caves to explore, horse trails to ride and shuffleboard courts awaiting some action.

Make use of our public lands and appreciate what they do for our environment and our quality of life. They truly are an asset to Citrus County.

THE ISSUE:

Public lands.

OUR OPINION:

They serve Citrus County well.

Bright idea

Does anybody out there really think that at a time like this, that our government should be worried about what kind of light bulbs we use?

Are they listening?

Republicans say that they are really listening to the American people and will postpone enforcement of the Bush lightbulb law. Somehow they've become stone deaf when the American people want them to listen to our pleas to work together, back the president and save our country.

Plan raising eyebrows

I read in Saturday's paper that the county is paying for part of the improvements to the airport. It seems to me that the airport should be self-funded by the planes and the people (who) use it, not by the county. We need to check into this.

Enjoy the ride

Now we've got people writing in wanting to increase the speed limit on the Suncoast Parkway. I guess 70 isn't fast enough to get killed, they want to go 75 now or 80.

Cars these days aren't built, a lot of them aren't built to sustain those sort of ongoing speeds. These small compact and little midsize cars are not made to go like that over long periods of time. And if (something) goes wrong and they lose control and they kill themselves or somebody else, what do you gain? My suggestion is to leave a little early (and not) to be crazy and try to drive over the speed limit and get a ticket.

Generosity appreciated

I want to thank the woman from Publix from the bottom of my heart for paying for the rest of my grocery bill on late Friday afternoon (Dec. 16). I really appreciate it. Thank you very much and have a Merry Christmas.

Bash a community boon

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, on your State & Local section, at the bottom of the page there was an article regarding "State agencies coming together for children's holiday bash." I must commend these people, having to know children that have been abused in the past. This woman, Michele Ingoglia, she sounds like an angel and I have to commend her and all those involved in making this a holiday bash for the children (who) are really in need. Again, the state agencies coming together for (this) children's holiday bash (is) one of the best things that's happened here in a long time.

Clowning around

After watching the Republican debates, especially the latest one from Iowa, as a Republican, I'm perplexed. If this is the best Republicans can offer as a presidential candidate, I would strongly suggest that we nominate Ronald McDonald.

Take the blame

To the "Suncoast driver" on that very heavily traveled road — and I use that word jokingly — the last 10 miles, very few people use: You were going over 70 mph. How fast do you want to go? You were speeding; pay the fine. It's your fault.

Thanks Secret Santa

To my Secret Santa and Mrs. Claus: I want to say thank you again for what you did for me and my children. I cannot express enough how happy you made me Sunday, Dec. 18, at Kmart in Crystal River. I'm sorry I didn't get your name, but I want you to know that by helping me pay off my layaway, it really took a lot of pressure off of me. Although they lost the skateboards, my children will still have a Merry Christmas thanks to you. God bless the both of you and Merry Christmas from all of us. Thank you.



Women are still waiting

Here's a tale of two photographs distributed recently by news agencies. In one, two sailors embrace on a pier in Virginia and exchange the traditional "first kiss" as one of them completes an 80-day sea voyage. In the other, two Marines in full battle gear walk patrol in Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

All four of the soldiers are women. The first picture shows how swiftly gays have improved their status in the military. Last September, the outmoded "don't ask, don't tell" policy was finally dismantled and now same sex couples can openly celebrate their unions, and reunions, alongside their straight comrades.

"It's something new, that's for sure," one of the smooching sailors, Petty Officer 2nd Class Marissa Gaeta, told reporters. "It's nice to be able to be myself. It's been a long time coming."

But female soldiers are still waiting for that same level of acceptance when it comes to serving in combat. The Marines in the second photo, Corporal Jessica Williams and Lance Corporal Shawnee Redbear, share the same jobs and dangers as their male counterparts. But since women are officially barred from serving directly in ground combat units, they can only be "attached" to those units. As a result of this convenient fiction, the women don't get full credit or recognition for their service.

This is not just a question of bookkeeping or even fairness. Without serving in combat units, women find it much harder to get promoted and rise to positions of authority. "Women are everywhere on the battlefield," Donna

McAleer, a West Point graduate, wrote in Foreign Policy magazine. "The law has not yet caught up with the historical as well as the present reality of war."

It's time for that law to change. Last spring, Congress directed the Pentagon to review its policy toward women in combat. That decision has been delayed several times but when it comes, only one option makes sense: end the ban that has already been shredded in practice.

The arguments against gays in the military and women in combat sound very similar. Tradition will be violated. Unit cohesion will be lost. Gays and women are not quite strong enough or brave enough to do what the straight guys do. And what about those showers?

But as a commission on diversity in the armed forces asserted last spring, those arguments are based on phobias, not facts. "There is little evidence," the panel concluded, "that the integration of women into previously closed units or occupations has had a negative effect on important mission-related performance."

The ban on gays took a heavy toll. During the 18 years it was in force, more than 14,000 soldiers were expelled from the ranks, and those who survived had to live in secrecy and fear. Petty Officer Gaeta met her partner, Petty Officer 3rd Class Citlalic Snell, two years ago while both were training to be Navy fire controllers.

"We did have to hide a lot in the beginning," says Snell, "but we can finally be honest about who we are in our relationship."

The Marines in Helmand, Corporals Williams and Redbear, de-

serve the same level of honesty about the roles they are playing. And in fact, it's in the military's self-interest to end the combat ban. Listen to Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, who supports at least a partial change, allowing women to serve as intelligence and signal officers in combat units.

"We need them there," he said in a recent interview with WUSA-TV. "This is about managing talent. We have incredibly talented females who should be in those positions."

The military's doctrine has simply not kept pace with modern warfare. Battle lines are often blurry and combat is not always a clear concept. Grim evidence of that fact: more than 130 female soldiers have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Moreover, counter-insurgency strategy stresses the value of fostering connections to local communities. But in more traditional societies, such as rural Afghanistan, male foot soldiers often cannot make those connections with more than half the population — women and children.

That's why the Marines have created "female engagement teams," or FETs, to fill that vacuum. *The New York Times* reports that children are much more receptive when a military unit entering their village includes women. Otherwise, said one male soldier, "It's just a bunch of guys with rockets and machine guns trying to hand out a bear to a kid, and he starts to cry."

It's been a long march toward equality in the military. First blacks gained full rights, then gays. Women are still waiting.

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LETTERS to the Editor

The will to change

An ABC commentary recently stated that "Love has an electrical impulse." Of course it does — so do hate, grief, guilt, jealousy, sorrow, etc.

The human body is an extremely complex system of electrical circuitry, immediately monitoring each of thousands of human complex thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Biofeedback is a process, through the use of an electrical machine, of making one become sensitively aware of what level of thought processes are functioning through the usage of an electrical gauge, and then teaching one to modify bodily thought and control.

For example, if one is attached to the machine by an electrode, then if a person thinks negative thoughts such as "hate," the gage will register the level of negativity. Conversely, thinking positive thoughts such as "love" brings about a positive reading.

Many psychoanalysts trained in psychosomatic mind/body reactions are very much aware of the extreme healing power of personal meditation, interpersonal therapeutic communication and the touch of a loving person.

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The phrase "I can not change" is often heard from our friends or family members, which of course is not true. Change may simply be found in how one chooses to think about himself and others.

William Young
 Crystal River

Holiday spirit

I have been reading with amusement how angry people get that some stores or people say "happy holidays" instead of "merry Christmas." I don't understand how a time of love, peace, and miracles for more than one religion can create such animosity toward "political correctness." All that really does is respect other religions that might not be your own.

What made this country great in the past was unity and consideration for fellow Americans. We're in such a sad time of our nation when so much hostility is presented to anyone who does not think the same as you. So I say to all: Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy Kwanzaa, and a happy New Year. I wish you peace, kindness and compassion in your lives.

Sheila Jacobs
 Lecanto

State BRIEFS**WYKE-TV to show local Christmas parades**

Citrus County — WYKE will be broadcasting the 2011 Crystal River and Inverness Christmas parades. The local TV station is on channel 16 on Bright House cable, or channel 47 on antenna.

■ 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31: Crystal River and Inverness parades (both parades).

Ron Paul supporters invited to campaign meeting

Citrus County — Supporters of Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul are invited to attend a campaign meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Inverness Women's Club, 1715 Forest Ave., Inverness.

The event is being hosted by Citrus County Citizens for Ron Paul, which is a working group, not a social club.

Organization officials state that their support for Ron Paul is based, in part, on the belief that he will take his constitutional oath of office seriously, defend the U.S. Constitution, shrink government, reduce spending, balance the budget, create jobs, bring American troops home, get the United States out of the United Nations, audit the Federal Reserve, get rid of unconstitutional executive orders and government bureaucracy.

Those interested are encouraged to attend and consider joining Citrus County Citizens for Ron Paul.

Beverly Hills Waste Management closing Monday

Citrus County — Beverly Hills Waste Management (Rolling Oaks Utilities, Inc.) will be closed on Monday Jan. 2, 2012 in observance of New Year's. All of our Monday customers will be picked up on Thursday, Jan. 5. Both the yard waste and household garbage trucks will run.

Brother arrested after man found dead in trash bin

ST. PETERSBURG — A man faces charges of failing to report a death to the medical examiner after deputies say he wrapped his brother's body in black trash bags and left him in the trash bin at a mobile home park.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies arrested 52-year-old Ricky Boutwell early Friday after a woman who was taking her trash out saw the body under a discarded mattress.

The St. Petersburg Times reported 53-year-old David Boutwell lived with his brother. The two had gotten into a fight on Monday, but Boutwell told deputies his brother seemed fine afterward. He found his body Wednesday.

Boutwell told authorities he used trash bags and packing tape to wrap his brother's body. Authorities said there were no obvious signs of trauma. An autopsy will be performed.

Man kicked off jury for Facebook friend request

SARASOTA — A Florida man has been removed from a civil trial jury after sending a Facebook friend request to one of the defendants.

The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported Jacob Jock arrived for jury duty Dec. 12. He was placed in a jury pool for a personal injury lawsuit from a traffic accident case. That's when he used his phone to access Facebook and see if he knew anyone involved.

Jock said he accidentally sent a friend request to one of the defendants, Violetta Millerman. He was selected to serve on the jury and Millerman informed her attorney about the friend request the next day. Jock was dismissed.

Senior Circuit Judge Nancy Donnellan admonished him for violating her instructions on not to discuss the case or use the Internet to find information.

—From staff and wire reports

Court delays pollution rule

Regulation targets power plants in 27 states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal court Friday put on hold a controversial Obama administration regulation aimed at reducing power plant pollution in 27 states that contributes to unhealthy air downwind.

More than a dozen electric power companies, municipal power plant operators and states had sought to delay the rules until the litigation plays out. A federal appeals court in Washington approved their request Friday.

Republicans in Congress have attempted to block the rule using legislation, saying it would shutter some older, coal-fired power plants and kill jobs. While those efforts succeeded in the Republican-controlled House, the Senate — with the help of six Republicans — in November rejected an attempt to stay the regulation. And the White House had threatened to veto it.

The rule, finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency in July, replaces a 2005 Bush administration proposal that was rejected by a federal court.

The Bush-era rule, which is expected to cost plants \$1.6 billion annually to comply, will remain in effect. The new rule would have added \$800 million a year to that price tag. But those investments would be far outweighed by the hundreds of billions of dollars in health care savings from

Six states— Texas, Nebraska, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, and Ohio — had asked the court for the delay.

All would have had to reduce pollution from their power plants under the regulation.

cleaner air, according to the EPA.

In the first two years, the EPA estimates that the regulation and some other steps would have slashed sulfur dioxide emissions by 73 percent from 2005 levels, and nitrogen oxides will be cut by more than half.

Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide pollution from power plant smokestacks can be carried long distances by the wind and weather. As they drift, the pollutants react with other substances in the atmosphere to form smog and soot, which have been linked to various illnesses, including asthma, and have prevented many states and cities from complying with health-based standards set by law.

Environmentalists on Friday said they would continue to defend the regulations, which are essential for some states to be able to meet air quality standards for soot and smog and are far more protective than the ones proposed under the Bush administration.

"The pollution reductions at stake are some of the single most important

clean air protections for children, families and communities, across the eastern half of the United States," said Vickie Patton, the general counsel for the Environmental Defense Fund.

But Scott Segal, director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, a coalition of power companies, said in a statement Friday that the ruling was the "first step to setting it right."

"The underlying rule was the subject of hasty process, poor technical support, unequal application and substantial threat to jobs, power bills and reliability," he said.

Six states— Texas, Nebraska, Louisiana, and Ohio — had asked the court for the delay. All would have had to reduce pollution from their power plants under the regulation. They were joined by Ames, Iowa, local power plant operators and power generating companies, including Entergy Corp., Luminant Generation Co. and GenOn Energy.

The court is asking that oral arguments take place by April 2012.



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Sheriff Jeff Dawsey shakes the hands of Citrus County Fire Rescue firefighters Oct. 1 as he officially welcomed them to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. More than 100 Citrus County Fire Rescue career and on-call firefighters were sworn in during the ceremony at Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto.

SAFETY

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In June, Dawsey presented his plan to increase services and coverage throughout the county, provide more training opportunity and increase the ability to attract volunteers.

Commissioners voted 3-2 to hand fire-rescue operations to Dawsey.

Then in September in a 4-1 vote, the commission completed the plan, which included opening three new career fire stations in Sugarmill Woods, Floral City and DeRosa without hiring more firefighters.

Most of the board also supported Dawsey's plan to reduce three-person shifts to two firefighters in all but two stations. He would also move assistant chiefs and inspectors who work regular shifts to the 24-hour station shifts.

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MOURN

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Exactly one month later, Army Pfc. Michael Mahr, 26, died when enemy forces attacked his unit.

Mahr was a graduate of South Sumter High School in Bushnell.

The deaths of both servicemen had significant impacts on communities in Citrus and Sumter counties.

Cpl. Taylor's body was flown from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to the Hernando County Airport where it was met by his family and a contingent of sheriff's officers, including Sheriff Jeff Dawsey.

A mile-long procession, including about 120 motor-

cyclists with the Patriot Guard, escorted Cpl. Taylor's body through Brooksville, Floral City, Inverness and Homosassa. Thousands of men, women and children lined the route to pay their respects.

A few days later, hundreds attended a public service at Lecanto High School. Once again, residents lined the escort route to pay respects.

And on March 15, Cpl. Taylor was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

The mournful scene was repeated April 4. Pfc. Mahr's funeral was in Bushnell and hundreds lined city streets and country roads as the funeral procession headed to Florida National Cemetery for his burial.

Mrs. Taylor said she still

has trouble finding the time to mourn — especially during the holidays.

"I feel my role right now is to keep everybody else happy, everybody else grounded," she said. "I talk to the Marines that John knew and I put on a brave face."

And while some of those days late last winter are still a blur, Mrs. Taylor said she appreciates the community keeping their thoughts on American soldiers.

"I'm very, very proud of this community the way it came together and remembered my son," she said, "and the way they remembered the boys overseas."

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legislation is unconstitutional because it effectively voids a valid contract between the foundation and board of trustees.

Both sides made their case before Circuit Court Judge Jackie Fulford during a 90-minute hearing that began at 6 a.m. The foundation said it contested only one part of the law — Section 16 — that contained the governance issue. The remainder, which allows trustees to contract charity care services with local attorneys or the health department, plus requires

trustees to develop a county health plan, took effect July 1.

A few weeks later, Fulford issued a temporary injunction against the governance portion of the law. Fulford then scheduled hearings to decide whether to permanently throw out that portion of not.

In August, the state attorney general's office asked that Fulford dismiss the lawsuit because the foundation, in its contract with trustees, is acting as a government agent and cannot sue the state. Fulford denied the motion.

On Oct. 19, all sides met in Judge Fulford's courtroom in Tallahassee for a three-hour hearing to de-

cide the law's fate. While parties expected a ruling within weeks, the year has ended without Fulford's decision.

Both the foundation and trustees fully expect the case to go farther, with the losing party prepared to appeal. Both sides have set

aside or spent more than \$1 million in attorney's fees on the lawsuit or state legislation.

The two sides also have lawsuits pending in Citrus County circuit court. One of those cases, where the foundation accuses trustees of violating the

state Sunshine Law, is scheduled for trial in April.

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Kings Bay has been a hot topic this year in the news. With new governmental regulations being proposed, the bay has become a battleground for residents wanting to maintain the freedom that they have known for years, and the Federal Government wanting to protect the endangered manatees that call the bay their winter haven.

BAY

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"For instance, they are saying if the rules are adopted, the entire bay becomes part of the refuge. That is not true. The refuge has no interest in controlling the entire King's Bay, Lusk said.

He also said the role of refuges is to develop recreation rules that are in concert with the well-being of animal life they are charged with protecting.

"At some National Forests for instance, the Wildlife Service allows hunting and other recre-

ational things that refuges can't do just because of the nature of our mission," he said.

Public input on the proposal ended in August, but the U.S. Wildlife Service has yet to make a decision about the rules.

Last summer, Chuck Underwood, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, had hoped a decision would be forthcoming before the manatees return en masse to their winter nesting waters in November.

Underwood, whose office in Jacksonville will make the final determination in this matter, said one of three things is likely to happen:

■ Modify the plan, " we

can take away rules, but can't make it more severe;"

■ withdraw the proposal entirely;

■ or go ahead with the plan.

At a recent gathering about the proposal at Crystal River City Hall, an attorney for Save Crystal River called for dialogue with the U.S. Wildlife Service. Clark Stillwell warned about how expensive a lawsuit could be and thought coming up with an alternative proposal and engaging in talks may move the controversy to a better conclusion.

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Nation BRIEF

On the ball



Associated Press

The Times Square New Year's Eve Ball rests Friday behind the switch that sends the nearly 6-ton crystal sphere 135 feet in the air in New York. A crowd cheered as the ball dropped in a dress rehearsal around noon Friday as preparations continued for New York's big welcome party for 2012.

NYPD plans Times Square security

NEW YORK — New York City police are once again planning heavy security in Times Square for the annual New Year's Eve celebration.

The New York Police Department's measures include deploying all 1,500 rookie officers from the latest academy class. They'll join thousands of other officers assigned to crowd control. Even more officers in plain clothes will blend in with revelers, and the bomb squad will sweep theaters.

The department also relies on a network of high-tech security cameras to keep an eye on "The Crossroads of the World." The cameras provide live feeds to command centers.

Security in Times Square has been amped up ever since a would-be terrorist left a car bomb there in the summer of 2010. The homemade bomb fizzled, and no one was hurt.

World BRIEF

Watchers



Associated Press

Arab League observers are seen at a protest in Idlib, Syria. Hundreds of thousands of Syrians poured into the streets across the nation Friday in the largest protests in months, shouting for the downfall of the regime in a defiant display invigorated by the presence of Arab observers, activists said.

Syrian protests defy Assad

BEIRUT — In the largest protests Syria has seen in months, hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets Friday in a display of defiance to show an Arab League observer mission the strength of the opposition.

Despite the monitors in the country, activists said Syrian forces loyal to President Bashar Assad killed at least 22 people.

In a further attempt to appeal to the monitors, dissident troops said they have halted attacks on regime forces to reinforce the activists' contention that the uprising against Assad is a peaceful movement.

While opposition activists are deeply skeptical of the observer mission, the outpouring of demonstrators across Syria underscores their wish to make their case to the foreign monitors and take advantage of the small measure of safety they feel the nearly 100 Arab League monitors provide.

—From wire reports

Marine used fingers to plug wounds

Shot veteran, 48, said he reacted as trained, chasing assailants after one opened fire with .22-caliber weapon

Associated Press

DEERFIELD BEACH — A Marine officer said Friday he reacted as he was trained to do by chasing two men who stole a gold necklace he thought they were buying, and then using his fingers to plug bullet holes in his body when one of them opened fire.

Lt. Col. Karl Trenker, a 29-year Marine Corps veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, demonstrated at a hospital news conference how he stuck his fingers of his left hand

into two holes in his left chest and another finger from his right hand where a .22-caliber bullet entered his abdomen. His doctor said the move helped staunch the flow of blood.

"I'm a Marine and I'm not going to run from a fight," Trenker said. "You wouldn't want a Marine to run from a fight. Call me crazy, call me stupid. I got shot once and it just angered me more. I wanted to get this guy. I got shot twice, and I re-evaluated that decision. I decided I need to stay alive."

As for the use of his fingers,

Trenker said, "I improvised."

Trenker, 48, was shot multiple times Dec. 21. He had driven with four of his children to meet a man who responded to a Craigslist ad for the necklace. Two suspects are jailed on attempted murder and robbery charges. Trenker, who was released Friday from North Broward Medical Center, will be left with one slug lodged in his pelvis but otherwise should make a full recovery, said Dr. Igor Nichiporenko.

"It's amazing," he said. "He's going to be fine."



Associated Press

Lt. Col. Karl Trenker, 48, of the U.S. Marine Corps, center, talks about how he plugged bullet holes with his fingers after being shot as his fiancée, Tanya Saiz, left, looks on during a news conference Friday at the North Broward Medical Center in Deerfield Beach. At right is Dr. Igor Nichiporenko.

Intentional inferno



Associated Press

An elderly woman is rescued from her apartment as sheriff's deputies and LAPD officers alert residents to a building fire in West Hollywood, Calif. An arsonist torched car after car early Friday, sending firefighters scrambling to put out more than a dozen blazes in Hollywood and neighboring West Hollywood. The fires started shortly after midnight and occurred over a four-hour span before dawn.

Firefighters chase arson fires early Friday in Hollywood area

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An arsonist swept through the Hollywood area under the cover of dark early Friday, torching vehicles whose flames ignited nearby houses, including one once occupied by Doors frontman Jim Morrison.

The four-hour onslaught started shortly after midnight and sent firefighters scrambling to douse fires in at least a dozen locations in Hollywood and the neighboring city of West Hollywood. In nearly every case, the fire started in a parked car. Authorities were preparing for the possibility of another round of fires while searching for a suspect.

Dozens of people were rousted from their homes, power was disrupted in several neighborhoods and Los Angeles police were put on alert in the Hollywood area. One city firefighter was treated and released from a hospital after a fall from a ladder while battling one blaze. No other injuries were reported.

Authorities were interviewing witnesses and looking for any footage that may have captured the person, or people, responsible for the spate of crimes. Investigators from four agencies met for a strategy session while Los Angeles officials summoned investigators from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

We will "be preparing for what may be coming tonight," said Los Angeles County fire Battalion Chief Tom Sullivan.

Fire officials couldn't say whether the rash of fires was the work of a copycat. There was a series of other arson fires early Thursday, also in Hollywood. Two people have been arrested and remain in custody for those blazes, officials said.

All of the fires on Friday were in a 2-square-mile area, and most were in densely populated neighborhoods.

One of the homes was in Laurel Canyon, where Morrison and his girlfriend once lived, neighbors said. The winding road was the in-

spiration for the Doors' hit "Love Street," and the house was listed for nearly \$1.2 million earlier this year, according to real estate website Zillow.com.

Sandy Gendel, who owns a nearby restaurant, said he heard explosions from what he later determined were likely car tires.

He saw flames 30 feet high coming from the deck of the former Morrison house and a gutted Mazda Miata.

"It was just like a towering inferno," Gendel said.

Jeff Dorman, who lives in the neighborhood, said he and his wife were awakened by noise in the street.

As he and his neighbors watched the firefight, he said they worried about embers floating toward their houses because they are so close together.

They also were concerned about a firebug being loose in their neighborhood.

"One spark could have been a huge problem," Dorman said. "The fire department did a fantastic job."

Underwater cannon may help protect Great Lakes

New program targets invasive gobies in Michigan

Associated Press

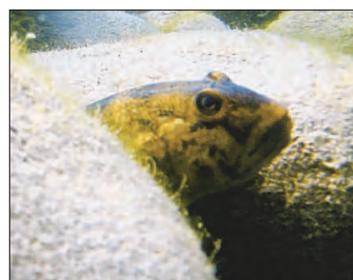
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Scientists want to know if an underwater cannon can protect valuable Great Lakes fish from a greedy predator.

The round goby is an exotic species that hangs around spawning beds, gobbling up eggs of native varieties

such as lake trout and whitefish that are important to the fishing industry.

Biologists plan to use a seismic gun to chase gobies from several Lake Michigan reefs that are popular spawning areas. The experiment is to begin next fall. Researchers hope the shell-shocked gobies will stay away long enough for native fish eggs to hatch and escape.

It's part of the increasingly sophisticated war against invasive animals and plants that cost the nation's economy billions of dollars each year. The Great Lakes in particular are besieged by at least 185 aquatic invaders.



Associated Press

An invasive round goby swims along a rocky reef in Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay near Elk Rapids, Mich.

US wants 2012 talks for Taliban political office

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration hopes to restore momentum in the spring to U.S. talks with the Taliban insurgency that had reached a critical point before falling apart this month because of objections from Afghan President Hamid Karzai, U.S. and Afghan officials said.

One goal of renewed talks with the insurgents would be to identify cease-fire zones that could be used as a steppingstone toward a full peace agreement that stops most fighting, a senior administration official told The Associated Press. It's a goal that so far has remained far out of reach.

U.S. officials from the State Department and White House plan to continue a series of secret meetings with Taliban representatives in Europe and the Persian Gulf region next year, two officials said, assuming a small group of Taliban emissaries the U.S. considers legitimate remains willing.

The U.S. officials spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the sensitive and precarious American outreach to the Taliban leadership.

The U.S. outreach this year had fits and starts but had progressed to the point that there was active discussion of two steps the Taliban seeks as precursors to negotiations, the senior U.S. official said. Talks are on an unofficial hiatus at Karzai's request, U.S. and other officials said.

The trust-building measures under discussion involve a would-be Taliban headquarters office and the release from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, of about five Afghan prisoners considered affiliated with the Taliban. Those steps were to be matched by assurances from at least part of the Taliban leadership that the insurgents would cut ties with al-Qaida, accept the elected civilian government of Afghanistan and bargain in good faith.

The U.S. describes its current Afghan policy as "fight, talk, build," and maintains that it will not back off the military campaign that has ended Taliban control of key southern areas that had been the movement's mainstay.

The Taliban remains a potent fighting force and has shifted operations to other parts of the country.

Just Friday, for instance, a NATO service member died in a roadside bombing in southern Afghanistan, while allied and Afghan forces killed three senior Taliban figures and captured 11 fighters and sympathizers, according to the alliance.

Early deadlines

■ Because of early deadlines Saturday for Sunday's paper, there will be no Saturday evening sports or lottery numbers.

■ Dr. Ron Joseph writes another timely column./B2



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'Canes wrestle to top-10 finish in Oviedo

Led by Jackson's silver medal, CHS also places McLean, Bostick at Iron Man

TONY CASTRO
Correspondent

OVIEDO — A year's time has made a huge difference for Citrus High School's wrestling program.

A year removed from a 21st-place finish at Oviedo, Citrus dramatically improved during this

week's two-day, 29-team Zac Jarzynka Iron Man X Wrestling Tournament in Seminole County.

Instead of securing 50 points like the Hurricanes totaled in 2010, Citrus head coach Chris Kelly's second-year squad netted 118 points and

cracked the tourney's final Top 10 with a ninth-place finish.

It was no surprise to see Camden County, Ga. tote home the championship trophy with 252.5 points.

Camden finished with nine placers including three champions and three runners-up.

Palm Harbor-University finished 72 points behind, but tied Camden with three gold medals.

The 'Canes, who went 26-18

overall with 14 pins, had three placers: junior Taylor Jackson at 182 pounds (second), senior Nick McLean at 160 (third) and senior Derrick Bostick at 285 (fifth).

Kelly's corner

Kelly, who brought 10 grapplers to Oviedo High, had only two members return home with a below .500 record.

Though eight Hurricanes finished 2-2 or better, Kelly thought his squad may have wilted down the stretch of this holiday event.

"We came out gung ho out of

the gates," recalled Kelly of his team's performance. "Then when we got to (the) fifth round of consolations we lost four guys in four matches. This helps in the buildup to districts, regionals and states; there are things we can correct."

According to Kelly, the Oviedo tourney was a mixed bag for the 'Canes.

"We had guys who wrestled well and we had some guys who didn't wrestle to their potential,"

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Teams bowling for wins

Rutgers sprints by Iowa St. to take Pinstripe Bowl

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rutgers coach Greg Schiano was handed the big glass trophy his Scarlet Knights earned by beating Iowa State in the Pinstripe Bowl and had just one thing to say.

"Eric! Eric!" Schiano shouted into the microphone as he stood at midfield at Yankee Stadium and pointed toward the press box. "This one's for you."

Eric LeGrand, bound to a wheelchair more than a year after being paralyzed making a tackle during a game, is still very much a part of Rutgers football.

The former defensive end was shown on the huge video scoreboard while Schiano spoke, busting out a wide grin. He then went to the locker room and celebrated a 27-13 victory with his former teammates.

"That's our brother before and after the injury, and that's how we're going to treat him forever," Rutgers linebacker Khaseem Greene said. "Just having his presence around, it's amazing. He makes the locker room glow."

On the field, it was a couple of redshirt freshmen who lit it up for the Scarlet Knights. Brandon Coleman hauled in an 86-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter after Iowa State had trimmed the lead to 20-13, and Jawan Jamison ran for 131 yards and two scores on 27 carries.

"That's what we love to do. That's who we want to be," Schiano said of a running game that struggled much of the season, but seems to be in good hands going forward.

The Scarlet Knights (9-4) ran their bowl winning streak to five and improved to 2-0 this season at Yankee Stadium, where they beat Army last month. Rutgers, which played in one bowl game before 2005, is 5-1 in the postseason under Schiano.

The Cyclones (6-7) finished the season on a three-game losing streak, their last win coming on Nov. 18 in Ames, Iowa, when they pulled off the biggest upset of the season against Oklahoma State.

That night Jared Barnett threw for 376 yards. In this game, Steele Jantz, who started the first six games, relieved Barnett in the second quarter and helped pull the Cyclones within 20-13 in the fourth on Jeff Woody's 20-yard touchdown run with 10:00 left.



Associated Press

Rutgers wide receiver Mohamed Sanu fumbles the ball as he is tackled by Iowa State linebacker Jake Knott and defensive back Jeremy Reeves in the first quarter of the Pinstripe Bowl on Friday at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx borough of New York. Rutgers won its fifth straight bowl game by defeated Iowa State 27-13.

"We were not executing in a manner that I felt was going to lead us to a win, and from what we've seen in December's practices, made the switch," Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said about the quarterbacks.

After an exchange of punts left Rutgers deep in its own end, Chas Dodd went deep to Coleman. The 6-foot-6 Coleman went over 5-7 cornerback Jeremy Reeves, then outran the corner to the end zone to make it 27-13 with 5:47 left.

It was Coleman's only catch, but it turned out to be the play of

the game.

"I didn't go out there trying to make a play. I just went out there trying to do my job," Coleman said. "The number was called but I was still calm, cool and collected."

Rutgers grabbed a 7-6 lead early in the second quarter when Jamison powered through a tackler and scored on fourth-and-goal from the 1. On the next possession, Iowa State couldn't handle one of Rutgers' many blitzes, and Greene and Wayne Warren swarmed and stripped Barnett. Scott Vallone scooped

up the fumble and returned it 12 yards to the Iowa State 4. The Cyclones managed to hold Rutgers to San San Te's 21-yard field goal.

Jantz replaced Barnett on the next Iowa State series.

The Cyclones' defense didn't hold up as well on Rutgers' next possession. The Scarlet Knights marched 66 yards, 49 on the ground, and Jamison juiced his way into the end zone from 12 yards out to make 17-6.

Justin Francis finished Rutgers' strong second half by blocking Zach Guyer's 44-yard field goal attempt with 57 seconds left.

Music City Bowl goes to Miss. State over Wake Forest

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vick Ballard ran for a career-high 180 yards and two touchdowns to lead Mississippi State over Wake Forest 23-17 Friday night in the Music City Bowl — the Bulldogs' fifth straight bowl victory and second consecutive under coach Dan Mullen.

The Bulldogs (7-6) capped a season that started with high expectations hurt by losses to Southeastern Conference teams either ranked at the time or going into bowl season by winning consecutive bowls for only the second time and first since 1999-2000.

Ballard's TDs were the longest in the Bulldogs' 14 bowl games. Mississippi State overcame four turnovers thanks to six sacks — its highest total since piling up seven in a win over Florida in 2000.

Wake Forest (6-7) snapped a two-game bowl winning streak. The Demon Deacons of the Atlantic Coast Conference now have lost both bowls against the SEC and finish the season having lost five of their last six games.

Chris Relf started for the Bulldogs and played the whole game with Tyler Russell limited by a sprained knee. Relf ran for 64 yards and threw for 129 yards and a TD with two interceptions.

The Demon Deacons, who held the ball for more than 35 minutes, tried to rally.

They converted two fourth downs before Brandon Maye sacked Tanner Price for the sixth time, forcing Wake Forest to kick

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Mississippi State running back Vick Ballard (28) gets past Wake Forest defensive tackle Nikita Whitlock (50) on a 60-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of the Music City Bowl on Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

Citrus has rich history in girls weightlifting

MICHAEL MAKSYMICZ
Correspondent

The Citrus girls weightlifting team began making its mark eight years before the sport became a sanctioned event in the state of Florida. The 'Canes were the first county champion in 1997 and, to this day, take pride in that feat.

"Today I see us as a very powerful team and we have taken a lot of pride in being that first county champion in 1997," Citrus head coach Tia Nelson said. "What

keeps the girls wanting to compete in weightlifting is simply the fact that they just love it."

Since that point, the Lady 'Canes have been county champs many times, most recently from 2009-11. They have shown themselves to be one of the best teams in the area.

In this sport there are no athletes cut from the team, so the girls tend to eliminate themselves if the desire is no longer there.

"Once the initial soreness is overcome, the excitement then builds," Nelson said.

The lifters utilize progression charts to monitor their status and to track the course they are currently on. This becomes a motivator and the girls push each other to excel. Weightlifting is also a sport that supplements other athletic sports.

The desire for girls as freshmen to want to com-

pete in this activity occurs in several ways. Word of mouth from friend to friend or classmate to classmate has generated interest.

Ashley Nichols, whose older sister Brandi competed for several years, followed suit and became engrossed in it. Christina and Monica Coates and Ali Rawls and

her sister are additional examples of a younger sister seeing how this sport has affected her older sister and becoming involved.

About the future for the 'Canes, Nelson said, "I would like to see us changing some of the statistics at state. Spruce Creek, located in Daytona Beach, has won almost every year."

"Last year my girls scored seven points," Nelson continued, "which to me was very good since some of the other schools did not score a single point."

Weightlifting has become somewhat of a unique sport since it was sanctioned in 2004. This sport is not an activity where girls moving on to college could qualify for a scholarship.

If greater competition is generated among major universities to treat the activity as a genuine sport, the possibility does exist where athletics graduating from high school could qualify for a scholarship.

For now, in many universities, weightlifting is seen as a training ground for other sports.

“ Today I see us as a very powerful team ... ”

Tia Nelson
 Citrus girls weightlifting coach on the state of the Hurricanes' program.

The value of sports in parenting is evident

I took my daughter to Legoland for her seventh birthday recently. We were at the park an hour before opening and finished at closing eight-plus hours later. We walked over seven miles and lost a few pounds, mainly from my wallet.

She talked a lot and held my hand. The great thing about walking around a park is that you are not only getting a great workout, but spending time with your kids. What they say to you when you spend one-on-one time can be amazing.

We frequently hear about the great health benefits of exercise, but do not hear enough about the mental health and family bonding value of sports.



Dr. Ron Joseph
DOCTOR'S
ORDERS

I remember the days raising four teenagers and trying to communicate with them, which was often next to impossible. I was frustrated at their answer to "How was your day or 'What did you do in school today?'" Usually the answer, if one came, was OK or nothing!

Trying to advise them, let alone get their attention to listen to advice, was mind-altering until I made a huge discovery. I call it Walk a little, Talk a little.

Through the beauty of sports, a relationship can be nourished with your children, parents or spouse. It is a process that, once started, can be applied to many sports.

This relationship can start any time and last a lifetime.

When I visit with my oldest son, the first thing we do is go for a long run and talk.

It is a concept that is kind of sneaky, so don't let them read this, but every time I got my teenage boys and pre-teen daughter to walk, run, mountain bike or ski with me, they started talking. Mind you, that means you have to stop talking!

The stop talking and listening is easy. Usually, when I am working out with my wife or kids, I am so out of breath I can't talk and have to listen. That's step No. 1.

In no way am I referring to the mad commute to soccer, basketball, karate or those group or club activities done by your child and passively viewed by you. I am speaking to the difficult task of doing a sport one-on-one with your child. It may not be the exercise you choose.

I started by getting my pre-teen daughter to walk

for an ice cream cone a mile away. The reward for her is ice cream and for you, the period of time between you and your child. She eventually picked up running and it became her sport and our time together.

With a couple of the boys, I showed up at the skateboard park half-pipe, completely armored — helmet, elbow and knee pads — and dropped in with fear and trepidation to skateboard with them.

Dad was skating with the kids. It was years before they finally stopped telling me about their tricks or trying to include me in all their sporting activities. They still call me weekly about what they are doing.

Usually, the endorphins generated by exercise provide a distracting and calming value to the gregarious teenage soul. This allows for them to talk a little at the

start and lots by the end of the walk, run, bowling, fishing or kayaking.

Not only are you getting in shape, your child is also. It is a stage for personal time with your kids that allows discussion because the only distraction is trying to put one foot in front of the other and breath. Don't teach. Listen. It is difficult to argue walking down the fairway with your child on the 10th hole on a beautiful Florida spring day.

This does not only have to be between kids and parents but can be between spouses or between grandparents and grandchild. When we moved to Citrus County a few years ago, I noticed a great number of grandparents raising tweens and teens. You may not be able play with the kids, i.e. skateboard, but you can manipulate them into walk a little and talk a little.

A friend of ours used surfing with their kids to gain a better relationship and they continue to do so as adults. Our neighbors, a husband and wife, walk several miles every night as much to talk over the problems of the world and the day as well as getting exercise.

You can see by now it is not just walking. It is spending the quality time through sport or exercise.

Can you do it? If I can, you can. Don't let the need to listen and not lecture hold you back. The difficult task is not giving an opinion, just think about the great nice moment in time you just had walking a little and talking a little.

Happy New Year!

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Dream Weaver

Fitting finale for outgoing Jags owner

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Wayne Weaver's office is nearly empty, the shelves cleared, the cabinets bare, most of his things packed in boxes. All that remains are some pictures, his computer and a few files scattered across his desk — just enough to avoid echoes in the spacious room.

Weaver is down to his final few days as owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars, a countdown that has been more bitter than sweet after 18 years, 352 games, six postseason appearances and few regrets.

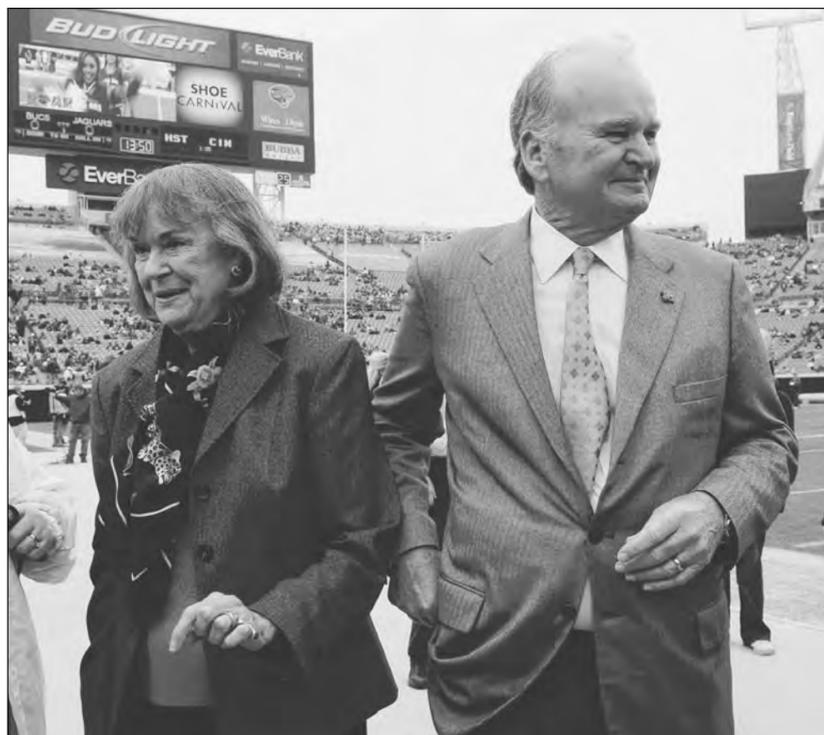
A former shoe salesman who worked his way up the corporate ladder and became so successful that he was able to bring an expansion team to Jacksonville in 1993, Weaver sold the franchise last month to Illinois businessman Shahid Khan for \$770 million. Khan officially takes over Jan. 4, meaning Weaver's final game in charge will be Sunday's season finale against Indianapolis.

He's leaving an exclusive club and taking plenty of memories with him.

"I'm at peace with where we are and I'm looking forward to the next chapter," Weaver told The Associated Press this week. "Who knows what I'll find to do. I know I won't sit home and twiddle my thumbs. I know that for sure."

The Jaguars will honor Weaver and his wife, Dolores, at halftime of Sunday's game. The ceremony will include a video montage covering nearly two decades, as well as the presentation of a banner signed by fans.

"Every game is emotional for me, but this one will remind me of all the great things that have happened over the last 18 years," said Weaver, who will turn 77



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The Jacksonville Jaguars are planning a special tribute to outgoing owner Wayne Weaver, right, and his wife Dolores, left, who led the charge to get an expansion team in Jacksonville in 1993. Somehow, and to some surprise, the Weavers landed a team in one of the professional sport's smallest markets. Wayne Weaver controlled the team for 17 seasons, although the 76-year-old businessman spent the last few looking for an exit strategy. He found one last fall when he began negotiations to sell the franchise to Shahid Khan.

next month. "It's hard to walk away. But I never let the NFL define who I am. I'm secure that I've built several businesses in my lifetime and been very successful at it, and I feel like there's something else out there for me to learn."

More than anything, the Jaguars (4-11) would like to send Weaver out with a victory. Players and coaches have talked about it all week, saying how special it would be to present the Weavers the game ball.

"They mean a lot to this city, mean a lot to everyone involved here," interim coach Mel Tucker said. "Our fans and our players know that, our coaches know that. Quite frankly, we'll give everything we can for them to finish on a high note. That's very, very important to this football team."

Weaver's legacy is secure: The former CEO and co-

owner of Nine West and current chairman and majority owner of Shoe Carnival, Weaver almost single-handedly secured a franchise for Jacksonville — something few thought possible for a relatively small market that lacks big-money corporate support.

But Weaver made it happen, and fans showed their appreciation with signs that read "Dream Weaver." The owner and the city enjoyed four consecutive postseason appearances — including two trips to the AFC championship game — in the expansion franchise's first five seasons.

"I've been fortunate," Weaver said. "I thought this would be something special to do, and it's turned out to be even more special than I ever dreamed it would be."

The last decade hasn't been nearly as fruitful.

The Jaguars have missed the playoffs in 10 of the last

12 seasons, a drought that cost coaches Tom Coughlin and Jack Del Rio their jobs.

Maybe Weaver's biggest downfall was being too loyal. He kept former personnel chief James "Shack" Harris after he missed on first-round picks Byron Leftwich (2003), Reggie Williams (2004), Matt Jones (2005), Reggie Nelson (2007) and Derrick Harvey (2008). He also kept Del Rio after deciding to blow the roster up in 2009.

"When I came into the National Football League, I was smart enough to know what I didn't know," Weaver said. "I think that made me more patient in getting involved in the football side of the business than I should have been. I think I recognized things sooner than I made decisions to change them in terms of personnel. I think I was patient, too patient, and I take responsibility for that."

Brady, Roethlisberger both probable

Associated Press



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady is listed as "probable" on the New England Patriots injury report for Sunday's regular-season finale against the Buffalo Bills.

An injury to his left, non-throwing shoulder limited Brady's participation in practice Friday for a second straight day after he sat out practice on Wednesday. He stretched with his teammates during the brief period open to reporters Friday.

The "probable" designation means that there is a "virtual certainty" a player will be available for normal duty, according to the injury report.

Sixteen other Patriots who had limited participation Friday

With a victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday, Tom Brady and the New England Patriots would clinch the AFC's No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

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were listed as "questionable" for the game, meaning there is a 50-50 chance they won't play.

Asked what Brady was able to do Thursday, coach Bill Belichick said Friday: "Play quarterback, the usual thing." When asked if Wednesday was a planned day off for Brady, Belichick said he thought he had covered that topic.

Roethlisberger probable for Steelers vs. Browns

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and safety Troy Polamalu each attended a full practice Friday and are listed as probable for the regular-season finale in Cleveland on Sunday.

Roethlisberger practiced all week after missing last Saturday's 27-0 win over the St. Louis Rams because of a high ankle sprain. The injury occurred three weeks ago in a home win against the Browns, but he played the following Monday in San Francisco and threw three interceptions in a 20-3 loss.

Recreation BRIEFS

Men's softball league restarting

Men's spring softball is scheduled to start Monday, Feb. 20, 2012. This is an 18-and-up league that plays on Monday and Wednesday nights at Bicentennial Park.

Game times are 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.. Teams can have a roster up to 25 players.

Registration will be held on Jan. 30–Feb. 3 at the Citrus County Resource Center.

There is a \$50 registration fee that is required to sign-up.

Team fees are based on the number of entries per league and are equally divided up.

For more information, call Jennifer Worthington at 527-7547. If you are a single player wanting to play, call Worthington and Parks and Recreation will aid you in finding a team.

Co-ed kickball ready to roll soon

Citrus County Parks and Recreation is hosting the spring co-ed kickball league that kicks off on Wednesday, Feb. 22. This highly competitive league is designed for players 18-and-up who have the "young at heart" spirit of kickball that thrives in them and enjoys being allowed to throw a giant, red, rubber ball at people.

The league shows up to play in retro socks, shorts and sporting their team shirts accompanied with protective eyewear on Wednesday nights. Game times are 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Each team fields 11 players on the field with a minimum of three girls. Teams can have a roster up to 25 people. Sign-ups will be held on Jan. 30–Feb. 3 at the Citrus County Resource Center.

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Co-ed softball prepared for first pitch

Co-ed Spring softball is back again and hosted by Citrus County Parks and Recreation. The league is scheduled to start on Feb. 22, 2012.

This league is designed for levels of all play; however, with the popularity of this sport continuing to grow, there will be divisions set up for this spring season if enough players sign up.

The league plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Bicentennial Park with games at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Each team is required to have a minimum of 4 girls each game.

Each team may have a roster up to 25 participants. Sign-ups will be held on Jan. 30–Feb. 3 at the Citrus County Resource Center.

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Men's flag football set to kick off

Men's Spring Flag Football is scheduled to start in the last week of February. This is a 7-on-7 league for players who are 18-and-up.

The league is semi-competitive and plays at Homosassa Area Recreational Park. Sign-ups will be held on Feb. 6–10 at the Citrus County Resource Center. Game times are 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m..

The league plays two 20-minute halves with a running clock. The last two minutes of each half is regular clock.

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Men's basketball ready for tip-off in Feb.

Men's Spring Basketball is scheduled to start in the last week of February. This is designed for players 18-and-up. The league is highly competitive and plays at local indoor school gymnasiums in Citrus County.

Each team may roster up to 15 players. Game times are 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. The league plays two 20-minute halves with a running clock. The last two minutes of each half is regular clock.

Sign-ups will be held on February 6–February 10 at the Citrus County Resource Center. There is a \$50 registration fee that is required to sign a team up.

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Learn to stretch with Parks & Rec

Citrus County Parks & Recreation offers a new low-impact stretching class. This on-going class will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at Citrus Springs Community Center. Cost is \$5 per class.

The low-impact class is easy, fun with good benefits. Stretching helps to make you more flexible and regular stretching will help mobility and balance. This helps to slow down the onset of common degenerative conditions, such as osteoarthritis. Stretching increases physical and mental relaxation and reduces the risk of joint sprain, muscle strain or back problems. Low-impact exercises can improve health and fitness without harming weight-bearing joints. Research suggests that moderate-intensity, low-impact activity is just as effective as high-impact activity in lowering the risk of heart disease.

For more information, visit www.citruscountyparks.com and click on instructional classes, or call 352-465-7007.

No. 7 Duke smashes Western Michigan

UCF takes own tourney

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Seth Curry scored a season-high 22 points, Austin Rivers added 20 and No. 7 Duke routed Western Michigan 110-70 on Friday night.

Quinn Cook had 16 points and Josh Hairston finished with 13, helping the Blue Devils (11-1) win their fourth straight. They shot 54 percent, held a 50-28 rebounding advantage and used a huge early run and frequent trips to free-throw line to take a 30-point lead in the first half.

Duke hit triple digits for the first time this season after scoring 63 points by halftime, its most in a half

since its 66-point second half last year against Colgate.

UCF 65, Rhode Island 54

ORLANDO — Isaiah Sykes scored 14 points as Central Florida held off Rhode Island for a 65-54 victory on Friday night.

The visiting Rams (2-12) closed to 57-51 on a Billy Baron 3-pointer with 4:01 remaining, but couldn't capitalize on three opportunities to make it a one-possession game.

Keith Clanton (13 points) drained a 3-pointer and Sykes scored five straight points to help the Knights (10-3) pull away for the UCF Holiday Classic title.

Marcus Jordan added 12 points for UCF, which won its 19th straight non-league home game.

Princeton 75, Florida State 73, 30T

TALLAHASSEE — Ian Hum-



Associated Press
Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski talks with officials during the first half against Western Michigan on Friday in Durham, N.C.. Duke won 110-70.

mer had 25 points and 15 rebounds and Douglas Davis had 25 points — including a pair of 3-pointers in the third overtime — as Princeton outlasted Florida State 75-73 on Friday night.

The Seminoles trailed 27-10 at the half but stormed back to tie the game at 47 and force overtime.

Both Florida State and Princeton had opportunities to

win the game in the first two overtimes.

The Seminoles' Bernard James missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with the game tied at 53 with 1.8 seconds left in the first overtime.

No. 8 Missouri 75, Old Dominion 68

NORFOLK, Va. — Marcus Denmon scored 17 of his 19 points after halftime and hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 61 seconds to play as Missouri survived a scare against Old Dominion.

Kim English added 16 points for the Tigers (13-0), who continued their best start since opening 19-0 in 1981-82. They got all they could handle in their first true road game under first-year coach Frank Haith from the Colonial Athletic Association power.

No. 20 Murray State 73, Eastern Illinois 40

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Stacy Wilson scored 16 points to lead Murray State to an easy win over Eastern Illinois.

Jewuan Long added 14 points and three assists for Murray State (14-0, 2-0 Ohio Valley Conference), which hit a season-high 12 3-pointers. Wilson made 4 of 7 from beyond the arc.

No. 23 Virginia 57, Towson 50

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Sammy Zeglinski scored 20 points and Joe Harris added 18 to help Virginia escape against winless Towson.

Mike Scott, Virginia's leading scorer coming in at 16.3 points per game, was held to just seven as the Cavaliers (12-1) won their 10th straight game despite shooting just 34.8 percent (16 of 46) from the field.

Howard sees 20-20

Magic center has huge game in victory

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dwight Howard had 20 points and 24 rebounds, Ryan Anderson scored 23 points, and the Orlando Magic beat the Charlotte Bobcats 100-79 on Friday night for their third straight victory.

Orlando jumped to an 11-0 lead and never trailed, eventually leading 56-43 at halftime and building the lead up to as many as 21 in the second half. Charlotte never got closer than nine points in the second half.

Anderson was 5 of 12 from 3-point range, as the Magic shot 43 percent from beyond the arc. Howard also had four blocked shots and four assists. The Magic also got 16 points from Jason Richardson, 15 from Hedo Turkoglu and 11 from J.J. Redick.

Corey Maggette led Charlotte (1-2) with 20 points.

The Bobcats also got 14 points from D.J. Augustin, 12 from Byron Mullens and 10 from Boris Diaw. But Gerald Henderson struggled through a 4-for-13 shooting night and the Bobcats, forced to settle for jump shots all night because of Howard's presence, shot just 36 percent from the field.

The 6-foot-11 Howard was imposing inside from the start, often going up against Diaw, 6-8, and Charlotte's backup centers. The only flaw in his performance was a 6-of-14 night from the free-throw line.

Howard set the tone immediately with a follow shot on Orlando's first possession. Richardson made a jumper and a 3-pointer, Howard hit a hook, and Richardson scored on a fast break to give the Magic their quick 11-0 lead.

It was the second straight night that Howard had more than 20 rebounds. He had 16 points and 24 rebounds in a win over New Jersey on Thursday night.

Heat 103, Timberwolves 101

MINNEAPOLIS — Dwyane Wade hit a jumper from the wing, then scored on an inbounds pass from LeBron James with 4.6 seconds to play to lift the undefeated Miami Heat to a 103-101 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night.

Playing on a sore foot, Wade finished with 19 points, while James had 34 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds on his 27th birthday.

Ricky Rubio had 12 points, 12 assists and six rebounds, and Kevin Love had 25 points and 12 boards for the Timberwolves, who led 100-99 with 55 seconds to play.

But Wade hit a jumper and then lost Rubio on an inbounds play to make the winning bucket, one game after beating the Charlotte Bobcats with a last-second shot.



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Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard shoots over Charlotte Bobcats' Boris Diaw, center, and DeSagana Diop (7) during the first half Friday in Charlotte, N.C.

Celtics 96, Pistons 85

BOSTON — Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points as he and the Boston Celtics ended a dismal start to their season with a 96-85 victory in their home opener over the Detroit Pistons on Friday night.

O'Neal, who played passively in totaling just eight points in the first three games, all losses, was aggressive throughout. He had 10 points in the first half, which ended with Boston on top 50-43. Then he scored seven in the third quarter, when the Celtics outscored the Pistons 36-21 to take an 86-64 lead.

Ray Allen and Brandon Bass added 17 points apiece for Boston and Paul Pierce had 12 in his debut after being sidelined with a bruised right heel.

Greg Monroe had 22 points for Detroit, which fell to 0-3.

Hawks 105, Nets 98

ATLANTA — Jeff Teague scored 22 points, Joe Johnson added 21 and the Atlanta Hawks won their third straight game to open the season, beating the New Jersey Nets 105-98 on Friday night.

Deron Williams finished with 23 points and rookie MarShon Brooks added 21 to lead the Nets, who have dropped three straight and fell to 1-3.

The Hawks, who earned a 36-point victory at New Jersey earlier this week, were in a tight game for the first time this season. Their biggest lead was

nine early in the fourth quarter before Brooks' 17-footer made it 95-94 with 2:18 remaining.

After Williams' reverse layup cut the lead to 98-96, New Jersey failed to score another field goal, but Brooks made a big mistake after Johnson's 8-footer put the Hawks up 100-96 with 20.6 seconds remaining.

Pacers 98, Cavaliers 91, OT

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny Granger scored nine of his 22 points in overtime to help the Indiana Pacers beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 98-91 on Friday night.

Granger shot just 5 of 17 in regulation, but was 3 of 5 in the extra period.

Roy Hibbert had 17 points and 13 rebounds, David West had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Tyler Hansbrough added 11 points and 12 boards for Indiana. George Hill scored 15 points for the Pacers, who improved to 3-0.

Rookie guard Kyrie Irving led Cleveland with 20 points in his best game so far, but missed a layup that would have won the game at the end of regulation.

Anderson Varejao added 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Anthony Parker and Antawn Jamison each scored 12 points for the Cavaliers.

Suns 93, Hornets 78

NEW ORLEANS — Hakim Warrick scored 18 points in a reserve role, and the Phoenix Suns won for the first time this young season while handing

the New Orleans Hornets their first loss, 93-78 on Friday night.

Channing Frye added 10 points and 16 rebounds for the Suns, who had opened the season with two losses, one to New Orleans in their home opener Monday night. Jared Dudley added 16 points, while Steve Nash dished out 12 assists.

Hornets shooting guard Eric Gordon missed a second straight game with a bruised right knee, and this time New Orleans could not compensate for the prolific scorer's absence.

Carl Landry led New Orleans with 17 points, while Emeka Okafor had 10 points and 16 rebounds, but the Hornets shot only 29 percent (26 of 90).

Grizzlies 113, Rockets 93

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph scored 23 points, Marc Gasol added 20, and the Memphis Grizzlies earned their first victory of the season, beating the Houston Rockets 113-93 on Friday night.

Randolph shot 11 of 14 and grabbed nine rebounds. Gasol and Rudy Gay, who finished with 10 points, each had eight boards as Memphis outrebounded the Rockets 42-33.

Six Grizzlies finished in double figures, including Jeremy Pargo's 14 and 13 by Quincy Pondexter.

Kevin Martin led the Rockets with 21 points, while Kyle Lowry had 15 points and eight assists. Rookie Chandler Parsons scored 13 points, including a trio of 3-pointers, all in the fourth quarter.

No. 1 Baylor women keep rolling

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Brittney Griner scored 20 points in 27 minutes and top-ranked Baylor finished its nonconference schedule with a 93-55 win over Mississippi Valley State.

Destiny Williams had 11 points and 14 rebounds for the Bears, who reached 13-0 for the second time in the program's history.

De'Kisha Fondon scored 23 for Mississippi Valley (2-8). Alia Frank had 10 points and Ka'Neshia Smith added 10 rebounds.

Brooklyn Pope added 14 points for Baylor, and Odyssey Sims had 11 points and Ashley Field scored 10.

The Bears jumped out to a 12-0 lead, keeping their usually active coach, Kim Mulkey, seated on the bench.

No. 3 Notre Dame 128, Mercer 42

MACON, Ga. — Markisha Wright had 24 points, Skylar Diggins had 21, and No. 3 Notre Dame scored the most points in school history in overwhelming Mercer 128-42 Friday night, giving the Fighting Irish their 10th straight win.

After setting a school record with 72 points in the first half, Notre Dame needed only the first 10 minutes of the second half to reach 100 points for the first time this season.

No. 8 Duke 65, Temple 54

PHILADELPHIA — Tricia Liston scored 20 points to lead No. 8 Duke to a 65-54 win over Temple on Friday night.

Duke (9-2) has had a lot of rest lately, playing just two games over the past 19 days. The Blue Devils showed no early rust against Temple, jumping out to a 17-point halftime lead before allowing the Owls to climb back in the game.

No. 9 Ohio State 77, Wisconsin 61

MADISON, Wis. — Tayler Hill scored 21 points and No. 9 Ohio State beat Wisconsin 77-61 Friday night in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Samantha Prahalis, fourth in the Big Ten at almost 18 points a game, struggled from the field for the Buckeyes (14-0), shooting 4 of 15. She finished with 12 points and 11 assists.

Taylor Wurtz and Ashley Thomas scored 10 points apiece to lead the Badgers (4-9).

No. 10 Texas A&M 72, McNeese St. 62

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Tyra White scored 19 points and Kelsey Bone added 19 points and 15 rebounds as No. 10 Texas A&M outlasted scrappy McNeese State on Friday night.

Twin sisters Ashlyn and Caitlyn Baggett combined for 37 points for McNeese State in a rematch of the first round of last year's NCAA tournament.

A&M (9-2) got a 40-point win in that one on the way to its first national title. But this time the Cowgirls led in the second half and stuck around for most of the game.

No. 11 Rutgers 75, George Washington 54

WASHINGTON — Monique

Oliver tied her season high with 23 points to lead Rutgers to a 75-54 victory over George Washington on Friday night.

April Sykes added 17 points and Khadijah Rushdan had 13 for the Scarlet Knights (11-2), who begin Big East play at home against Syracuse on Tuesday.

Tara Booker scored 14 of her 18 points in the second half for GW, which briefly closed the deficit to 12 points after trailing by 19 at halftime.

No. 15 Georgetown 77, Dartmouth 38

HANOVER, N.H. — Sugar Rodgers scored a career-high 39 points and No. 15 Georgetown increased its winning streak to 11 straight with a 77-38 win over Dartmouth on Friday night.

Rodgers, who tied her career best 34 the night before in a win over Vermont, was 13 for 26 and made 6 of 12 3-pointers while outscoring all of Dartmouth's players combined.

No. 23 Nebraska 71, No. 16 Penn State 63

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Jordan Hooper scored 31 points, including a clinching 3-pointer with 17 seconds left, and No. 23 Nebraska won its Big Ten debut with a 71-63 victory over No. 16 Penn State on Friday night.

Hooper also had 12 rebounds and Lindsey Moore added 16 points for the Cornhuskers (12-1, 1-0), who trailed by nine points in the second half but rallied by holding the Nittany Lions to just one field goal over a 8:18 span. Nebraska used a 13-2 run to take a 60-58 lead with 4:39 left.

No. 20 Purdue 57, Minnesota 53

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Antionette Howard scored the go-ahead basket and K.K. Houser had 15 points to lead No. 20 Purdue to a 57-53 victory over Minnesota in the Big Ten opener for both teams Friday night.

The Boilermakers (11-3) shot just 30.4 percent, but tied the game at 50 on a free throw by Sam Ostarello, and then Howard scored on a layup to give Purdue its first lead in the second half at 52-50.

No. 24 UNC 79, N. Carolina Central 42

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Chay Shegog had 20 points and five blocked shots to pace No. 24 North Carolina to a 79-42 victory over North Carolina Central on Friday night.

Krista Gross added 15 points and 11 rebounds for her third double-double of the season for the Tar Heels (10-2), who beat a MEAC team for the second straight day after demolishing Savannah State 74-21 on Thursday. Brittany Rountree chipped in 11 points.

Chasidy Williams had 15 points and eight rebounds for NCCU (2-12), a first-year full member of NCAA Division I. The Eagles have played and lost at UNC five straight seasons. Kabrina Truesdale added 10 points for NCCU.

BASKETBALL

Friday Men's College Basketball Scores

- EAST
- Baruch 57, Kean 53
 - Bentley 86, Concordia (N.Y.) 64
 - Bloomsburg 87, Chestnut Hill 86
 - Brooklyn 70, Rutgers-Camden 64
 - Columbia 77, Lafayette 67
 - Defiance 88, Lakeland 87
 - Gettysburg 84, Methodist 72
 - King's (Pa.) 84, Pitt.-Bradford 63
 - LIU 84, NJIT 74
 - Manhattan 94, Binghamton 51
 - Mercer 65, Navy 56
 - NYU 83, Hamilton 46
 - Northeastern 53, Vermont 51
 - Penn St. Behrend 64, Rutgers-Newark 59
 - Philadelphia 68, Stonehill 63
 - Randolph-Macon 82, Farmingdale 75
 - Richard Stockton 59, Albright 58
 - Sacred Heart 77, New Hampshire 59
 - Seton Hall 67, West Virginia 48
 - St. Bonaventure 72, Niagara 70
 - Stony Brook 79, Rider 62
 - Temple 66, Delaware 63
 - UMass 97, CCSU 65
 - William Paterson 73, Purchase 50

- SOUTH
- Auburn 78, Georgia Southern 75
 - Centre 69, Cabrini 67, OT
 - Dist. of Columbia 74, Dominican (NY) 63
 - Duke 110, W. Michigan 70
 - Emory & Henry 72, Shenandoah 67
 - Ferrum 85, LaGrange 74
 - George Mason 84, Coll. of Charleston 76
 - Georgetown (Ky.) 91, Miami (Ohio)-Middle-town 76
 - Georgia 58, Delaware St. 51
 - Georgia College 92, Mars Hill 66
 - Kentucky St. 60, Lane 55
 - Kentucky Wesleyan 79, Lindsey Wilson 61
 - King (Tenn.) 102, Salem International 84
 - Lander 68, Lenoir-Rhyne 54
 - Miami 84, Appalachian St. 54
 - Missouri 75, Old Dominion 68
 - N. Kentucky 84, Shepherd 57
 - New Orleans 73, Mobile 65
 - North Florida 85, Palm Beach Atlantic 78
 - Princeton 75, Florida St. 73, 3OT
 - Richmond 78, UNC Greensboro 58
 - Roanoke 81, Covenant 63
 - UNC Wilmington 72, Furman 61
 - Virginia 57, Towson 50
 - Virginia Union 75, SC-Aiken 69
 - West Florida 69, St. Augustine's 62

- MIDWEST
- Baldwin-Wallace 89, Alma 81
 - Dayton 62, Mississippi 50
 - Hope 70, Indiana Wesleyan 66
 - IUPUI 75, W. Illinois 68
 - Indianapolis 88, Ferris St. 71
 - Judson 72, Bethany Lutheran 68
 - Kalamazoo 85, Northland 78
 - Lourdes 62, Mount Vernon Nazarene 51
 - Monmouth (Ill.) 78, Olivet 62
 - Murray St. 73, E. Illinois 40
 - Muskingum 94, Ohio St.-Lima 66
 - N. Dakota St. 84, IPFW 68
 - Ohio 71, Kennesaw St. 63
 - Oral Roberts 79, South Dakota 67
 - S. Dakota St. 76, Oakland 64
 - S. Utah 91, UMKC 77
 - St. Joseph's (Ind.) 87, Michigan Tech 78
 - Wis.-Eau Claire 90, Simpson (Iowa) 78
 - Wis.-La Crosse 78, St. Norbert 57
 - Wis.-Parkside 91, Trinity Christian 53
 - Wis.-Stevens Pt. 83, St. Olaf 70
 - Wis.-Whitewater 74, Marian (Wis.) 51

- SOUTHWEST
- Arkansas 77, Texas Southern 49
 - Houston 94, Texas St. 71
 - Stephen F. Austin 93, Texas-Tyler 36

- FAR WEST
- Bethany (Kan.) 73, Madonna 58
 - Montana 79, E. Washington 71
 - Montana St. 86, Portland St. 73
 - Nebraska-Omaha 93, Coppin St. 83

- TOURNAMENT**
- Cable Car Classic**
Third Place
Air Force 42, E. Michigan 37
 - Dr Pepper Classic**
Championship
Chattanooga 74, Utah Valley 59
 - Third Place**
Hampton 82, Longwood 79
 - Dubuque Holiday Tournament**
Third Place
Rockford 70, Culver-Stockton 52
 - UCF Holiday Classic**
Third Place
UCF 65, Rhode Island 54
 - Woodcliff Hotel and Spa Tournament**
Third Place
Medaille 84, Westminster (Pa.) 66
 - EXHIBITION**
Milwaukee Engineering 64, Finlandia 58

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	1	1	.500	—
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	—
New York	1	2	.333	½
New Jersey	1	3	.250	1
Boston	1	3	.250	1

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	4	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	3	0	1.000	½
Orlando	3	1	.750	1
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2½
Washington	0	3	.000	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	3	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	2	1	.667	1
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Cleveland	1	2	.333	2
Detroit	0	3	.000	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	4	0	1.000	—
Portland	3	0	1.000	½
Denver	2	1	.667	1½
Utah	0	2	.000	3
Minnesota	0	3	.000	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	2	1	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	1	1	.500	½
L.A. Lakers	2	2	.500	½
Sacramento	1	2	.333	1
Phoenix	1	2	.333	1

Thursday's Games

- Orlando 94, New Jersey 78
- Houston 105, San Antonio 85
- Oklahoma City 104, Dallas 102
- Chicago 108, Sacramento 98
- Portland 111, Denver 102
- L.A. Lakers 99, New York 82

Friday's Games

- Orlando 100, Charlotte 79
- Indiana 98, Cleveland 91, OT
- Boston 96, Detroit 85
- Atlanta 105, New Jersey 98
- Phoenix 93, New Orleans 78
- Miami 103, Minnesota 101
- Memphis 113, Houston 93
- Milwaukee 102, Washington 81
- Toronto at Dallas, late
- Philadelphia at Utah, late
- Chicago at L.A. Clippers, late

Saturday's Games

- Denver at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
- Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m.
- Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m.
- New York at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
- Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
- Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
- Philadelphia at Golden State, 9 p.m.

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Florida Lottery:

- CASH 3 (early) **1-4-7**
- CASH 3 (late) **5-5-1**
- PLAY 4 (early) **3-0-3-3**
- PLAY 4 (late) **5-4-1-3**
- FANTASY 5 **12-17-22-30-32**
- MEGA MONEY **3-15-20-27**
- MEGA BALL **14**

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- 12 p.m. (10 CBS) Louisville at Kentucky
- 12 p.m. (ESPN2) Virginia Tech at Oklahoma State
- 2 p.m. (ESPN2) Providence at Georgetown
- 2 p.m. (SUN) Samford at Maryland
- 4 p.m. (ESPN2) Illinois at Purdue
- 4 p.m. (FSNFL) UCLA at California
- 6 p.m. (ESPN2) Ohio State at Indiana
- 8 p.m. (ESPN2) Gonzaga at Xavier
- 10 p.m. (ESPN2) Oregon at Washington

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- 2 p.m. (FSNFL) Arizona at Arizona State
- FOOTBALL**
- 5:30 a.m. (ESPN2) Insight Bowl — Iowa vs. Oklahoma (Same-day Tape)
 - 12 p.m. (ESPN) Meineke Car Care of Texas Bowl — Northwestern vs. Texas A&M
 - 2 p.m. (10 CBS) Sun Bowl — Georgia Tech vs. Utah
 - 3:30 p.m. (11, 20 ABC) Liberty Bowl — Cincinnati vs. Vanderbilt
 - 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl — Illinois vs. UCLA
 - 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Chick-Fil-A Bowl — Auburn vs. Virginia
 - 1:30 a.m. (ESPN2) New Era Pinstripe Bowl — Iowa State vs. Rutgers (Taped)

HOCKEY

- 5 p.m. (SUN) Carolina Hurricanes at Tampa Bay Lightning
- 7 p.m. (FSNFL) Montreal Canadiens at Florida Panthers
- 7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Boston University at Notre Dame

SOCCER

- 7:30 a.m. (ESPN2) English Premier League: Manchester United vs. Blackburn Rovers

SNOWBOARDING

- 4 p.m. (NBCSPT) Paul Mitchell Progression Session 1 (Taped)
- 5 p.m. (8 NBC) U.S. Snowboard Cup (Taped)

Sunday's Games

- New Jersey at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
- Charlotte at Miami, 6 p.m.
- Toronto at Orlando, 6 p.m.
- Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.
- Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
- L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8 p.m.
- Memphis at Chicago, 8 p.m.
- New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
- Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	36	23	9	4	50	107	77
Philadelphia	36	22	10	4	48	123	106
Pittsburgh	37	21	12	4	46	120	97
New Jersey	36	20	15	1	41	100	104
N.Y. Islanders	35	12	17	6	30	80	112

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	24	9	1	49	121	64
Toronto	37	18	14	5	41	116	122
Ottawa	38	18	15	5	41	117	131
Buffalo	37	17	17	3	37	98	109
Montreal	38	14	17	7	35	97	107

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	38	19	12	7	45	100	105
Winnipeg	37	18	14	5	41	101	105
Washington	36	19	15	2	40	107	107
Tampa Bay	36	16	17	3	35	99	120
Carolina	39	13	20	6	32	101	130

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Chicago	38	24	10	4	52	125	107
Detroit	37	23	13	1	47	120	84
St. Louis	37	21	11	5	47	95	82
Nashville	38	20	14	4	44	100	105
Columbus	37	10	22	5	25	91	124

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Vancouver	38	24	12	2	50	128	92
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Edmonton	36	15	18	3	33	99	100

Pacific Division

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Los Angeles	38	18	14	6	42	82	89
Dallas	36	20	15	1	41	96	105
Phoenix	38	18	16	4	40	98	101
Anaheim	36	10	20	6	26	85	120

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HOCKEY

Thursday's Games

- N.Y. Islanders 3, Calgary 1
- Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2
- Carolina 4, Toronto 3, OT
- Chicago 4, Montreal 3
- Minnesota 4, Edmonton 3
- Winnipeg 1, Los Angeles 0, OT
- Columbus 4, Dallas 1
- Colorado 3, Phoenix 2
- Vancouver 5, Anaheim 2
- Friday's Games
- Nashville 2, St. Louis 1, SO
- Washington 3, Buffalo 1
- Ottawa 4, Calgary 3, OT
- N.Y. Rangers 4, Florida 1
- Chicago 3, Detroit 2

HOCKEY

Saturday's Games

- Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
- Carolina at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
- Phoenix at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
- Montreal at Florida, 7 p.m.
- Ottawa at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
- Toronto at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
- St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
- Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
- Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
- Colorado at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
- Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
- Sunday's Games
- Calgary at Nashville, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Bowl Glance

- Saturday, Dec. 17
- New Mexico Bowl At

BYU beats Tulsa in Armed Forces Bowl

Late TD gives Cougars 24-21 victory Friday

Associated Press

DALLAS — Riley Nelson threw three touchdown passes to Cody Hoffman, the last with 11 seconds left, and BYU beat Tulsa 24-21 Friday in the Armed Forces Bowl for another 10-win season.

With no timeouts and the ball at the 2, the Cougars hurried up to the line. Nelson then faked a spike that would have stopped the clock and instead stood up and threw to Hoffman in the end zone.

The Cougars (10-3) wrapped up their season of independence by winning 10 games for the fifth time in coach Bronco Mendenhall's seven years.

G.J. Kinne threw three TD passes for Tulsa (8-5), including a 30-yarder to Bryan Burnham with 10:42 left for

a 21-17 lead.

BYU needed 12 plays to go 48 yards on its last drive. Nelson converted a fourth-and-9 with a 14-yard scramble and later ran 8 yards on third-and-5.

Tulsa, whose other four losses this season came against top-10 teams, failed to take advantage when BYU was penalized for running into the kicker on fourth down from the 10 with about 6 minutes left. But the Golden Hurricane punted the ball away four plays later, setting up the

winning drive for the Cougars.

Hoffman, who had eight catches for 122 yards, got his first TD just before halftime after an impressive block gave Nelson time to throw the ball.

BYU wide receiver Cody Hoffman makes a first down reception as Tulsa defensive back Lowell Rose (7) and linebacker Cornelius Arnick (32) defend during the third quarter of the Armed Forces Bowl on Friday in Dallas. BYU won 24-21.

Associated Press



Quarterback to quarterback



Photos by Associated Press

Two of the best quarterbacks in college football, Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden, left, and Stanford's Andrew Luck, right, are two big reasons this year's Fiesta Bowl, scheduled for Monday, figures to be quite a show.

OSU's Weeden and Stanford's Luck will highlight offensive-minded Fiesta Bowl

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Brandon Weeden and Andrew Luck spent the past two summers at the Manning Passing Academy, palling around while serving as camp counselors, forming a friendship that continued after they left.

Both quarterbacks passed up chances at the NFL for another college season and ended up in the desert, where Weeden will lead Oklahoma State against Luck-led Stanford in what's expected to be a fantastic Fiesta Bowl.

"You never know how it's going to turn out," Weeden said. "This is about as good as it gets right here. I'm pretty sure everybody around the country will be watching."

It will be hard for college football fans not to watch this one.

Outside of the BCS championship game, the Fiesta Bowl is perhaps the most anticipated of the 35 bowls — and the arms and minds of Weeden and Luck are big reasons.

Luck was the Heisman Trophy runner-up to Cam Newton last season and could have been the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft. Instead, he opted to return for his senior season to take another run at the Heisman Trophy and a second straight BCS bowl at Stanford.

Luck didn't get his Heisman — he was runner-up to Baylor's

Robert Griffin III — but did just about everything else.

The son of former Houston Oilers quarterback and current West Virginia athletic director Oliver Luck, he led Stanford to consecutive 11-win seasons for the first time in school history. The Cardinal missed their chance at a national title with a loss to eventual Pac-12 champion Oregon, but Luck had a stellar season, throwing for 3,170 yards and a school-record 35 touchdowns with nine interceptions.

Luck had enough of a grasp of Stanford's offense that first-year coach David Shaw allowed him to occasionally call his own plays and showed off his athleticism with a one-handed catch along the sideline against UCLA on a trick play.

Luck will leave Stanford as the school's all-time leader in touchdown passes (80), completion percentage (.664), passing efficiency (161.7) and total offense (10,043) — among other marks.

"He is a patient guy. Obviously he is a very, very intelligent guy. He is the total package," Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Bill Young said. "That's why he is predicted to be the first guy in the draft. Great player."

While he may not have the draft cachet of Luck, Weeden has some of the same attributes.

Not as physically imposing as

Luck, Weeden is right there with him maturity-wise, in part because he's 28 and played five years of minor league baseball, but also because he's a pretty sharp guy, like his counterpart.

The senior also has a big right arm — he was a pitcher in the Yankees' and Dodgers' systems — that allows him to make every possible throw.

Weeden had a breakout season as a junior, throwing for over 4,200 yards and a school-record 34 touchdowns. He was even better this season, setting single-season school records for passing yards, total offense and four other categories.

Weeden also had the top three passing games in Oklahoma State history — a school-record 502 against Kansas State — as a senior and will leave Stillwater with at least 19 team marks.

"He knows how to find his weapons," Shaw said. "He throws a catchable ball, but he also throws a ball where guys can run after the catch, which is huge for the type of offense that they run."

Luck has been projected as the No. 1 overall pick in the draft since he was a junior, and for good reason.

At 6-foot-4, 235 pounds, he's pretty much the prototypical size for an NFL quarterback and he has a sharp football mind, honed by his

father, former Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh and Shaw, who added to his development by allowing him to call his own plays.

Luck has a strong arm — Shaw says he's seen him throw a ball 70 yards — and is a good pocket passer, yet is deceptively agile for someone his size.

He is pretty much everything a team could want in a quarterback and will be a nice prize for the franchise that gets the top pick.

"Wherever I land it will be great," Luck said. "I am not rooting for one team to win or lose or whatever. So I'm not going to say I don't care about it because I do care about football. Wherever I end up, I'm sure it will be the best spot for me."

Weeden's NFL future isn't so clear.

Though he has excelled in the Cowboys' uptempo offense, there are concerns about his age.

Because he played baseball, Weeden is older than Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers and San Francisco's Alex Smith, two established NFL quarterbacks, and will be five years older than the average rookie when he starts his career.

The upside is that Weeden will be more mature than most rookies and has already lived the life of a professional athlete.

Alamo Bowl breaks records

Griffin, Baylor nip Huskies in 67-56 shootout

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III wasn't dazzling — and didn't need to be — as No. 15 Baylor pulled out a thrilling Alamo Bowl victory in the highest-scoring bowl game in history, beating Washington 67-56 in a record-smashing shootout Thursday night.

If this was RG3's final showcase before jumping to the NFL, it was a gripping goodbye to watch. One of the nation's most electrifying players was upstaged by an even more exciting game that shattering the previous record for points in regulation set in the 2001 GMAC Bowl.

Griffin had an unremarkable night, throwing just one touchdown pass and running for another. But Terrance Ganaway starred ably in his place, rushing for 200 yards and five touchdowns.

His last was a 43-yard run with 2:28 left to seal Baylor's first 10-win season since 1980.

Griffin wasn't the star, but a crowd overwhelmingly in favor of Baylor that was left breathless by five lead changes and three touchdown plays of 50 yards or longer still treated him like one.

"One more year! One more year!" fans chanted as Griffin darted around the field in celebration.

Asked when he'll make his decision on whether to forgo his senior year, the AP Player of the Year said, "Pretty soon here, probably."

The previous bowl record for a regulation game was 102 total points set in the 2001 GMAC Bowl between Marshall and East Carolina.

NFL Stats CENTRAL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East	West	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	3	0		.800	464	321
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0		.533	360	344
Buffalo	6	9	0		.400	351	385
Miami	5	10	0		.333	310	296
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Houston	10	5	0		.667	359	255
Tennessee	8	7	0		.533	302	295
Jacksonville	4	11	0		.267	224	316
Indianapolis	2	13	0		.133	230	411
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-Baltimore	11	4	0		.733	354	250
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0		.733	312	218
Cincinnati	9	6	0		.600	328	299
Cleveland	4	11	0		.267	209	294
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	8	7	0		.533	306	383
Oakland	8	7	0		.533	333	395
San Diego	7	8	0		.467	368	351
Kansas City	6	9	0		.400	205	335

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	East	West	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0		.533	363	386
Dallas	8	7	0		.533	355	316
Philadelphia	7	8	0		.467	362	318
Washington	5	10	0		.333	278	333
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-New Orleans	12	3	0		.800	502	322
x-Atlanta	9	6	0		.600	357	326
Carolina	6	9	0		.400	389	384
Tampa Bay	4	11	0		.267	263	449
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Green Bay	14	1	0		.933	515	318
x-Detroit	10	5	0		.667	433	342
Chicago	7	8	0		.467	336	328
Minnesota	3	12	0		.200	237	432
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-San Francisco	12	3	0		.800	346	202
Seattle	7	8	0		.467	301	292
Arizona	7	8	0		.467	289	328
St. Louis	2	13	0		.133	166	373

playoff scenarios

Week 17 AFC

CLINCHED: New England-East Division and first-round bye; Houston-South Division; Baltimore and Pittsburgh-wild-card spots.

NEW ENGLAND

— Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:

Win or tie OR
Baltimore loss or tie AND Pittsburgh loss or tie

Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.

Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

Seattle at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 4:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 4:15 p.m.

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

NFL playoff scenarios

Week 17 AFC

CLINCHED: New England-East Division and first-round bye; Houston-South Division; Baltimore and Pittsburgh-wild-card spots.

NEW ENGLAND

— Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:

Win or tie OR
Baltimore loss or tie AND Pittsburgh loss or tie

BALTIMORE

— Clinches AFC North Division and first-round bye with:

Win OR
Tie AND Pittsburgh loss or tie OR
Pittsburgh loss

— Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:

Win AND New England loss or tie

PITTSBURGH

— Clinches AFC North Division and first-round bye with:

Win AND Baltimore loss or tie OR
Tie AND Baltimore loss OR

— Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:

Win AND Baltimore loss or tie AND New England loss

DENVER

— Clinches AFC West Division with:

Win OR
Tie AND Oakland loss or tie OR
Oakland loss

OAKLAND

— Clinches AFC West Division with:

Win AND Denver loss or tie OR
Tie AND Denver loss

— Clinches wild-card spot with:

Win AND Cincinnati loss AND Tennessee loss or tie OR

Win AND Cincinnati loss AND N.Y. Jets win

CINCINNATI

— Clinches wild-card spot with:

Win or tie
N.Y. Jets loss or tie AND Oakland loss or tie
N.Y. Jets loss or tie AND Denver loss or tie

N.Y. JETS

— Clinch wild-card spot with:

Win AND Cincinnati loss AND Tennessee loss or tie AND Oakland loss or tie

Win AND Cincinnati loss AND Tennessee loss or tie AND Denver loss or tie

TENNESSEE

— Clinches wild-card spot with:

Win AND Cincinnati loss AND N.Y. Jets win AND Oakland loss or tie

Win AND Cincinnati loss AND N.Y. Jets win AND Denver loss or tie

NFC

CLINCHED: Green Bay-North Division and home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs; New Orleans-South Division; San Francisco-West Division; Atlanta-and Detroit-wild-card spots.

SAN FRANCISCO

— Clinches first-round bye with:

Win OR
New Orleans loss OR
Tie AND New Orleans tie

NEW ORLEANS

— Clinches first-round bye with:

Win AND San Francisco loss or tie OR
Tie AND San Francisco loss

N.Y. GIANTS

— Clinch NFC East Division with:

Win or tie

DALLAS

— Clinches NFC East Division with:

Win

NFL leaders

AFC

Week 16

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, NWE	576	378	4897	36	11
Schaub, HOU	292	178	2479	15	6
Roethlis, PIT	473	301	3856	21	14
Mat. Moore, MIA	316	189	2375	15	7
Rivers, SND	556	347	4314	24	19
Dalton, CIN	472	278	3166	20	13
Fitzpatrick, BUF	523	324	3525	22	14
Hasselbeck, TEN	483	297	3274	16	19
Flacco, BAL	523	297	3480	19	12
Sanchez, NYJ	511	287	3267	24	15

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McKnight, NYJ	32	1022	31.9	1071	1
An. Brown, PIT	24	664	27.7	52	0
R. Goodman, SND	28	721	25.8	44	0
Cribbs, CLE	37	951	25.7	67	0
C. Gates, MIA	32	801	25.0	73	0
Karim, JAC	24	573	23.9	47	0
Br. Tate, CIN	39	926	23.7	35	0
Mariani, TEN	31	725	23.4	39	0
McCluster, KAN	25	557	22.3	45	0
Leleged, IND	28	548	19.6	51	0

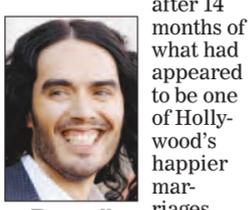
	TDRush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Gronkowski, NWE	16	1	15	0
R. Rice, BAL	13	10	3	0
A. Foster, HOU	12	10	2	0

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
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Spotlight on PEOPLE

Brand splitting with Katy Perry

LOS ANGELES — British actor-comedian **Russell Brand** is divorcing "California Gurls" songstress **Katy Perry**



Russell Brand

after 14 months of what had appeared to be one of Hollywood's happier marriages. "Sadly, Katy and I are ending our marriage," Brand said in a statement to The Associated Press on Friday. "I'll always adore her and I know we'll remain friends." Brand, 36, offered no other details, but in papers filed Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, he cited irreconcilable differences.

He and the 27-year-old pop singer were married in October 2010 at a resort inside a tiger reserve in India, and their mutual affection had become a rather sweet feature of the celebrity circuit.

The Internet had been abuzz recently with rumors about possible trouble for the couple after they were seen during the holidays without their wedding rings.

Both Brand and Perry were absent Friday from Twitter, where they often shared kind words for each other.

New Year's Eve duet on YouTube

LOS ANGELES — **Zoey Deschanel** and **Joseph Gordon-Levitt** are curious about your New Year's Eve plans.



Zoey Deschanel

The two actors perform a duet in a video posted this week on YouTube, musically asking, "What are you doing New Year's Eve?"

She plays ukulele and he plays guitar in the two-minute video of the 1947 jazz song.



Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Deschanel calls her "(500) Days of Summer" co-star "simply the best" in a note accompanying the video.

The two actors don't reveal their New Year's Eve plans in the clip, but they will be celebrating together in 2012.

Both are nominated for Golden Globe Awards. She earned the nod for actress in a TV comedy for "New Girl." He received it for his lead role in the film "50/50."

—From wire reports

Pages of his story

Hugh Hefner, Playboy ready for their next chapters

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — On the second floor of the Playboy Mansion, beyond the seemingly endless hallway lined with photos of the famous folks who have visited the legendary party playground, is a narrow staircase that leads to a small loft.

"LOCK DOOR," signed "Hef," reads a handmade note tacked to the loft's tiny entrance.

"Excuse me if I sit?" asks Hugh Hefner, ever the gentleman as he leads a reporter into the cramped room that has only one chair. "I've got a bad hip."

Here in this modest space is where Hefner keeps a detailed record of his life that spans more than 2,500 volumes and counting — a Guinness world record for a personal scrapbook collection.

Every Saturday, the 85-year-old founder of Playboy magazine spends a few hours scrapbooking — a hobby he began in 1943 with cartoons he drew of himself and his high-school classmates.

Those doodles were "probably just a way of creating a world of my own to share with my friends," Hefner says, seated amid the archives of his life in yes, his trademark silk pajamas and bathrobe. "And in retrospect, in thinking about it, it's not a whole lot different than creating the magazine."

As the new year begins and Playboy approaches its 60th birthday, Hefner intends to continue working on the magazine, his scrapbooks and a Hollywood movie about his life. "That's alive again," he says of the biopic idea that's been bandied about for decades.

Though 2011 wasn't entirely kind to the man or the brand — Hefner's 24-year-old fiancée called off their engagement days before their June wedding and NBC's "The Playboy Club" was the first fall TV casualty, canceled after just three episodes — Hefner is optimistic about what's next, personally and professionally.

"Retirement is unthinkable to me," he says. "The future is bright and very exciting and I'm looking forward to playing a part in it."

Hef — his preferred nickname since his teens — has been a media force since he published the first issue of Playboy in 1953 and he remains the figurehead of the empire he created. Although Playboy Enterprises named Scott Flanders its chief executive in 2009, Hefner continues to serve as editor-in-chief of the magazine, choosing the cover models and centerfolds and editing the cartoons, letters and party jokes.

Even Hefner is at a loss to ex-



Associated Press

American magazine publisher, founder and chief creative officer of Playboy Enterprises Hugh Hefner is seen Oct. 13, surrounded by books at his home at the Playboy Mansion in Beverly Hills, Calif.

plain the enduring appeal of Playboy, which has spawned and outlasted so many imitators, but he speculates that it "has to do with the quality of the publication and the fact that we were saying things that were important then and now."

The current issue, which features the much-touted nude pictorial of Lindsay Lohan, includes articles about Occupy Wall Street and Pakistani nuclear scientist A.Q. Khan, along with an excerpt from Elmore Leonard's latest novel and, of course, those photo spreads.

It's impossible to separate Hefner from the notion of busty young beauties and the whole clothing-optional, life's-a-party, I-work-in-pajamas thing. But such an image belies a thoughtful man who deeply values his contributions to "the social-sexual changes of my time," yet whose orderly persona seems tame compared to the celebrities of today's tabloid scene.

A longtime supporter of the First Amendment, Hefner was an early advocate of civil rights and reproductive rights, and he's championed personal liberties in print.

"It's very clear that Playboy was instrumental in the sexual revolution," he says. "We were making a case for the irrational sexual values that we had back then, and making a case for the sexual revolution back in the years immediately before it became a reality, and doing it in a forum that was very influential."

In the 1960s, he says, everybody read Playboy. The magazine was at its peak, selling nearly 7 million copies a month, and its cutting-edge content of new writers and nude photos — and Hefner's own editorials against puritanical repression — appealed to a college-age audience hungry for change.

Hefner was opening the Playboy Club in London in 1966 when he realized the sexual revolution was well under way.

"The miniskirt had just arrived, sex was in the air and gaming, gambling had just become legal in the clubs," he recalls. "I had been writing the Playboy Philosophy for a couple years, and I felt that week in London that I was looking at the future."

Queen's honors list includes actress Bonham Carter

Associated Press

LONDON — Oscar-nominated actress **Helena Bonham Carter**, famed for playing quirky characters as well as British royalty, joins a former prisoner, a reality TV guru and several Olympics organizers on the list of people being awarded honors by Queen Elizabeth II this New Year.

Bonham Carter missed out on the best supporting actress Oscar for her role as Queen Elizabeth, the supportive wife of King George VI in "The King's Speech." Her other major roles have included characters in films such as "Planet of the Apes" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

The queen, who is the daughter of King George VI and Elizabeth, awarded **Bonham Carter** a CBE, short for Commanders of the Order of the British Empire. Bonham Carter has said she is dedicating the CBE to her late father.

Businessman **Gerald Ronson**, who was convicted in 1990 for a share-trading scandal and served six months of a one-year jail sentence, was awarded a CBE for his services to charity. Ronson fought a long legal battle to clear his name, and although the European Court of Human Rights later ruled his trial was unfair but Britain's highest appeal court never overturned his conviction. He now runs property company

Heron International and is a leading philanthropist.

Peter Bazalgette, who brought the show "Big Brother" to the U.K. and devised a string of much-copied lifestyle and reality shows, was made a knight. Professor **Geoffrey Hill**, who has been described as the greatest living poet in the English language, also became a knight.

Britain's honors are bestowed twice a year by the monarch — at New Year's and on her official birthday in June. Recipients are selected by committees of civil servants from nominations made by the government and the public.

In descending order, the honors are knighthoods,

CBE, OBE — an Officer of the Order of the British Empire — and MBE — Member of the Order of the British Empire. Knights are addressed as "sir" or "dame." Recipients of the other honors have no title but can put the letters after their names.

The queen or occasionally another member of the royal family presents the award at a ceremony known as an "investiture."

Several investitures are held at Buckingham Palace in London throughout the year.

Most of the honors go to people who are not in the limelight, for services to community or industry, but they also reward a sprinkling of famous faces.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

Fantasy 5: 2-27-28-31-35
 5-of-5 No winner
 4-of-5 265 \$555
 3-of-5 8,495 \$24

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

Powerball: 16-21-27-41-45
Powerball: 14
 5-of-5 PB No winner
 5-of-5 2 \$200,000
Lotto: 3-14-40-42-45-51
 6-of-6 No winner
 5-of-6 26 \$5,323.50
 4-of-6 1,325 \$89.50
 3-of-6 28,470 \$5.50
Fantasy 5: 3-4-7-10-31
 5-of-5 1 winner \$243,403.63
 4-of-5 439 \$89
 3-of-5 12,872 \$8.50

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

Mega Money: 13-18-25-43
Mega Ball: 15
 4-of-4 MB No winner
 4-of-4 5 \$1,371.50
 3-of-4 MB 40 \$373.50

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

■ To verify the accuracy of winning lottery numbers, players should double-check the numbers printed above with numbers officially posted by the Florida Lottery. Go to www.flalottery.com, or call 850-487-7777.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2011.

Today's Highlight:
 On Dec. 31, 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

On this date:
 In 1759, Arthur Guinness founded his famous brewery at St. James's Gate in Dublin.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1909, the Manhattan Bridge, spanning the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn, was officially opened to vehicular traffic.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

Ten years ago: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees in the wake of 9/11, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life.

Five years ago: The death toll for Americans killed in the Iraq war reached 3,000.

One year ago: Tornadoes fueled by unusually warm air pummeled the South and Midwest, killing a total of eight people in Arkansas and Missouri.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer George Schlatter is 82. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 74. Actor Tim Considine ("My Three Sons") is 71. Actress Sarah Miles is 70. Rock musician Andy Summers is 69. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 68. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 67. Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 65. Actor Tim Matheson is 64. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 64. Singer Donna Summer is 63. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 63. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 60. Actor James Remar is 58. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 53. Actor Val Kilmer is 52. Singer Paul Westerberg is 52. Actor Don Diamont is 49. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 49. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 48. Author Nicholas Sparks is 46. Actor Lance Reddick is 42.

Thought for Today:
 "Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to!" — William E. Vaughan, American newspaper columnist (1915-1977).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday: In the year ahead, you are likely to strike a better balance in your personal affairs. In doing so, you will acquire a better balance between work and play, allowing you to devote more time to pleasurable pursuits.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Achieving what you hope to accomplish might be a bit tough, not because of circumstances or outside influences, but due to the way you are handling things.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you waste your time trying to satisfy an old grudge, it's likely to rob you of time spent doing something truly meaningful. Don't squander a perfectly good day.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unfortunately, your family and friends may not be as eager to share their bounty with you as you are with them. If this is the case, don't fault them — they don't see things the same way you do.
Aries (March 21-April 19) — Abide by some healthy mental

standards by refusing to yield to negative thinking, which can easily happen if things don't go exactly as you planned. Stay positive.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Of course you have a lot on your mind, but that doesn't justify failing to properly acknowledge people who have gone out of their way to help you. Keep a good perspective.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) — One of your secrets to getting along with everybody and managing people so well is letting each person think that he or she is their own boss. You don't need credit, just results.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — When a serious development arises that requires you to make a weighty decision, let your heart rule your head. It would be the smartest thing to do in this instance.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — A matter that could look more serious on the surface than it actually is might cause you to

pause a bit. Once you think about it, however, you'll be able to handle it without incident.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's up to you to control events instead of allowing them to dominate you. If you are weak or wishy-washy about your objectives, your chances for getting what you want are nil.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Guard against inclinations not to listen to what others want or even the good suggestions they make, just so you can get everything you want. Life is happiest when shared.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Innately, you are a considerate, practical and logical person, yet you could allow your strong emotions to surface and roll over everybody.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Just because certain people put personal gain above their nobler inclinations doesn't mean you have to do so as well. You can make a bigger impact through setting an example.



Yearning for Yiddish



DAVID GOLDMAN/Associated Press

Elizabeth Friedman, 18, holds her textbook while singing along during a Yiddish class at Emory University in Atlanta. This isn't music appreciation or even a class at a synagogue. It's the first semester of Yiddish at Emory University in Atlanta, one of only a handful of such programs at colleges across the country studying the Germanic-based language of Eastern European Jews.

Traditional language of Eastern European Jews makes comeback on campus



DAVID GOLDMAN/Associated Press

Matthew Birnbaum, 19, left, leads a class in singing a song during a Yiddish class at Emory University.

DORIE TURNER
 Associated Press

— ATLANTA

A group of American college students stands in a semi-circle, clapping and hopping on one foot as they sing in Yiddish: "Az der rebe tantst, tantstn ale khsidim!"

In English, the lyrics mean: "When the rebe dances, so do all the Hasidim."

This isn't music appreciation or even a class at a synagogue. It's the first semester of Yiddish at Emory University in Atlanta — one of a handful of college programs across the country studying the Germanic-based language of Eastern European Jews.

The language came close to dying out after the Holocaust as millions of Yiddish speakers either perished in Nazi concentration camps or fled to other countries where their native

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Nancy Kennedy
GRACE NOTES

Turkeys and grace

My daughter Alison rues Thanksgiving 2002.

That was her year of the perfect turkey. Prior to that, her turkeys ranged from dry to just OK.

Then in 2002, she took a risk and brined her turkey, which turned out succulent and delicious. However, in 2003, even though she followed the same recipe, her turkey wasn't perfect and that ruined her holiday meal.

This past Thanksgiving she wrote in her blog: "It's the dumbest thing, really. I plan a menu of traditional foods; it's never elaborate, but perhaps a bit ambitious when I'm only feeding three people. Then I work myself up into a sweaty, stressed frenzy. By the time we eat I've run through the gamut of emotions, including one — or more — massive meltdowns over the state of my turkey, leaving me feeling stressed and dejected, so much, in fact, that I can't even enjoy the fruits of my labor."

"I create all these

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Judi Siegal
JUDI'S JOURNAL

Lest we forget ...

The other day I made a couple of purchases at a local department store. I really didn't pay very much attention to the transaction until I put away the receipt. For the love of me, I couldn't remember what one of the items was! I could account for the votive and candleholder but what was a "non-ceramic" home décor accessory? I must have thought about that stupid \$5.99 purchase for three days, wondering if indeed I was having a "senior moment."

In the old days, the clerk or cash register would record each item as exactly what it was — a pair of socks was a pair of socks, not a "women's accessory" which could be anything from scarves to hats to gloves! My angst finally ended when, out of the blue, it came to me! My \$5.99 purchase was some sachet packets I put in my guest bath!

How important is the simple act of remembering! At this time of the year, when we stand forth to forge ahead, it is always a good thing to look back to see where we've been, to make an account of our past deeds so as to better face our future.

Judaism has all sorts of things to help us remember. In fact, remembrance

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Religion NOTES

New Year's

■ **Join Faith Lutheran Church** in the celebration of the New Year. Today at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Stephen Lane will have a theme from Luke 2:22-40, "A Baby for the New Year." The church is in Crystal Glen Subdivision off State Road 44 and County Road 490.

■ The "Upper Room Ministries Praise Party and Car Giveaway" starts at 10 p.m. tonight with the "UR PRAISE! Mass Choir Concert." Come and be blessed as we bring in the New Year with a fanfare of praise, fun, food, fellowship and free cars. Admission is free. This year, two vehicles will be given away. Entries will be accepted from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the Multipurpose Facility of Upper Room. No purchase necessary.

Contest is open to all legal residents of the United States. For official rules, prize description and entry forms, log onto www.urwelcomehere.org. Winners will be announced during **Upper Room's New Year's Eve celebration**. Winners must be present at the time of awarding. Call 352-264-0006 or log on to urwelcomehere.org.

■ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, at 6150 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills, will have a New Year's Eve service at 6:30 p.m. and New Year's Day services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Community invited to all

services. Call 352-489-3027.

■ **Heritage Baptist Church**, at 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, will have a New Year's Eve service at 7 p.m. Morning worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday (no evening service). Call 352-746-6171.

■ **Episcopal Church of the Advent** New Year's Day Sunday Holy Eucharist services are at 8 and 10 a.m. The church is at 11251 S.W. Highway 484, Dunnellon, (1.2 miles west of State Road 200, Ocala). Call 352-465-7272.

■ **St. Anne's Anglican Church** will celebrate New Year's Day at the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services Sunday. The church is on Fort Island Trail West, Crystal River.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** invites the public to New Year's Day worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Coffee hour follows both services. The church is barrier free and offers a free tape ministry and large-print service helps and hearing devices. A nursery attendant is available for children ages 3 and younger. All are welcome. Call the church for more information at 352-746-7161. The church is on County Road 486, opposite Citrus Hills Boulevard in Hernando.

■ New Year's Day, in honor of the Naming of Jesus, will be celebrated at one service at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Joy Lutheran Church**. The Joy Vocal and Bell Choirs will perform and

Senior Pastor Edward Holloway Jr., will preach the New Year message. The church is on S.W. State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. Call 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

■ **NorthRidge Church** invites the community to worship at its New Year's Day service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Sunday (instead of the usual 9 a.m.).

A coffee fellowship will follow the service. Come and experience a casual, warm and friendly atmosphere. The church meets at the Inverness Woman's Club, 1715 Forest Drive, across from Whispering Pines Park entrance.

Call Kennie Berger at 352-302-5813.

■ **Reflections Church**, which meets at the Citrus Springs Community Center, will have a New Year's Day worship service at 10:15 a.m.

■ **Unity of Citrus County**, at 2628 W. Woodview Lane, will have a Burning Bowl Ceremony and New Year celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. White Stone Ceremony and Kwanzaa Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 8. Call the office at 352-746-1270.

■ There will be only one service of worship on New Year's Day at **Crystal River United Methodist Church**, 4801 N. Citrus Ave. Epiphany Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. David Rawls, pastor, will preach the seventh in a

series of sermons, "A Journey to Bethlehem." The theme of the sermon, based on Matthew 2:1-12 is "Giving Thanks to God." The title of the sermon is "Born to Give us Second Birth." Call 352-795-3148.

Special events

■ The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon invite everyone to a **spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Friendship Hall of the church at 21501 W. State Road 40. Seatings are at 4:30 and at 5:30 p.m. Adult tickets are available in advance for a donation of \$6, children 10 and younger will be \$3. Adult tickets at the door will be a \$7 donation. (Limited number of tickets for each seating.)

Dinner includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert, and coffee or tea. For information or advance tickets, call the church office at 352-489-4026. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for UMW mission projects.

■ **Abbot Francis Sadlier Council** 6168 Knights of Columbus will make its semi-annual **pilgrimage to Mary Queen of the Universe Basilica** in Orlando on Thursday. Noonday Mass will be celebrated at the main altar. Lunch follows at Red Lobster.

Bus leaves the council in Lecanto at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 5 p.m. Free coffee and

doughnuts at 8 a.m. in council hall. For reservations, call Jim Grossman at 352-564-4245.

■ **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**, on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East in Dunnellon, has a **fish fry** the first Friday monthly. The next one is Jan. 6. Cost is \$7 for adults and students and children are free.

The fish fry is open to the public and takes place in the church pavilion.

■ **The Jacob Brothers Gospel Music Trio** will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Joy Lutheran Church on S.W. State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. The Jacob Brothers — Bob and Mike Jacobs and Mike Lawyer — are gospel veterans and have been dedicated to the ministry spreading the Gospel through music since 1962. They have traveled extensively and produced more than 50 albums.

A freewill offering will be collected. Call 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

■ Beginning Sunday, Jan. 8, **Reflections Church** will move down Citrus Springs Boulevard to Citrus Springs Middle School for Sunday worship services at 10:15 a.m.

Children's church and child care available. Worship services will continue at the Citrus Springs Community Center until Jan. 8. Call 352-794-3326 for more information.

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■ The Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Series welcomes **Dr. Boaz Sharon**, internationally-known pianist and recording artist, in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. Dr. Sharon is professor of piano and chair of piano at Boston University and director of the Young Artists Piano Program at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute. He was formerly pianist-in-residence at Duke University and professor of piano at the University of Florida. In 2012 he is scheduled to be on the jury of the Emil Gilels International Piano Competition in Odessa, Ukraine. The church is at 20641 Chestnut St. in the Historic District. A love offering for Dr. Sharon will be collected at the conclusion of the concert.

■ International concert organist **David Hart** will present a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at First United Methodist Church in Ocala, at 1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd. (State Road 40), diagonally across the street from the old Ritz Hotel. Hart has performed at Carnegie Hall, numerous churches, and universities in America, Germany, Holland Great Britain, Canada, and Australia. The program will include Bach's renowned "St. Anne Fugue," Mozart's "Fantasia in F-minor" and works by Franck, Thalben-Ball, Daniel-Lesur, and Vierne. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be collected. Call 352-537-0207.

■ Trinity Independent Baptist Church will host its annual **Camp Meeting** Sunday through Friday, Jan. 8-13. Evangelist Eddie Goddard of Chattanooga, Tenn., is the speaker at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Goddard and James Knox of DeLand, Fla., will be the speakers each evening at 7 Monday through Friday. Special music provided by Lance Car-

penter. A nursery will be provided for all services. The church is at the corner of Croft Road and Hayes Street in Hernando. Call Pastor Jerry Bloxton at 352-726-0100.

■ **St. Benedict Council of Catholic Women** will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. Birthday party/pizza after the meeting. Pregnancy & Life Center needs items or money to buy items to fill layette baskets. Mothers of newborn babies seeking help from the Pregnancy & Life Center receive a layette basket.

The play, "The Bickersons" is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. Light refreshments served after. Cost is \$10. Buy tickets in the office or after Masses on Jan. 7 and 8. No ticket sales at door. Nickel social at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.

■ **All-you-can-eat pancakes**, sausage, coffee and orange juice served from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday monthly at First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa. Next breakfast is Jan. 14.

■ **Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Women's Club** will present its annual "Military Card Party" on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 550 U.S. 41 South, Inverness. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon. Games begin at 1 p.m. Entrance fee of \$12 includes lunch buffet, coffee and desserts, and prizes. Funds raised benefit the Pregnancy Center and Helping Hands. For information and reservations, call Event Chairperson Joan Wirthman at 352-726-5938 or Ann Maccabee at 352-637-4515.

■ Tickets are on sale for the **Guy Penrod concert** at Cornerstone Baptist Church of Inverness. The concert is Monday, Jan. 23. Tickets are \$10 general, \$15 reserve, \$20 Artist Circle, and can be purchased at the church office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. Friday. The church is at 1100 W. Highland Blvd.

■ Arizonans Dave Anderson and Kelly Patten will be in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Joy Lutheran Church on S.W. State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala.

The concerts these men present include gospel music, old-time Sunday school songs, contemporary Christian music and stories of God's grace and mercy including "The Rescue Story," which has been heard by millions of people around the world. A freewill offering will be collected. Call 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

■ **Cinderella's Closet**, held at and sponsored by Cornerstone Baptist Church of Inverness, will take place one day only in 2012, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the church, 1100 W. Highland Blvd., Inverness. The date is earlier in 2012, and will be the only day the prom dress giveaway (IS/ARE) offered in 2012.

■ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish Men's Association will sponsor its annual trip to Tampa Bay Downs for a day of **thoroughbred horseracing** on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Cost of \$45 per person includes round-trip bus transportation from the church parking lot, entry fee and reserved seating in the clubhouse, racing program and a hot buffet lunch. For ticket reservations, call C. Taylor at 352-746-5584 or Lloyd Manning at 352-489-0289.

■ **Helping Hands Thrift Store**, a ministry of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 604 U.S. 41 South. Proceeds fund the food pantry. The store is accepting donations of household items, clothing and small appliances. Estate donations are also accepted. Pickup is available for larger donations. Items donated are tax deductible and a form is provided from Helping Hands. Call 352-726-1707.

■ Citrus County has a non-profit organization known as **"Family & Friends Reaching for the Abilities."** FFRA is a support program comprised of caregivers and their loved ones who get together frequently for activities, informative discussions on government programs, social activities and more regarding our situations. Call Ron Philips at 352-382-7819 and/or attend one of our meetings which are held regularly at the Key Center location in Inverness at 130 Heights Ave. The meetings take place the second Friday monthly starting at 9 a.m. with coffee and refreshments. The public is invited.

Worship

■ **St. Timothy Lutheran Church** has a "come as you are" service with Communion at 5 p.m. Saturdays. Sunday worship services begin with early service with Communion at 8 a.m., Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m., coffee fellowship hour at 9 a.m., and traditional service with Communion at 10:30 a.m. Special services are announced. Nursery provided.

The church is at 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S.19), Crystal River. Call 352-795-5325 or visit www.sttimothy.lutheran.crystalriver.com.

■ **Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church** will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name with Holy Eucharist services at 5 p.m. today and 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday with Christian Formation at 9:15, Sunday school at 10 a.m. and nursery at 10:30 a.m.

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■ **First Baptist Church of Inverness** offers the following Sunday activities: SONrise Sunday school class at 7:45

a.m., blended worship service at 9 a.m., "Kid's Church" for ages 4 through fourth grade during the 9 a.m. service featuring Bible stories, skits, music and group activities; Sunday school classes for all ages at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is available for all services except the 7:45 a.m. class.

Evening fellowship is at 6 with various services during summer months. On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. is a prayer meeting, "Women in the Life Of Jesus" study, "Youth Ignite," "Praise Kids" and a nursery for age 3 and younger. Call the office at 352-726-1252. The church is at 550 Pleasant Grove Road, Inverness. The website is www.fbcinverness.com.

■ **St. Anne's Anglican Church** is on Fort Island Trail West, Crystal River. St. Anne's celebrates Sunday services at 8 and 10:15 a.m. St. Anne's will host "Our Fathers Table" today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous meets Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 in the sanctuary and 7 to 8 p.m. in the parish library. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Friday and Monday in the parish library. St. Anne's will host a Bluegrass Gospel sing-along at 6 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. Tim's United Bluegrass Gospel Band will perform. All are welcome.

■ **St. Margaret's Episcopal Church's** Sunday services include the Holy Eucharist Rite 1 service at 8 a.m. and Holy Eucharist Rite 2 service at 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist service and children's church are both at 10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday school and young adult forum with lunch follows the 10:30 a.m. family Eucharist service. Fun activities and fellowship are planned. Feed My Sheep feeding program for people in need is at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday followed by a Holy Eucharist and healing service at 12:30 p.m. Visit stmaggie.org. The church

is an equal opportunity provider. The church is at 114 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness.

■ Regular Sunday worship services are at 8:15 and 11 a.m. at **Joy Lutheran Church** on S.W. State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m. The German language worship service is at 3 p.m. the first Sunday monthly. The Wednesday evening worship service is at 6:45. Pastor Ed Holloway leads Bible study in the Gospel of Luke at 3 p.m. Thursdays. Call 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

■ **First Baptist Church of Floral City**, 8545 E. Magnolia St., invites everyone to share in Sunday's worship at the 8:30 a.m. blended service and 11 a.m. traditional service. Coffee and doughnuts are served in the fellowship hall from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday evening Bible study starts at 6. Wednesday services begin at 6:30 p.m. and include children's ministry, youth ministry (grades 6 through 12), adult Bible study and prayer meeting. Sanctuary choir practice follows at 8 p.m. Call 352-726-4296 or visit www.fbcfloralcity.org.

■ **Inverness Church of God** Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Children's church is during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Children's Ministries Building. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. with classes for everyone. The church has many Christian education opportunities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Missionettes and Royal Rangers Clubs meet for children from the age of 3. All teenagers are invited to the youth group, "Gravity," with Youth Pastor Jon Uncle. At the present time, the adult class meets in rooms 105 and 106 at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church is at 416 U.S. 41 South, Inverness. Call 352-726-4524.

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Israel learns to accept 'Soviet-style' New Year's

Associated Press

RISHON LEZION, Israel — For years, many Israelis got a little jittery as New Year's Eve approached. Their neighbors, some of the nearly 1 million Soviet citizens who flocked to the Jewish state as the Communist regime collapsed, would decorate fir trees and wear Santa Claus-like hats, celebrating New Year's Soviet-style.

But after 20 years, Israel has come to terms with the Christmas-like custom, even if most of the country lights Hanukkah candles this time of year.

Soviet-born immigrants will ring in this New Year with more oomph than ever before — a testa-

ment to the comfortable and influential niche they've carved for themselves in Israeli society. One hotel is throwing a Russian winterland bash and charging up to \$660 a plate.

"How can we not celebrate? There's no holiday in Israel like this one," said Violetta Galbert, a nurse from Moscow, as her toddler son dived into a large box of tinsel at a supermarket catering to the Soviet-born immigrant community.

New Year's is not an official holiday in Israel because it is not a Jewish commemoration, but many young secular Israelis flock to bars and discos on Dec. 31.

It is the Soviet-style celebrations, though, that have raised

eyebrows. Irene Yavchunovsky's experience in the early '90s was commonplace: Her first year in the country, she decorated a fake miniature tree she brought from her native Ukraine — shocking her religious Jewish landlord.

"He said, 'What are you doing?'" Yavchunovsky, a writer and translator, recalled. "He was not happy we were doing those things in his apartment."

She tried, in vain, to explain: Her family was not celebrating Christmas. Soviet citizens didn't even know what Christmas was — the Communist regime replaced all religious holidays with party-imposed commemorations. "Novy God," Russian for New Year's, was

the only nonpolitical holiday the Soviets allowed. Christmas icons were stripped of their religious symbolism and attached to New Year's Eve.

By most accounts, the Soviet immigration is considered an Israeli success story. The tiny country took in nearly a third of one million people in a two-year period and eventually absorbed more than a million newcomers, boosting its population by some 20 percent.

Two decades later, Soviet emigres occupy virtually every corner of Israeli society. Soviet immigrants or their children hold senior Cabinet posts and important military commands, and freely marry veteran Israelis. Israel's

foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, himself came from the Soviet Union in the late 1970s.

While the country's rabbis are reluctant to embrace the holiday, Israeli politicians have begun to endorse it. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu extended his first official Novy God greetings last year. He did it again this year, over the objections of some in his office who are still uncomfortable with the holiday.

Soviet-born immigrants insist they belong.

"The attitude is, 'I'm already here. I've planted roots, I have a job, I have kids,'" said one Russian-born Israeli. "Twenty years ago, it was an issue. Today it's not."

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expectations of perfection, but the problem is, no one but me cares ... I wallow in my sub-par turkey woes, with mashed potatoes on the ceiling, sweet potatoes in my eyebrows and dirty dishes piled high to heaven.

"Worst of all, since I'm never happy with the results, I face the next Thanksgiving with more resolve to finally get it right. Except I fail again — and then I hate myself and vow to make the next year better.

"It's a vicious cycle," she writes. "If only I hadn't made that perfect turkey in 2002, which has forever set the barometer of turkey expectations extremely high. I keep fighting to replicate it and have fallen short every year since.

"I don't even like turkey that much, and now I don't even eat it. But I'm sure I'll try again next year — because I never learn."

She goes on to say what a shame it is, because she actually loves Thanksgiving — the planning and shopping and prepping, the smells, the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving show where they serve popcorn and toast.

"Hopefully next year I'll focus less on achieving perfection, instead choosing to accept that maybe I'm not wired to create a perfect turkey every year," she concludes. "Oh, who am I kidding? Next year I'll be my usual crazy, neurotic self."

This time of year a lot of us think about doing better. I want to lose 10 pounds. I want to be less self-absorbed and more extravagant with my love. I want to love God more, be less distrustful. I want to pray more and believe even more that God wants to answer my prayers.

I could sit down and make a list of all my intentions and resolutions and maybe even vow to at least try to be even just a little more faithful than I am, and I may even succeed at some. But who am I kidding? For the most part, just like my daughter, I'll

most likely end up being my usual crazy, neurotic self.

That's the problem with resolutions and the problem with religion. Even with the best of intentions, I just can't hit perfect every time — if ever. And it's the times I can't that make me want to grab my fuzzy green blanket and a carton of ice cream, crawl into my recliner chair and watch reruns of "Matlock" until Jesus comes back.

However, I like what my daughter said: "Hopefully next year I'll focus less on achieving perfection, instead choosing to accept that maybe I'm not wired to create a perfect turkey every year."

She may be on to something. It's like what my pastor-friend and teacher Steve always says: "The only people who get any better are people who know that even if they don't get better God will love them anyway." He says we don't get any better because we're too obsessed with wanting to be good and obedient — reaching perfection by trying.

Just like the saying, "The hurrier I go, the behinder I get," the harder my daughter tries to make a perfect turkey, the more disappointed she is when she can't do it.

Likewise, the more obedient I try to be, the more aware I am of how obedient I'm not and the more discouraged I become.

But if I know that God loves me anyway, that his love isn't based on my obedience and goodness, it spurs me on to want to do better — and often I am, which is a good thing to know at the start of a new year.

When it comes to cooking turkeys, maybe the same principle applies. If not, that's why God gave us gravy. That's also why he gives us grace.

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Low vaccination rate prompts study request

ASHLAND, Ore. — Southern Oregon University and Jackson County health officials are hoping to get money for a study of Ashland's low rate of child vaccinations, due largely to religious exemptions.

In 2010, 25 percent of Ashland students didn't get all their vaccines, more than double the percentage in 2001. Of the 3,117 students enrolled in public and private schools, 777 claimed the religious exemption — the highest rate in the state. Those numbers prompted a request to study why that's happening. Jackson County commissioners will decide Wednesday whether to provide the \$10,000 funding.

The SOU Research Center will use the money to conduct interviews with parents, compile the data and file the finished study by June 2013. It will include an evaluation on the outreach team's effectiveness in helping to boost vaccination rates.

ACLU: Indiana violating kosher prison food order

INDIANAPOLIS — The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana has asked a judge to hold the state Department of Correction in contempt for failing to provide four inmates with kosher food.

Ken Falk, an ACLU attorney, said corrections officials haven't complied with a 2010 federal court order requiring kosher meals be offered for inmates observing Jewish dietary laws.

The inmates are in state prisons in Michigan City, Pendleton and Putnamville. An Orthodox Jewish inmate sued in 2009 after the agency began substituting vegan meals for kosher meals, citing higher costs. A spokesman for the corrections department said the agency has a process for reviewing kosher diet requests that it believes complies with the court order.

Egypt's Islamists oppose Christmas greetings

CAIRO — An ultraconservative Egyptian Islamist group says sending Christmas greetings to Christians is

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"against our beliefs," a position immediately rebuked by other Muslims.

Nadar Bakar, spokesman of the hard-line Al-Nour party, said Wednesday that Muslims should give greetings to Christians only on "personal occasions," not religious ones.

Al-Nour represents the ultraconservative Salafi movement, which wants to strictly impose Islamic law in Egypt. Al-Nour has won a surprisingly strong 20 percent of the vote so far in Egypt's staggered parliamentary elections.

The remarks prompted Egypt's Al Azhar, the most eminent religious institution, to issue a religious edict approving Christmas greetings. The country's most influential Islamist group, the Muslim Brotherhood, responded by sending "its best Christmas wishes to our brotherly Christians and Muslims as well."

Baptist leader wants civil debate on marriage

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The newly elected president of North Carolina's largest religious denomination said he hopes for a civil debate over a proposal to ban same-sex marriage in the state constitution.

The Rev. Mark Harris, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, said he understands the question is an emotional one.

But Harris said he thinks both sides can respectfully argue their cases.

Harris was elected to a one-year term last month. The convention represents roughly 4,300 churches and some 1.3 million members in North Carolina.

Voters will decide in May whether the state constitution should be amended to ban same-sex marriage.

About 250 clergy from multiple denominations have signed a statement denouncing the proposal.

Muslims complain about school zoning denial

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — The U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit is reviewing a religious discrimination complaint against a community for rejecting a zoning change that would allow construction of a Muslim school. The Michigan Islamic Academy wants

to build at a 26-acre site in Washtenaw County's Pittsfield Township.

"We are reviewing the matter and whether to proceed with a formal investigation," Assistant U.S. Attorney Judith Levy said.

On Oct. 26, the township board rejected the request, following an earlier rejection by the township planning commission. School officials say the 200-student school is too big for its location in nearby Ann Arbor.

Township Supervisor Mandy Grewal said the decision isn't based on religion.

"We are an open, respectful and diverse community here in Pittsfield Township," Grewal said after the October decision. "We have a track record, most recently the planning commission approved a mosque."

Ohio-born Hindu comedian tours India

FAIRFIELD, Ohio — An Ohio-born standup comedian who bills himself as "The Funny Indian" will find out whether people in his ancestral homeland agree.

Rajiv Satyal, who is Hindu, will tour India with an Indian-American Muslim and one other performer on a Jan. 4-17 trip organized by the U.S. State Department. Their comedy show "Make Chai Not War" will include messages of diversity and religious harmony, with a measure of diplomacy.

His routines often include jokes about being Indian-American, he says.

"I'm pretty much going to do my act. But the tone changes," Satyal said. "If I do a lot of Indian jokes with an Indian audience, it's a 'you guys know what I'm talking about' thing. Whereas, if I'm in Alabama, it's more explanatory."

Satyal and Azhar Usman of Chicago founded the "Make Chai Not War" show. A third Indian-American, Hari Kondabolu of the New York borough of Queens, will join them on the tour. The three also will conduct comedy workshops while on the trip.

Satyal said comedy can help bridge differences.

"It's cool to be able to go to India because that's where a lot of religious strife has been happening," he said.

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tongue was not welcome. Emory and other universities like Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and McGill University in Canada are working to bring the language back, and with it, an appreciation for the rich history of European Jewish culture and art.

"If we want to preserve this, we need to do so actively and consciously," said Miriam Udel, a Yiddish professor at Emory who uses song to teach the language. "The generation that passively knows Yiddish is dying out. There are treasures that need to be preserved because we'll lose access to them if we let Yiddish die."

Experts estimate there are between 1 million and 2 million native Yiddish speakers in the world, but only about 500,000 speak it in the home — mostly orthodox Jews. When YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York City began offering summer programs in Yiddish in 1968, they were the only such program in the world.

Now, they compete with summer intensive Yiddish programs in Tel Aviv, Israel; Ottawa, Canada; Indiana and Arizona, said YIVO's dean, Paul Glasser. About 20 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada now offer some Yiddish courses, though just a few of them have degrees in the language.

The interest has grown because of the younger Jewish generation, which doesn't feel their parents' embarrassment that their family spoke Yiddish rather than English, Glasser said. "Eighteen-year-olds today

don't have that," he said. "There's nothing to be embarrassed about. No one can question their American-ness."

Emory junior Matthew Birnbaum said he took Udel's Yiddish class because he feels a personal connection to the language: his grandparents still speak it.

"It's taught me a lot about my own roots and where my people have come from," he said. "It's been a really interesting learning experience, not just from the language perspective but also from the historical perspective."

It's not just college classes where the interest in Yiddish has grown.

Klezmer music has made a comeback with young musicians like Canadian Yiddish hip-hop artist Socalled — whose real name is Josh Dolgin — and Daniel Kahn, a New York-based folk singer who is recording with some of the most popular Yiddish performers in the world.

At the Folksbiene national Yiddish theater and the New Yiddish Rep theater company, both in New York City, young actors flood auditions for "Gimpl Tam" and "The Learning Play of Rabbi Levi-Yitzhok, Son of Sara, of Berditchev." The Congress for Jewish Culture holds coffee houses monthly where young Yiddish musicians perform and bring in guest speakers like graphic novel artist Ben Katchor, hoping to appeal to a younger audience.

A search for Yiddish on Facebook produces dozens of links to groups like "Di Kats der Payats (The Cat in the Hat in Yiddish)" and "Yiddish Slang Dictionary."

"This is what everyone in Yiddish is trying to do: to get to the younger generations

and show people what's out there," said Shane Baker, president of the congress and a non-Jewish actor who appears in Yiddish productions at Folksbiene and New Yiddish Rep. "They used to say in the family: 'Speak Yiddish so the children don't understand if you're talking about something serious or arguing.' Now a hook is: 'Speak Yiddish so your parents won't know what you're saying.'"

At Emory, Udel's students spend a semester learning Yiddish grammar through songs and reading before performing a cappella at Atlanta nursing homes and Emory's Jewish student center. The performances give them more confidence in their language abilities and help them connect with older Yiddish speakers, she said.

All the students in this semester's class are Jewish, Udel said, but she's had non-Jews — or goyim — in past years.

The class had only a handful of students when upperclassmen registered for courses over the summer, but the class filled up during freshman registration, Udel said.

Emory freshman Elizabeth Friedman, 18, said she signed up because she was unsure what to take during her first semester at college. She said the class has become like a family and a fun respite from her "dense" pre-business coursework.

"That is why I love this class — there's so much interaction, so much teamwork and much talking, it's like you're learning so much without feeling the stress," the Los Angeles native said. "In the final, I realized how much I learned from the beginning because I was never naturally good at languages."

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is a very big part of the Jewish faith. It is a thread that is woven throughout our culture and faith, tying us to our past even as we move forward into the present.

The idea of remembrance is closely tied to the beginnings of Jewish peoplehood, with the remembering of the Exodus from Egypt. This single act of deliverance freed the Israelites from bondage and allowed them to pursue a path of free choice to worship the God of their ancestors. This event is remembered on all the festivals and Shabbat with the words of the Kiddush, or sanctification over wine. It is also played out during the Passover seder, when other miracles and acts of deliverance are remembered.

Jews are exhorted to "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." Now that the Israelites were free, they were able to have a day of rest to remember their travails in Egypt. They could also observe a day which honored creation and the fact that God rested on the seventh day after creating the world.

In other aspects of Jewish life, Jews remember their deceased with special prayer services called yiskor. (The word comes from the Hebrew, meaning "may God remember.") At the time of the major festivals and at the anniversary of the death, loved ones are remembered in cherished moments of prayer.

There is no greater time of memorial, I believe, than on Yom Ha Shoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. Occurring in the spring, right after Passover, this solemn day memorializes the 6 mil-

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lion Jews murdered in the Nazis' reign of terror. With slogans such as "Never Again" and "Never Forget," programs, services and vigils seek to commemorate the darkest hours in Jewish history.

The Jewish liturgy is peppered with the theme of remembrance as well. The central prayer, The Amidah, calls on God to remember the deeds of our patriarchs and matriarchs so that we, too, may merit God's love and compassion. The Rosh Ha Shanah service has a special section dealing with the blowing of the shofar, which contains verses containing references to remembering events in Biblical history. On the Jewish New Year, the story of the near-sacrifice of Isaac is recalled. The sacrifice was averted by an angel and a ram whose horn was stuck in a thicket who was offered instead. The sound of a ram's horn is remembered for its blast heard at Mt. Sinai, a blast that has echoed and has been remembered through the ages. And the Jewish New Year is known as Yom HaZicaron, the Day of Remembrance, when we

remember our past deeds and try to improve on these deeds by repenting and leading a more godly life.

In the midst of the joyous and often riotous holiday of Purim, when Jews celebrate their deliverance from wicked Haman, there is the passage in the Torah to remember Amalek. Amalek was a tribe that preyed on the stragglers, women, children, aged ones as they marched through the desert on their way to the Promised Land. This tribe of marauders would attack these defenseless ones because they were an easy target. Legend has it that Haman and Hitler were descendants from this tribe.

Many times the Torah repeats: "Remember you were strangers in the Land of Egypt." This statement seeks to sensitize the Israelites to the plight of others and is the great cry for social justice that prefaces commandments for caring for the less fortunate.

As we stand on the threshold of the secular year of 2012, let us look back on our accomplishments and failures and strive for a better year ahead. Let us remember our past with pride, but let us also move forward into the future. May the power of remembrance gird us with strength to face the year ahead.

Remembering is a good thing. It strengthens us, gives us direction and ties us to a continuum of our past. Now, if I could only remember where I put my car keys ...

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■ **Church of Christ** services at 304 N.E. 5th St., Crystal River. Bible classes at 10 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and by appointment. Worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone invited. Call 352-795-4943 or 352-563-0056 for information.

■ **First Church of God** (a

nondenominational congregation) worships at 10:30 a.m. Sundays and includes a children's church service. Evening service at 6. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Wednesday followed by prayer time and Bible study. JoyBelles ladies meet the second Tuesday monthly. Men's breakfast the last Saturday monthly. Theme-planned fellowship supper once monthly. The "Saturday Night Gospel Singing Jubilee" at 6 p.m. the last Saturday monthly is open to all. Refreshments and fellowship follow. Church is at 5510 Jasmine Lane, Inverness. Call 352-726-8986.

■ **Citrus Vineyard Community Church** meets in the First Christian Church of Inverness family life center, at 2018 Colonnade Street. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Home groups meet in Inverness and Beverly Hills on Tuesdays. Call the church at 352-637-0923.

■ **New Beginnings Fellowship**, 2577 N. Florida Highway in Hernando, invites the community to spirit-led revival services during the week and Sunday worship services. NBF's weekly schedule includes "Wednesday Night in the River" and "Friday Night Fire" services at 7 p.m. A fellowship dinner precedes both meetings at 6 p.m. Dinner guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Special guest ministers are invited often. Child care provided. Sunday celebration services at 8 and 10 a.m. include anointed worship, Bible-based word teachings and prophetic prayer ministry. Children's ministry takes place during the 10 a.m. service. Child care provided for the 10 a.m. service only. Visit www.nbfhernando.com or call 352-726-8333.

■ **First Baptist Church of Homosassa** weekly schedule: Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:25 a.m. Kids worship dismisses from service. Youth Bible study at 4:30 p.m. in fellowship hall. Sunday evening Bible study at 6. Lifecare center is open (food and clothing) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The church is in Old Homosassa at 10540 W Yulee Drive. Turn onto Yulee Drive from U.S. 19 at Burger King, follow to stop sign, turn left, church is about one mile on left. Call 352-628-3858.

■ **First Christian Church of Chassahowitzka**, 11275 S. Riviera Drive, Homosassa, meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday for Bible study and 10:30 for morning worship. The church is nondenominational and Bible based, only preaching the Word as it is in the Bible. All are welcome. Call 352-382-2557.

■ **Lighthouse Baptist Church**, 974 W.G. Martinelli Blvd., Citrus Springs, offers Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship services under the direction of Pastor Jess Burton at 11 a.m., with evening service at 5:30 p.m. Children's/youth program for ages 5 and older from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays featuring Bible study, fun and games, with adult Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 352-489-7515.

Just for kids

■ **"Saturday Night KIDZ,"** for children 5 years old through the third grade, is available on Saturday nights while parents and teenagers are involved in "Praise, Prayer and Power" at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Bible stories and activities for children are led by a team of workers. Child care is also available for babies

through 4 years of age. Saturday night services begin at 6 and everyone is welcome. The church is at the intersection of N. Elkcam Blvd. and N. Citrus Springs Blvd. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

■ Grace Bible Church in Homosassa invites all children in preschool through eighth grade to **Awana Club** from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays through April. Awana is an acronym -'Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed' from 2 Timothy 2:15 in the Bible. Awana is one of the largest nondenominational children's and youth ministries in the world. The church is at 6382 W. Green Acres St. in Homosassa. Call the office at 352-628-5631

■ The Episcopal Church of the Advent offers **Sunday school classes** for children ages 3 through 12 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Immediately following Sunday school, children may participate in the celebration of Holy Eucharist with the congregation. The class is open to all area children; they don't need to be members of the church. The curriculum is called "Godly Play," and is taught by Maryann Brennan and her helpers. The church is 1.2 miles west of State Road 200 on County Road 484, across from the firehouse. Call the church at 352-465-7272.

■ First Baptist Church of Inverness has **AWANA** from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Sundays. The program is for children 2 years through fifth grade. "Adult Connection Classes" are during the AWANA session. Call the church at 352-726-1252 for information and registration. The church is at 550 Pleasant Grove Road.

Live & learn

■ **FreshStart DivorceCare** is a 13-week video-based program Bible-based program offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Jan. 30 in Room 1 of Inverness First United Methodist Church. The program is led by Grace Cardona and childcare is provided. Call the church office at 352-726-2522 to sign up, or for more information, call Grace Cardona at 352-634-1837.

■ **Abundant Blessings Messianic Congregation** hosts a teaching series titled, "Prayers: The Keys To the Kingdom (The Greatest Force on Earth)" at 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Homosassa Springs Public Library. Learn how the Lord's Prayer is a Kaddish, the vehicle or Merkabah (chariot) to traverse the five realms of being and the 10 dimensions of quantum physics. Come and experience Jewish Christianity and the way Yeshua (Jesus) worshiped. Call 352-544-5700.

■ Peace Lutheran Church offers **Wednesday evening Bible study**, preceded by a potluck meal, at 6:30 p.m. Other opportunities for Bible study are at 10 a.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. Sundays. Sunday morning worship service is at 10. All residents of Dunnellon and surrounding communities for dinner, fellowship and Bible study on Wednesdays. "The Church On The Hill" is at 7201 S. U.S. 41, five miles north of Dunnellon. Call 352-489-5881 or visit www.PeaceLutheranOnline.org.

■ Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala offers open registration of its religious school, **Congregation Beth Israel School of Jewish Education**. The school meets Sunday mornings at various places in the commu-

nity. The curriculum consists of Jewish lifecycle and history, Hebrew, Bible, holidays and traditions, as well as courses on Israel and pre-bar and bat mitzvah and confirmation classes. The school caters to the individual needs of the students and parent participation is encouraged. The staff consists of caring, experienced teachers. Suzanne Boetger is educational director. For more information and enrollment, contact Suzanne at theboetgers@yahoo.com or Judi at 352-237-8277.

■ **Glory to Glory Ministries**, at 1274 E. Norvell Bryant Highway (in the Picard Storage Unit), offers Men's and Women's Ministry meetings. Men's Ministry meetings are led by Paul Ellis from 6 to 8 p.m. the second Saturday monthly. All men are welcome to form Christian bonds while sharing fun, food and fellowship. The Women's Ministry, SOIL (Serving Others In Love), meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Saturday monthly. All women are welcome to enjoy Christian fellowship, food, fun and reaching out to others. The meetings are led by Ginny Cieply and Muffy Morin. Glory to Glory Ministries is led by Pastor Brian Gullede. Call 352-566-613.

Terrific trips

■ Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church "**Brothers In Christ Annual Fundraising Cruise**" on the Norwegian Star on Jan. 15-22, 2012, sailing roundtrip from Tampa. Ports of call include Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel. For rate information, call Accent Travel at 352-726-623 or email Kathy@accenttravelgroup.com.

■ **A five-night Carnival cruise** to benefit Serving Our Savior (SOS) Food Pantry will travel to Cozumel and Grand Cayman on the Carnival Paradise on April 30, 2012. Funds raised will benefit the needy in Citrus County. All categories of cabins are available. Prices include cruise, port charges, all taxes and fees, donations to Serving Our Savior pantry, round-trip bus to Tampa, round-trip bus driver tips and one-way porter tips. Cancellation insurance available. All monies need to be in by Feb. 15, 2012. Call Lenore Deck at 352-270-8658 or fax her at 352-270-8665 or e-mail her at cruiselady@

tampabay.rr.com, or call Barbara Johnson at 352-270-3391.

Announcements

■ **GriefShare seminar** is offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through March 28, at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church. Call 352-746-200 or visit www.sevenrivers.org.

■ **Bereavement support group** — Homosassa meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the back hall at St. Thomas Church, off U.S. 19, south of Cardinal. The group is composed of men and women who are experiencing grief and are convinced that "life can be good again." Open to all. Come or call Anne at 352-212-0632.

■ The Independent House of God Church of The Living God promotes its "**Bus Ministry**" for sightseeing, family reunions, shopping trips and church functions. Call Deacon Jarrod Campbell at 352-257-4348 or Deacon William Bunch at 352-795-2633.

■ **The Bible Giveaway** is looking for used Bibles (preferably KJV) to give to the less fortunate who would like to have a Bible but cannot afford one. By sending us your old Bibles, you are helping to spread God's word.

Send Bibles to: Bible Giveaway, 4865 S. Grand Cir Terrace, Homosassa, FL 34446.

Celebrate Recovery

■ Celebrate Recovery is a biblically based program designed to work through life's hurts, habits and hang-ups in fellowship with others. This program is open to the community and takes place at the following churches:

■ **Christian Recovery Fellowship Church** — meets At 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at 2242 W. State Road 44 across from the Outback Restaurant between two doctors' offices. The Christian-based program is open to the public. There are counselors available and on Friday evenings there is a meal at 7 and fellowship afterward. Call 352-726-2800.

■ **Gulf to Lake Church** — In the Ministry Complex, West Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Every Friday night dinner is at 6, followed by large and small group time and coffee at 9 p.m. Call 352-795-0649.

■ **Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church** — At 6 p.m. Fridays beginning March 7 at 4221 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Lecanto at the Seven Rivers Christian School building (rooms 216/217), with dinner, large and small group time, and Coffee House gathering at 9 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$4. Call 352-746-200.

FORMS AVAILABLE

■ The *Chronicle* has forms available for wedding and engagement announcements, anniversaries, birth announcements and first birthdays.

GET THE WORD OUT

- Nonprofit organizations are invited to submit news releases about upcoming community events.
- Write the name of the event, who sponsors it, when and where it will take place and other details.
- Include a contact name and phone number to be printed in the paper.
- News releases are subject to editing.
- Call 352-563-5660 for details.

GOT A NEWS TIP?

- The *Chronicle* welcomes tips from readers about breaking news. Call the newsroom at 352-563-5660, and be prepared to give your name, phone number, and the address of the news event.
- To submit story ideas for feature sections, call 352-563-5660. Again, be prepared to leave a detailed message.

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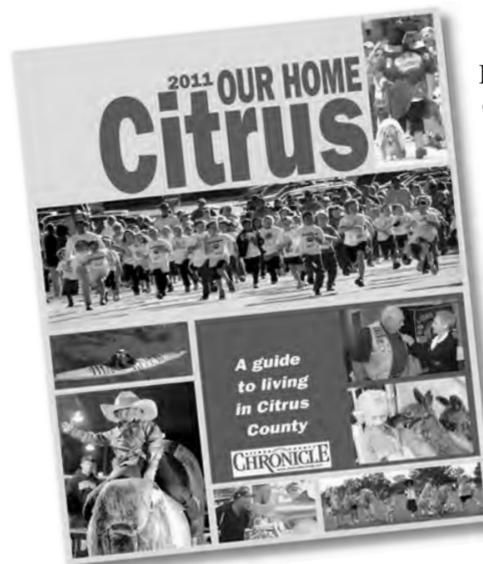
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- Business Digest: 4 p.m. Wednesday for publication Sunday.
- Chalk Talk: 4 p.m. Monday for publication Wednesday.
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News NOTES

MSBU to meet in Citrus Springs

Citrus Springs MSBU will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

For more information, call Larry Brock at 352-527-5478.

Stitchers gather in Brooksville

Sandhill Crane Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 200 Mount Fair Ave., Brooksville.

Groups of members will be taking classes, but it open stitching for others will occur until 2 p.m. Bring lunch and enjoy the day. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in stitching, from the most experienced to those who would like to learn to stitch. Mentors available.

For membership information, call 352-621-6680.

Roaring '20s come alive at centers

Get transported back to the Roaring '20s at special tea dances planned for Central Citrus and West Citrus community centers.

Pull out those sequins, beads and feathers. Learn the Charleston and do the Peabody, ragtime shuffle and Twelfth Street rag.

The first dance will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Central Citrus Community Center, then from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at West Citrus Community Center. Both dances are \$5 per person and a portion of the proceeds go to In-Home Senior Services.

For more information, call Kris at 352-527-5993, Central Citrus, 2804 Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto; or Brenda at 352-795-3831, West Citrus, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa.

Swing into 2012 with Encore tonight

Encore Swing Band will provide a free spaghetti dinner, complete with meat sauce, bread, salad, holiday desserts, beverages (non-alcoholic) and music beginning at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 31, at the café building of Calvary Chapel Church of Inverness, 960 U.S. 41, near the fairgrounds.

Doors will remain open all evening. For more information, call director Chaz Iannaci at 352-464-4153 or co-director David Morgan at 352-302-3742.

Humanitarians OF FLORIDA

Tip Toe



Special to the Chronicle

Tip Toe is a sweet 4-1/2-year-old calico. She and her lady friend Flip Flop would make a great addition to a new home. For the month of December, each adopter will receive a free bag of Science Diet Food, plus a special pop-up cube toy. Visitors are welcome from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Humanitarians' Manchester House on the corner of State Road 44 and Conant Avenue, east of Crystal River. Call the Humanitarians at 352-613-1629 for adoptions or view most of the Hardin Haven's felines online at www.hofspha.org.

Unlikely performing duo return

Library hosts former detective, pathologist

Special to the Chronicle

Thanks to the Coastal Region Library Friends group, Marshall Frank presents his musical skill with the violin. He has teamed up with former forensic pathologist-pianist Jay "Doc" Barnhart as the Dick Doc Duo to present music, humor, book talk and book signing from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the library, 8619 W. Crystal St.

What makes the men a pair of unlikely musicians are their unique careers in fields of public service completely unrelated to music. Violinist Frank, a retired homicide detective from Miami-Dade County, spent 30 years investigating murders with the aid of the Medical Examiners' Office.

In addition to authoring books and articles, Frank now plays gigs with his pianist partner, Dr. Jay Barnhart.

Frank studied classical violin since the age of 7 and was a past member of the Broward County Symphony for three years as first violinist. This violin-piano duo combine their talent into a fun-loving forum where gypsy, tango, Broadway shows, movie themes, ethnic and classical music is sure to entertain.

This program is free and open to the public. The annual Friends of the Coastal Region Library program and officer installation precedes the festivities, which include light refreshments. Cash or check only for book signings.



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Violinist Marshall Frank and pianist Jay "Doc" Barnhart, the Dick Doc Duo, will present music, humor, book talk and book signing from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at Coastal Region Library.

For more information, call the library at 352-795-3716.

Grant helps fund afterschool programs

Special to the Chronicle

At the beginning of the school year, the Citrus County YMCA received a grant for its afterschool programs, and through the fall, 95 children in Citrus County have received full scholarships.

The scholarships are through a grant made possi-

ble by the Florida Department of Children and Families, and Kids Central Inc.

To apply for financial assistance through the YMCA to receive a scholarship, call the Citrus YMCA office at 352-637-0132.

There are 70 scholarships available for the third session of the programs, which be-

gins the week of Jan. 23 at nine local elementary schools. The six-week programs will feature soccer, dance, science and art, and will be at the schools following dismissal, from 3:40 to 4:40 p.m.

Registration is due by Jan. 13. Both registration and financial assistance forms are

available at each participating school office and online at www.ymcasuncoast.org. Visit the Citrus County page on the Y website and download the form for your child's school, along with the financial assistance form. The YMCA office is at 3909 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

Realtors help Resource Center



Special to the Chronicle

The Realtors Association of Citrus County at its November meeting donated food to Ginger West for the Family Resource Center. At the presentation are: Bernadette Poorman, EXIT Realty Leaders; Becky Norman, Coldwell Banker Next Generation; Ginger West, executive officer, Family Resource Center; and Karen Ropes, EXIT Realty Leaders.

Audubon slates field trip to St. Marks Island

All levels of birders welcome to participate

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Audubon Society has scheduled a birding field trip at Bottoms Road, St. Marks Island in the Panacea-Newport area for Tuesday, Jan. 10. The public is welcome to attend. Preregistration is not necessary and participants with all levels of birding skills are welcome.

This field trip is led by CCAS member Pat Bazany. Meet at the Best Western parking lot in Medart. The field trip begins at 7:30 a.m., will be easy walking and will last about six to seven hours. Due to the distance, most birders will travel up the night before.

Established in 1931, St. Marks is one of the oldest refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Its 68,000 acres

provide wintering habitat for migratory birds. Uplands forests, forested swamps, fresh and brackish water marshes and a pristine saltwater estuary ecosystem make it a favorite for birders.

Some of the unusual birds that will hopefully be seen include: mallard, green-winged teal, canvasback, red-head, bufflehead, ruddy duck, horned grebe, Virginia rail, sora and white-breasted nuthatch.

Visit CitrusCountyAudubon.com for more details and directions.

Have some fun with Senior Friends

Register now for lunch, trips

Special to the Chronicle

Senior Friends for Life will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Inverness Golf & Country Club, 1530 Country Club Drive.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m.; lunch follows at 11:30 a.m. On the menu are beef stroganoff over noo-

dles, or chicken cacciatore over rice. A program will follow. Sign up by Jan. 4.

Activities for January include a Jan. 18 trip to Dade City to the Pioneer Florida Museum.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the Winn-Dixie parking lot at 3565 N. Lecanto Highway (County

Road 491), Beverly Hills. It will leave from the Walmart Plaza at 8:30 a.m. To take the bus, at least 30 people must sign up.

The club will tour the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village first at 10 a.m. After the tour, lunch will be at Cafe Kokopoelli. The meal will be on your own.

On Jan. 27, the club will trek to Lunnellon at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Abigail's

Cafe & Coffee Shop, 20607 W. Pennsylvania Ave. We will order from the menu. Sign up by Jan. 23.

Reservations must be made for activities by signing the sign-up sheet, or calling Myrna Hocking at 352-860-0819, Teddie Holler at 352-746-6518, Astrid Grant at 352-341-0346, or Jackie Bouyea at 352-527-6929. Note that some events have registration deadlines.

News NOTES

Chorus to begin spring rehearsals

Chorus of Beverly Hills will begin rehearsals for its spring concert at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, in the sanctuary of Beverly Hills Community Church, 82 Civic Circle.

Singers who register at 10 a.m. may pay the \$10 fee and will receive their music. Rehearsals will continue from 10:30 a.m. until noon each Friday until the concert.

New voices are encouraged to join and to fill out the sections, especially altos, tenors and basses. Membership is open to all singers in Citrus County who have a love of singing and want to participate. The ability to read music is not necessary.

The chorus is sponsored by the Beverly Hills Community Church. For more information, call music chairman Volena Van Gunst at 352-746-5680.

German American club meet Jan. 16

German American Social Club of West Central Florida Inc. has announced a change in meeting location and dates. The club meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday at Knights of Columbus Hall in Lecanto, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486).

The January meeting only will be a week later, Jan. 16, due to a scheduling change. After a brief business meeting, there is a social hour with refreshments served.

Guests and new friends of German heritage are always welcome. Members are encouraged to attend.

For information, call 352-637-2042 or 352-746-7058.

CERT meets at community center

The Northwest Quadrant, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) meets the third Wednesday at Crystal Oaks Community Center. The board meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Jan. 18.

This month's meeting will include training on triage and first aid. More information on the training can be found in the CERT manual, Chapters 3 and 4. If you do not yet have a CERT manual, you can download the manual at www.citizen Corps.gov/cert/training_mat.shtm. Members are asked to bring in their CERT kits.

To become a member, call Gerry Brummer, chairman, Citrus County CERT Action Committee, at 352-382-4446 or visit www.citruscounty CERT.org. Anyone interested in joining CERT is welcome.

Rotary collects for special auction

Rotary Club of Inverness will have an online and live television auction fundraising event on Feb. 4, with proceeds benefitting the Rotary Club of Inverness Charitable Foundation.

This auction is a major fundraiser for scholarships, which last year provided \$7,000 for Citrus High School and Withlacoochee Technical Institute students.

The club needs donations of items, a tax-deductible contribution, to help the foundation continue to help make life better for individuals in need. Donor companies will also benefit with exposure of the company's name to those who attend and watch the event. Businesses that donate items for the auction will also get exposure in the newspaper, online and in email marketing, as well as during the auction itself.

For more information or to make a donation, call Ron Lundberg at 352-746-9502, or email him at rjlundberg@embarqmail.com.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Saturday Evening December 31, 2011. Includes programs like 'The Walking Dead', 'The Bachelor', and 'The Contender'.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

I hope all of my readers and their families have a happy and healthy New Year. This week we have been looking at deals in which the high-card points have been fairly evenly divided between the two partnerships. Here is one last example. How should the bidding go after South opens one heart and West overcalls two clubs? Assuming South ends in four hearts, West leads the club ace. What should happen after that? Since a slam is so unlikely, North should just shut his eyes and blast into four hearts. This rates to be a playable contract, but if it goes down, perhaps the opponents could have made four spades or five clubs. That will probably be passed out, it being tough for East

Bridge puzzle section titled 'Bridge' with a hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West cards, and a dealer/vulnerable status.

fense. (Five clubs doubled goes down two, a good save if four hearts makes.) After West leads the club ace against four hearts, if East encourages with the nine, West will try to cash the club king. Then, declarer should ruff, draw trumps and lead a spade toward dummy's jack. He makes the contract if West has either the spade king or diamond ace. Here, if West ducks his king, South has no spade loser. And if West wins, declarer loses only one diamond, dummy's five and seven disappearing on the ace and queen of spades. However, East should see the advantage in West's shifting to a diamond at trick two and signal with his club two. If West then switches to a diamond (or declarer leads a diamond to the king before playing a spade to the jack), the contract can be defeated.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes a cartoon and a word puzzle grid.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle crossword grid with words like HAZE, GLAND, TIGER, MINX, WIELD, COM, LPGA, CAST, APE, STAB, EDNA, VENT, URAL, LAM, ESSE, NYSE, LIKE, TOE, CABBY, PRIOR, TONE, SIGNIFY, EAGER, TAR, NYE, STEP.

Dear Annie: I am a 60-year-old man, and I'm in a 10-month relationship with a beautiful young woman of 63. A terrible thing happened. An ex-girlfriend I briefly dated years ago stopped by my house to repay some money I loaned her. She brought some beer, and we chatted. Unfortunately, I had taken a sleep aid shortly before she showed up, and I fell asleep. I woke up having sex with her. It took a few moments to get my senses back, but then I told her to leave. I put off telling my girlfriend, because she was tired after having had foot surgery. But it turns out the old girlfriend gave me gonorrhoea. It was so disgusting. I then needed to tell my girlfriend. Now, of course, she wants nothing to do with me. I know I made a huge mistake by letting the ex get comfortable in my house. I have no idea what to do. Please help me. — Broken

Dear Annie: I've been married for 18 years to the most wonderful man. It was obvious from the beginning that my sex drive was much higher than his. He was fine being intimate once every two months, and I preferred twice a week. I learned to tolerate the frustration. At 38, I work full time, have a toddler and a 5-year-old and am often exhausted, and my sex drive has finally fallen through the floor. The kicker? A year ago, my husband had surgery to remove a large hernia in his groin that he'd had for years but was afraid to get checked out. Following his surgery, his sex drive went through the roof. Now he's the Energizer Bunny. Where was this enthusiasm when we were 20? It's causing problems in our marriage, as I resent the fact that I was expected to tolerate my frustration, but he has trouble doing likewise. I'm sure we'll work it out, as we always do, but part of me would really like to go back to his doctor and say, "Can't you please return just a little bit of his hernia?" So, men, if you think you may have a medical problem, please check it out sooner rather than later. And, women, be careful what you wish for. — Sex Drive Mismatch

your sex drive will return when you are less exhausted, and perhaps your husband will develop another hernia when you hit menopause (just kidding). But we're glad you are confident that you will work this out. That's what happens in a good marriage. Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Not a NASCAR Fan" and could sympathize. I met my husband when my daughter was a year old, and he also drove recklessly. After patiently explaining many times how uncomfortable it was for me, I finally told him that if he wanted us to accompany him anywhere, I would be the one to drive. Thankfully, he didn't put up too much of a fuss, and after 18 years, he finally heard me. There hasn't been a worry since. — Massachusetts

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com. Includes a crossword grid.

- DOWN 1 Finishes a skirt 2 "Maria —" 3 Longtime Denver QB 4 Finally 5 Cast a fly 6 Vanity 7 Cambodia's Lon — 8 Meadow feature 9 Smug 10 Newman or Simon 11 Zenith 17 Gathered leaves 19 "Misery" co-star 22 Room under a roof 24 Golden oldie "Stupid —" 25 All the trumpet player 27 Sass 28 Large parrot 29 Pig's digs 30 Schmooze 31 Cobbler's tool 32 — few rounds 36 Tibet's capital 38 Clarified butter 42 Honda rival 44 Like gold 46 Turns up 47 Regular routine 48 Heavy-metal band 49 BLT spread 50 Exploited 51 Rum-laced cake 52 Ibsen heroine 54 Mich. neighbor 55 Max — Sydow

Dear Broken: There is some evidence that certain sleep aids can cause such "sleep-walking" problems when the opportunities present themselves. You apparently didn't make a conscious decision to cheat on your girlfriend, and your job now is to convince her of that. This will involve flowers and apologies along with declarations of undying love and devotion. We can't promise it will work, but we hope she will give you another chance.

Dear Annie's Mailbox: I'm sure we'll work it out, as we always do, but part of me would really like to go back to his doctor and say, "Can't you please return just a little bit of his hernia?" So, men, if you think you may have a medical problem, please check it out sooner rather than later. And, women, be careful what you wish for. — Sex Drive Mismatch

Dear Massachusetts: Not all men are willing to cede driving responsibilities to someone else. Good for you. Annie's Snippet for New Year's Eve (Credit Bill Vaughn): Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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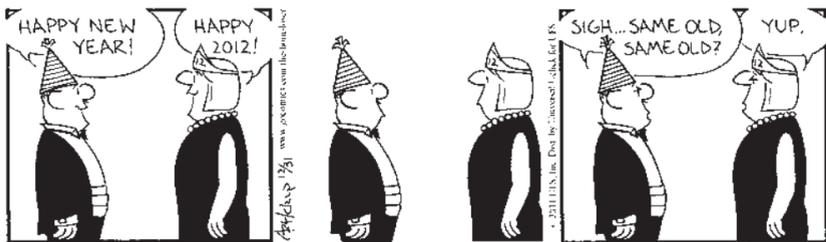
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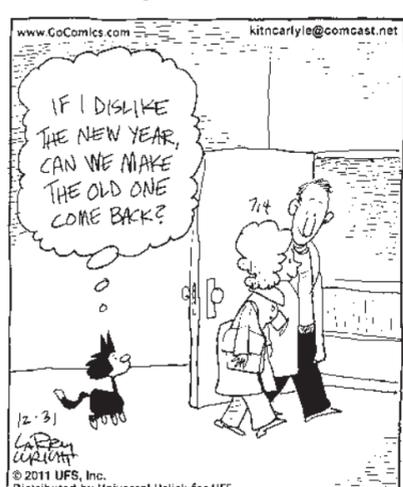
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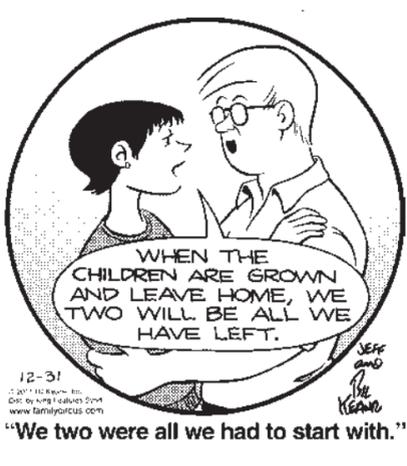
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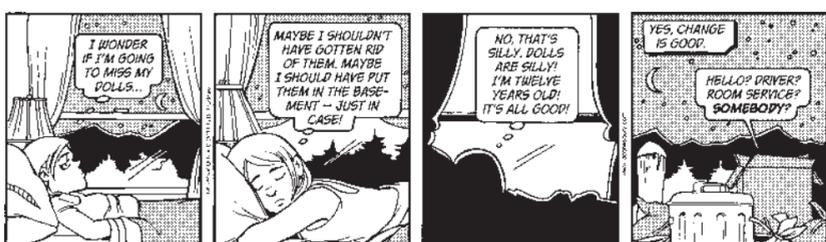
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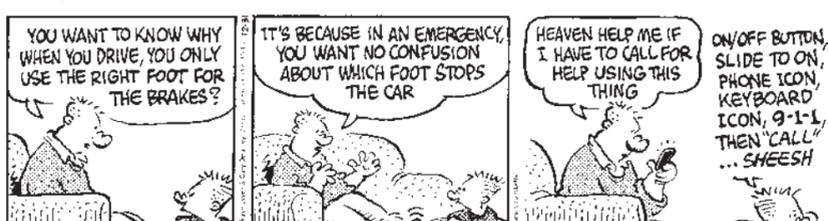
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"We Bought a Zoo" (PG) 12:45 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:20 p.m.
"Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" (PG-13) 12:10 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10:25 p.m. No passes.
"Adventures of Tintin" (PG) In Real 3D. 1 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m. No passes.
"Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (R) ID required. 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:20 p.m. No passes.
"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
"Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" (G) 12:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
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"The Darkest Hour" (PG-13) 12:55 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10 p.m.
"War Horse" (PG-13) 12:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10:25 p.m.
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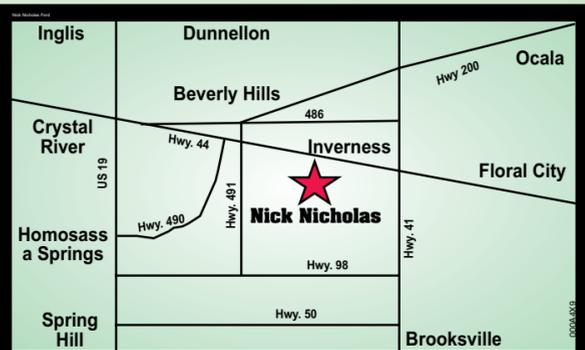
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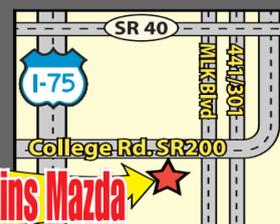
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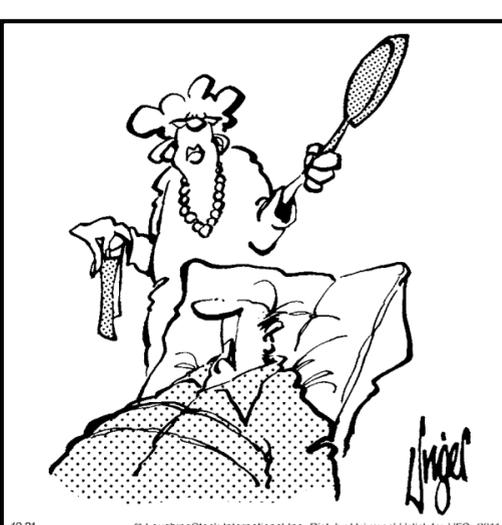
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